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the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch

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February, 2013

Feb. 12	Drama Group, 7:00 PM
Feb. 14	Money Smart, 6:30 PM
Feb. 16	Branch Meeting, 9:45—11:30 AM
Feb. 21	Book Club, 9:30 AM; Bridge Club, 1:00 PM
Mar. 5	Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
Mar. 6	Lunch Bunch, Chillicothe Country Club, 12:30 PM
Mar. 20	"Human Library" event at Quinn Library, 2:00—4:00 PM
April 5-7	State Convention in Newark, hosted by the Southern District (<i>us!</i>)

BRANCH MEETING



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:45—11:30 am

@ OU-C Child Development Center

9:45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHILLICOTHE BRANCH!

Celebrate the **61st Anniversary** of the founding of our Branch
February 16, 1951 ~ February 16, 2013

Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with a birthday cupcake!

10:00

Program: "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School"
A discussion of the 2011 AAUW Research Study

You are encouraged to read the report before the meeting:

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm>
(summary and full report formats are available at this link.)

11:00

Business Meeting

Convention Auction: We are collecting items for our auction baskets at the February and March meetings. No items will be accepted after March 30. All varieties of objects are being collected. *See notes on page 2.*

"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.

Notes about the February 16 Meeting:

Program Details

"CROSSING THE LINE: SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT SCHOOL"

"Based on findings from a nationally representative survey conducted in May and June, 2011, this report presents the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment in grades 7-12 and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education.

The report concludes with concrete recommendations and promising practices for preventing sexual harassment directed at school administrators, educators, parents, students and community members. We hope readers will be inspired to take new steps toward making schools free from sexual harassment.

To read the report, go to this link:

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/upload/CrossingTheLine.pdf>

AAUW has been at the forefront of sexual harassment research for over a decade, including the 1993 Hostile Hallways survey and the 2001 follow up report, [Hostile Hallways: Bullying Teasing and Sexual Harassment in School](#)."

You will want to attend the February Branch meeting and participate in the discussion about this impactful topic. Many thanks to member Karla Hanson who will be sharing a power point presentation and leading the discussion. The materials for this meeting come from the AAUW *Program in a Box* resource. As announced last month, this program is replacing the one advertised in the Yearbook.

Auction Items

Every year, we challenge ourselves to collect items that would be of interest to others for the State Convention Silent Auction. Over the years, we have been able to make a sizeable donations to the AAUW Action Fund which supports the operational needs of the organization.

This year, Branches have been encouraged to donate more significant baskets than in year's past in order to raise more money. This year's auction proceeds will be given to the Ohio Century International Fund. The *In an Attitude of Gratitude Philanthropy Project* provides funds for women to visit the USA from other countries and for Americans to study abroad. The goal is to complete the endowment amount so that the fund will become self-sustaining (not unlike our own desire to complete our OU Scholarship Endowment).

Between now and March 30, we will be collecting donations of a variety of objects to fill three large theme baskets: **"Comfort and Joy"** (new items that pamper), **"Treasured Things Tell a Story"** (antiques & collectibles), and **"Homemade Treats"** (preserves, jams, salsas, flavored vinegars, etc). It's always fun to see what we assemble from our homes. Questions? Call Maryjo.

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

Date: January 17, 2013
Time: 6:45 p.m.
Location: Child Development Center, Ohio University-Chillicothe
Numbers: Members Present: 25, Guests this Month: none

Program: Study Groups: Representatives of each of the Study Groups gave a description of their group.

- 1) **Book Club:** Theresa Herrnstein gave the presentation. The group meets third Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in members' homes. The group chooses its' books from a variety of sources. Jody River is the contact person.
- 2) **Bridge Club:** Nilufer Woods gave the presentation and is the contact person. The group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1:00 p.m. in members' homes. Mary Lou Thompson has offered to teach anyone interested in learning how to play bridge.
- 3) **Dinner Club:** Diane Diekroger and Jean Ziogas gave the presentation and brought delicious appetizers to share with the group. The group meets from January to June in members' homes. Menus from past dinners were passed around. Many times the dinners have a theme and the hostess assigns a dish to each member and sends out the recipes for the dishes. We played a cooking trivia game and prizes were given to the winning first and second place teams. Marcia Austin is the contact person.
- 4) **Drama Club:** Jody River, Darlene Nelson, and Marge Howell read a scene from the play Pygmalion. They meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Glade. They read plays. Each member of the club takes a month and picks the play for that month. Nilufer Woods and Darlene Nelson are the co-chairs and the contact persons.
- 5) **Lunch Bunch:** Diane Bambenek gave the presentation and is the contact. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Chillicothe Country Club. She passed around the menu and a sign-up sheet. The lunches cost about \$10.00.
- 6) **Money Smart:** Cathy Dresbach gave the presentation and is the contact. It is a finance discussion group. The group meets the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at her office at Edward Jones, 28 N. Mulberry Street. The group members take turns leading the group. There are homework sheets. She passed out and had us complete a Money Style Quiz. The next meeting will be February 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. on "Living in Retirement". Pam Ballard from the shop "Affinity" will be there as well talking about the medicinal properties of tea and various tea ceremonies.

