



AAUW focus

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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Women's Health Forum

Thursday, February 19 (7-9 PM)
 Bowling Green Community Center
 Classroom A/B
 1245 W. Newton Rd.
 (Corner of Haskins & Newton Roads)



Diabetes, Back to Basics

Speaker: Deb Davis, RN, BSN, CDE
 (Wood County Hospital)

Feeding the Healthy Heart

Speaker: Chris Haar, M.S., R.D., L.D.
 (Department of Family & Consumer Science, BGSU)

Fitness 101

Speaker: Diana Beck, B.A., Certified Fitness Instructor (BG Parks and Recreation)

Stress Management, What's It All About?

Speaker: Teri Laurer RN, BSN (Wood County Hospital)



Save the Date:
 "Winterfest
 Chili Cook Off"
 Saturday,
 February 21, 2009

Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch

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

<http://www.aauwoh.org>

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Kudos BG AAUW Branch for Contributions to the AAUW Educational Fund

The Educational Foundation goal for the BG Branch for 2008 was \$2,000 and we reached our goal! We worked together and showed our support for the research and the public awareness being brought to the forefront on the differences in education among girls and boys. The AAUW Educational Foundation supports groundbreaking research that has changed the way scholars, policy-makers, and the general public thinks about the experiences and needs of girls and women. Over the past decade, the AAUW Educational Foundation has taken the lead in producing cutting-edge research concerning women and girls and on equity in education. This important research has brought public awareness about differences in the quality and quantity of education among girls and boys, as well as ensuring that girls are better prepared in an increasingly technological world.

Research publications are shown on the [Association](#) Web site. Just click on the [Research](#) link (www.aauw.org/research/index.cfm) to find "Where the Girls Are: The Facts about Gender Equity in Education" (2008), "Behind the Pay Gap" (2007); "Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings" (2007); "Mom's Retirement Security" (2006); "Drawing the Line on Sexual Harassment on Campus" (2006); "Public Perceptions of the Pay Gap" (2005) "Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia" (2004) and others.

Special recognition goes to following members:

Diane Regan
 Janet Parks
 Linda Hamilton
 Mary Lou Johnson
 Deborah Wooldridge
 Ellen Dalton
 Radhika Gajjala
 Adreine Knight
 Lynn Ward
 Beth Hofer

Are goal for 2009 is \$2,500.

Remember *Equity is still an issue!*

--Adriene Knight, BG Branch Educational Foundation Chair

knigha@bgsu.edu



BG Winterfest Chili Cook-Off

Saturday February 21, 2009

Noon to 2 p.m.

Veteran's South Building/City Park

HOSTED BY: BG Woman's Club, American Association of University

Women- BG Branch and the Zonta Club of Bowling Green

We are looking for 6 AAUW members that would volunteer to help on Feb 21st.

Also, you can enter the Chili Cook off. The proceeds will go to local scholarships.



Mark the Date

International Women's Day Celebration Tea

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Panel Discussion on Gender Equity

2:00 – 4:00 PM

208 Bowen-Thompson Student Union



REMINDER:

Any potential new members can join on January 1 at a half-price cost for the association dues. The total membership cost from January 1 - March 15 is \$42.50 for 2008-09 year. This is a good opportunity to recruit someone to "try us out" for a few months. Beginning in March, new members can pay \$67.00 and become members for both 2008-09 and 2009-10 for the one price. This allows them to have 15 months of membership for the usual 12 months.

Please remember that this is for "new" members only. Any renewing memberships are at the full year amount (\$67.00).

Linda Hamilton



Public Policy Corner

AAUW Applauds Senate Test Vote on Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
Says Senate's Work Not Done, Urges Passage of Paycheck Fairness Act

AAUW applauds the Senate for today's positive, bipartisan test vote (72-23) on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (S. 181), the bill named for the Alabama grandmother who has become the national face of pay equity. AAUW urges the Senate to move quickly to final passage of the measure and to act swiftly to pass additional pay equity legislation. Last week, with the passage of both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 11) and the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 12), U.S. House of Representatives sent a clear message that pay discrimination will not be tolerated and demonstrated a firm, bipartisan resolve to attack such discrimination on all fronts.

