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GREAT DECISIONS SERIES TO START

Why not brighten the cold Winter days by attending the Great Decisions series at the Wood County Senior Citizen Center this January-February? Each lecture is on world politics and world events. They are delivered by Bowling Green State University professors and experts in the field. Text-books for the series are available through the Center (419-353-5661) and may be purchased for \$15.00. The lectures begin at 9:30 a.m. and usually end at 11:00. Free cookies and coffee are served. Here's the line-up:

Jan. 21 Prof. Neil Englehart on China and India
 Jan. 28 Assoc. Dean, Dr. Marcia Salazar-
 Valentine on Brazil
 Feb. 4 Prof. Shannon Orr on Energy
 Feb. 11 Prof. Marc Simon on The U.S. and Iran
 Feb. 18 Visiting Fulbright Prof. Fatma Azzouz
 on Terrorism
 Feb. 25 Prof. Candace Archer on U.N. Reform

It's a great way to keep in touch with global developments. Join us!

*Linda Dobb, Radika Gajjala, Beth Hofer
 Great Decisions, Co-Chairs*



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FROM THE TOP

From my vantage point, it appears that our BG Branch of AAUW is a vital and enthusiastic group of 96 women (and one man), informed about the national and international issues that affect us as women, mothers, fathers, guardians, relatives, care-takers, educators,

Check out our local website!!

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


community members. It is also my view from this vantage point that 2006 is not a time to let down our commitment to equity for women and contributing to positive societal change. Beth Hofer informed the Board on Tuesday evening that the Congress overturned a Bush administration effort to end the Department of Labor/Bureau of Employment Statistics' practice of gathering data on women in the workplace—a position taken allegedly because asking employers to provide information about hiring, salary and promotion for women in their workplaces was “burdensome.” * I suspect that organizations like AAUW find continually advocating for such information to assure equity in the workplace as “burdensome” also, but we keep doing it because it's critical to the welfare of families in the U.S.

Board member Mary Krueger, chair for public policy, in December sent all members a link to a report from the Global Fund for Women entitled “Caught in the Storm: The Impact of Natural Disasters on Women.” I printed the report off and read it with horror, as women recounted their experiences with the tsunamis in Asia and Africa, hurricanes in the U.S and Guatemala, and the earthquake in Kashmir. Overall, a half-million people left dead, many thousands left injured, millions left homeless (3.3 million from the earthquake alone!). Regrettably, the report establishes that the common factor among all of these disasters is that during and after, women and children suffered the most. Traditionally, relief efforts fail women. The Report establishes that women are far more likely to die than men. Same for the children. Women are at increased risk of violence when chaos and social breakdown occur. And typically, women don't receive necessary health care during disaster relief. The report says a lot and reaffirms for me that organizations like AAUW are a critical part of the safety net for women and children world-wide. So, here's a call to make whatever contribution you are able to improve the lives of women, children, and families by whatever definition. Start local. Ask a friend to join us for 2006!

I wish you all a “happy new year” remembering that “equity is STILL an issue.”

--Diane Regan, Branch President

*A year ago, BLS announced it wanted to discontinue collecting data on women workers (see <http://urlx.org/lists1.cac.psu.edu/6efa>). Now, a new law requires the Bureau of Labor Statistics to resume its Women Worker Series, a 40-year-old program providing monthly data on women's employment. <http://www.ms magazine.com/news/uswirestory.asp?ID=9440>

 <p>AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN</p>	<p><u>AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND / LAF: AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.</p>
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Update on Title IX: Women in Sports



On Saturday, January 7, the BGSU women's basketball team won decisively against Akron, and during the game junior Ali Mann reached and topped her 1000th career point—only the 6th BGSU woman to accomplish that feat during her junior year. The UT women's basketball team beat Ball State, although less decisively. Yet the headline on the front page of the January 8 Toledo Blade read “BG, UT lose”—because both men's teams lost. In the sports section, both teams who lost got bigger headlines and longer stories than either team that won. On the plus side, a female sports writer covered the BG men's game. Draw your own conclusions.

On Sunday, February 26, at 2 p.m., Janet Parks and Janna Blais will update us on the progress and gains made under Title IX in women's sports and the challenges still to be faced. This should be a very interesting program! It will be held at Wooster Center (formerly Community Lutheran Church), 1124 E. Wooster. Parking is available on site.

Janet Parks is a Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita and former sport management division chair at Bowling Green State University. She coached women's tennis from 1967-1976 and coached women's golf from 1978-1981. Janet was a member of the committee that planned a Feb. '05 Leadership Years celebration for BGSU pre-Title

IX women athletes and is currently on the Local Organizing Committee for the 2007 NCAA Women's Final Four Basketball Tournament in Cleveland, OH.

Janna Blais is in her sixth year as Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at BGSU. She is the sport coordinator for 8 of BG's 18 intercollegiate sport programs and is responsible for the administration of the athletic training program and student-athlete services office. She is an integral part of maintaining progress on BGSU's Minority Opportunities and Gender Equity Plans.

Whether or not you are or have been an athlete, an expert update on the status of Title IX is a significant issue for women. Come listen to women who know what's going on!



The Literature Group meets at Grounds for Thought on the first Saturday of the month, at noon. Come and share thoughts and reactions on the books you're enjoying. There's no 'reading list', just a lot of good ideas in the air!!

Books! Books! Books!

Bring in your books and help offer terrific Branch scholarship opportunities to girls and women! At our meetings on Feb. 26, March 25, and May 20, we'll set up our book sale table, which benefits our local scholarship program. Books will be priced mostly at \$1, with some priced higher [hard covers, oversized, etc.]. Do please plan on taking your unsold books home with you, either to donate to Goodwill or to the Wood County Public Library sale during Black Swamp weekend.

