



# AAUW *focus*

Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch  
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## Shop with a purpose on Saturday, November 11...

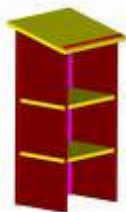


### Great deals from a local store!

Thanks to research by Program Co-VP Deborah Wooldridge, we have a fun and profitable way to help our Branch do some solid fundraising for our mission projects. Under the auspices of its Community Day program, Elder Beerman will provide special coupon books which Branch members can buy and/or sell for \$5 each, an amount that goes entirely to our organization. Purchasers of coupon books may use their coupons to shop at any Elder-Beerman store on Saturday, November 11, and get great bargains on regular and sale merchandise. Please contact Deborah Wooldridge, if you can help by buying or selling coupon booklets [which will also be on sale on November 11, at the AAUW booth at one of the Elder-Beerman store entrances]:

[dgwoold@bgsu.edu](mailto:dgwoold@bgsu.edu)  
419.352.5337

Community Day program details may be found at:  
<http://www.communitydayevent.com/about/php>  
**Shop Elder-Beerman on Nov. 11 + help AAUW!**



## YOU DECIDE! A new Fall Series on Domestic Issues

This fall, Branch members will try a spin-off of the very successful community Great Decisions series at the Wood County Senior Center. "You Decide" will present 4 discussions of issues impacting the United States. Each session is on a Saturday morning, 9:30-11:00, at the Senior Center.

October 14: Professor Gary Silverman, BGSU  
Creating Buildings That Save Energy and the Environment

October 21: Larry Weiss, Government Relations, BGSU

The Upcoming Election: Where Do the Candidates Stand? What are the Issues? Slots or no-Slots? You Decide!

October 28: Vickie Askins, Wood County Citizens  
Opposed to Factory Farms

Factory Farms: Locals Voices Speak Out

November 4: Erin Thompson, Social Security Administration

The Future of Social Security: What Lies Ahead?

No textbook will be used with the series, although newspaper articles and other materials may provide background reading. Cookies and coffee will be served during the sessions. Following the lectures, the Senior Center will serve lunch for those interested in staying to eat and chat.

Anyone interested in helping with this program should send a brief e-mail to [bgsulib@wcnnet.org](mailto:bgsulib@wcnnet.org). All branch members are, of course, encouraged to attend and to invite others. Something new for 2006-07!

--Linda Dobb

## Evening event to benefit the Cocoon



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cocoon Shelter Benefit will be on Saturday, **October 28th, 2006**. Preparations for our annual fundraiser are in full swing. We are asking for community help to continue to provide for the needs of women and children in Wood County.

As Chair of the Cocoon Shelter Special Events Committee and member of BG AAUW, I put this request out to AAUW members because of your commitment to the Shelter and because once we begin to sell the tickets, they are limited. Put your request in now! The tickets are \$50.00 per person.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cocoon Shelter Benefit will be held at the Simpson Building Banquet Room located at 1291 Conneaut Avenue. Ben's Table is catering again this year as well as there will be **live music, door prizes, and a silent auction**. The festivities begin at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. It will be a fun time!

Another way AAUW members can be involved is to volunteer to help with the set up or clean up on the day of the event. Several AAUW members are already involved the planning and soliciting items

and sponsors for the event.

Send me an e-mail at [dgwoold@bgsu.edu](mailto:dgwoold@bgsu.edu) or call me at 419.372.7851 if you want to reserve tickets, sell tickets, or help prior to or on the day of the event. This is a good way for you to get involved in continuing to help providing a place for safety, healing, and justice for battered women and their children in Wood County. Let's show BG AAUW's support for the Cocoon Shelter.

**Remember that all the proceeds benefit the shelter!**

*--Deborah Wooldridge*

### Seeking Writers

I'm writing to invite you all to the Writers Group at the Women's Center. We meet every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, on the BGSU campus. The Writers Group is an informal weekly gathering of writers, people who enjoy writing, and people dragged along by their writer friends. It is open to university students, faculty, and community members. In the past the Writers Group has done free writing and other writing activities using prompts, as well as informal workshops. Certainly we are always open to suggestions for writing activities and creative methods of venting! Hope to see you there!