"While we strongly support the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, our members are clearly disappointed that the Senate hasn't taken action on the Paycheck Fairness Act, too," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Passing the Ledbetter bill is only a down payment on an election year promise to address pay equity vigorously." Specifically, the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act would address the U.S. Supreme Court's wrongheaded decision in *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, restoring the long-standing interpretation of civil rights laws and EEOC policies that allowed employees to challenge any discriminatory paycheck they received. The Paycheck Fairness Act would provide additional tools to deter wage discrimination, closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act through stronger penalties for violations; strengthened federal outreach, education, and enforcement efforts; and prohibiting retaliation against workers who ask about employers' wage practices.

"AAUW believes that passages of both bills are absolutely necessary to create real change for women and their families," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "The Ledbetter bill gets us part of the way, and that's important---but the Senate's work is not done."

AAUW is leading the charge to ensure that current equal pay laws are enforced and that appropriate measures are enacted to address the wage gap more thoroughly. Last week, AAUW kicked off a new pay equity campaign called "Keep the Change" in response to the latest salary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which show that the wage gap between men and women narrowed by one cent. Women now earn 78 cents for every dollar earned by men, up from 77 cents. "That's chump change, not real change," said Hallman. "Women and their families deserve and demand better."

Go to www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/transition.cfm to see AAUW's recommendations to the new administration and new Congress on workplace opportunity, pay equity, education, work/life balance, and other key issues.

For more information about the AAUW Keep the Change campaign, visit www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm.



BG AAUW 2008 - 2009 Programming

70th Birthday of the BG Branch



Date: Sunday, October 5, 2008

Topic: Afternoon Tea and Book Discussion

Book: *Three Cups of Tea*

Venue: Home of Adriene & Bill Knight, 328 W. Wooster

Time: 2:00 -- 4:00 pm

Date: Monday October 6, 2008

Topic: Silent Witness Program

Speaker: Co-Sponsor with BG Women's
Center

Venue: Stranahan Auditorium, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 6:30 -- 9:00 pm

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2008

Topic: Candidates' Forum

Co- Sponsor with League of
Women Voters

Venue: TBA

Time: TBA

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2008

Topic: Elder Beerman Community Day
Fundraiser

Venue: BG Elder-Beerman Store

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2008

Topic: *"Winter Solstice Dinner and Music"*

Venue: Bowling Green Country Club

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Date: January 31, February 7, 14, 21,
28, March 7**

Topic: Great Decisions

Speakers: TBA

Venue: Senior Center

Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009

Topic: **"Women & Health"**

Speaker: TBA

Venue: BG Community Center

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2009

Topic: BG Winterfest Chili Cook-Off

Venue: Veteran's South Building/City Park

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Date: Sunday, March 1, 2009

Topic: International Women's Day Celebration Tea

Venue: Family Room 208 BTSU

Time: 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2009

Topic: *"Celebrating Contributions of
Outstanding Women"*

Speaker: Annual Business Meeting,
Presentation of Awards and
Dinner

Venue: Heritage Inn

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Topic: *"Supporting and Promoting Leader
ship Deli- Dessert and Coffee"*

Speaker: Presentation of Scholarship
Winners

Installation of New Officers

Venue: BG Women's Club

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Date: Saturday & Sunday, May 2-3,
2009**

Topic: *"Ohio AAUW State Meeting and
Equity Issue Day"*

Venue: Holiday Inn, Dayton-Fairborn

Website: www.aauwoh.org

Date: June 26-28, 2009

Topic: 2009 AAUW Convention

Venue: St. Louis, MO

Website: www.aauw.org

GREAT Decisions



A great way to spend a Saturday morning, with insider information and good company!

