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BR Branch helps encourage early interest in science among area junior high girls:

BGSU's Women in Science program features Nature's Nursery Wildlife Rehab

Read below for information on the event and how you can help!

Seventh and eighth grade girls will discover exciting career opportunities available to them in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere at the Women in Science, Math, Engineering and Technology program at Bowling Green State University.

Coordinated by BGSU's department of Continuing & Extended Education, the program will run from 8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11. For the convenience of participants, the program will take place at both the BGSU main campus and BGSU Firelands in Huron, Ohio.

The conference, now in its seventeenth year, allows for personalized learning while motivating and inspiring girls to explore career options in traditionally male-dominated scientific and technological fields. The program offers students the chance to participate with hands-on experiments and creative problem solving. Girls will have the valuable opportunity to meet positive female role models with a passion for science, math, engineering and technology.

Nature's Nursery Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation Education will present the keynote program. Dedicated to improving the well-being of Northwest Ohio's wildlife populations, Nature's Nursery rehabilitates injured, ailing and orphaned wildlife, and releases them back into the wild. In addition to working with animals, Nature's Nursery offers educational sessions on topics including wildlife conservation, animal behavior and bird species. Enthusiastic speakers from the Center will bring animals to the program to demonstrate and to enhance their presentations.



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Check out our local website!!

<http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/aauw/>

Schools are encouraged to allow girls to elect to attend the conference based on their interest, not on academic achievement.

The fee for this program, including lunch, is \$12 for students and \$15 for accompanying adults. Scholarships are available through the generosity of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio.

For more information or to register, call Continuing & Extended Education at 419-372-8181 or 1-877-650-8165, or visit the web site at <http://pace.bgsu.edu>.

How to help with this event:

We need help escorts for the groups of girls to take them to and from the classrooms and to help keep them on task in the sessions.

In the broader sense (and more long term), we always need financial support for the program as well. We charge \$15 for each girl, but the true costs involved are about \$27/girl.

We have always wanted to supply a breakfast for the girls when they arrive (even a granola bar and bottle of juice) because we know so many of them arrive on empty stomachs, but we have not had the money to do so.

So...any help/support that you can give would be most appreciated. Contact Ann Betts for information: 419.372.7895, or abetts@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Cocoon Training a Big Success



AAUW members contributed to a highly successful training session for potential volunteers at the Cocoon Domestic Violence Shelter on September 24.

Attendees learned first hand about the many problems associated with domestic violence in Wood County, including the fact that all of the homicides in Wood County in the last 18 months have been as a result of domestic violence. Speakers included Deputy Sheriff Marianne Robinson, Cocoon Executive Director Michelle Clossick, Associate Director Deidra Bennett, and Board President Mary Krueger. Potential volunteers were asked to choose an area wherein they might make the biggest contribution toward Cocoon operations.

Options included serving on special events committees, helping to coordinate donations of food and clothing, performing late night intake of victims, and providing transportation.

Approximately 35 women and men attended. They came from all over Wood County and from Lucas County as well. The workshop was primarily

funded by a grant from the Medical University of Ohio, Area Health Education Center Program and the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program of the Ohio Department of Health, BUT AAUW Branch Members Marie Johnson, Diane Regan, Marcy St. John, Jan Varney-McKnight, Rebecca Bhaer (oh those bagels!), Mary Krueger, and Beth Casey provided food and drink. Beth Hofer, Nancy Down, Kris Ferluga, and Mary Lou Baty coordinated the day's activities, served and cleaned. Special thanks to Mr. Spots for helping to provide the sandwiches.

The Cocoon is most grateful for the assistance we have given them in getting their volunteer program off-the-ground. The shelter currently has 2.5 employees, and volunteer efforts will be very important to the staffing and continued success of this grass roots effort to provide a place of safety for women in Wood County. Thank you to everyone who helped.

--Linda Dobb

 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN	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. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND / LAF: AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.
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FROM THE TOP

As usual, I'm looking to the Association in Washington, D.C. for important policy news to share with you. While the Association opposed the nomination of John Roberts for Supreme Court, it was not likely his appointment would be denied. Now is the time to examine the record of the newest court nominee, Harriet Mier. The seat she would hold now belongs to that of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the "swing vote." As most of you know, women's rights stand to be impacted significantly by this Court in the years ahead. Ask your elected representatives to examine her record carefully in light of AAUW's policy agenda regarding women's rights of self-determination and privacy and economic security.

AAUW also opposes privatization of Social Security which may be on the back burner now for the next

year. However, I encourage you to go to the Association website and read the reasons behind this policy position.

Another big piece of news is the extension of membership to women (and men) who hold an AA degree or an RN. Think about including some friends in the next event who hold a two-year degree and for whom AAUW would be a good outlet. Contact Jan Varney McKnight or Helene Weinberger with names, and they will follow up with membership information. If these guests like the AAUW experience, invite them to join in January, 2006 for \$30.50.

There will be several initiatives on the November ballot that you should become familiar with. Most have already been endorsed by the Ohio League of Women Voters. Issues #2, #3, #4, and #5 all deal with reforming the election process in Ohio by allowing for voting by mail (which should help busy women and the elderly participate in elections), reducing the amount of campaign financing allowable at the State level, disallowing gerrymandering, and taking the election process out of the hands of an elected Secretary of State.

