



AAUW Action @ BG

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

SEPTEMBER 2009

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 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bowling Green Country Club. The brunch event was the first event for the membership year for the organization. More than forty-five members and guests 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 Dr. Janet Parks, BGSU Professor Emeriti and Ms. Diane Regan, who is AAUW Ohio State. Regan encouraged the membership to continue working for women's equality, which remains an issue in America. Dr. Parks and Ms. Regan presentation was on Title IX: Implications for Women in Sport and Education." The presentation allowed us to remember the past and focus on what still needs completion since equity is still an issue. The

DVD set can be found at <https://www.wbgu.org/shop/index.php?productID=350>



Genevieve Simon and Leela Singh updated us on the Creativity Counts=Let's Read Math Project that was co-sponsored by BG Zonta, Wood County Library and BG AAUW from a generous BG Community Foundation grant. They averaged 40 children participating in the summer project encouraging young children to embrace math.

Genevieve and Leela were both participants in Be Wise Camp.

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 14, 2009.



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New Members for 2009-2010!

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Welcome to New Members for 2009-2010

Marisa Aguilera- Wells
Bonnie Fink
Sheryl Johnson
Andrew Peet
Michelle Rodhams
Dana Root
Amy Rybak
Sarah Jefferson

Racheal Otto
Kim Fleshman
Lori Lamb
Dawn Glanz
Grace Mbungu
Michelle Simmons
Scott Townley
Sarah Rainey



AAUW Exercise Challenge Kick-off Night

When: Monday, September 28th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Where: BG Community Center

1245 W. Newton Road

Bowling Green, OH 43402

What to Wear: Comfortable Athletic Clothing and tennis shoes

What to Expect: Explanation of BG AAUW Exercise Challenge by Katy Townley

20-30 minutes Sample Exercises by Diane Beck

Information of Group Exercise Classes Offered in Bowling Green

Who: Open to Public

Co-Sponsors: BG Community Center and BG AAUW

Great way to improve health and network with others!

Message from the BG Branch President

For 2009-2010, our programming will be mission driven again. *One of the goals this year is to continue community visibility through partnerships. We will have a series of events, which focus on women's health and wellness also. During the fall, we are partners with the:*

BG Community Center Fitness Challenge on September 28, acknowledging National Fitness Day, which supports health and wellness for women.

BGSU Women's Center on October 5 with the Silent Witness Program, which supports AAUW's focus on community action and advocacy and economic security for women and girls.

League of Women Voters on October 25 with the Candidates Forum, which supports the AAUW Women to Women Voter Turnout Program.

BGSU Student Money Management Service on October 12, with a workshop on Money Management for Secondary Teachers, which supports AAUW's focus on an economically secure future and community.

Community partnerships and community engagement are essential to getting out the message about our mission and the exciting work of the BG AAUW Branch in the areas of advocacy, education and research.

For those of you that may not be able to attend all the programs or want to read some interesting fiction and non-fiction, I urge you to read and discuss some of the books listed at http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/07.cfm. The AAUW International Affairs Committee has published a list of suggested books on experiences of women around the globe at http://www.aauw.org/international_corner/index.cfm. Another opportunity is attending the book group lead by Holly Norton. Many BG Branch members are reading the BGSU common reading *This I Believe* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gedi-man. **I challenge each member to read the book and write an "I Believe Statement"**. I would like to publish some of your Belief Statements in our monthly BG AAUW newsletter. Staying informed and intellectually stimulated are ways that we as AAUW members can address advocacy, education and research. Stay informed and be involved in the community because equity is still an issue!

Thank you Nancy
for your
continuous
support!

A generous donation from artist, Nancy Leetch was on display at the Brunch. Raffle tickets are sold and the proceeds go toward the Be Wise Camp. The winner of the lovely watercolor painting will be announced at the meeting in April.



Donation from Artist Nancy Leetch

Silent Witness Project

On Monday, October 5th, the BGSU Women's Center will unveil the 2009 NW Ohio Silent Witness Project collection. The event will take place at the Dayspring Assembly of God Church from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The Silent Witness Project is a national initiative created to draw attention to the prevalence of domestic violence, encourage prevention and intervention, and honor the memories of women and girls who lost their lives to abusive partners.

There have been **55** domestic violence homicides in NW Ohio in the past decade, including seven in the past year alone.

AAUW has co-sponsored this event for the past several years—a fact for which I am very grateful. I am writing to encourage AAUW members to attend the Unveiling on October 5th.

Thanks so much!!!