Mark the Date for GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions series, pertaining to current geopolitical topics, is being held this year from Saturday January 24th through February 28th from 9:30-11:00 am at the Wood County Senior Center on 305 North Main Street in Bowling Green.

The topics are:

January 24, 2009--Universal Human Rights Dr.Neil Englehart --Political Science.

As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebrates its 60th anniversary, events in the Balkans, Sudan and Myanmar continue to challenge its idealism, while raising new questions about the prospects for humanitarian interventions. Do human rights transcend national borders and customs? Is the definition of human rights changing?

January 31, 2009--Energy & the Global Economy Dr.Holly Myers --Environmental Studies

Rising energy prices, driven by instability in key producing regions such as the Middle East and increasing demand from developing countries, are affecting the global economy. What are the potential consequences of huge wealth transfers to oil-exporting states? Are there any realistic alternative energy scenarios on the horizon?

February 7, 2009--Global Food Supply Dr. Shannon Orr --Political Science

Global prices for food staples have risen dramatically, resulting in protests and unrest around the world. What factors are driving prices up, and can they be tamed? What will the political fallout be for governments that fail to act, and what role can global institutions play?

February 14, 2009--Afghanistan/Pakistan Dr. Marc Simon --Political Science

Newfound hopes for stability in Iraq have shifted the U.S. military focus back to Afghanistan and Pakistan, one of the most volatile border regions in the world. What impact will this renewed interest have on the two states as well as on U.S. defense strategy?

February 21, 2009--The Arctic Dr. Todd Albert--Geography

Rising global temperatures have created new opportunities in the Arctic for resource extraction and inter-continental transport. How will sovereignty disputes among the five countries that border the Arctic affect its potential development? What impact will this race for the Arctic have on an environment already in serious flux?

February 28, 2009--U.S. and Rising Powers Dr. Candace Archer--Political Science

Since the end of the cold war, the U.S. has emerged as the world's predominant power. However, in the 21st century some rapidly developing countries have become increasingly influential. Who are these "rising powers?" Will their emergence change the global balance of power? How will the U.S. react?

To sign up to attend this series or obtain the accompanying text book, contact Danielle Brogley, Director of Programs, Wood County Committee on Aging, phone 1-800-367-4935 or 419-353-5661.

We also need volunteers to write a brief article about each session to submit to the Sentinel Tribune. Please contact Beth Hofer if you would be willing to help us with this. Phone: 419-686-3707.

A thank you goes to Beth Hofer, BG AAUW Branch member and coordinator of this year's series.

Summary of Dr. Neil Englehart's Presentation on "Universal Human Rights"

On January 24, the 18th year of Great Decisions at the Senior Center opened with a talk about universal human rights. About 50 people enjoyed the lecture delivered by Dr. Neil Englehart, Assistant Professor of Political Science at BGSU and accomplished author.

Englehart's main argument is that he advocates a new understanding of universal human rights, one that focuses its definition and implementation on human rights *conditions* rather than on acts of abuse. He also discussed the problems that national sovereignty and international intervention pose for universal human rights enforcement

Providing a historical context, Englehart said that until WWII, the human rights debate was settled and enforced within national borders. The concept of international or "universal" human rights was a response to fascism, said Englehart. He said that international human rights laws were enacted to punish the perpetrators of the Holocaust who did not break extant German laws of their time.

Englehart argued that this understanding of human rights is insufficient because it emphasizes human rights violations without addressing the actual human rights conditions.

Englehart said that several flaws in the original human rights terminology is traceable to the issue of sovereignty. A state can disregard universal human rights laws because international disapproval of human rights abuse would constitute a threat on state sovereignty. Accountability is difficult because under current human rights laws, a nation cannot be accused of human rights violations by any nation but itself.

Englehart said that since the Cold War, international intervention against human rights violators has become more common. This, said Englehart, has given rise to a dilemma: are contemporary human rights laws *permissive* or *prescriptive* regarding intervention? Englehart said that state behavior supports that it is permissive.

