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

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Message from the BG Branch President

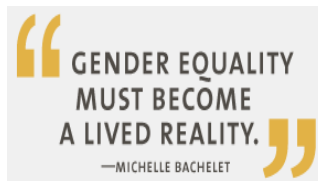
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Remember equity is still an issue!

The Commission on the Status of Women held the 55th Session in New York February 22 – March 4, 2011. The priority issue for this year's commission is access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology. Priority themes on the Commission's agenda for the period 2010-2014 are:

- 2010 - Review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and its contribution to shaping a gender perspective towards the full realization of the Millennium Development Goals
- 2011 - Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work.
- 2012 - The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges
- 2013 - Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls



2014 - Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls Michelle Bachelet, former president of Chile and under-secretary-general and executive director of the newly minted entity U.N. Women spoke at the 55th U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. She delivered an opening message stressing the importance of U.N. Women linking with civil society. Bachelet noted that "civil society is the interlocutor that brings the voices of women and girls to the table." The U.N. Women, which was created last year to bring together U.N. entities related to gender equality and women's empowerment. Although education is universally stressed as a major vehicle for empowering women and girls, Bachelet reminded us that "education alone is not enough for women to gain access to decent work." She also spoke frankly of the need to fully fund the agency for it to be effective and of our roles as citizens in advocating for governmental support. You can read more about the



Session at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/55sess.htm#panel1> and tap into the webcast at <http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html>.

As we all know, “AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. I believe we are thinking about the future in our efforts. It's not just about where we are today, it's about where we want to be tomorrow. Change and advocacy take time.” With this in mind as well as the Priority themes on the Commission’s agenda for the period 2010-2014, we need to focus our efforts on education of women and girls as well as increasing an interest in science and technology. Pay Equity approaches in April and this is an opportune time to let our voices be heard about equity in education and pay.

I encourage you to view the video of the segment on pay equity featuring AAUW on the MSNBC website at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/22710673#22710673>. AAUW's Behind the Pay Gap report and the subject of pay equity were prominently featured on the NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams special series "The Truth About Boys and Girls." The segment features Catherine Hill, author of the report and AAUW director of research, and Janet Conney, a former LAF plaintiff and an AAUW member.

Another thing you can do is review some of the research reports published by AAUW. AAUW has been at the forefront of research on issues of women and education for decades. In 1992, *How Schools Shortchange Girls* was published. This report launched a decade of activism on gender equity in education. Since that time, AAUW has published reports on various topics such as including girls in science, sex discrimination in academia, women and online learning, sexual harassment in schools, the impact of Title IX, Latinas in schools, and single-sex education and the like. The latest report is *Behind the Pay Gap*. The legacy of research continues. Go to www.AAUW.org for more information on the publications through the decades. Remember that equity is still an issue and we need to continue to support research, education and public policy for all women and girls.

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 Online for the latest
 News and events:
<http://www.aauwoh.org>





AAZW Celebrates International Women's Day

Thursday, March 10, 2011

"Enhancing Self-Esteem through Dance Expression"

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mingling

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner

***6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Belly Dance Presentation and Lecture
by Laura Shakti, Radiance Studio***

Naslada Bistro

182 S. Main Street

Downtown Bowling Green

Menu

Potato Leek Soup

Chicken Rolé with Prosciutto Ham with Smoked Cheese Sauce

House Salad & Stuffed Bread

Espresso Carmel Bars

Coffee, Soda or Tea

****Cash Bar Available: Variety of European Wines***

50/50 Raffle Drawing

Purchase Event Tickets by March 7: \$25 per person at Naslada Bistro or

Contact: Beth Hofer at

huskyhaven@gmail.com or 419-686-3707

****Proceeds will go towards AAZW-BC Branch Scholarships and meal costs***

AAUW Represented at Readings in Diversity Event

On January 24, the Office of Multicultural Affairs in conjunction with the Africana Studies department sponsored the “Readings in Diversity” event. This is the first program in the 2011 BGSU Diversity Dialogue Series. Students, faculty and staff were invited to volunteer and share their favorite readings, poetry, stories, and ethnic dances. Over one hundred participants attended to increase their awareness and engagement the BGSU community with topics and conversations about diversity, inclusion, equity in education, social justice issues, unlawful discrimination and more.