Business Meeting: President Maryjo Flamm-Miller raised the issue of our branch donating money (\$500—\$600) to one or more AAUW funds such as the following: Ohio Century International Fund (provides funds for women from other countries to visit the US and for Americans to study abroad); Legal Advocacy Fund (funds travel, education programs, campus outreach projects related to legal advocacy, fellowships and grants); Educational Opportunities Fund (supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities); 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 important to women and girls); Leadership Programs Fund (supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country); and the

January Branch Meeting minutes continued.....

AAUW Action Fund (general operational funds). Member Bert Magill suggested that we consider donating the funds to the Be WISE program so that our branch could send an additional girl to Be WISE camp. Member Barbara Fabrey supported that idea. Many other members were also in favor of donating the funds to the Be WISE program. The Board will discuss the wishes of the members and make a decision at its next meeting.

March Women's History Awareness Activities:

- 1) Seven members volunteered to take our posters to the Public Library branches on March 1, 2013 (*and pick them up again on April 1*). They are: Phyllis Rudie, Karen Reider, Theresa Herrnstein, Karla Hanson, Rita Long, Darleen Nelson, Nilufer Woods.
- 2) The "Human Library" event will be held March 20, 2013 from 2:00—4:00 PM in the Quinn Library at OU-C. As co-sponsors, we will be involved in hosting the event. We are recruiting three members to be "books". You just need to have an interesting Story and be willing to talk about it with attendees.

State Convention: To be held April 5th, 6th and 7th in Newark, OH.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 9:45 a.m. at the OU-C Child Development Center. The topic will be sexual harassment. We will be using the *AAUW Program in a Box* resource to study this topic. Members are encouraged to read the 2011 research report beforehand.

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara A. Fabrey, Branch Secretary



Recently, a bipartisan group of senators announced the reintroduction of the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**. This is essentially the same bipartisan bill that the Senate passed in April 2012 to improve VAWA programs and ensure all victims get the services they need. Because the House did not pass this version of VAWA before the end of 2012, we must renew our efforts today to protect victims of domestic violence.

Your passionate advocacy got this bill passed last year. [Let's keep the momentum going: Urge your senators to cosponsor and vote for VAWA!](#)

Since its enactment in 1994, VAWA has saved lives and saved money. Though the programs continue to run, the current authorization expired almost two years ago. VAWA reauthorization is long overdue and should be a priority in the 113th Congress.

S. 47 is a well-crafted bill with strong bipartisan support. AAUW is particularly pleased that S. 47 includes campus safety provisions which will ensure that institutions of higher education have comprehensive procedures in place to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

[Urge your senators to cosponsor VAWA and move this bill forward!](#)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller

LEADERS NEEDED NOW.

With the new year comes new opportunities for Branch members to step into leadership roles. It is time for us to form a Nominating Committee to seek new Officers. The following positions begin in July, 2013:

- Membership Co-Chair, Sr. (1 year)
- Membership Co-Chair, Jr. (2 years)
- Program Co-Chair, Jr. (2 years)
- Board Secretary-Member at Large (2 years)
- President Elect (begins January, 2014)

Please say "Yes" when you are asked to serve. The health of our Branch depends on women who will share their talent and time. The commitment is rewarding and finite.

The timeline for this project is as follows:

- Nominating Committee forms in February and works in March
- Slate of Officers presented to the Board and announced to Members in April
- Elections held at the May Branch meeting.

2013 Book Sale Co-Chairs

You like to read. You have five hours a week to give to a special project. You enjoy socializing with fun-loving women. You want the Chillicothe Branch to hum with enthusiasm for used books! You want to see our OU-C Scholarship Endowment Fund reach the "magic amount" which will make it self-sustaining through interest income alone.

IS THIS YOU? Then you are the right person for this year's Book Sale Co-Chair! The how-to-do it binder maps out all the tasks. People always step up to spearhead parts of the project. **WE JUST NEED YOU TO ORGANIZE US.** Say yes when Maryjo asks you. The dates are September 27-30, Moving & Sorting Days and October 1-5, Sale & Clean-up. The first organizational meeting will be in May.

State Convention Preparations

This year's State Convention is being hosted by the Southern District—that includes us! Our goal is to have at least TEN MEMBERS attend one or both days of the convention. We have a plan to arrange car pools to the Millennium Hotel in Newark. Are you planning to go? As co-hosts, we will be expected to perform hospitality tasks and to help with logistics. Learn more about this at upcoming Branch meetings and sign-up to help.

