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*The Newsletter of the Chillicothe, OH Branch
of the American Association of University Women
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 18	FUNdraiser for our OU Endowment
Feb 25	BRANCH MEETING, 9:15 AM at The Glade
Mar 6	Board Meeting, Noon
Mar 7	Lunch Bunch, 12:30 PM, Country Club Bridge Club, 1 PM
Mar 8	Money Smart, 6:30 PM
Mar 13	Drama Group, 7 PM
Mar 15	Book Club, 9:30 AM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Location: The Glade at Traditions *
9:15—11:30 AM**

Coffee, Tea & Donuts provided

PROGRAM: "Education in a One-Room Schoolhouse"

Presenter: Maryjo Flamm-Miller

GAME: BEE LUCKY Lotto, \$1 per ticket

PROJECT: Collecting items to take to the State Convention Silent Auction

* A greeter will be at the entrance from 8:45—9:30 AM to let us in. If you arrive late, call Maryjo's cell phone at 701-9944 and we'll send someone up to meet you.



News About Tax Deductibility

AAUW National reminds us that \$46 of our dues is tax-deductible this year. Also, any donation made to AAUW is tax deductible under their 501-c-3 non-profit status. If you have made a donation to the OU Foundation for our Branch Endowment this year, that is also a deduction.

"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.

MONEY SMART Study Group News:

Earlier this month, the Money Smart Study Group had a great evening discussing ways to invest for retirement. We explored stocks and mutual funds and how they can be used for generating income for retirement. It was a lively discussion with lots of questions and answers as well as stories we could all relate to... like wanting to bury the money in the backyard in a tin can! (There really are better ways.)

We are now meeting at a new location—Edward Jones Investments office located at 109 W Main Street, across from Walnut St. Methodist Church. There is parking in front of the building, as well as behind. Call Cathy Dresbach with your questions at 775-5630.

This Study Group is, of course, open to all Branch members. Topics for the next two months will continue the topic *Investing In Retirement*:

March: Bonds and IRAs

April: Annuities



News from the Be WISE Committee:

Be WISE is a mathematics, science and technology camp designed to develop interest, excitement, and self-confidence in young women who are entering grades 7 or 8 in the fall of 2012.

Be WISE Camp began in the summer of 1989 and since then over 2,800 girls have completed the camp program. This summer will be the camp's 23rd year. Our Branch has participated for 21 of those years and has sent 47 girls! Many additional girls from Ross County have paid their own way each summer, too.

This residential camp for 130 young women will be held from June 10 - 15, 2012. It features a separate curriculum for each grade level emphasizing hands-on activities in math and science. Maximum interaction and instruction is encouraged with a ratio of two teachers per 12-16 girls. And of course, what would camp be without activities such as swimming, volleyball, tennis, and campfires? Be WISE stimulates all facets of the girls.

Be WISE Camp takes place at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. This experience includes sleeping and eating in a college dorm, learning in modern science labs and using campus recreational areas. Our Branch will once again send 2-3 girls by paying \$430 of the \$80 camp fee. Scholarship winners pay just \$50!

The 2012 scholarship applications, and information packets for teachers, are being distributed now. If you know a girl in 6th or 7th grade who has an interest in Science and Mathematics, please encourage her to get an application packet from her Science or Math teachers.

The deadline for submitting applications for our Branch Scholarships is Monday, March 12.

You can see the newly designed literature developed for our Branch Be WISE scholarship program at the February 25th Branch meeting.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROJECT

Our Branch Goals for 2011-2012 include celebrating Women's History Month in March. Five members have made six posters for each of the six open branches of the Public Library (Frankfort is closed for remodeling). These will go on display March 1st. Each poster features influential women who lived and worked in Ross County. What do you know about these interesting women? Can you match the woman with her history?

WOMAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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| 1 Sarah Jane Woodson Early | A Founded and headed the English Department of Dana Hall at Wellesley College in Massachusetts |
| 2 Lucy Webb Hayes | B First African-American woman to receive a medical degree from Northwestern University at Chicago |
| 3 Emma Ann Reynolds | C 1st woman of color on the faculty of Wilberforce University, English & Literary Studies |
| 4 Mary E. Cooper | D OU graduate who wrote the textbook (still in use) <u>Physiology and Anatomy</u> |
| 5 Martha Trimble Bennett | E Avoided turf wars by hosting an Egg Roll on the White House lawn |
| 6 Esther M. Greisheimer | F As a sculptor, made masks to help surgeons reconstruct wounded soldiers' disfigured faces; created the statue at the entrance to Yoctangee Park |

MANY THANKS to Rita Long—who did much of the research and hosted the poster-making workshop at her real estate office, Karen Rieder, Maryjo Flamm-Miller, Leslie VanVolkinburg, and Kim Calhoun for creating the posters and helping us to advertise our Branch of AAUW. Great work, ladies!

