



# AAUW focus

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

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## Message from the President

### Quorum needed!

#### Celebrating the Contributions of Outstanding Women

At the annual business meeting on Thursday, March 20, three local women will be honored for their contributions to the Branch and to the community. Come to applaud and be inspired by their efforts and accomplishments!

We will also be electing officers for the posts open in 2008-09, so a quorum will be necessary.

If you need encouragement to attend, there will be a supper buffet! Details and a reservation form appear on pages 7 & 10 in this issue of the newsletter. Mark your calendars and make your reservation now!

Inspiring awards and delicious gourmet fare definitely put this event on your calendar!!

### Baskets to benefit LAF



Contact Beth Hofer [ [huskyhaven@gmail.com](mailto:huskyhaven@gmail.com) or 419-494-1756] if you have items that would help fill our baskets to be auctioned off at the Zanesville convention, to augment our LAF contribution.

Welcome  
new member!  
Chris Haar

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

<http://www.aauwoh.org>

## Russia's Past as Future

### Great Decisions February 16, 2008

On March 2, 2008, just two days before Ohio's presidential primary, a presidential election will take place in Russia. In both the U.S. and Russia, the current presidents are term-limited. Neither George W Bush nor Vladimir Putin can constitutionally run for office again. Unlike in the U.S., where there is a vigorous contest for presidential candidates in primary elections, in Russia there will be one candidate for president on the ballot. Yet voting is taken seriously as a civic duty in Russia. This seems strange to the U.S. but there are good reasons historically why Russian elections are conducted the way they are. Dr. Don Rowney, professor of history at BGSU, explained to the audience at the Great Decisions forum on February 16 at the Wood county Senior Center about the structures and institutions in Russia's history which shape its present and future.

Russia--the Russian Federation--while smaller than the former Soviet Union, is still the largest country in the world. Because of its size and the large number and diversity of ethnic subgroups, Russia is difficult to govern. Governing institutions have evolved over centuries to achieve objectives of maintaining control over the far-flung populations. The main links between the capital in Moscow and the people are state officials. These officials are appointed and served the interests of the state, not those of the people. There are no elected political intermediaries, no independent judiciary. The government is highly bureaucratized. For hundreds

of years governing elites have risen through state administration or the military. Lenin and Stalin were exceptions. Since Stalin, all Russian heads of state have risen to the top through state administration. Strong independent politicians are rare, due to lack of an independent power base.

The lack of a free media means the public has limited information about the activities of the government--what they do know is what the government wants them to know. Television is state-controlled while print media are somewhat freer.

All power rests with the government. The consequences of this include patronage/clientism, corruption, a spoils system, and there is no stable system of selection & promotion in the state civil service. The government culture throughout Russia's history has been that Moscow and St Petersburg are where careers are made.

The next Great Decisions talk will be on Saturday February 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wood County Senior Center. The topic will be "U.S. Defense and Security Policy" and the speaker will be Luke Nichter, Ph.D. candidate in history at BGSU.

--Ellen Dalton

## US Defense & Security Policy

### Great Decisions February 23, 2008

Luke Nichter, PhD fellow in the history department at BGSU, began the Great Decisions

session on February 23 by asking audience members if they had decided on a presidential

candidate for the March 4 primary election. Most hands went up. Then he asked how many

people were familiar with the defense and security policies of their candidate of choice. Only

a few hands went up. Thus he illustrated that defense and security policies have not been a

major theme during the primary campaign—domestic policies have been more discussed.

Nichter sees the three biggest defense and security policy challenges facing the US as nuclear

proliferation, its relationship with China, and its relationship with Russia. The US still has the

most powerful military, spending as much as the rest of the world combined.

The author of the companion reading offers three possible directions that US defense policy

can take. One is to maintain American dominance through the use of pre-emptive military

action, in which the US would probably be acting without partners. The second is for the US

to use military power for deterrence and containment while forming coalitions with other

nations. The third option is for US to work multilaterally with other nations, jointly

addressing issues such nuclear proliferation, with the military being one component of such

cooperative efforts

Nichter believes the foreign policy of the next president, whether Republican or Democrat,

will be different than that of the Bush administration. The next president may be more

cautious about getting into another overt conflict. He sees the next president following a

policy which is a combination of the three options above.

External factors affecting US defense and security policy include new leadership in Russia and

in Europe, the emergence of China as a world power, and the probability of serious talks to

reform the United Nations and NATO. The NATO alliance was formed to prevent war during

the Cold War; with the Cold War over NATO needs to re-define itself.

The final Great Decisions talk will be on Saturday March 1 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wood County

Senior Center. The topic will be “Latin America: Shift to the Left?” and the speaker will be

Amilcar Challu from the history department at BGSU.

--Ellen Dalton

## **AAUW'S Donated Books Inspire Students At Black Issues Conference**

Over 200 students came out for the Black Issues Conference (BIC) on Saturday, February 2. There were multiple concurrent sessions, of which one was sponsored by AAUW. Greg Dickerson's "Think & Grow Rich, A Choice For Black America" presentation drew a standing-room only crowd. Based on the book with the same title, "Think And Grow Rich: A Black Choice" helped participants process the important question, "Why do some people realize their full potential while others seem destined to under-achieve?" Dickerson engaged students to understanding that "what you think, you create."

Eager hands shot up when Dickerson was handing out ten book copies as a donation from AAUW. As one of this year's BIC sponsors, AAUW brochures were placed in every student's folder to help them realize that AAUW's mission supports Equity for all people. Special thanks to Linda Dobb for making this donation possible.

~Jan Twork



## **A Trip Through Four Decades of Entertainment**

On February 23, AAUW members gathered to celebrate the fun-filled festivities of the 20th Anniversary of "Dinner Theater" to share a glass a wine. Performances included flashbacks including TV show re-enactments, pop star impersonations, and high-energy dancing proved to be untouchable. Jay Lamont, a nationally-known, stand-up comedian charmed the audience with his impersonations of such greats as Louie Armstrong, Al Green and others. The finale, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" delighted the audience and AAUW members, as zombies crawled out of their caskets ready to devour the AAUW members sitting adjacent to the stage! Luckily, just in time they were distracted back on stage by Marcus Simpson's Michael Jackson reenactment.

The flashback dinner theater is the largest event that the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives sponsors each year in February.

Jessica Kayse  
Adelante Student Intern

## Help Wanted

The AAUW International/Multicultural Global Affairs Interest Group is **looking for committee members** to generate ideas for activities that AAUW can support during the upcoming year. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Jan Twork at 419-372-6225 or [jtwork@bgsu.edu](mailto:jtwork@bgsu.edu)

## Don't Forget ...

**AAUW/Ohio 84th Annual Convention and Equity Day**

**Date: April 18-19, 2008**

**Place: Ramada Inn, Zanesville**

Registration and hotel details will be published in the winter issue of the Orbit. The Ramada Inn has given us an excellent incentive to spend some additional time in Muskingum County in April. They have offered us rooms at the conference rate of \$69 both Thursday night and Saturday night so we can extend our stay in the Zanesville area.

## Half Cost Association Dues Available For New Branch Members



Beginning January 1, and ending on March 15, any person joining a branch will need to pay only one-half the annual Association dues. This is an ideal way to introduce someone to all the wonderful things AAUW does and why they should become involved in AAUW. That way, when it is time to renew their membership next spring for the 2008-09 year, they will already be committed to continue their membership.

-Lona Leck and Susan Peet, *Membership Chairs*

# BG AAUW 2007 - 2008 Programming

**Date: Saturday, September 15, 2007**

**Topic: "Membership Matters Champagne Brunch"** Membership Drive & Orientation

**Speaker:** Diane Regan, State President of AAUW &

Amanda Monyak, Founding President of NARAL/BGSU

**Venue:** Bowling Green Country Club

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Date: Friday, October 12, 2007**

**Topic: Embracing Diversity**

**Speaker:** Comedian Kathy Buckley is

**Venue:** BTSU

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Co-Sponsor of event with the College of EDHD, Office of Disability, Student Affairs

**Date: Monday, October 15, 2007**

**Topic: Silent Witness Program**

**Speaker:** Co-Sponsor with

BG Women's Center

**Venue:** First United Methodist Church

**Time:** 6:30 -- 9:00 pm

**Date: Saturday, October 27, 2007**

**Topic: Candidates' Forum**

Co-Sponsor with League of Women Voters

**Venue:** Simpson Building @ 1291 Conneaut Avenue

**Time:** 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:30 am)

**Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2007**

**Topic: Domestic Violence: Challenges & Opportunities Public Forum**

**Venue:** St. Mark's Church

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Co-Sponsored event with BG Zonta Club

**Date: Sunday, December 2, 2007**

**Topic: "Winter Solstice Dinner and Music"**

**Music: "Jazz by Kevin Johnson and Friends"**

**Venue:** Bowling Green Country Club

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Date: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1**

**Topic: Great Decisions**

**Speakers:** TBA

**Venue:** Senior Center

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008**

**Topic: "Financially Fit for Life" Panel**

**Speaker: TBA**

**Venue:** Senior Center

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Date: Thursday, March 20, 2008**

**Topic: "Celebrating Contributions of Outstanding Women"**

**Speaker:** Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner

**Venue:** Heritage Inn

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2008**

**"Pay Equity Day"**

**Topic: "The Art of Negotiation:**

**Pay Equity"**

**Speaker:** TBA

**Venue:** Senior Center

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008**

**Topic: "Supporting and Promoting Leadership Deli- Dessert and Coffee"**

**Speaker:** Presentation of Scholarship Winners and Installation of New Officers

**Venue:** Wood County Library

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Mark your Calendars for the Pay Equity Day Panel Discussion!

The AAUW panel discussion for Pay Equity Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 - 9 pm at the Senior Center is going to be informative, educational and enlightening.

Mary Ellen Benedict, Professor in the Economics Department, BGSU, will discuss the data and the changes, or lack thereof, over the past years. She will also review the variables that form the basis of pay equity studies and how those variables have changed, or not, over the decades.

