



AAUW focus

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

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Thank you Marcy

If it's true that we are judged by the company we keep, then all of us in the BG Branch have been judged and recognized for the superb work of Marcy St. John, former editor extraordinaire of this branch newsletter. For four years, Marcy cajoled and encouraged, created and produced a newsletter that last year was named "Best AAUW Newsletter" in the state! For all of the years that she edited and produced this important communication piece distributed to our branch members on a monthly basis, she always kept our programs and goals in front of us so that we never lost the vision of what we were as an organization committed to equity in education. She was always producing colorful and clever editions that clearly showed AAUW in its best light. In fact, our newsletters for 2006-07 were judged not only to be the best in the state overall, but also the best in communicating information about AAUW,



its goals and mission, to our readers. Marcy moved us from the paper-only model of distribution to an e-version reducing the biggest budget line we had. But she also made certain that those members who preferred the paper version received their copy in the mail each and every month. If there was one thing I never had to worry about as branch president, it was the newsletter. Even when Marcy had to occasionally wrestle the computer to the ground to get it to set up the formatting as she intended, she prevailed! The newsletter was always timely and interesting something I can't say about projects I take on! What I have learned is what an incredible person this Marcy St. John is-- reliable, smart, determined, dedicated, creative, caring, and strong (like so many who belong to this organization and make belonging a real treat). Thanks, Marcy, for what you have brought to me, personally, this board and branch.

Save the Date : Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Domestic Violence: Challenges & Opportunities Public Forum

Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch

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

<http://www.aauwoh.org>

<http://www.aauw.org>

Message from the BG Branch President

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research is the mission of AAUW and the focus of the BG Branch's mission based programming. Being involved in public policy is essential to our Branch's goal to promote equity and education for all women and girls. Responsible public participation is the key to our success. Participation can be achieved through individual and collective issue advocacy. We must continue being knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues. AAUW divides issues into four major categories: civil rights, economic security, education and Title IX.

- AAUW advocates equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society and
- AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity.

AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education (<http://www.AAUW.org>).

When we look at vigorous enforcement of Title IX and other civil rights laws, we should be concerned with [equity in school athletics](#), [sexual harassment](#) and [single-sex education](#). The American Association of University Women believes that ensuring and increasing access to educational opportunities for all women and girls is imperative to helping them obtain financial security and economic independence. To advance this goal, AAUW's [2007-09 Public Policy Program Biennial Action Priorities](#) remind us that AAUW advocates vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws. One of the major problems at every level of education in America is *sexual harassment*. Sexual harassment interferes with ensuring and increasing access to educational opportunities for everyone.

There are several AAUW publications based on AAUW funded research through the Educational Foundation. Four such publications are:

[Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus](#) describes the findings from a survey of undergraduate college students. Overall, this report helps us understand how college stu-

dents perceive, experience, and respond to sexual harassment. It also provides information for creating a campus climate that is free from bias and harassment.

[Harassment-Free Hallways](#) is an informative, concise, and action-oriented collection of work on harassment in schools.

[Hostile Hallways](#) finds that sexual harassment is widespread in schools. Sexual harassment has broad consequences that are both subtle and direct on the education for girls and boys.

[The official release of LAF's newest research report](#), which is scheduled for publication this fall. This report examines complaints of sexual harassment filed with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) by university students. Studies on the issue and OCR's response to these complaints are included in this new publication,

Additional resources on sexual harassment are available on the AAUW website, such as:

AAUW testimony before Congress on Title IX in June 2007 (http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/harassment.cfm)

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/sexhar-2006.html>)

U.S. Department of Education Sexual Harassment Guidance (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/shguide.html>)