\$500 has been budgeted this year for co-hosting the convention. We may be able to assist members in paying for some of their convention expenses, such as mileage or registration. Let a Board member know if financial assistance would enable you to attend. Remember, our goal is to have at least TEN members attend one of both days.

You can read all about the terrific keynote speakers and workshop topics at www.aauwoh.org. Registrations are now being accepted.

President's Column continued...

Daffodil Diversity Award

Each year at the State Convention, awards are given to Branches who exemplify excellence in membership development and programming that heightens awareness about and appreciation for the value of diversity. We commend Barb Fabrey who has captured all we have done in the recent year to stimulate greater understanding and openness. This year's application for the Daffodil Diversity Award has been drafted and will be published with next month's *Cap & Gown*. A few interesting statistics, to whet your curiosity, is that according to the 2010 Census:

9% of Ross County residents declared themselves non-Caucasian.
Our Branch membership is 5% diverse and growing every year.

With regard to education, just 14% of Ross County citizens have Bachelor or higher degrees (*a surprising number, really*). 100% of our members have college degrees.

30% of businesses in Ross County are owned by women. 13.5% (10) of our members own businesses. (*Do you know who they are and what they do?*)

A new benefit of Branch membership is currently in development. A link to member-owned businesses will soon appear on our website! This will help all of us to support our own entrepreneurs.

Your AAUW Membership Comes With Benefits

How many of these have you used?

- Books & Publications
- Travel & Trip Insurance
- Insurance Plans & Medical Services
- Education and Career Development
- Financial Services & Visa Card
- Shopping
- Dialog Blog

Visit **www.aauw.org/benefits** or call 1-800-326-AAUW today to see how AAUW can help you save money.



SUNSHINE GREETINGS go out to these friends:

Queen Lester, recovering at Traditions
Carolyn Bethel, recovering from hand surgery

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Finances: We are in great shape. We have the resources this year to make a few additions to the budget. The Board approved the following at its February 5 meeting:

Add \$225 to the Be WISE fund for scholarships. Encourage members and local businesses to match the money in the fund to send a greater number of girls to camp this summer. *(This month, applications will be distributed to the schools.)*

Make a donation of \$500 to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Add \$100 to the Program budget for speakers and events.

The 2012-13 OU-C scholarship has been paid in full from our Endowment funds. The next time you see Julie Beaver, this year's scholar, ask about her classes!

Membership Renewal Time:

March is the time we renew our AAAUW membership each year. Bring your checkbook to the March meeting and make it easy on both yourself and our Treasurer to meet the state deadline. Thanks.

AAUW Ohio Equity Day and Convention, April 5-7, 88th Convention

"An AAUW Tapestry: Weaving the Threads of Engagement, Enrichment and Empowerment"

Where: [Newark Metropolitan Hotel](#), 50 North Second St., Newark, Ohio 43055, in the heart of [Licking County](#).

Breakout Session Topics to include:

- harassment
- mentoring women and equity in the workplace
- domestic violence
- [AAUW Ohio's new Tech Trek program](#)
- human trafficking
- public policy
- women and media
- and regional interests.

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Nationally known Keynote Speakers:

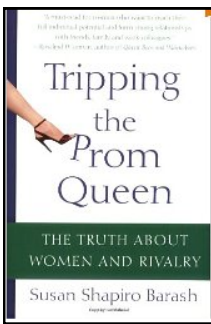


Holly Kearl, activist, writer and nonprofit professional based in Washington, D.C., will be a keynote speaker. She is the author of [Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women](#) (2010). She also coauthored a national AAUW report on sexual harassment in grades seven through 12, [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School](#) (2011).

[Annie Warmke](#), a mentor of young women who lives on an Ohio homestead near Columbus that provides tours of an earth ship and straw bale structures, and [Dr. Barbara Hansen](#), professor at Muskingum University, who will present "Appalachia from an Assets Perspective."

Other speakers include Michelle Hannan, director of professional community services for the [Salvation Army Central Ohio](#); Maria Maisto, president of [New Faculty Majority](#) and executive director of the [New Faculty Majority Foundation](#); and more.

Friday Night Book and Film Discussions:



Tripping the Prom Queen is a groundbreaking investigation into the dark secret of female friendship: rivalry. Susan Shapiro Barash has exploded the myth that women help one another, are supportive of one another, and want each other to succeed. Based on interviews with women across a broad social spectrum, she has discovered that the competition between women is more vicious precisely because it is covert. She tells us useful strategies to stop the competition and forge a new kind of relationship with other women. You will discover an engrossing exploration of this female phenomenon, as well as a beacon of hope for better, more fulfilling relationships.

~ www.Amazon.com



Miss Representation, starring Cory Booker and Margaret Cho. *Miss Representation* exposes how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. Winner at the Sundance Film Festival.