



AAUW focus

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

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BG Branch Annual Brunch and Membership Drive was a Great Success

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Members of the Bowling Green Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Bowling Green Country Club. The brunch event was the first event for the membership year for the organization. More than fifty women attended the membership brunch. BG Branch President, Deborah Wooldridge encourage members to get involved in local events and issues, which focus on equity for all. She also encouraged members mentor others as we continue to build our legacy.

Keynote speakers for the event were Jessica Kayse, who is a Bowling Green State University Alum, Diane Regan, who is AAUW Ohio State President and Barbara Waddell, BGSU Chief of Staff to the Provost.

Jessica Kayse was sponsored by the Branch to attend *the College Women Student Leaders Conference* in Washington, D.C. over the summer. "At the conference, I met many successful women, women that had interests like mine and it gave me a chance to network and to explore professional opportunities", Kayse said. Regan encouraged the membership to continue working for women's equality, which remains an issue in America. Waddell focused her remarks on women helping women through mentoring and always reaching back to bring others along.



The Bowling Green Branch is currently raising funds for the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. They also provide two scholarships for local seventh and eighth grade girls to attend BE WISE each summer, a camp that focuses on teaching girls the value of math and science. Scholarships are also awarded each year to assist non-traditional female students at BGSU in their studies. AAUW-Bowling Green is sponsoring an Elder-Beerman Community Days fund-raiser to benefit local scholarships on Saturday, November 15, 2008.



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Message from the BG Branch President

The Bowling Green Branch in making a difference in Bowling Green, the State of Ohio and in the Nation. I think that the BG Branch is the *organization of choice for women in the 21st Century* in Wood County. We were 110 strong last year and continue to be known as a Century Branch. At the Ohio State Conference, you could say we took away the Gold.

- We were recognized as a STARZ Branch and were the only Branch that received all the points!
- We had the Outstanding Young AAUW Member Adriene Knight!
- We won the Daffodil Diversity Award!
- First Place for the Best Newsletter for a Large Branch!
- Second Place for the Program Booklet!
- Seventh in Total Educational Foundation Giving in the State!
- 2008-2010 Ohio President, Diane Regan!

All these awards are because of the commitment and hard work of you, the membership! Thank you for supporting the Branch and being part of the most outstanding Branch!

This years Brunch was inspirational. The conversations; excitement and energy at the September Brunch were motivational. Let's keep that excitement and energy going as we focus on equity through local advocacy, education and research. Welcome to all the new members for 2008-2009. I am excited to have you part of the Branch. I know you will bring in new ideas, energy and excitement as we work toward our goals.

New Members for 2008-2009!

Rose DeHoyos-Gonzalez	Diane Frey	Katy Townley
Darlene Wooldridge	Lori Hutton	Vicki Knauerhase
Mariana Mitova	Leslie Straka	Marilynn Wentland
Samin Moham	Joya D'Cruz	Stacey Frey
Jeanne Langendorfer	Celeste Hill	Jodi Devine
LeiLani Kupo	Evelyn Ashley	Nikki Gaines
Dawn Shores	Lori Ritchie	Sue Houston

At the local level, there are four events coming up that will showcase our commitment to equity, security, diversity and safety. Please mark your calendars and participate in these events:

- Sunday Afternoon Tea and book discussion of *Three Cups of Tea* on October 4th from 2-4 pm at Adriene and Bill Knight's Historic Home at 328 W. Wooster. Please let me know if you are attending at dgwoold@bgsu.edu or 419-372-7851.
- 2008 Silent Witness Project Unveiling, which will take place on October 6th, at 7:00 pm, at the Stranahan Auditorium in Toledo. Last year, there were 50 silent witness figures and more than 500 audience members. This year, there are (sadly) 54 figures! If you need more information, contact Mary Krueger at mkruege@bgsu.edu.
- Candidates Forum co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters on Sunday, October 19th. More information will be distributed as the event approaches.