LAF resources on sexual harassment (<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/lafnetwork/library/harassment.cfm>)

and campus sexual assault

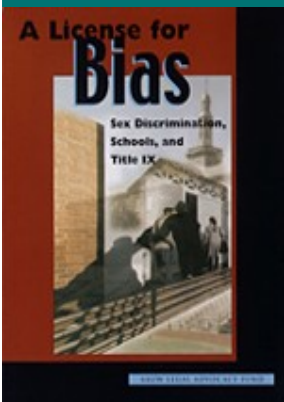
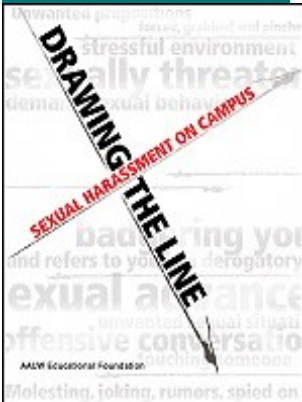
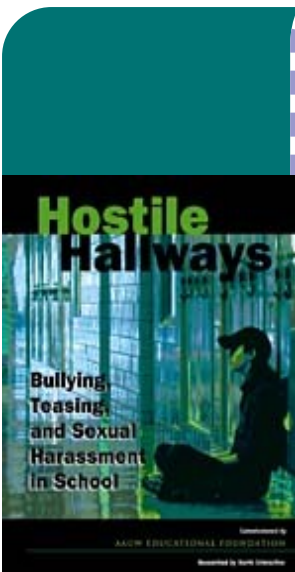
(<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/lafnetwork/library/assault.cfm>)

AAUW's Two-Minute Activist at <http://capwiz.com/aauw/home/>

For more information go to: http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/harassment.cfm

**-Dr. Deborah Wooldridge,
AAUW BG Branch President**

Be informed and stay the course because equity is still an issue!



A SNEAK PEEK AT GREAT DECISIONS 2008!

Once again, Radhika Gajjala, Beth Hofer and Linda Dobb will be coordinating the Great Decisions series at the Wood County Senior Center. For those of you who are new to AAUW, Great Decisions is a weekly series of talks on world issues that is presented every Saturday from 9:30-11:00, January 26-March 1. The speakers are usually BGSU faculty members with expertise on the topics and countries under review. A companion book (\$15) is made available for attendees.

This years potential topics are listed below. Speakers and exact dates will be posted in the next newsletter issue. All sessions are free and refreshments are served:

-Iraq end-game

What will be the end-game for the U.S. in Iraq?

How will U.S. decisions affect Iraq, and the Middle East, and the upcoming Presidential campaign?

-European Union at 50

Has the EU been successful? Should Turkey be part of the EU?

-Talking to our enemies

How should the U.S. deal with countries like Cuba, North Korea and Iran?

What approach should the U.S. take with groups like Hamas and Hezbollah?

-Russia

Should the U.S. and Europe be concerned with Putin's recent policy changes? Will our relationship to Russia impact the next election?

-U.S. defense & security policy

Should U.S. military forces be restructured and deployed differently to meet new security challenges?

-Latin America: shift to the left?

What factors have prevented the U.S. and Latin American countries from forging a strong relationship? What challenges confront U.S. policy in Latin America, especially left-leaning Venezuela?

-U.S.-China trade policy

Recent product safety scares have thrown the spotlight on the enormous role China plays in supplying products to the U.S. Could the large and growing trade imbalance with China have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy?

-Private philanthropy

Can private donors be more effective than governments in tackling world problems?

LOOK for an update on the Great Decisions series in the news AAUW newsletter!

-Linda S. Dobb



Kathy Buckley entertains and inspires BGSU

Thanks to the support of several organizations, including AAUW, Comedienne Kathy Buckley inspired a large audience of students and faculty members in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Ballroom Friday, October 12. Buckley, who is hearing-impaired, told her stories of adversity with a comic twist. As laughter filled the room, the audience learned about Buckley's hearing loss and its profound impact on her life. She also told of several attempts to commit suicide in her teenage years. At age 20, a lifeguard jeep struck her while she was resting on the beach. She was told she would never walk again. She spent two years in a wheelchair and it took her five years to recover. In her late twenties, Buckley fought cervical cancer, not once, but twice. Based on her personal experiences, Buckley gave advice to her audience. "I spent my whole life listening to the labels of society, and that I wasn't acceptable," Buckley said. According to Buckley, that made her question her ability to achieve for a long time. Her point: do not judge others and do not let the judgment of others interfere with your success. Buckley also said communication is a key to all relationships. "Nothing is wrong with having hearing loss, but there is definitely something wrong with not being able to communicate," Buckley said.