Volunteers are needed to drive the posters to each of the branches on Thursday, March 1st. Posters will be available at the February 25 Branch meeting.

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Please make these additions and corrections to your Yearbook entries. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller



Our "**Deep in the Heart of Winter**" **FUNdraiser** was a big success!

To raise money for our OU Endowment, we held this new event last Saturday, February 18. Twenty-six members and guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and wine sampling. Together, **seventeen donors raised \$1,025** during the evening! Were you unable to attend? You can add your contribution to the pot at the February 25th Branch meeting. THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed so far. We appreciate your generosity.



At the FUNdraiser we played a game called "Lotto", a kind of 50/50 reverse raffle, and raised \$66 by the time all the corks had been pulled from the jar. Curious? In support of the Be WISE Camp scholarships, you can play a version of this Lotto, called "BEE LUCKY", at the February 25th meeting. You may win a jar of locally harvested honey! Tickets will be \$1 each.

Without the contributions and enthusiasm of the planning Committee this event would not have been possible. We shine the spotlight on: **Jinny Taynor, Karen Rieder, Jody River, Diane Diekroger, Leslie VanVolkinburg, Rita Long, Marcia Austin, Laurel Evans, and Maryjo Flamm-Miller.**

STATE CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION

Again this year, there will be a silent auction at the Convention to raise money for the Action Fund. Our Branch has a long tradition of contributing auction items. Last year, we were proud that our contributions raised \$285. We will be collecting items from Branch members throughout February and March. You can bring them to any of the meetings or Study Groups, or drop items off at Maryjo's house. Everything is acceptable as long as it is new, or in very nice condition. Food items (with a shelf life) - such as chocolates, coffees, and spices—were big money-makers last year. So, if you have things which you received as gifts and would like to pass them along, bring them for the auction.

WOMEN'S HISTORY ANSWERS

- 1 Sarah Jane Woodson Early - C
- 2 Lucy Webb Hayes - E
- 3 Emma Ann Reynolds - B
- 4 Mary E. Cooper - F
- 5 Martha Trimble Bennett - A
- 6 Esther M. Greisheimer - D

PUBLIC POLICY, by Chrissy Park, Public Policy Chair

The Violence Against Women Act Needs Your Support Today

Tell the Senate: It's Time to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act!

Earlier this month, AAUW and a broad coalition of advocacy groups held a briefing on Capitol Hill for senators and their staff on the critical need to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Reauthorization is the process by which Congress prescribes changes to existing laws and extends the authorization for a law to receive appropriations funding. The Senate has heard from professional advocates in Washington -- now they need to hear from you. **Raise your voice and ask your senators to co-sponsor and support the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (S. 1925).**

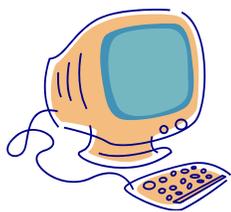
AAUW knows that VAWA programs often provide the only or best support for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Now, VAWA reauthorization is ready to go -- the Senate just needs to act. The vital programs supported by VAWA are in desperate need of updating, and we can't allow our leaders to dawdle on such an important issue. Help lead the charge for women and girls nationwide: Ask your senators to reauthorize VAWA. TAKE ACTION!

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NOTES FROM CHRISSY: For those of us who visit the national AAUW site (www.aauw.org), it's always really easy to take action. All you have to do is click [Take Action](#) and it sets up the email messages with what needs to be said, you sign your name and email address, then submit. It sends the message straight to our senators. It's a quick and easy way to let them know what issues matter to you.

Check out the **National Museum of Women in the Arts** website: www.nmwa.org



BRANCH WEBSITE NEWS

by Chrissy Park, e-Communications Chair

Our new Branch website has been launched! Go to www.aauwchillciothe.org to see it. To access the Members Only section, use the password "aauwchillciothe". Do you have ideas for enhancing our site? Send me an email at cm348997@ohio.edu or call me at 773-4381. Our website is being hosted on a server provided by godaddy.com and we will pay \$17.95 annually to keep the domain name. Our site is linked to AAUW National and State so you will always be able to easily catch up with that news by using the links in the right hand margin of our home page.