Teresa Milbrodt

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office phone - 372-7555

## FROM THE TOP

For the first time in my memory, our local AAUW Branch is running a fund-raiser that will seek to gain financial support from your friends, relatives, neighbors, and the local community: by selling Community Day coupon booklets for a special day of sales at any Elder-Beerman store. Typically, we turn to one another to raise dollars for our two local scholarship efforts: BE Wise Camp for two 6th grade girls to spend a week at Denison University exploring all that's interesting about science, engineering, math, computers, and technology. This costs the branch close to \$500, but has proven to be a very effective way to open up the higher paying world of engineering and technology to young women. Anyone who heard one of our previous "campers", Genevieve Simon, speak at our May program about her continuing affiliation with Be WISE Camp and her appreciation for AAUW's financial support of that endeavor, will know what

an impact such an opportunity makes. The second branch outreach effort is to provide book scholarships to two non-traditional Wood Country resident women students to help them meet their educational needs in any college program. These are very competitive scholarships and just reading the applications makes you wish we had a \$1000 to give out! We have an opportunity to really make a difference here if you would take 30 minutes to sell the \$5 coupon books. The Board hopes that each person will take responsibility to sell or buy FIVE books which would give us \$500, free and clear. It's an easy formula: 100 members sell 5 books each = \$500 for scholarships to invest in local girls and women. Even the busiest among us should be able to do this. PLEASE lend your support by contacting Deborah Wooldridge for books to sell. [Contact info is in the article on page 1.] The campaign to sell coupon books ends on Saturday, November 11, 2006. ***Thanks for giving in a different way!***

*--Diane Regan, Branch President*



## Renew your membership and support the AAUW mission!

Just a reminder that AAUW dues for 2006-2007 are due. There's a current dues form with the newsletter, and there also is one on our web site. These may be printed out, or the Membership Vice President Helene Weinberger, President Diane Regan, and I all have copies of the forms.

Dues are \$63 (Association, state, branch). Any donations to the local scholarships, EF, LAF, Be Wise Camp scholarship, etc., may be added to the dues amount in your check. Indicate on the form and on your check which funds you're donating to (they're listed on the form). If you want to claim a charitable contribution deduction you must write your donation check directly to that fund, e.g. EF, and send it to the fund chairman [EF: Evie Bachman, LAF: Marilynn Ward].

*--Joan Gordon, Treasurer*

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## ¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2006-07 reading selections are available at the Association website: [http://www.aauw.org/community\\_programs/adelante/05.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/05.cfm) [If you don't have computer access, contact Marcy St. John or another Branch member for a printed list. We're trying to limit newsletter length!]

By selecting the "Buy the book now" links you can purchase the book online at Amazon.com with a portion of the proceeds directly benefiting AAUW.

AAUW hopes you enjoy the 2005-2006 ¡Adelante! Book Club selections, and encourages members and nonmembers to open a dialogue of women and diversity in their communities.

### AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

**DIVERSITY STATEMENT:** In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION / EF:** AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change. Send EF Contributions to Branch EF Chair Evelyn Bachman, if you want a tax deduction.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND / LAF:** AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. Send LAF contributions to Branch LAF Chair Lynn Ward, if you want a tax deduction.

### *AAUW Funds: Meeting our goals* **AAUW is the KEY to a BETTER FUTURE for WOMEN and GIRLS**

The AAUW Educational Foundation has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the world. We support EF by giving to it; we are making sure that the Foundation continues to grow in order to accomplish its goals [see box above]. Our fundraising goal as a Branch is to contribute \$2525 by December 31, 2006. To date, we have raised \$1839, with contributions from nineteen of our Branch members.

This year our Branch recognition program's theme is "Together we make a beautiful bouquet of support." Our bouquet is composed of roses, carnations, and daisies. Our roses are: Diane Regan, Evelyn Bachman, Brenda Bachman, Marlene Purdy, Rebecca Bhaer, Joan C. Morgan, Mary Ellen Pratt, Helene Weinberger, Beth A. Casey, Linda Hamilton, and Deborah G. Wooldridge. Our carnation is Alice Davidson, and our daisies are Dorothea Barker, Kathleen McLaughlin, Marilyn Ward, Linda Dobb, Marie Johnson, Margit Heskett, and Maria Simon. We need your help—Please join our bouquet:

Rose: \$100 or more  
Carnation: \$50-\$99  
Daisy: \$24-\$49

Your contribution is tax-deductible. Make your check out to AAUW-EF and send it to:

*Evelyn Bachman*  
242 S. Main St.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

--Thank you!!

