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Putting the AAUW mission in action:

Cocoon Shelter Volunteer Advocacy Training



The Cocoon Shelter Volunteer Advocacy

Training is an intense 50-

hour class that prepares volunteers to attend to the needs of victims of domestic violence by providing crisis intervention and conducting intakes into safe shelter. This volunteer opportunity is a fantastic way to unite with the Cocoon Shelter in providing safety, healing, and justice for battered women and their children.

The Cocoon Shelter only exists due to the generous outpouring of community support and we have been privileged to have a number of dedicated men who have volunteered in a variety of capacities. Due to procedural restructuring, we are now able to accept applications from both women *and men* who are interested in being a Volunteer Advocate. All applicants must go through an application and interview process. More information about The Cocoon Shelter and volunteer applications are available at www.cocoonshelter.org. For questions and to receive an application by mail, call our business line: (419) 373-1730 and leave a mailing address. Applications must be received by September 1st.

Upon completing the training, Volunteer Advocates must be able to make a one-year commitment of at least three shifts a month, including one weekend. The Cocoon Shelter Volunteer Advocacy Training will be held weekly beginning the week of September 10th and will continue through December. *Please note that completion of the Advocacy Training is required for any student who would like to be considered for an internship with the Cocoon Shelter.*

--Deborah Wooldridge, Board of Directors

FALL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Saturday, September 15

Reserve your place now!

See details on p. 6 of this issue.

“Rising from the Ashes”: Report from the national AAUW convention in Phoenix, Arizona

Having spent a week in Phoenix at the national AAUW convention, I can assure all of you that AAUW is NOT dying, this despite the use of the phoenix bird as the symbol for the future of our organization! I will concede, however, that Phoenix, Arizona, in late June was HOT enough to reduce us all to ashes!



What did I learn from my week among some of the brightest women in the U.S.? Lots, but I'll FOCUS on just one:

AAUW is poised to become the organization of choice for women in the 21st century, but to do that we must be focused on what we do best. There was much discussion and debate over the role of AAUW in lives of women and girls and what the Association's goals, *our* goals as members, should be. When the dust had settled, we reconfirmed that we are an organization that has always focused on *education* as the best solution to achieving equity for us. Our membership in AAUW allows us to have a voice on a national scale as part of collaborations with other organizations, those with particular expertise in areas that we may have an interest in, but which is their focus. We leave it to groups like Planned Parenthood and the National

Organization for Women to be advocates for privacy in decision making about what goes on in our bodies or the National Association of Women Athletes to make sure that Title IX is not further eroded. We support the work of these groups, but will allow them to take the lead on legislation and advocacy in their particular areas of expertise. We, as the American Association of University Women, will do what we do best: take the lead on matters related to education and equity in the workplace, and we will do that through advocacy, education, and research, our new focused action priorities.

One particular highlight of the week was the opportunity to hear New York Times bestselling author Greg Mortenson talk about his work over the past 10 years building schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan, a tale told in his book, *Three Cups of Tea*. If you want to be inspired and reminded about why educating women and girls is critical to the future of this world, grab a copy of this book, sit down and read it. I promise that you will find it to be an astonishing tale about a man who wanted to honor his younger sister and how that desire was manifest in his efforts to educate females in the heart of Taliban country. Mr. Mortenson has it right, I think, when he says that when you educate a boy, you educate a person, but when you educate a girl, you change a village. If we truly care about a better life for this world's people, then as AAUW members we must focus our vision, focus our organization, and focus our actions.

Oh, by the way, Greg Mortenson has been a dues-paying, long-time member of the Missoula, Montana AAUW branch (a branch led for years by a BGSU alum)! He gets it. Now for our part, we must make sure that we do the necessary work so that others get it!

--Diane Regan, President-elect, AAUW Ohio

Scholarship winner says, "Thank you!"

I wanted to take a moment and let all the women involved in AAUW know how honored I am to have been the recipient of the Bowling Green AAUW scholarship.