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

Date: January 28, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: The Glade, Chillicothe, Ohio

Number of Members Present: 20

Number of Guests Present: 3

Program: Experiences of International Students and the 2011 *Be Wise* campers. Nadime Zenteno, an exchange student from Cordoba, Mexico, spoke to us about her experiences here in Chillicothe. She is here through the Exchange Program through Sister Cities. Chillicothe's sister city is Cordoba, Mexico. Since 1992, every year, except one, Chillicothe has had one student from Cordoba. Joyce Atwood is hosting her. She arrived in October 2011 and she will be going back to Mexico in June. She has ten days after school ends to leave the U.S. She came here to improve her English. She attends Chillicothe High School and she will turn 17 years old on Friday, February 3rd. She has a 12 year old brother. School here is different than in Mexico. In Mexico, the 10th grade stays together and the teachers move, here, she is with a different group of students in each class. Her favorite subject is Spanish and her hardest class is biology. She will have two more years left of school when she gets back to Mexico, then she will go to college. She takes ballet and Zumba classes. She wants to learn how to surf, ski and skate. The thing she likes best about Chillicothe is snow.

Bert Magill explained that *Be Wise* camp is a summer science and math camp held at Denison University. It has been going for 20 years. Girls that our AAUW branch sponsors pay \$50.00 towards their fee and we pay the remaining \$480.00. About 400 girls attend *Be Wise* each year. It is staffed by certified teachers. This year our branch will have sent 43 girls to *Be Wise* Camp. Bert would like to approach other women's groups to help sponsor girls to go to *Be Wise*. Our goal will be to send five girls to camp in one year. Kaylin Hurles, one of our 2011 *Be Wise* campers, and her mother, Pam Hurles, attended the breakfast. Kaylin spoke to us about her experience. She is a 7th grader at Smith Middle School. She said that the thing she enjoyed the most was making new friends. She stays in touch with several of the girls she met at camp. They did lots of experiments; caught bugs, crawfish and frogs in the stream; and made a pop bottle rocket named HACK. An illusionist came and performed for them. He lay on a bed of nails with another bed of nails on top of him and then a cement block on top of that. Each group of girls was named for a famous woman in science or math. The thing she liked least about camp was dissecting a crawfish because it stank. She would like to go back to camp and when she is in the 8th grade, she plans to apply to be a Counselor in Training (CIT). Costs are covered for CITs. She first heard about the *Be Wise* program from her teachers.

Business Meeting:

1. **Technology & Social Media Use:** Chrissy Park, Tech. Chair, advised that our website will be up soon. In the right hand column on our home page, there will be a link to National and State news. We have a Face book page.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Operating account: \$5,526.84; Janney account: \$4,200.64; and the necklaces have brought in: \$548.55.
3. **Promoting Women's History and Education:** Rita Long has researched and prepared two posters. One poster will be put in each library branch. We need two more posters to be done. Leslie Van Volkinburg volunteered to do one and Kim Calhoun volunteered to do the other one. Rita asked that any errors be reported to her so that she can fix them. The finished posters are due to Maryjo Flamm-Miller by February 25, 2012 and she will take them to the libraries.
4. **OU Endowment Growth:** Our fundraiser, "Deep in the Heart of Winter Wine Tasting" will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Maryjo Flamm-Miller's home at 115 Dun Road, Chillicothe, Ohio. Invitations will be sent by E-vite. Suggested opening donations will be \$25.00. Carpooling is suggested, with parking at Krogers. Also, designated drivers are suggested.
5. **Leadership Development:** A nominating committee of Leslie Van Volkinburg, Jody River, and Karen Rieder was appointed. We need a program co-chair and Book Sale co-chairs. There is a Book Sale binder.
6. **Congratulations:** It was announced that Joyce Atwood has been honored as an Educator Emeritus by the Ross County Retired Teachers Association.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Saturday February 25, 2012 at 9:15 a.m., at The Glade. A breakfast of coffee, tea and donuts will be provided. Maryjo Flamm-Miller will present "Education in One-Room Schoolhouses".

Respectfully submitted:
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