I hope to see all of you at these events. ***Remember equity is still an issue!***

--Deborah Wooldridge, BG Branch President

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Congratulations

Adriene Knight named the 2008 Ohio AAUW Outstanding Young Leader

Ms. Adriene Knight was named the 2008 Ohio AAUW Outstanding Young Leader at the 2008 Ohio Conference in Zanesville, Ohio. Adriene has been a member of AAUW BG Branch for three years. She first became a member as a full-time graduate student and has continued as a member after completing her course work. She is dedicated to the ideals and policies of AAUW and is an advocate for organization all the time. Adriene is a very active leader in the community through her work with AAUW, Big Brothers Big Sisters, University Women, the BG Boomtown Association and the Humane Society. Being active in other organizations is a plus for AAUW because Ms. Knight promotes AAUW in all her activities. She is an asset on the Board and to the Branch.

When I began serving in the office of President of the BG Branch in July 2007, I had to replace several board positions. Without hesitation, Ms. Knight stepped up to the plate and agreed to become the Education Foundation Chair. I have found her to take the duties and responsibilities of the position very seriously. She has worked hard to implement new fundraising ideas and is always thinking about how to improve upon what we are already doing to fund raise.

One of the projects that many of the branch members participate in is raising money for the Cocoon Domestic Violence Shelter. Adriene serves on the special events committee for the Shelter as a member of AAUW. In October 2007, the committee members raised \$10,000 for the Shelter. Ms. Knight designed and made over 900 embossed invitations to the event, secured silent auction items and helped with organization. This is only one of the examples of her commitment to working with diverse populations of women and children. Adriene is an up and coming leader in AAUW Ohio. Congratulations!

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: 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 Leadership Deli- Dessert and Coffee"*

Speaker: Presentation of Scholarship Winners

Installation of New Officers

Venue: TBA

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

Coach Roderick Jackson Speaks at BGSU



Pictured above: Janet Parks (BG AAUW member) with Coach Roderick Jackson

Coach Roderick Jackson spoke at BGSU on Wednesday June 19th, 2008. The title of the presentation was: *Standing Up in the Face of Adversity: The story of Coach Roderick Jackson's Journey toward a Landmark Title IX Supreme Court Decision*. The event was co-sponsored by the Sport Management Faculty Fund, College of Business Administration, BG AAUW Branch and the Fund for the Study of Sport & Diversity.

When I was a high school student (30 years ago or so), athletes were boys. Girl athletes were rare, trivialized, and to be viewed with suspicion. After all, girls' "proper" role in the world of sports was as cheerleaders. For boys.

Fast forward a couple of decades: my daughter tries out for, and makes, the high school junior varsity girls' soccer team. Her boyfriend also tries out for soccer (the boys' team), but does not make the cut. Is this turn of events a tragic blow to his delicate, emerging masculinity, as it would have been when I was their age? Is he mortified that his girlfriend has achieved an athletic goal that he has failed to achieve himself? No. To his credit—and to the credit of Title IX—his response is, "Well, I'm disappointed...but at least I'll have time to go to her games and cheer her on." In other words, he will be her cheerleader.

Perhaps the most dramatically visible impact of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972--the statute barring sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal funds—is what it has meant for college and high school athletics. Since the law's enactment, girls' and women's participation, scholarships, and share of athletics budgets have grown substantially. Furthermore, in direct refutation of anti-Title IX arguments, a new study released by the [Women's Sports Foundation](#) found that increased women's athletic participation since the inception of Title IX has NOT caused men's participation to decline. In fact, both genders have seen an increase in participation and funding since the implementation of Title IX. In other words, benefits to girls/women haven't come at the expense of boys/men.

Title IX's has changed the playing field dramatically for girls and women in sports. AAUW believes that Title IX should not be weakened, because (among other reason) expansion of athletic opportunities for girls and women repeatedly show:

- Girls thrive when they participate in sports and are less likely to get pregnant, drop out of school, do drugs, smoke, or develop mental illness.
- Girls who participate in sports develop a strong work ethic and good school habits. Graduation rates are significantly higher for female athletes (68 percent) than for female students in general (59 percent).
- Participation in sports teaches women important professional lessons that have life-long influence. Eighty percent of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports while growing up, and 82 percent of executive business-women played sports.
- Athletics can offer students a ticket to higher education, since the opportunity to play sports helps low-income students who could not otherwise pay for college.
- Organized sports provide opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and competition. Organized sports offer personal contacts with adult role models who can provide guidance and support.

So, hooray for Title IX and female athletes of all ages (and hooray for their cheerleaders, too)!