-Jamie Hoover,
Publicity Chair



AAUW Educational Fund: Be Part of Change

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 "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).

The Educational Foundation goal for the BG Branch for 2007 is \$2,000. That is only \$20 per member. Last year we contributed \$2703, which was an all time high.

Let's work together toward meeting our new goal and showing our support for the research and the public awareness being brought to the forefront on the differences in education among girls and boys. Contact or directly send your contribution to Joan Gordon or Adriene Knight. The deadline for contributions for this year is December 31, 2007. Special recognition will be made at the December Winter Solstice Dinner. **Remember Equity is still an issue!**

--Adriene Knight,
BG Branch Educational Foundation Chair
knighta@bgsu.edu

Plan Ahead...

Put this date on your spring calendar!

2008 AAUW Ohio State Convention

Zanesville, Ohio April 18-19, 2008

For details, go to: <http://www.aauwoh.org/>

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



The Literature Group's November meeting will be on the 3rd (the first Saturday of the month, as usual) at Grounds for Thought, at noon. December 1st they will meet at Naslada Bistro for lunch, 12:00-1:00, and then walk to Grounds for Thought for our regular book discussion, which usually ends at 2:30. We encourage anyone who has books to discuss to come to one or both of these meetings and share them.

--Holly Norton, literature group leader

Schedule of Events for November

} **Domestic Violence:
Challenges & Opportu-
nities Public Forum**
**Tuesday, November 13,
2007**
St. Mark's Church
7:00 - 9:00 PM Co
-Sponsored event with BG
Zonta Club

NOVEMBER 2007

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Domestic Violence: Public Forum	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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

Contact Deborah Wooldridge at
dgwoold@bgnet.bgsu.edu or Margaret Weinberger
at weinber@bgnet.bgsu.edu for coupon booklets



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

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 2007-0 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!!





AAUW BG Branch Winter Solstice Dinner

Sunday, December 2, 2007

Bowling Green Country Club

6:00 Social time

6:30 Dinner served

Enjoy conversation, a pleasant meal, and some cool jazz!
Guests are welcome, bring significant others and prospective members!

MENU

Salmon [\$25]

Vegetable Lasagna [\$20]

Prime Rib [\$25]

Dinners include

Salad with choice of Dressing,

Seasoned Redskin Potatoes Green Beans Almandine

Rolls with Butter

Peppermint Ice Cream

Coffee/Iced tea/Hot tea

The poinsettias used as table decorations will be on sale after the event,
With proceeds to benefit our local scholarship fund: \$10 each or 3/\$25.

Jazz by Kevin Johnson and Friends

AAUW BG Branch Winter Solstice Dinner

RESERVATION FORM

Name_____

Menu choice_____

Guest[s] name[s]_____

Menu choice[s]_____

Total number of reservations_____ Total amount paid_____

Reservations must be received by November 27.

Send your reservation form and payment

[Check made out to “AAUW BG Branch”]

to :

Mary Lou Baty,

802 E. Gypsy Lane Road

Bowling Green, OH43402

To reserve and pay at the door contact her at 419-354-1788 or mbaty@bgsu.edu or mlbaty@verizon.net

Please note: After November 27, reservations will be considered firm.

If you cannot attend, please contact Mary Lou by November 27 to cancel your reservation. After November 27, refunds are not possible and unused reservations will be billed. The Branch is not responsible for unused reservations.

Send Comments on this
issue of the newsletter to:

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