



CAP & GOWN

*the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, OH Branch
of the American Association of University Women*

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The Book Sale Barrels are out! Tell your friends we are now collecting donations.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tues, Sept 4

Board Meeting, 5:00 PM

Sat, Sept 22

Branch Potluck Picnic for Families!



WELCOME TO THE NEW BRANCH YEAR!

The fun begins with a **Family Potluck Picnic** in Yoctangee Park

Location: Heilman Shelter

(behind the swimming pool and volleyball courts, just north of the Pump House)

Saturday, September 22

Noon—3:00 PM

Lunch to be served at 12:15 PM



What to bring? a dish to share, serving spoon, beverages, lawn chairs

(Service ware and tablecloths will be provided.)

Games are being planned for children AND adults.
Both physical and tabletop games will be available.

Special FUNdraiser: Brown Bag Silent Auction

(see directions about how to play later in this newsletter)

Do you know people who might like to join AAUW? Invite them to come along!
The Mayor and his wife have been invited and they plan to attend.

QUESTIONS? Call Jean Ziogas or Karla Hanson, Program Co-Chairs

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

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks 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.



HOW TO PLAY IN THE BROWN BAG SILENT AUCTION AT THE PICNIC

A fun game is being planned for the picnic. It will surely make us laugh and create a lot of happy memories of the day. Here is what you are invited to do:

- 1 Find something in your home which you are willing to “pass on” to some lucky bidder. This item can be useful, unusual, silly, homemade, whimsical, ornery, or wonderful!
- 2 Place it carefully inside a brown grocery bag. Remember, bidders will be allowed to gently shake your bag to try to guess what may be inside.
- 3 Staple the bag shut so no one can peek inside. To attract the attention of bidders, and pique their curiosity, you may want to decorate the bag in some eye-catching way.
- 4 Bring your brown bag auction item to the picnic. People will have two hours to outbid each other for your special surprise. When the auction closes at 2 PM, the highest bidders win! Then all the brown bags will be opened and we will enjoy seeing what “treasures” have been purchased!

All the money raised by this silent auction will go into our Fundraising fund for Branch projects.

NECKLACE PROJECT SALES OPPORTUNITY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Last year, we sold a lot of our beautiful handmade, crocheted necklaces. On Saturday, November 10th, we have an opportunity to sell the remaining 50+ necklaces at the Altrusa Holiday Bazaar. The day is from 9 AM—2 PM. We are looking for 4 volunteers to work a 3 hour shift each. The first pair will do the set-up at 8 AM and work through 11 o'clock. The second pair will work from 11 AM through the end of the event and then clean-up. Both shifts will require carrying card tables and supplies. Because this is a very popular and well-attended community shopping event, selling our necklaces here would be a very easy way for us to raise funds for our Branch projects. If you want to commit to this project, please call or email Maryjo soon. The booth registration must be sent to Altrusa by the end of August. We need to have all four volunteers before we commit to the Bazaar.

APPRECIATIONS

Many thanks to Anne Holmes and Karen Rieder for repainting the Book Sale collection barrels a nice bright teal. The barrels were distributed August 13. Be sure to look for them at Community Market, Western Ave. Dominos, Bennett Hall and Shoemaker Center at OU-C, Schelgel's (new location this year), Office Max, and the Corner Market east of town. Six people have stepped forward to monitor and empty the barrels each day until Friday, September 28, just before Super Sort Saturday.

We appreciate the years of leadership and service given by our out-going Board Officers: Rita Long-Program Chair, Diane Bambenek-Membership Chair, Chelsea Chenault-Membership Chair. Each woman received a token of our esteem at the Summer Social— a handmade bookmark and Book World gift certificate.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We are very pleased to announce that MARY LOU THOMPSON has been selected at the 2013 Branch Honoree for the OU-C Scholarship. Congratulations! See Mary Lou receive her award at the September picnic.

At the August Board meeting, a draft budget for the new year was approved. This budget will be distributed with the September *Cap & Gown* and voted upon by the membership at the October meeting. The budget has a positive cash flow, with reserved funds.