Submitted by Mary Kreuger

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

Program Vice Presidents-Barbara Henry & Lynn Pearson

Membership Vice Presidents-Susan Peet & Lona Leck

Recording Secretary-Jean Gerard

Corresponding Secretary-Joy Potthoff

Treasurer-Linda Hamilton

Educational Foundation-Adriene Knight

Local Scholarship Fundraising-Betty Jean Anderson

Legal Advocacy Fund-Margaret Weinberger

Public Information/Publicity-Barb Toth

Public Policy-Mary Krueger

University Liaison/Scholarships-Lisa Cesarini

Social-Beth Hofer

Awards-Phyllis Henry

Newsletter-Kathy Beattie & Stacey Frey

BE WISE Camp-Ellen Dalton

By-Laws-Cindy Whipple

Literature Interest Group-Holly Norton

STARZ Award-Marie Johnson

Web Manager-Sue Bigaila

Diversity/International/Global Affairs-Jan Twork

Great Decisions Series-Radhika Gajjala & Beth Hofer

State Board Members from the Bowling Green Branch

President—Diane Regan

Parliamentarian—Mary Ellen Pratt

VP for Educational Foundation—Deborah Wooldridge

Northwest District Coordinator—Fiona MacKinnon

Administrative Coordinator—Mary Lou Johnson

2008-2009 AAUW BG Committees



Social Committee

Beth Hofer, Chairperson

1. Deb McLean
2. Janet Parks
3. Adriene Knight
4. Marie Johnson
5. Marilyn Wentland
6. Evelyn Bachman

Scholarship Selection Committee

Lisa Cesarini, Chairperson

1. Mary Krueger
2. Lynn Ward
3. Jean Gerard
4. Debra Zappitelli
5. Sarah Harrison

Elder Beerman Community Day Committee Fall/Spring

Diane Regan, Chairperson

1. Beth Casey
2. Linda Hamilton
3. Deborah Wooldridge

Special Event Fundraising Committee for Scholarships

1. Barb Henry
2. Adriene Knight
3. Deborah Wooldridge
4. Margaret Wienberger
5. Betty Jean Anderson
6. Lisa Cesarini



Awards Committee

Phyllis Henry, Chairperson

1. Mary Ellen Pratt
2. Linda Hamilton
3. Rose De Hoyas-Gonzalez'

Be Wise Camp Committee

Ellen Dalton, Chairperson

1. Lisa McHugh Cesarini
2. Marie Johnson
3. Margaret Wienberger
4. Maria Simon

Diversity/International/

Global Committee

Jan Twork, Chairperson

1. Adriene Knight
2. Susan A. Macias
3. Rose De Hoyas-Gonzalez'

Nominating Committee

1. Marilyn Wentland
- 2.
- 3

Great Decisions Committee

1. Beth Hofer
2. Radhika Gajala
3. Marilyn Wentland
- 4.

Ohio AAUW Annual State Leadership Conference Well Attended



The annual state leadership conference of AAUW, the American Association of University Women (otherwise known as the American Association for Unifying Women) was held on August 16, 2008 at Ohio Wesleyan University and was facilitated by Diane Regan, State of Ohio President. Approximately sixty women in AAUW leadership positions from branches across Ohio attended the event. Those attending from the Bowling Green Branch were Mary Lou Johnson, Diane Regan, Adriene Knight, Barbara Henry, Fiona MacKinnon and Deborah Wooldridge.

AAUW was created 150 years ago and continues as a dynamic, vital organization with over 100,000 members. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity in education and employment for women and girls and to reduce the economic, social and cultural barriers that thwart personal and professional goals. The local branches and the national organization focus on issues such as pay equity, financial literacy, family leave, reproductive rights, sexual harassment in college and the workplace, sustainable development, high school and college graduation rates, barriers hindering women and girls in education and the work place.

The leadership development program was divided into five areas of discussion that evolved from a new leadership development DVD created by the national organization: AAUW Mission, AAUW Value Promise, Leadership Development, Membership Matters, Breaking Barriers, Advocacy, Current Projects, SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) Analysis, and Conclusions.

Focus on the AAUW Mission – all members and officers should be prepared with an “elevator statement” to persuade prospective members to join the organization. Examples of the organizations’ activities are most influential when persuading women to join AAUW. Always carry a few membership forms in your bag for prospective members. Timing is everything.