And finally, we are looking for some good BG women to take leadership roles at the State level. Mary Lou Baty has served as the Vice President for Programming (admirably, I might say) and is finishing her term in May, 2006. Linda Hamilton is finishing up a two-term stint at the Vice President of Finance, also in May. The other state officers are looking to BG to nominate some of our branch members for offices for 2006-08. As one of the largest and most active branches in the state, we do have lots of leadership talent among us. PLEASE consider these leadership opportunities and contact me. We also need a state board secretary and state EF chair. Being on the state board has been fun for all of us—we've met some wonderful women, had some great times and wonderful discussions as we tried to advance the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls.

--Diane Regan, President

FOCUS ON LOCAL POLITICS

The BG Branch of AAUW, the League of Women Voters, the Chamber of Commerce, and the BGSU Undergraduate Government are joining forces to present the Candidates' Forum, on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church on East Wooster Street. The Forum will feature the eleven local candidates, running opposed and unopposed for the Bowling Green City Council (four wards and at-large), and the Bowling Green City School Board. Written



information about the several issues (local and state) will be available.

--6:30 p.m. doors open, allowing time to informally talk with candidates

--7:00 p.m. program begins

--9:00 p.m. program ends

******A NEW ELECTONIC VOTING MACHINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRYOUT BEFORE AND AFTER THE PROGRAM!******

Do attend, and better yet, bring a friend. We want candidates to believe that this event is one they should always have on their schedule, an event that is well-attended by interested voters.

--Ellen Dalton

Reaching our 2005 EF Goal

AAUW's Educational Foundation is all about helping women further their education. A big 'thank you' to all of you who have contributed to EF this year for our Branch!

Our goal is \$2500, by mid-December. Thus far, 12 members have contributed a total of \$1030.

Our recognition gifts for EF this year are 'angels' [\$100 or more] and 'supporters' [Level 1: \$25-\$49 and Level 2: \$50-\$99]. Since September 10th, the following new angels have been added: Helene Weinberger, Deborah Wooldridge, and Laura Keller, for a total of 8. Supporters include [Level 1] Nancy Wickoff Leetch, Lynn Ward, and Marcy St.John, and [Level 2] Linda Dobb.

To give you an idea of the scope of the work of EF, here is the finalized list of grants and fellowships for the 2005-06 program year:

- 77 American fellowships
- 58 international fellowships
- 1 home country grant
- 36 selected professions fellowships
- 13 community action grants
- 20 career development grants

Your contributions are tax-deductible. Please make your check to AAUW Educational Foundation and send it to Evelyn Bachman, 242 S. Main St., BG.

--Evelyn Bachman



→DIVERsITY←

Regular meetings of the Diversity Group are starting up again for the fall. Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at Grounds for Thought, 5:15-6:30 pm.

Recommended Reading from the Literature Group



Each member of the group has a personal book stack she is working through (including the books we loan to each other). Recent selections have included the latest by Patricia Cornwell; *Bella at Midnight*, a fairy tale with strong female characters; an academic satire by Richard Russo titled *Straight Ma*; and the highly recommended *I Know This Much is True* by Wally Lamb.

Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America should be required reading for all AAUW members. It chronicles the adventures of a Norwegian-American woman and her daughter walking from Seattle to New York in hopes of winning the prize of \$10,000 and saving their farm from foreclosure, not to mention the unexpected turn of events when they arrive in New York and the unwelcoming reception upon their return home. It's a true story of a woman whose voice was silenced and whose story was lost until many years later—until this book, that is. Another highly recommended read, especially for those who are dedicated to empowering women and ensuring that their voices are heard—like AAUW members.

Some of us also turned out August 13 for the 3rd annual Angelwood Gallery Luau in Grand Rapids, where one of our longtime members, Nancy Leetch, showed some of her paintings. A festive and art appreciative evening was had by all.

If you haven't been to a meeting, please consider joining us at Grounds for Thought at noon on the first Saturday of each month (except for January and July). We welcome new perspectives and new books to add to our reading lists. --Holly Norton

⇌ 2005-06 CALENDAR ⇌

[See details in the program booklet and in future newsletters.]

Oct. 19	Film "Iron-Jawed Angels", being shown by permission in a Women's Studies class. 6pm in 213 Olscamp Hall, BGSU.students.
Oct. 23	Candidates' Forum, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, BGSU Undergraduate Govt. 7pm [doors 6:30] at First United Methodist Church on E. Wooster, BG. Hear