--Marcy St.John and Betty Jean Anderson



In Search Of...

In the next newsletter there will be a slate of officers for election at the March meeting. A nominating committee is being formed—it has a one-time task, and most of the work can be done by phone and e-mail. Let Marcy St.John know if you can help [419.352.8715, mestjohn@yahoo.com]. This is a good

way to contribute your efforts to the Branch, if you have limited time to do so!

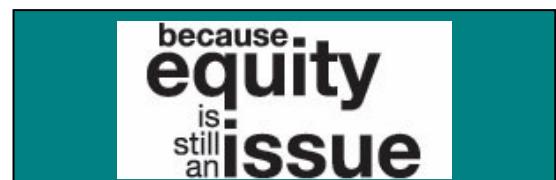
This year's slate needs to have a nominee (or two) for the positions of Vice President for Programming, the Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

The VP for Programming is a member of the Board, replaces the president in her absence, works in conjunction with the Board and the social committee to set up the programs for the year. We have mission-driven programming, and we do set an action plan each year in June, so that our programs are planned over the summer. There is much guidance for the programs, but the VP does need to be sure that good people are found as presenters, arrangements are made once the social committee sets the location, communicates with the program presenters, etc. The tasks of VP for programming have been shared this year by two members and this 'duet' arrangement has worked out well.

The Corresponding Secretary writes any correspondence that comes from the Branch. It's not a big job, but it does make you a member of the Board (which meets once a month for about 90 minutes, except in July). This person handles any book memorials that are made to the Public Library when an AAUW past president dies, sends thanks to the speakers, etc. [And actually, our current Branch President makes this easy by doing a lot of the correspondence herself. Thanks, Diane!!]

The Treasurer position will be easy to fill, as the incumbent, Joan Gordon [who has done a superb job!] has said she is willing to continue.

Contact Marcy St.John [at 419.352.8715 or mestjohn@yahoo.com] if you would like to nominate either yourself or another Branch member for the open positions or to serve on the nominating committee. You know yourself and you know the women who make up our membership. We have a lot of energy and talent in our Branch, and new faces are a welcome position on our Board! Let's make this search quick and successful !!





In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy...

Herman Boone and Bill Yoast, the two inspirational coaches whose lives were captured in the hit film "Remember the Titans", will appear at BGSU on Thursday, January 26, 2006, in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union. Doors will open at 6:15 pm. The event will begin at 7:00 pm. Additional seating will be available in 228 Multipurpose Room, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

→DIVERsITY←

The Diversity Group's regular meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at Grounds for Thought, 5:15-6:30 pm. Join us for interesting discussions!



Diversity Book List

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 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 Turner Bachrach (2003)

August

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



Good News for LAF!

Our BG branch surpassed its LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) goal for 2005! Thanks to all branch members and especially to Beth Hofer, who made baskets for the white elephant table at the state meeting--over \$200 was raised at the state meeting.

Now that the new year has begun, let each member contribute \$5 (or more) for 2006!

Thank you all for making me look good!

--Marilynn (Lynn) Ward, LAF chair

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: Feb. 26, March 25, April 8, May 20.

THANK YOU!

⇨ 2005-06 CALENDAR ⇩

[Details in the program booklet and in future newsletters.]

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. Book sale. <i>See article on page 2 of this issue.</i>
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.

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Waldenbooks , at Woodland Mall A full-service bookstore. 419-354-1397
Chrysalis , a discreet all-women fitness center. Full schedule of hours. Competitive membership rates. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.

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Young Women Create New Definitions of Beauty in Theatre Workshop



On Saturday, November 5, 40 attendees, young women and their families, gathered at the Wood County Hospital Meeting Rooms to participate in an empowering workshop entitled "Girls With Goals," which explored the role media plays in shaping young women's thoughts on appearance and self-image. The program, sponsored by Zonta International Service Organization and the Bowling Green Branch of the American Association of University Women, featured an original theatrical performance, called "Beauty Through My Eyes," by the young women of the Horizon Group Theatre.

Sponsored by the BG Department of Parks and Recreation, the BGSU Department of Theatre and Film, and the Community Foundation of BG, Horizon Group Theatre co-founders Dr. F. Scott Regan and Dr. Jo Beth Gonzalez strive to produce positive and confidence-building experiences for all of their performers. In "Beauty Through My Eyes," the performers used upbeat

music and media clips to underscore their own words and ideas, performing skits lampooning Barbie dolls, plastic surgery, weight loss advertisements, and beauty products to reach out to the audience and show young women how to be strong, self-loving individuals at a time in their lives when societal pressures to conform to narrowly-focused beauty standards are very compelling. The workshop also featured a group exercise to construct the media's image of a beautiful woman and a frank discussion with the performers of their own experiences as they seek to define themselves and find their places in society. The young women were excited to participate in this performance and are already full of ideas for future workshops, including examinations of international views of women, women's issues in the workplace, and the pressures boys face as they grow into society's roles.

--Kris Ferluga

We are all recruiters for our Branch! Invite a friend to attend one of our events and to consider joining! We now have 97 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!! New members can now join at **HALF-PRICE!!**

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Degree Earned _____	Year _____ College/University _____
State _____	Occupation _____

- **Annual Dues for the National Association, State and Local Branch -- \$63**
- New members joining between Jan. 1 and March 1 can get a ½-year membership for \$34.50.
- New members joining after March 1 can get a 15-month membership for the 12-month cost [\$63].
- The undergraduate membership fee is \$20. Graduate students may also pay \$20, as the balance of their membership is underwritten by a Branch member.

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