AAUW Value Promise – states that all members, old and new, will be actively involved in the key mission of the organization influencing societal institutions on behalf of women. In the past branches have been distracted by peripheral issues, but the new strategic mission promises that women joining the organization will have the opportunity to work to level the playing field as well as the paying field.

Leadership Development – the leadership must be “clear, compelling, constructive, and consistent in communicating and demonstrating who we are and what we stand for.” President Regan suggested that within the branches “leaders share responsibilities and demonstrate authentic commitment to the mission of the organization; start early to identify and develop branch leaders; create job assignments that are smaller, easier, more flexible; and use technology, work from home, and encourage online collaboration.” As many branch members as possible should be involved in leadership of some kind on behalf of women.

Membership Matters – continuing the AAUW legacy is critical for continuing the agenda of the organization. Equity has not yet been achieved in this society. AAUW suggests that members target potential members who may be friends, community leaders, and activists already working in the community. Posting fliers throughout the community brings visibility and advertises that new members are always welcome. Food is always a draw.

Breaking Barriers – Each community needs to assess the barriers that hinder women and girls. In Wood County, for example, domestic violence, literacy, and adjustment of immigrant populations are barriers to the success of women.

Advocacy – Branches can distribute AAUW research, send voter e-Cards, communicate with State and national legislators, and use women-to-women voter turn out guides to advocate for women’s issues. Even though the pay equity bill passed in Congress Senator Voinovich voted against it. Members may wish to call his office (202-224-3121) and express their disappointment in his vote. We must work to place more women in elected positions at the local and national levels. Branches should designate a member to track important legislation at the local, State and national levels.

Current Projects – (a) Ohio branches of AAUW are distributing *The Little Book* to the public schools to help Ohio seniors pass the Ohio Graduation Test. The pass rate on the OGT was 21.6% until the students had *The Little Book* to help them better understand the Social Studies component of the test. (b) The National Girls Collaborative Project was initiated in the Puget Sound area and provides grants of \$1,000 from the National Science Foundation for those who can provide STEM enrichment programs for girls. At this time Khris Blair provides a very successful computer enrichment camp for girls in Wood County. The BG Branch donated \$300 for T-shirts for the girls attending the camp.

SWOT Analysis – Branches should complete a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis to better understand the internal and external environment impinging on the status of the local branch before developing the agenda for the year. A realistic appraisal will be useful in determining the direction for action that the branch wishes to undertake.

Conclusions – AAUW is realigning under the direction of Linda Hallman, the new Executive Director. This planning process will take two years to filter through branches to the national organization and back again.

Submitted by Fiona MacKinnon
NW Ohio District Coordinator

Living 
the Mission



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. Fund.

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:
 Joan Gordon
 Treasurer
 1446 Conneaut Ave
 Bowling Green OH 43402

15th Annual Latino Issues Conference

15th Annual ~~October 15, 2008~~

The 15th Annual Latino Issues Conference will be held in 101 Olscamp on Wednesday, October 15 starting at 8:30 AM and ending at 4:30 PM. This year's conference theme is "The Education of Latinos: Where Do We Go From Here?" Thirteen student and faculty speakers will speak on topics including "Pre-School to Grade 12," "Higher Education Pipeline," "Language and Identity," and "Schools and Communities."

The conference's keynote speaker is Dr. Rosita Lopez from Northern Illinois University. Her topic is "*Latinos in Education: Positioning for the Future.*"

Dr. Lopez is a Professor and previous faculty chair of the Department of Educational Administration and School Business Management, Department of Leadership and Educational Policy Studies, at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb, Illinois. She received the Top Ten Teaching Award for outstanding teaching performance from Northern Illinois University. She has also authored and published numerous articles and publications.

Encourage your students to attend this informative event sponsored by: BGSU-Vice President for Student Affairs, BGSU-College of Education and Human Development, BGSU-Romance Languages Department, BGSU-Family and Consumer Sciences, BGSU-Human Relations Commission and BG AAUW.

The conference is FREE, but the lunch buffet is \$9.00 and starts at noon. Make your lunch reservations by calling 419-372-2642 by Tuesday, October 13.

Please Note: The Latino Issues Conference new location is 101 Olscamp.

