



# CAP & GOWN

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

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## APRIL, 2012

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Monday, April 30**  
7:00—8:00 PM

### **2012 Book Sale Organizational Meeting**

@ the OU-C Child Development Center

Calling all members who want to have a really good time working with others on this big project.

If you have new ideas for enhancing our success, we want to hear from you. Questions? Call Joyce or Maryjo, 2012 Book Sale co-chairs. Come to the meeting and make a contribution to getting the ball rolling!

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

**6:45—8:30 PM**

Location: Room 134, Bennett Hall at OU-C

**6:45 PM** Social, Convention Awards, Program Survey

**7:00 PM** **PROGRAM: "Women in Unusual Careers"**  
Presenters: Come and see our surprise guests revealed!

**8:00 PM** **BUSINESS MEETING**  
Election of Officers, Book Sale Preview, RENEW your membership



### LOOKING AHEAD:

Dinner Meeting coming Thursday, May 24 at Madison on the Lake  
Special Closing Celebration of our Branch's **DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY!** \*  
Come enjoy a walk through our **60 years** together and see what the future holds for us.

\* "Diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas" which means unconquerable and enduring. For AAUW, the fire in the diamond symbolizes the constant flame of commitment to the cause of education and equity for women and girls.

**"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.*

## President's Column

*By Maryjo Flamm-Miller*

### **NEWS FROM THE STATE CONVENTION**

Karen Rieder, Diane Diekroger, and Maryjo Flamm-Miller represented our Branch at the recent State Convention in Findlay. There were many opportunities to learn from workshop presenters and keynote speakers, meet new people from other Branches, and hear the latest news about State activities on behalf of AAUW members and women's issues.

Our Branch contributed eight themed baskets to the Silent Auction and we raised \$166 for the AAUW Action Funds! This was the event's highest contribution and was possible since other branches typically contribute just one basket. So, our way of collecting items really works. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our baskets.

We are very pleased to announce that the Chillicothe Branch was the recipient this year of **THREE AWARDS**. These awards recognize us for our commitment to learning, being involved in our community, and having a stable membership. This year's awards include:

Daffodil Diversity Award -

*"for being inclusive in membership, outreach, and community involvement"*

Making Membership Meaningful Award -

*"for having a stable membership number", Large Branch Category*

Excellence in Mission Based Programming -

*"for promoting and studying issues of Equity and Education".*

Congratulations, everyone! We have many reasons to be proud of our organization.

It was announced that, because of frugal use of funds and increasing state-wide membership, national and state dues will not be increased for the coming year. So dues for 2012-13 will remain at \$69. We have a July 15th deadline for submitting all our membership renewals to State, so in our Branch the renewal date will be JUNE 30th. This will give our Treasurer and Membership co-Chairs the time needed to complete the reports and tally checks. Please do your part and submit your renewal check as early as possible.

Karen Rieder has registered already for the Leadership Conference in August. She would like to attend with two other members. Are you interested? We will give an overview of this learning opportunity at the April meeting. The one day conference costs just \$30 and includes lunch.

We are also pleased to announce that Ross County has eight girls registered for this summer's Be WISE Camp at Denison University. Our Branch has consistently sponsored girls for this Math & Science Camp for 22 years. We are well-known among the organizers of Be WISE and were frequently complemented during the convention. Kudos to Bert Magill and her committees, and to member Jean Kerney, of K & C Educational Associates for leading the way on this important mission-based project for our Branch.

During the convention, we raised \$175 by selling our beautiful necklaces. There were many women who sought us out because they had purchased necklaces last year.

## AAUW Program Survey for 2012 - 2013

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.  
Your input is valuable to planning the best possible programs for next year.

1. Which of these times makes it most possible for you to participate in Branch meetings? (please circle)

weekday evenings      Saturday mornings      Saturday lunch      all are fine with me

2. Which day(s) of the week would you NOT want to have Branch meetings scheduled?

Sun.   Mon.      Tues.      Wed.      Thurs.      Fri.      Sat.

3. What would you like to learn about in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. AAUW (national) takes positions on issues. Which issue would you like for us to study in the coming year? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Suggestions:*

Social Development  
Women's Rights  
Women's Education

Human Rights & Civil Liberties  
Women's Safety from Violence  
Gender Equity

5. Can you suggest a new fundraising idea for our education scholarships (as a supplement to the Book Sale)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Should time for socializing be incorporated into our meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Which type of Fall/Spring Dinner Meetings would you prefer? (please circle)

pay for a catered meal      potluck carry-in      either is fine with me

8. Why do you continue to be a member of AAUW?  
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Thank you for participating in this survey and helping to shape our programs for next year.

Jean Ziogas and Karla Hanson, Program Co-Chairs

Your signature (optional) \_\_\_\_\_