## BGSU Women's Center offers great resources



Check out these links for new events, outlooks, and helpful resources:

*Women's Center home page:*  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/index.htm>

*Brown Bag luncheon series:*  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/brownbag.htm>

*To subscribe to the e-newsletter:*  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/subscribe.htm>

*Women's Research Network:*  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/wrn.htm>

*We are all recruiters for our Branch! Invite a friend to attend one of our events and to consider joining! To help our Branch continue to grow, a membership form is included with this newsletter mailing: Print it out for a friend or two.*

## The Literature Group

gathers on the first Saturday of every month (except January and July), at noon, at Grounds for Thought. Our next meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a book of your choice to review!

--Holly Norton, literature group leader



## The Cocoon grows its library

The Cocoon Shelter, Bowling Green's battered women's shelter, has an account in the used book section of Grounds for Thought. One can drop off books (either print or audio), and ask that



proceeds from one's sales be credited to the Cocoon Shelter's account. ALSO, anyone with a current positive balance on another book consignment account can donate the balance to the Cocoon's account. *—Mary Krueger*

### CLASSIFIEDS

**Waldenbooks**, at Woodland Mall  
A full-service bookstore.  
419-354-1397  
No charge for ordering books!

**FREE AD PLACEMENT FOR MEMBERS!!**

**Chrysalis**, a discreet all-women fitness center. Open workouts. Classes. Competitive membership rates. Senior discounts. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.



[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

### 2005-06 Officers and Board

**President**—Diane Regan  
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**Literature Interest Group**—Holly Norton  
**Great Decisions Series**—Radhika Gajjala, Linda Dobb, and Beth Hofer  
**21st Century Award**—Marie Johnson  
**Web Manager**—Jen Sader  
**Creative Writing**—Teresa Milbrodt

# *The Cocoon Shelter 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit*

**October 28, 2006**

Social: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

The Simpson Building  
1291 Wintergarden Road  
Bowling Green, Ohio

Gourmet Dinner  
Served by  
Local Celebrities!

*Silent Auction*  
*Door Prizes*  
*Live Music*

Tickets: \$50 - \$25 tax deductible

To purchase tickets, call  
Deborah at 419-372-7851  
or e-mail her at  
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## ⇒2006-2007 Branch program⇐

Sat., Oct. 14	You Decide! series: Professor Gary Silverman, BGSU--Creating Buildings That Save Energy and the Environment. Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main, 9:30-11am.
Sun., Oct. 15	Candidates Forum. Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters, BGSU Student Govt., BG Chamber of Commerce. 1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 1506 E. Wooster, 6:30-8:00pm.
Sat., Oct. 21	You Decide! series: Larry Weiss, Government Relations, BGSU--The Upcoming Election: Where Do the Candidates Stand? What are the Issues? Slots or no-Slots? You Decide! Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main, 9:30-11am
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Sat., Nov. 4	You Decide! series: Erin Thompson, Social Security Administration--The Future of Social Security: What Lies Ahead? Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main, 9:30-11am.
Sat. Nov. 11	Shop the Community Day coupon sale at Elder Beerman. Be sure to purchase a coupon booklet from AAUW [see article on page 1].
Sun., Dec. 3	Winter Solstice Dinner and Music. Social event with music. Bowling Green Country Club. 6-8pm.
Saturdays from Jan. 26-Feb. 23	Great Decisions Series at Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main. 9:30-11am.
Weds., Feb. 21	"Being Credit Smart". Speaker. BGSU Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, noon-1pm.
Th., March 22	Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation: "Celebrating Contributions of Outstanding Women". Speakers: JoAnn Benesler and Jane Wilson, past Ohio AAUW Presidents. Bowling Green Woman's Club, 134 N. Prospect, 6-8pm.
Fri.-Sat., Apr. 20-21	Ohio AAUW Convention in Tiffin. Since this is virtually a "local" event, do plan on attending some or all of the proceedings!
Th., May 3	Deli-Dessert and Coffee: "Supporting and Promoting Leadership". Presentation of Scholarship Winners and Installation of New Officers. Wood County Public Library, 7-9pm.