We are in the application process for a Branch 501-c-3 non-profit charitable organization status from the IRS. With the approval of our application, we would be able to solicit and receive charitable gifts from members, friends, and grant sources. This has been a dream for a long time and 2013 will be the year we make it happen.

As you know, our Branch retains only \$9 of the membership dues we each pay annually. In drafting Branch goals for 2013, the Board has again included \$1,500 fundraising in addition to the Book Sale proceeds. This additional money will be used for Branch projects beyond scholarships. Because last winter's Wine Tasting event was such a success, raising over \$2,200, we are exploring another "tasting" event. *Chocolate, cheese, or kebobs, perhaps?* More to follow.

The new Yearbook will be printed soon and distributed at the September picnic. To be included in it, you must be a member in good standing and have paid your dues. If you still need to take care of your membership renewal, please send your check and renewal form to Karen Rieder quickly.

REPORT FROM THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY *by Karen Rieder*

The AAUW Leadership Conference took place on August 11 at Otterbein College. The discussion involved how an effective leader motivates groups, in any situation. Also included were topical issues such as redistricting and voter suppression and how important every vote is. Also discussed was public policy. Jackie Evangelista is Ohio AAUW's Public Policy Chair and she is seeking a volunteer to handle Public Policy in the S.E. Ohio district - to report on voting records of our representatives. We also had a presenter who spoke about the school voucher system. Seven hundred billion dollars was spent nationwide on vouchers in the past and there is no demand for accountability. The University of Toledo chancellor spoke about diversity and how women are sometimes their own worst enemies. She recommended the book Tripping the Prom Queen (the truth about women and rivalry) by Susan Shapiro Barash. There were also break-out sessions dealing with philanthropy, diversity in membership, developing a web format, and programming for branches.

It was announced that the state convention will be held April 5-7, 2013 at the Newark Metropolitan Hotel in Newark, Ohio with the theme being "An AAUW Tapestry -Weaving the Threads of Engagement, Enrichment and Empowerment". (Editor's Note: Our Branch will be a host of this convention, along with other southeast District branches.)

MESSAGES FROM AAUW NATIONAL

Exercise Your Right to Vote on Important AAUW Matters

Dear Fellow AAUW Member,

All members can help direct the future of AAUW by participating in our One Member, One Vote process. From now through November 15, 2012, you can propose bylaws amendments and resolutions on our website. Beginning in October, you can also propose changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. In spring 2013, all members in good standing will be eligible to vote on those proposals and for candidates for national office.

In addition to proposing bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program changes, you can discuss these proposals and share your ideas with others online through our [One Member, One Vote](#) website. And, once the candidates are announced, you will also be able to “meet” them online through biographies, video, and candidate links. Stay tuned for frequent website and other online updates, and watch for important voter information in the upcoming Winter and Spring/Summer issues of *AAUW Outlook*.

In 2013, voting will take place online—because it is fast, easy, secure, and green!—but members may request to have a paper ballot mailed to them if needed. Online voting begins April 15, 2013, and closes at 9 p.m. CDT on June 10, 2013; online voting will also be available at the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. The request period for paper ballots is April 1, 2013, through May 2, 2013; paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2013, to be counted.

All members are encouraged to explore the One Member, One Vote site and participate in the discussions about the 2013 election online. Here’s how you can get started: From the AAUW home page, click on [Member Center](#) (in the top right corner), log in with your member ID, and then select [One Member, One Vote](#) from the list on the left. On the same page, you’ll also see a link for [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) if you need more information.

You can always find your member ID on the *AAUW Outlook* mailing label or by using the [Member ID Lookup](#) available on the log-in page of the Member Center.

We look forward to your participation in AAUW’s 2013 election!

Sincerely yours,

Linda D. Hallman, CAE
AAUW Executive Director

Don’t Miss the 130th Anniversary Graduate Student Membership Rate!