Mary Krueger

Announcement

"Title IX: Implications for Women in Sport and Education"

If you want more information about the DVD set presented at the AAUW Brunch, "Title IX: Implications for Women in Sport and Education" go to the this link: <https://www.wbgu.org/shop/index.php?productID=350>

At this site, they will find an annotated table of contents, the opening clip, and ordering information. Perhaps some of you would like to purchase a set to donate to a local school or library.

Reminder: The complete set will air in 3 parts on WBGU-PBS: Sundays, Oct. 4, 11, 18--at 7:00 p.m.



CONTRIBUTE \$5 TO LAF AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A \$50 KROGER GIFT CARD

Look for the LAF "jug" and the LAF Lady at the September brunch and enter the raffle for a \$50 Kroger Gift Card that can be used for groceries or gasoline. For each \$5 that you donate to LAF, your name will be put into the "jug" for the drawing to be held at our December meeting.

Make out your check to: AAUW and at the bottom left corner of your check, note LAF. **Do not make checks out to AAUW BG Branch.**

Thanks for supporting LAF!

Marilynn Wentland, LAF Chair



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 2009-10 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 2009-2010

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 Social-Beth Hofer
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 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 -Jan Twork
 Great Decisions Series/ International Affairs-Beth Hofer

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President—Diane Regan
 Parliamentarian—Mary Ellen Pratt
 VP for Educational Foundation—Deborah Wooldridge
 VP for Program—Fiona MacKinnon
 Administrative Coordinator—Mary Lou Johnson

2009-2010 AAUW BG Committees



Social Committee

Beth Hofer, Chairperson

1. Adriene Knight
2. Deborah Wooldridge
3. Barbara Henry

Scholarship Selection Committee

Lisa Cesarini, Chairperson

1. Jean Gerard
2. Fiona MacKinnon
3. Mary Krueger
4. Debra Zappitelli
5. Sarah Harrison
6. Marchia Sutter

Elder Beerman Community Day Committee Fall/Spring

1. Adriene Knight
2. Beth Hofer
3. Marilyn Wentland

Book Sale Committee

Adriene Knight, Chairperson

1. Diane Regan
2. Marilyn Wentland



Be Wise Camp Fundraising Committee

1. Betty Jean Anderson
2. Deborah Wooldridge

Awards Committee

Phyllis Henry, Chairperson

1. Mary Ellen Pratt
2. Mary Krueger
3. Mariana Mitova
4. Chris Haar

Diversity/Committee

Jan Twork, Chairperson

1. Adriene Knight
2. Marisa Aguilera
3. Lori Lamb

Great Decisions Committee

Beth Hofer, Chairperson

1. Joy Potthoff
2. Deborah Wooldridge

Be Wise Camp Committee

Ellon Dalton, Chairperson

1. Fiona MacKinnon

BG AAUW 2009 - 2010 Programming



AAUW Annual Program 2009-2010

Suggested theme: Equity for women and girls in health and fitness

September

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2009

Topic: "Champagne Brunch" Membership

Drive

Speakers: Janet Parks and Diane Regan "Patsy Mink and Title IX"

Venue: Bowling Green Country Club

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Date: September 28, 2009

Topic: National Fitness Day & Fitness Challenge

Venue: BG Community Center

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Website: <http://www.fitnessday.com/women/index.htm>

October

Date: October 5, 2009

Topic: Silent Witness Program

Speaker: Co-Sponsor with BG Women's Center

Venue: Dayspring Assembly of God Church

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Date: October 25, 2009

Topic: Candidates' Forum-- Co-Sponsor with League of Women Voters

Venue: First Methodist Church

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

November

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009

Topic: Elder-Beerman Community Day Fund raiser

Venue: BG Elder-Beerman Store

Time: TBA

December

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009

Topic: "Winter Solstice Dinner and Donor Recognition"

Music: BGSU School of Music

Venue: Bowling Green Country Club

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 2010

Date: January 23 - February 27, 2010

Topic: Great Decisions

Speakers: TBA

Venue: Senior Center

Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am

February

Date: February 13, 2010

Topic: "Women & Health"

Speaker: Dr. Bonnie Berger - Sports Psychologist followed by demonstration session

And fitness challenge check-in

Venue: Wood County Community Center

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

March

Date: March 18, 2010

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

April

Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 17-18, 2010

Topic: "Ohio AAUW State Meeting and Equity Issue Day"

Venue: Holiday Inn in Worthington Ohio

Website: www.aauwoh.org

Date: April 22, 2010

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

Speaker: Recognition of Pay Equity Day &

Presentation of Scholarship Winners

Installation of New Officers

Venue: BG Women's Club

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm