



CAP & GOWN

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

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December, 2012

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| Dec. 20 | Holiday Party at the Pump House — Spouses and guests welcome. |
| Jan. 8 | Board Meeting, 5:00—6:30 PM, at CDC |
| Mar. 20 | “Human Library” event at Quinn Library (We are co-sponsors) |
| April 5-7 | State Convention in Newark, hosted by Southern District (us!) |



BRANCH HOLIDAY PARTY

**Thursday, December 20
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

at the Pump House Center for the Arts

Spouses and guests encouraged to attend!

WHAT TO BRING:

2 Snacks to share—one savory, one sweet.
and
Beverages—wine or soda. A holiday punch will be provided.



WHERE TO PARK:

The parking lot is rocky, so be careful when walking across the gravel to get to the Pump House doors. To drop-off passengers, stop next to the sidewalk to the front entrance (some steps) or pull up to the back door. We will try to keep the parking space nearest to the rear doors OPEN. If you make a drop-off there, please park elsewhere afterwards.

CHRISTMAS ELVES NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and clean-up 30 minutes before and after the party. If you will help, please call Jean Ziogas.

WANTED:

Garland or tinsel strands for table decoration.

“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.

AAUW Chillicothe Branch Meeting - Nov. 15, 2012

Sixteen members were present at the Nov. 15th branch meeting.

The program was presented by Karla Hanson, and involved a discussion on the stereotypes and hardships faced by Native Americans. Karla also described the living conditions on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota where she has worked. A brief business meeting followed Karla's program with President Maryjo Flamm-Miller presiding.

Old Business

The Altrusa Bazaar netted us only \$35. Seventy-five dollars was made from the sale of our crocheted necklaces, but the booth rental was \$40.00. Appreciation was given to those who worked at the booth. We will be closing out the Necklace Fundraiser project by selling the remaining jewelry at a discounted price of 50%. Necklaces will be sold to members for \$5 each and at the Pump House Holiday Bazaar for \$7 (PH collects 30%).

Treasurer's Report

The Book Sale netted \$6,007.00. We have \$2,436.89 as a balance in our Branch checking account.

New Business

Our Christmas program will be at the Pump House on Dec. 20 2012 at 6:00. Jean Ziogas reminded us to bring 2 dishes of finger food to share (one savory, one sweet), plus canned goods to donate to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry.

Maryjo reminded us that the Addendum to the Yearbook is available in the November *Cap & Gown*.

Our Branch Liability Insurance has been renewed for 2013. This protects us as we meet and volunteer at events, as well as any guests who attend our activities.

Announcements

Queen Lester asked for donations of gently worn children's winter wear (coats, hats, gloves) for the Soroptimist Club to distribute in January to local schools.

Food Security Project

We challenged ourselves to bring non-perishable foods tonight that would equal the weight of a buffalo calf – 50 pounds—in solidarity with the evening's program. **Together we collected 68 pounds of food!** Many thanks to all who participated in this little act of charity. We agreed to donate our collection to the Good Samaritan Food Bank. It was taken, received, and appreciated by the staff there. Happy Thanksgiving!

Submitted by Karen Rieder

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



We send Sunshine Wishes to Bert Magill and Queen Lester who are working hard to recover from surgeries. They are at Traditions for rehab, but will be home soon. Send them a card or give them a call to cheer them on.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Maryjo Flamm-Miller

Save the Date: We will be participating in the **March 20** Women's History Month event at OU-C's Quinn Library. We would like for three of our members to be featured as "human books" To be "checked out" during the event by "library patrons". During this fun activity, people will have the opportunity to interact with women who have had an interesting life, experience, or hobby. What have you done that others would find fascinating? In the new year, we will be forming a committee to plan our part of the event.

Plan for the Book Sale Proceeds: The Board approved the following distribution of the \$6,007 profit from the 2012 Book Sale: \$600 (10%) to the checking account for the Operating Budget and \$5,407 to our Janney investment account for scholarships. This latter account is paying interest and can be withdrawn within 72 hours if needed.

New Fundraiser: Watch for news of a special event coming this winter to benefit our Ohio University Endowment Fund. These ideas are being considered: Winter Cheese Tasting, greeting card-making workshop, ushering for a week at "Tecumseh", or partnering with Chocolate Fantasy. What are your thoughts and suggestions? A secondary goal for any fundraiser is to promote AAUW, our Branch, and to be engaged in our community.

Coming to the January 17 Branch Meeting: interactive Study Group presentations!

HAVE YOU READ THE NEWEST AAUW REPORTS?

Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation explores the earnings difference between female and male college graduates who are working full time one year after graduation. The report, which uses the latest nationally representative data, compares apples to apples by looking at the pay gap after controlling for various factors known to affect earnings, such as occupation, college major, and hours worked. It also examines one immediate effect that the pay gap has on many women: the heavy burden of student loan debt. [Download the full report](#) (PDF)

Stop Street Harassment Book Out in Paperback

Two years ago, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Program Manager Holly Kearl published a book entitled *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women*, and she gave many talks on the subject to AAUW members at state conventions and branch meetings. Her book is now available in paperback for the affordable price of \$15 and would be a great gift for the young women in your life.

STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

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| Book Club: | 3rd Thursday, 9:30 am, rotating homes |
| Lunch Bunch: | 1st Wednesday, 12:30, Chillicothe Country Club |
| Drama Group: | 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Traditions |
| Bridge Club: | 1st /3rd Thursdays, 1 pm, rotating homes |
| Money Smart: | 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, Edward Jones Investments |
| Dinner Club: | Monthly, January—June, as arranged, rotating homes |

Study Group contact persons are listed in the Yearbook.

YEARBOOK ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

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YEAR-END CHARITABLE DONATION IDEAS

Would you like to make a year-end tax-deductible donation to an AAUW project? Consider one of these Special Funds and learn more about them at www.aauw.org.

- Ohio Century International Fund: *In an Attitude of Gratitude Philanthropy Project*
Provides funds for women to visit the USA from other countries and for Americans To study abroad
- Legal Advocacy Fund: supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Funds travel, education programs, campus outreach projects related to legal advocacy, fellowships and grants.
- Educational Opportunities Fund: supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success
- Public Policy Fund: supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women, including government relations, civic engagement, and field organizing.
- Eleanor Roosevelt Fund: supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. Past reports have included "Behind the Pay Gap" (2007), "Where the Girls Are" (2008), and "Graduating to the Pay Gap" (2012).
- Leadership Programs Fund: supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country.