## Cultural Calendar [collated by Margit Heskett]

art critic	Oct. 18	Hansen Musical Arts Series	BRH	7:30pm
music talk	Oct. 19	Hansen Series	Public Library	4pm
art	Oct. 19	Art Exhibit	Green Room	7pm
cello	Oct. 19	Thelema Trio / Madeleine Shapiro	KH	8pm (\$)
orchestra	Oct. 21	"	BRH	2:30
orchestra	Oct. 21	BG Philharmonia	KH	8pm (\$)

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BRH  
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1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church  
Bryan Recital Hall, BGSU  
Bowen Thompson Union, BGSU  
Eva Marie Saint Theater

KH Kobacher Hall, BGSU  
ScA School of Art  
WWG Willard Winkleman Gallery

### **Brown Bag Luncheons @ the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall BGSU, Wednesdays, 12-1pm**

Oct. 18 Cheer-leading away from dating violence  
Oct. 25 African American Women & Breast Cancer  
Nov. 1 What Women Know: The Gender Gap in Political Knowledge

Nov. 8 Immigration Issues: A Northwest Ohio Perspective  
Nov. 15 The HPV Vaccine: You've seen the ads, now hear the facts!  
Nov. 29 Bring your Barbie to lunch!

Dec. 6 "You may do that": Commemorating the arrest of Rosa Parks

**<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/brownbag.htm>**

*Our Legacy and our Future*

## **Honoring our Sisters: An Historical Look at AAUW**

[Part 2 of a series appearing in the Toledo Branch newsletter and written by dual Toledo-BG member Tracy Barton]

*It is in fact a part of the function of education to help us to escape, not from our own time – for we are bound by that – but from the intellectual and emotional limitations of our time.*                      --T. S. Eliot

*[continued]* At the turn of the century, ACA turned to international issues and formed the Committee on Foreign Students to aid women students coming to the United States from other nations. In 1917, the Latin American Fellowship, the first of the Association's International Fellowships, was awarded to Virginia P. Alvarez Hussey, who studied medicine at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. The Committee on International Relations was also formed that year as World War I brought deeper interest in international affairs. At this time of heightened awareness, the Association supported the League of Nations, the World Court, the United Nations, the Marshall Plan, cultural exchanges, and the prevention of nuclear proliferation. In 1919, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of the ACA, and Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sidgewick of Great Britain, initiated the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) with eight constituent associations from Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States. On the homefront, ACA urged the creation of the U.S. Department of Education.

1921 was significant in our organization's history. It was the year after Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie received \$156,413 from Association members toward the purchase of one gram of radium, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment became law and women gained the right to vote. In 1921, the ACA and the Southern Association of College Women merged to become the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and a building in Washington D.C., two blocks from the Whitehouse, was purchased for use as the national headquarters. Also in 1921, the Committee on Educational Policy was established to make public education a priority across the country.

Later in the 1920s, AAUW established the Committee on the Economic and Legal Status of Women and conducted a study of the earning capacity of university women. The Million Dollar Fellowship Fund campaign was started with the goal of establishing permanent endowments to support AAUW fellowships and to enable the organization to give generous support to promising women scholars.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW occurred in 1931 and was celebrated in Boston. Membership had reached 36,800 women in 521 branches. In the 1930s, members established the Social Studies Committee to address widespread interest in consumer problems as well as broader social and economic issues following the Great Depression. This committee worked on issues that ranged from housing to individual liberties, consumer problems to mental health.

In 1940, AAUW launched the Refugee Aid Fund to assist university women fleeing European dictatorships. After the war, this became the Reconstruction Aid Fund. Organizers spent more than \$41,000 on the effort, and branches and individuals sent thousands of gift parcels and school supplies to European countries and, later, to Korea. In 1941, as defense and the war effort became the national focus, members stepped up participation. In the first year of World War II, more than 500 branches registered their numbers and recorded skills considered useful in the war effort. AAUW distributed 100,000 individual registration cards to its members. The National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel included 1,378 AAUW members.

Our sisters, during the first 60 years after the inception of AAUW, were strong advocates for women and education, both at home and internationally. We can be proud of their early advocacy on behalf of women, their accomplishments, and the fact that they established such an honorable legacy for us. In an upcoming newsletter, look for part three, which will cover our sisters' work from the 1940s to 2004.

Sources: AAUW Online Museum, <http://www.aauw.org/museum/index.cfm>

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*[to be continued]*