	candidates for BG City Council and BG School Board See article on p. 3.
Nov. 5	Workshop for girls in grades 6-9 and their mothers on body image and the media. Led by JoBeth Gonzales and participants in Horizon Youth Theater Summer Workshop. 10am at Simpson Bldg., BG City Park, 1290 Conneaut. Joint project with Zonta.
November	Attend the meeting of an AAUW Interest Group. Literature: 1 st Sat. at Grounds at noon, led by Holly Norton. Diversity: time TBA. Led by Beth Hofer. At Grounds. Cultural: calendar in newsletter. Coord. by Margit Heskett.
Nov. 11	Women in Science Day. BGSU. See article on pages 1-2. We need your help!
Dec. 4	Holiday dinner. 6pm at BG Country Club. Service project to benefit the Cocoon, plus music by BGSU students. Book sale to support local scholarships.
Jan. 21- Feb. 25	Attend a Great Decisions lecture. 9:30am at BG Senior Citizens Center, 305 N. Main St.
Feb. 26	Update on Title IX and its current implications for girls and women. Details TBA. Book sale.
February & March	Visit AAUW interest groups—see November, above.
March 25	Annual business meeting and presentation of women's awards. Deli potluck lunch. Book sale. Noon at BG Woman's Club, 134 N. Prospect.
April 8	Program on women in science and mathematics: Jen Sader of BGSU. Noon at Wood County Library Meeting Room.
May 20	Luncheon: installation of officers and scholarship awards. Speaker on Leadership: Carol Leupp, Past State President and member, Toledo Branch. Book sale. Noon, at BGSU Union.

We are all recruiters for our Branch! Invite a friend to attend one of our events and to consider joining! We now have 92 members. To help us reach our goal of 100 members, a membership form is included with this newsletter mailing: Print it out for a friend!!

Needed: Smiles and Helping Hands

Each of our Branch meetings offers an occasion to get better acquainted with other members, to learn about a current issue, to see AAUW's mission in action. The ambiance conducive to these happenings is not automatic, however! Each event is prepared by a small

“social committee” that sets up the venue and greets members as they arrive. Our Social VPs would like to recruit your help for this task, which is not time-consuming and actually very enjoyable. If you can serve on the social committee for any of the following dates, please contact Laura Keller at 419.373.0560 or at LJK5730@verizon.net:

Nov. 5, Dec. 4, Feb. 26, March 25, April 8, May 20

THANK YOU!



Diversity Book List Announced

The Adelante! Book Club selections for 05-06 are now posted on the association's website at

http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/05.cfm.

Visit the website to read a brief synopsis of each book.

Remember to connect to Amazon.com from the AAUW webpage to buy your books and benefit AAUW. A percentage purchased through the site will be donated back to AAUW.

--Beth Hofer, Diversity Co-chair

September

(Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

The Pearl of the Antilles

by Dr. Andrea O'Reilly Herrera (2000)

October (Disability Awareness Month)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon (2003)

November (Native American Heritage Month)

The Trickster and the Troll

by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (1999)

December

Thinking in Pictures: and other reports from my life with Autism, by Temple Grandin (1996)

January

Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting by in America

by Barbara Ehrenreich (2001)

February (Black History Month)

The Known World, by Edward P. Jones (2003)

March (Women's History Month)

Founding Mothers, by Cokie Roberts (2004)

April

She Says, by Venus Khoury-Ghata (2003)

May (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month)

The Red Azalea, by Anchee Min (1994/1999)

June (Gay/Lesbian Pride Month)

Trans-sister Radio

by Chris Bohjalian (2001)

July

Sugar's Life in the Hood: The Story of a Former Welfare Mother

by Tracy Ehlers & Sugar TurnerBachrach (2003)

August

1,000 White Women, by Jim Fergus (1999)

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Waldenbooks, at Woodland Mall

A full-service bookstore

419-354-1397

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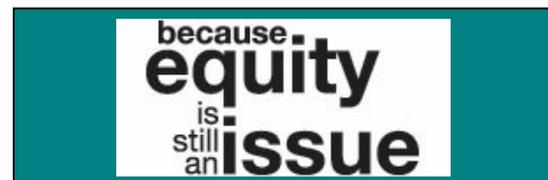
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Cultural Calendar [provided by Margit Heskett]

FOR THEATER & FILM:

Go to this URL for a complete month-by-month calendar of BGSU theater events:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/theatre/performances/calendar/index.htm>

Katherine Oliver, bassoon	Oct. 12	BRH	8pm
New Music & Arts, Sam Adler	Oct. 29	KH [\$]	8pm
DNA	10/28-11/20	DUB	7pm

GliAmori d'Apollonia et Dafne [Music & Theater collaboration]	Nov. 11 & 13	KH [\$]	8pm, 3pm
Elizabeth McNutt, flute	Nov. 14	BRH	8pm
Big Values in Small Works	Nov. 18	WWG	5-7pm
Grad String Quartet	Nov. 29	BRH	8pm
"Bully" [Janet McClary, director]	Dec. 2,3,9,10,11	1 st UM, BSP	8pm, 2pm
Women's Chorus	Dec. 2	KH	8pm
BG Philharmonia	Dec. 4	KH [\$]	3pm
Faculty/Staff Exhibition	Dec. 2-Jan 18	DUB	7pm
BSP Black Swamp Players	FA Fine Arts Center		
BRH Bryan Recital Hall	KH Kobacher Hall		
BTU Bowen-Thompson Union	SoA School of Art		
CMA College of Musical Arts	WWG Willard Winkleman Gallery		
DUB Dorothy Uber Bryan			

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