According to Englehart, this interpretation upsets many human rights activists due to inconsistent intervention. Even if enforcement were consistent, Englehart said he still thinks that intervention often results in more severe human rights violations than a corrupt state. In other words, a state weakened by war has less capacity to enforce human rights than a corrupt regime. Among other convincing statistics, Englehart cited the case of Iraq, where countless more Iraqis have been murdered since the war than were murdered under the cruel regime of Saddam.

In conclusion, Englehart said that intervention seems morally satisfying because it punishes abusive acts but is likely counterproductive because the violence of war and the weakening of the state actually worsen human rights conditions.

This series is co-sponsored with BG Women's Club, Wood County Committee on Aging and AAUW-BG Branch.

Submitted by George Toth-Demetriade, January 25, 2009

Moving AAUW forward into the future: New Mission and Vision Statements Adopted



MISSION STATEMENT: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

VISION STATEMENT: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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 Adriene Knight, 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 Margaret Weinberger, if you want a tax deduction.

¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2008-09 reading selections are available at the Association website:

http://www.aauw.org/education/community_programs/adelante/07.cfm

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.

This link will also give you the reading lists from years past, in case you're looking for a lot of good reads!!



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BG Branch Leadership

BG Executive Board for 2008-2009

President-Deborah Wooldridge

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Great Decisions Series-Radhika Gajjala & Beth Hofer

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Administrative Coordinator—Mary Lou Johnson



American Association of University Women

Be part of a professional organization dedicated
to making positive societal change for women and girls

2008-2009 BRANCH DUES REPORT FORM

Dues Year: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

MEMBER INFORMATION Please print clearly or type and fill in all spaces

Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-Mail _____

Fax _____

Highest degree earned _____ Year _____

College/University _____ State _____

Current Occupation _____

Annual DUES for the (National) Association, State, and BG Branch: \$67

For Treasurer's Use Only

- New MOB
 Renewing MOB
 Student Affiliate (\$20)
 Life (MBL) (\$18)
 Honorary Life (HMBL)
 Dual
 Transfer
 C/U Representative
 Special Promotion

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 Breakdown of dues
 \$49 Association
 \$ 8 State
 \$ 9 Branch
 \$ 1 Educ. Fnd.

Amount for
dues: \$ _____

Amount donated for each:
 Local Scholarship
 Be Wise Camp
 Scholarship
 Educational Foundation
 Legal Advocacy Fund

Amount for
donations \$ _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF
CHECK (DUES AND
DONATIONS)**

\$ _____

MEMBERS:

If you have recruited this member
or if you are sponsoring her in
some way, please
print your name here.

Make check payable to:
AAUW BG Branch

Mail this form and
your check to:

Linda Hamilton
Treasurer
15530 Sand Ridge Road
Bowling Green OH 43402



.BG Winterfest Chili Cook-Off

Saturday February 21, 2009

Noon to 2 p.m., Veteran’s South Building/
City Park

HOSTED BY:

**BG Woman’s Club, American Association of University Women-
BG Branch, and the Zonta Club of Bowling Green**

Guidelines: Any chili recipe will qualify as an entry. There is a \$10 entry fee per chili recipe payable to Woman’s Club of Bowling Green. You should prepare 2 gallons of chili to serve an estimated

150 people. People’s Choice judging will take place and a winner announced by 2:30 p.m. Entrants need to set up by 11:30 am and serve their chili until 2 pm. Table space, electricity, bowls, spoons and napkins will be provided. Call 419-354-6224 for more information or check www.winterfest09.com.

ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ (Deadline: 2/13/09)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY (choose one please)

___ Professional Chef/Institution ___ Community Cook

___ Celebrity Cook ___ Youth Cook

NAME OF CHILI (any variety is fine: white, chicken, vegetarian, etc)

HEAT LEVEL – 1 to 5: 1 = mild, 5 = flame thrower

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHILI

To enter: Fill out this form and send with \$10 (payable to the BG Woman’s Club) to the BG Convention and Visitors Bureau, 119 E. Court Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402