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Dec. 2014

Dec. 1-31

Dec. 2

Dec. 11

Month to Celebrate with family and friends!

Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm, Atwood House on Overlook

Drama Group Holiday Vignettes 5:30—8: 00 pm

Pump House Center for the Arts

December AAUW Program
Thursday, December 11, 2014
5:30 PM-8:00 PM at the Pump House of the Arts
Bring an appetizer or holiday cookies/dessert

Invite your husband or friend to the program and hear the
"Holiday Vignettes" by the AAUW Drama Group

Time to relax and share with fellow members



7 Facts You Didn't Know about Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW

1. She joined AAUW in 1929.
2. Her First speech to an AAUW Audience was in 1929.
3. She attended AAUW branch meetings through the country.
4. Her close friend was an AAUW leader in New York
5. She believed that women were written out of history.
6. She spoke at the AAUW National Convention in 1959 on the United States as a Democratic Leaders.
7. Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW were a natural fit from the start!

"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.

NEWS FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Stay at Home Tea

Members have contributed \$303 to the Eleanor Roosevelt fund . We have very supportive members.

Girl Power II

AAUW will be forming a team in January to organize the program for the April 25th event. The day is one of learning and mentoring: female power, career choices, and being leaders. The program is geared for girls in grades 5-8.

If you have ideas for the day or want to be part of the planning session, please let me know.

AAUW State Visit

Jo Dye the Ohio AAUW Program chair will be at the January 24th meeting at the OU-C Child Development Center. Please plan to join us and share the local work as well as learn about women issues in the State of Ohio.

MONTHLY STUDY GROUP SCHEDULE

- 1st: Tues, 4:00 PM, Board meetings
 Wed, 12:30 PM, Lunch Bunch
 Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 2nd: Tues, 7:00 PM, Drama Group
 Wed, Noon, Money Smart at 28 N. Mulberry St
- 3rd: Thurs, 9:30 AM, Book Club
 Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 4th week: Branch meeting, see newsletter for day & time
- Last week: Wed, 6:30-8:30 PM, Paper Magic

Goodreads Choice Awards for 2014

Rainbow Rowell Landlineree—Fiction

Mr. Mercedes by Stephen King, Mystery and Thriller

All the Light We Can Not See by Anthony Doerr, Historical fiction



The Book of Life by Deborah Harkness, Fantasy

Written in My Own Heart's Blood, by Diana Gabaldon, Romance

These books were the award winning ones for 2014 by readers of America.

SUNSHINE GREETINGS



Last Board Meeting for Mary Jo Flamm Miller

Mary Jo has completed her sixth month time as past president

On the AAUW Branch Board. She served as president from 2010-2014. Mary Jo and Mary Kay Clipner have served the longest period of time as presidents. Each served 4 years or two terms. Our organization is stronger because of their service.

50 Year Golden Members

Patricia Barada

Betty M. Brown

Jayne Stone Brown (deceased)

Jean Dolan (deceased)

Rosemary Houf

Jody Johnson

Darleen Nelson

Martha Rittinger

Mary Ruth Rodgers

Jean Rusk (deceased)

Nuliver Wood

From AAUW News Letter Article Advice to Women Candidates from DCs Youngest Elected Official

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When Allyson Carpenter first stepped onto Howard University's campus as a freshman, she was too scared to think of running for elected office. But she quickly became unhappy about certain things at school and in her neighborhood in Washington, D.C.

"I realized that I could be one of those people who sits around and complains about things, or I could do something," Carpenter says.

A year later, the 18-year-old political science major became the [youngest elected official](#) in the history of Washington, D.C. After attending [Elect Her—Campus Women Win](#) at Howard, Carpenter ran for a seat on the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission to represent Howard students and the surrounding neighborhood—and she won.

Don't Be Your Own Obstacle

"One of the biggest challenges was realizing that the only thing standing in my way of getting elected to office was myself and my own fear," Carpenter says. "There are societal challenges and systemic things that set women back in running for office, leading a business, pursuing STEM [science, technology, engineering, and math]—but we can't be a part of that. We can't be our own obstacles. We can't stop ourselves from taking a chance."

Give Today to Empower Women and Girls

Carpenter credits her experience at Elect Her with giving her the confidence to take a chance. A collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, Elect Her is the only national program that trains college women to run for student government and future political office. During the one-day training, participants learn how to build a successful campaign, hear from local office-holders, and discuss research on women in government. In 2013–14, 50 campuses across the country hosted Elect Her trainings.

Get Concrete Advice from People Who Have Been through It

Through your generosity, AAUW can continue to empower women in innovative ways and promote the next generation of women leaders.

"I attended Elect Her as a freshman, after being on campus just a few weeks, and it was one of the greatest decisions I've ever made," says Carpenter. "I'd been hearing that women should do all of these great things, but at that point in my life, I still doubted whether we could actually accomplish what everyone said we could." Carpenter had heard success stories of women in politics, but the practical steps of how to get started always seemed to be left out.

But at Elect Her, women leaders shared their personal journeys. "They gave us a realistic way to accomplish our dreams," she says. "They talked about where to start and how to build a support network. It was encouraging, refreshing, and exactly what I needed to hear. The next week, I decided to run for freshman class board vice president." She won.

Know That You Can Win

Many participants are ready to run—and win—after attending Elect Her. In 2014, 78 percent of attendees who reported running for student office won. And these student body presidents and officers are building the pipeline of women candidates in a country where women make up only 18 percent of the U.S. Congress, 10 percent of governors, and 24 percent of state legislators. Elect Her participants report that they are inspired to run for public office later, but alumnae like Carpenter are already doing so.