AAUW President Deborah Wooldridge recited the *Thirteen* by Marianne Aweagon Broyle in remembrance of her Native American great grandmother Minnie Caroline. She prefaced the reading by discussing the influence of the Native American culture on her grandmother, mother and he. Dr. Wooldridge also discussed her great grandmother’s struggle as a pioneer women and a single mother of five living in the Oklahoma Territory. She related the poem to her great grandmother’s strong will to preserve some of her heritage through “not cutting her braids”. The poem talks about cutting of the braids by many Native Americans in Oklahoma and then the family tradition of saving the braids so that those who assimilated into the dominate culture can someday comeback to their native culture. This practice is still observed today in many families.

--Jan Twork, BG AAUW Board Member



Mark your Calendar and Join us for the Annual Business Meeting

Thursday, March 17th

6:00 – 8:00 pm

BG Country Club

Celebrating Outstanding Women/Annual Business Meeting

Great Decisions Lecture Series 2011 Ends Strong

The Great Decisions Lecture Series concluded on February 26 with more than 70 participants in the program. Topics included responding to the financial crisis, sanctions, security issues in Africa, U.S. National Security, Issues in Germany and Caucasus. All sessions were facilitated by BGSU Professors. This was a collaborative community project by AAUW BG, Wood County Committee on Aging, and BG Women's Club. Kudos to AAUW Board members Beth Hofer and Joy Potthoff for their time and effort on this project.



AAUW Public Policy Notes

Be Wise Camp (<http://www.bewisecamp.org/>)

Encourage girls you know – grandchildren, daughters, and neighbors – to apply to *Be Wise Camp* from June 12-17, 2011 at Denison University. Fun science and math activities will grab the attention of any young woman. AAUW pays a half scholarship of \$240 and the family pays the other half of the registration, \$240. Current sixth and seventh graders are eligible. Contact Fiona MacKinnon at 419-354-4633 or fionajdmackinnon@gmail.com.

Preserve Women's Health Care. According to AAUW being a woman is a pre-existing condition for many insurance companies. A Cæsarian section, breast or cervical cancer, medical treatment for domestic abuse or sexual violence may be considered pre-existing conditions. If the law is repealed sons and daughters up to the age of 26 will no longer be covered. To repeal the law will hurt women and their families. Go to the AAUW Two Minute Activist <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=22733506> to make your wishes known.

Submitted by Fiona MacKinnon

**Thank you Holly
for your
continuous
support!**

Join us at Grounds for Thought!

The Literature Group meets the first Saturday of each month, except for January and July, at Grounds for Thought at noon. Meetings usually last until 2:30, depending on how many attend. We start with lunch and then begin discussion. Rather than discussing the same book, each of us choose a book that we've read in the past month. We welcome you to join us at any time, even if you can't make it to all of the meetings.

Holly Norton

Soap for Hope

BG AAUW has a new project this with Victims Services in Behavioral Connections. Victims Services helps women every year through domestic violence and sexual assault situations. Many domestic violence victims must escape an abusive relationship and leave with no personal possessions and very limited access to necessities that they and their children need for survival. With all the stressors involved with getting out of an abusive relationship Victims Services tries to help by providing necessary items such as food and toiletries that will help clients in their transition. Although a client's life may be in turmoil and they are not sure which way to turn, comfort can be found in the simple and recognizable; such as having clean clothes for herself and her children.

Victims Services hands out about 5 bottles of detergent a month which adds up to them spending, an average, of \$565 dollars a year on laundry detergent for women and their children. As a non-profit organization coming up with this money annually is a struggle, and they are looking for our help to continue this much needed service.

As an organization we have an ongoing commitment of providing 5 bottles of laundry detergent a month or 60 bottles for the year. That only adds up to 1 bottle per member or a personal commitment of \$5-\$8 dollars.

If you would like to donate 100 oz bottles of detergent, please bring bottles to to my office in JH 217 or to Mariana Mitova at Naslada Restaurant on Main Street. Mariana and I will deliver the detergent to Behavioral Connections.

87th Annual AAUW Ohio Convention

“Women and Their World”

Saturday, April 9, & Sunday, April 10, 2011

Quaker Square Inn, Akron



The branches in the Northeast District will be your host for the 16th Equity Day and the 87th Annual Meeting and Convention. Plan to bring some first-timers so they can see and hear what we are doing, meet state board members, make new friends, and participate in the Silent Auction, with all proceeds going to the AAUW Funds. For more details, visit <http://aauwoh.org/>

Breaking Through Barriers: Advocating for Change

June 16-19, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

2011 AAUW Convention Registration Now Open

Convention Best-Value Registration for AAUW members is only \$399 and is being offered until Jan. 21. For more information and to register, visit the convention site at

<http://convention.aauw.org/index.aspx>



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.

¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2010-11 reading selections are available at the Association website: <http://www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/titles.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 Programs for 2010-2011September

Date: Saturday, September 18th
Time: 10:00 am - noon
Venue: BG Country Club
Topic: Champagne Brunch/Membership Drive
Speaker: Pat Milhoff, State AAUW President

Date: Thursday, September 30th
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Venue: Halstead Room, FCS
Topic: One Bowling Green campaign
Speaker: Kim Welter, Jane Rosser

October

Date: Thursday, October 14th
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg
Topic: Silent Witness Project Unveiling (co-sponsor with BGSU Women's Center)

Date: Sunday, October 17th
Time: 7:00 pm
Venue: First United Methodist Church
Topic: Candidates Forum (co-sponsor with League of Women Voters)
Speakers: candidates

November

Date: Friday, November 12th
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 pm (book-signing and refreshments after)
Venue: BGSU Women's Center
Topic: *Living in the Heartland: Three Extraordinary Ohio Women's Stories*
Speaker: Pam Ferris-Olsen

December

Date: Sunday, December 5th
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Venue: BG Country Club
Topic: Winter Celebration/Donor Recognition
Entertainment: College of Musical Arts Graduate Students

January

Date: Saturdays, January 22 – February 26
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am
Venue: BG Senior Center
Topic: Global Issues
Speaker: BGSU Faculty

February

Date: Saturday, February 19
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Venue: BG City Park
Topic: BG Winterfest Chili Cook-off

March

Date: March 10, 2011
Time: 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Venue: Naslada Restaurant
Topic: International Women's Day and Scholarship Fundraiser
Speaker: Laura Shakti

Date: Thursday, March 17th
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Venue: BG Country Club
Topic: Celebrating Outstanding Women/Annual Business Meeting

April

Date: Thursday, April 21st
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Venue: Bowling Green Women's Club
Topic: Deli Buffet, Scholarship Winners, Installation of New Officers
Speaker: TBA

From your friendly public policy watch dog -- Fiona MacKinnon

A democracy works only when citizens pay attention!

Send comments on this issue of the newsletter to:

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Kathy Beattie (kbeatti@bgsu.edu)

BG Branch Leadership

BG Executive Board for 2010-2011

President-Deborah Wooldridge

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Membership Vice Presidents-Susan Peet, Katy Townley & Linda Hobbs

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Local Scholarship Fundraising-Betty Jean Anderson

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Public Policy-Fiona MacKinnon

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Social-Beth Hofer

Awards-Mariana Mitova

Newsletter-Kathy Beattie

BE WISE Camp-Fiona MacKinnon

By-Laws-Cindy Whipple

Literature Interest Group-Holly Norton

STARZ Award-Marie Johnson

Web Manager-Sue Bigaila

Diversity -Jan Twork

Great Decisions Series-Beth Hofer

State Board Members from the Bowling Green Branch

Past President—Diane Regan

VP for AAUW Funds—Adriene Knight

VP for Program—Deborah Wooldridge



2010-2011 BRANCH DUES REPORT FORM

Dues Year: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Be part of a professional organization dedicated to making positive societal change for women and girls

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: \$70

For Treasurer's Use Only		MEMBERS:	
New MOB	Amount for dues: \$	If you recruited this member or if you are sponsoring her in some way, please print your name here.	
Renewing MOB			
Student Affiliate (\$20)	Amount donated for each:	Make check payable to: AAUW BG Branch Mail this form and your check to: Linda Hamilton Treasurer 977 Deer Ridge Run Bowling Green, OH 43402-4485	
Life (MBL) (\$18)	Local Scholarship		
Honorary Life (HMBL)	Be Wise Camp		
Dual	Educ. Foundation		
Transfer	Legal Advocacy Fund		
C/U Representative	Total Amount		
Special Promotion	Donated: \$		
Breakdown of dues:	Total Amt of Check: \$		
\$49 Association	(Dues plus Donations)		
\$11 State			
\$9 Branch			
\$1 Educ. Fnd.			

NOTE: A portion of your AAUW dues may be deductible as a charitable contribution within the limits of the IRS tax code, i. e. \$46. Some members may be able to deduct dues as ordinary and necessary business expenses.