I am the mother of three who has recently returned to college to earn my Master's degree in music, and

AAUW's scholarship is a tremendous help. My children are all in grade school now and I am working towards the renewal of my teaching license. So, by the time I am forty, I will be able to return to the field of education!

Thank you again for your support. I am so glad to have had the opportunity to become a member of your wonderful organization.

--Teresa Hudson



I'm forwarding this wonderful update that typically comes twice each month and lets us all know what AAUW is focused on. Please take time to read it; you'll be amazed by what this organization has to offer you...and others! [Please note: some links in EdEqChange may require you to be logged into the Member Center.]

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/EdEqChange/EdEqChange.cfm

--Diane Regan, President-elect, AAUW Ohio

Branch partners with League of Women Voters



Once again this fall, the Branch will be a co-sponsor of an open event to present candidates for public office. The format this year is a breakfast and an issues forum. See the flyer at the end of this issue of the Focus.

AAUW in the News



Your organization in the news! RENEW today if you haven't already done so!,

*--Diane Regan,
Branch Past President*

AAUW saw extensive press coverage during the month of June, true testament to the visibility and strength of the organization at this exciting time. Here are some highlights:

The New York Times

A June 20th *New York Times* story about sexual abuse in schools cites statistics from AAUW's *Hostile Hallways* report:

One 2000 study, by the American Association of University Women, a nonprofit membership group, and the market research firm Harris Interactive, asked a national sample of 2,064 boys and girls in the 8th through 11th grades if they had ever experienced "unwanted and unwelcome sexual conduct," either verbal or physical, from teachers or school employees. A previous study in 1993 included an identically worded question. The response was consistent in both surveys, with about 10 percent of both boys and girls saying they had.

USA TODAY

On June 13, the AAUW Congressional Voting Record was recognized in USA TODAY. The story was about a Yale researcher, who found that male congressmen with daughters are more likely to support women's issues than those without daughters. AAUW's voting record is highlighted:

*Her new analysis included congressional votes through 2004 and added information from another group: the **American Association of University Women**. She again found voting record support for a daughter-to-father influence.*

Women's eNews

A Women's eNews story, prompted by the anniversary of Title IX, highlights a variety of Title IX cases. Six AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund supported plaintiffs are named in the story. AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz is quoted about AAUW's recent research report, and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is cited as a resource:

"There's always been the assumption if you get education, you will earn more and that's true, but at the same time for women, education alone doesn't overcome discrimination. Women are still judged, and penalized, on biased assumptions about their career goals, possibility of motherhood and caregiving."

Glamour Magazine

Glamour Magazine features AAUW's *Behind the Pay Gap* on page 124 of the July 2007 issue (Katherine Heigl on cover). The story, "Don't Let a Guy Outearn you at Work," quotes AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill.

One year out of college, women earn only 80 percent of what their male colleagues do, according to a recent headline-grabbing story by the American Association of University Women. This annoying pattern holds true across industries, except for a handful of ones...ten years out, women make just 69 percent of what men do. "Discrimination still plays a role," contends Catherine Hill, the lead researcher on the study.

I EXercise My Rights Campaign

I EXercise My Rights is a public service, informational campaign designed to educate the public about Title IX. For the 35th anniversary of Title IX, the website is sharing 35 Title IX stories - and eight AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund cases are included. Visit the campaign [website](#) to read the plaintiffs' stories. [Cast your vote](#) for whether you think we have true gender equity in education today.

To read more AAUW in the News, visit the [AAUW Newsroom](#).



Legal Advocacy Fund puts AAUW mission in action

HELP LAF DO ITS WORK!

- Make a monetary donation; our donations keep the LAF healthy and helpful. Your checks are tax-deductible.
- Go to www.aauw.org/laf/cases and read about current legal cases that our donations support!

If you would like to make a donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund, please send your check, made out to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, to:

Jeannie Ludlow, LAF Chair
910 N. Main Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402

If you have any questions or concerns, e-mail Jeannie at jludlow@bgsu.edu or call 419-372-6816

Boosting our mission resources: Plan ahead...to shop!