Lou Benedict, attorney and doctoral candidate in the Higher Education Administration Program at BGSU will highlight the legal issues related to pay equity.

Becca Ferguson, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources Director at BGSU will discuss the pragmatics of women's attitudes toward salary negotiation. Males do not act like boys when negotiating; and women must stop acting like girls!

Wear red to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the RED" with their pay!

<http://pay-equity.org/day/html>

-Fiona MacKinnon

*AAUW Branch Programming*

A special thanks to the 2008 BG Branch Nominating Committee for their hard work and diligence. The nominating committee members were Ellen Dalton (Chair), Diane Regan and Jeannie Ludlow. The slate of officers being presented at the March 20, 2008 Annual Business meeting is:

Treasurer: Linda Hamilton  
Vice President of Programming: Barbara Henry  
Corresponding Secretary: Joy Potthoff

Nominations will be open from the floor that night and a quorum of 20% of the membership or 22 members need to be present for the vote.

Please mark your calendars to attend this Awards Dinner and Business meeting at Heritage Inn.

- Dr. Deborah Wooldridge, *Branch President*



## Branch Scholarships Available

Book Scholarship of no less than \$200 to women who demonstrate financial need and are permanent residents of Wood County. Applicants must have completed at least one year of study in a degree program. Non-traditional female applicants who have returned to school to finish or begin a degree or retrain who use BG or Wood County as their permanent address will be given preference.

This year, we are pleased to announce that two \$600 scholarships will be available. The application form for the 2008-2009 AAUW Book Scholarship is available at:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/aauw/Scholarship%20Application%201.pdf>

Applications must be received by Friday, March 14, 2008. Please direct completed applications to:

Lisa McHugh Cesarini  
Office of Academic Enhancement  
Bowling Green State University  
104K University Hall  
Bowling Green, OH 43403  
[lcesari@bgsu.edu](mailto:lcesari@bgsu.edu)

# 2008 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

## June 5-7, 2008

### Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

For more than 20 years, this conference has offered students the perfect opportunity to hone their leadership skills and become empowered to implement change on campus and in their communities. During this fast-paced, energizing conference students will

Hear exciting keynote speakers and meet [inspiring Women of Distinction](#) Award recipients.

- Former awardees have included playwright, performer, and activist Eve Ensler; Olympic medalist
- Dominique Dawes; and activist and author Rebecca Walker.
- Participate in workshops focusing on advocacy, leadership, health and wellness, and
- "real world" issues like financial literacy and post-college life.
- Enjoy endless opportunities to network, network, network.
- Take part in optional community service projects and preconference activities, including an informative morning training session entitled "Young Women at the Voting Booth: Election 2008" and a tour of Washington, D.C.

#### Conference Fee

- Early-bird fee through April 18, \$375 (commuter rate \$255)
- Regular fee, April 19-May 28, \$400 (commuter rate \$280)
- Conference fee includes registration, awards ceremony, housing for two nights, and scheduled meals.

Commuter rate includes all of the above except housing.

*"The conference allows students to be around women leaders, and it encourages women to move forward in their lives. It's inspirational."*

— *Jinelle Aguilar*  
Texas A & M University

Help spread the word! Visit [www.nccwsl.org](http://www.nccwsl.org) for a [downloadable flyer](#).



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This conference is presented by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute and NASPA's Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women.



## 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 Jeannie Ludlow, if you want a tax deduction.

## ¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2007-08 reading selections are available at the Association website:

[http://www.aauw.org/education/community\\_programs/adelante/07.cfm](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!!



# Celebrating the Contributions of Outstanding Women

## Annual Business and Awards meeting

Thursday, March 20

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Heritage Inn

1069 Klotz Road

### PROGRAM

Awards to Branch leaders and to a community member

Election of 2008-09 officers

### CATERED DINNER BUFFET by CHEF MATTHEW of the HERITAGE INN

*Roast Beef and Baked Chicken*

*Mashed potatoes, Mixed vegetable medley, and rice pilaf*

*Cheesecake with a side of strawberry*

*Decaf Coffee, Iced Tea, Water*

**\$17 per person, by reservation only.**

Reserve with Mary Lou Baty:

• [mbaty@bgsu.edu](mailto:mbaty@bgsu.edu)

• 419.354.1788

• 802 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

### ***Guests welcome!***

Mary Lou must have your reservation[s] by March 13.

Reservations will be considered firm and billable after that date.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest name[s] \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations at \$17 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due \_\_\_\_\_



## American Association of University Women

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

### BRANCH DUES REPORT FORM

ONE-HALF YEAR DUES, January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008

#### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

HALF-YEAR DUES for the (National) Association, State, and BG Branch: \$33

#### 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 for half year:  
 \$23.50 Association  
 \$ 4.00 State  
 \$ 4.50 Branch  
 \$ 1.00 Educ. Foundation  
 \$33.00 TOTAL

Amount for  
dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total 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:

Joan Gordon  
Treasurer  
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Newsletter Editor  
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## 2007-2008 Officers and Board

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