Do you know women who are studying for their Master degree? Yes? Be sure to tell them about a special opportunity to join AAUW and our Branch. Time is running out for graduate students to take advantage of a unique opportunity to join the AAUW community for only \$18.81. Make sure graduate students near you know about this great deal to gain access to groundbreaking research, information on relevant issues, and local & national networks for professional and personal growth. Encourage them to join AAUW through our Branch. It’s a service to them and an infusion for us!

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Chillicothe, OH Branch Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 26, 2012

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Child Development Center, Ohio University-Chillicothe, Chillicothe, Ohio

Number of Members Present: 25

Number of Guests Present: 12

Program: Summer Dinner Social. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful Supper Buffet. President Maryjo Flamm-Miller welcomed everyone, introduced the officers and installed the new officers with a candle ceremony. To introduce AAUW to our guests, she highlighted our branch's accomplishments of last year i.e.: Used Book Sale, crocheted necklace sale, Halloween Parade float, sending girls to BE WISE camp, Women's History posters about influential Ross County Women displayed in the libraries, and the college scholarship awarded by our branch. She also outlined our branch goals for next year i.e.: maintain membership, continue awarding scholarships, continue sending girls to BE WISE camp, diversity appreciation as the theme for our monthly programs, September 22, 2012 family picnic, increase our on-line presence (with thanks to and continued reliance on Chrissy Park, Theresa McAuliffe, and Joanna Tsitroulis), put AAUW logo signs back on the organizations fences leading into Chillicothe, and exploring new benefits for members such as links to member businesses on our website. Joyce Atwood, co-chair of the Book Sale reported the dates for sorting the books and the sale and requested members to sign up to help, pointing out the sign-up charts. She also reported that she has Book Sale gift certificates ready for sale. Maryjo Flamm-Miller told our guests about our many study groups and members gave short highlights of each group and when each group meets, i.e.: Dinner Group, Drama Group, Money Smart, Lunch Bunch, Book Club, and Bridge Club.

Guests introduced themselves. Members and guests at each table then discussed questions about women's health based on a hand-out setting out census data and the top five health issues for women: heart disease, breast cancer, osteoporosis, depression and autoimmune diseases. The groups were able to choose between the following questions: "A) Discuss how these health issues cause hardships in women's lives; B) Choose one of the five health concerns; and C) Brainstorm at least three proactive, practical ideas for how women can positively impact their own wellness. After discussion, each group reported on their discussion. These were lively conversations!

President Maryjo Flamm-Miller then highlighted the benefits of membership: branch scholarships for annual dues, and "Give a Grad a Gift" which allows recent graduates to have full membership for just \$9.00. Theresa McAuliffe gave guests each a copy of our branch Yearbook.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Yoctangee Park for a family picnic.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara A. Fabrey, Branch Secretary

NEWS ABOUT ONE OF OUR BEWISE CAMPERS

Lexie Mettler, daughter of Kelly and Jeff Mettler, graduated from Chillicothe High School this May. She has just settled in at the University of Toledo for the fall semester. Lexie received a full four-year tuition scholarship, plus room and board. Lexie will be studying Chemical Engineering and playing in the Toledo Rockets Marching Band. Lexie says her decision to study chemical engineering is a direct result of her Be WISE Camp experiences, and a love for science and math. What a success story for our commitment to sending middle school girls with curious minds to camp each summer!

POEM BY MEMBER VIRGINIA TAYNOR

Jinny received a prize this spring for this poem. She is a student at OU-C and joined AAUW during our Student Affiliate Drive in February, 2010.

As I Ponder...

by Virginia Taynor

As I ponder growing old
I recall all the stories told
Of how you age and lose your sight
Only to forget what you are looking for...
Though I hear the stories of old and know this may be
I choose instead the adventure before me
A life full of love and friendships to share
A road to travel, a new journey to take
Though the unknown is before me and a rocking chair in sight
And though I may forget what I'm doing at times
Not knowing what I am looking for
I will abound with sticky notes to stay on task and not mask the beauty of age...
I will remember to write my own story of old and the adventures it takes
To get me in my rocking chair.



BOOK SALE NEWS

Watch for regular emails about the latest Book Sale work. Updates and calls for your help will be coming regularly now that the Book Sale is just SEVEN WEEKS away!