Mark Saturday, November 10 on your calendar—the next Elder-Beerman

Community Day fundraiser. President Deborah Wooldridge has again registered our Branch for the coupon sale. Let's repeat our 2006 success, which allowed us to significantly increase the scholarships we offer!! Further details at:
www.communitydayevent.com

The Literature Group

gathers on the first Saturday of every month (except January and July), at noon, at Grounds for Thought. Please bring a book of your choice to review!
--Holly Norton, literature group leader



SHOP AND HELP

Gift Registries to support the Cocoon Shelter



The Cocoon Shelter has four registries in area stores for community members to access. Because the items listed are what the shelter most needs, those wishing to help have a convenient way to get such items to the survivors of domestic violence.

The registries are at the following stores:

1. Target: the Cocoon Shelter has a wish list through Target, which is slightly different than a registry. You can access the wish list on-line at target.com, or at the store at the kiosks located near the entrance. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
2. Home Depot: the registry at the Home Depot is only available on-line. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
3. Elder Beerman: the registry at Elder Beerman is available both on-line at elder-beerman.com, and in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
4. Meijer: the registry at Meijer can be viewed on-line or in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.

Please note that we do not want you to feel pressured to buy the specific items from these registries, but that the items listed reflect what we need most and continually. If you would rather purchase the same item from one of the registries from a different store, please feel free. Please note also that we prefer to pick items up

from the store or from you personally. Our number in the office is 419-373-1730. Thanks so much!
[You may also view the Cocoon Wish list for individual shopping at:
<http://www.cocoonshelter.org/Wish%20List%20Current.pdf>]

SHOP WITH A MISSION!



--Oh, no! I forgot to renew my membership!!
--Don't worry!! There's a membership form included with this issue of the Focus!!
[And pass a copy to a friend!]



¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2007-0 reading selections are available at the Association website:

http://www.aauw.org/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!!

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 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 Jeannie Ludlow, if you want a tax deduction.

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 lunch 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>



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FREE AD PLACEMENT FOR MEMBERS!!

Retirement-aged working lady has nice 2 b/r house in Ashbury Hills and is looking for another retirement-aged lady, working or not, to share house and expenses. Would not need furnishings. Interested parties please contact:

judithannlong@yahoo.com
 419-288-3202

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

Shop **ELDER-BEERMAN**, whose Community Day program has benefited our local scholarship fund *immensely!!* The next Community Day coupon sale is Saturday, November 10th.

support aauw...buy from
amazon.com.

Support AAUW when you buy books from Amazon. Go to www.aauw.org and click on the Amazon hyperlink in the lower right. You'll be instantly connected to Amazon and AAUW will get a portion of your sale!! ***Slick!***

The Cocoon grows its library

The Cocoon Shelter, Bowling Green's 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

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Bowling Green Branch
American Association of University Women

Fall Champagne Brunch

“Membership matters.”

Speakers:

Diane Regan

Past Branch President, State President-elect

Amanda Moynak

*Founding President of NARAL/BGSU, Branch-sponsored
attendee at AAUW Student Leadership Conference*

Prospective members and guests are welcome!

Enjoy good food, good company, and
a preview of the program year.

Saturday, September 15

Bowling Green Country Club, 923 Fairview Avenue
10:00 to noon

\$12

Menu includes Egg Estrada, fruit cup, breads, beverages, and
a champagne toast to the mission of the Branch!

Reserve [necessary] by mail, phone, or e-mail to:

Mary Lou Baty, 802 E. Gypsy Lane, Bowling Green Ohio 43402
mlbaty@verizon.net

*Make your reservations by **September 7th**.*

Reservations are considered firm after that date and will be billed.

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ phone _____ e-mail _____

Name[s] of guest[s] _____

Number of reservations at \$12 each: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____



SAVE THE DATE!



**Breakfast with the
Candidates**

Candidates' Forum

Saturday, October 27, 2007

**Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Simpson Building
1291 Conneaut Avenue
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402**

Sponsored by:

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American Association of University Women
Bowling Green Parks and Recreation
Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce
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