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

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January, 2013

- Jan. 15 Drama Group, 7:00 PM, Traditions
- Jan. 17 Book Club, 9:30 AM; Bridge Club, 1:00 PM
- Feb. 5 Board meeting, 5:00—6:30 PM, @ CDC
- Feb. 6 Lunch Bunch, 12:30 PM, Chillicothe Country Club
- Feb. 14 Money Smart, 6:30 PM
- 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 MEETING

Let's Start the New Year with a Party!

Thursday, January 17

6:45 - 8:30 PM

at the OU-C Child Development Center

**Please come to spend time with your fellow AAUW sisters
and enjoy this fun program to begin 2013!**

Each of our Branch Study Groups will present a fun and engaging activity related to their special interest so that everyone else can experience it first-hand.

Are you involved in one of the Study Groups?
This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm for it and to entice other members to join you.

There will be bite-size hors d'oeuvres and desserts for you to sample, specially prepared by Dinner Club members.

Come hungry and curious!

"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.

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

Date: December 20, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Pump House Center for the Arts, Chillicothe, Ohio

Number of Members Present: 16

Number of Guests Present: 7

Program: Christmas Party. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet. We played several games, such as the candy cane game (passing the candy cane left and right via instructions in a reading of the Night Before Christmas); a Christmas clue game with clues posted through out the Pump House; and a singing competition pitting tables against one another singing Christmas carols. A good time was had by all.

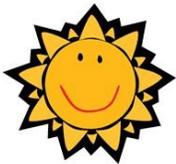
Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. at the OU-C Child Development Center. The topic will be "Study Group Spotlight". Presenters will be members of each the Branch's study groups.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara A. Fabrey, Branch Secretary

MONEY SMART & VALENTINE'S DAY

At the February 14 meeting, learn what to consider financially when living in retirement. Also, Pam Ballard, of Affinity on Water Street, will be sharing her own line of specialty teas. We will sample these teas, learn about tea ceremonies, and explore how teas can improve women's health.



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Sunshine Greetings go out to Queen Lester, Pat Barada, Mary Martin, Betty Brown, and Bert Magill as they regain their strength after surgeries and illnesses. Get well quickly, friends!

STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

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.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller

There are many ways this month that you can become informed and active in AAUW. If you take advantage of these opportunities, you might find yourself more involved and proud of your membership in AAUW. Connecting with fellow members can enrich your life. Enjoying activities with other women in the Branch is definitely a "perk" of your AAUW membership!

Appreciations: Many thanks to Jean and Karla for organizing our festive Christmas party at the Pump House, and to all who attended and brought the delicious food and drinks. It was fun for all of us, our guests, and spouses.

New Fundraiser: Watch for the announcement of a winter social event to benefit our OU Endowment Fund Principal Account. Ideas being discussed include a "tasting" event like last year or partnering with another local women's group on one of their projects. An important secondary goal for any fundraiser is, of course, to promote the mission of AAUW and our Branch, and to be active in our community. Would you care to host the Tasting?

New Program for the Saturday, February 16 Branch Meeting:

There has been a change in the topic for February's meeting. The new topic is called "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School". In 2011, AAUW published this report based on a nationwide survey of students in grades 7-12. The report provides statistics on the prevalence and the impact sexual harassment has on students' education. When it was released, the report was referenced in several media outlets including, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Time*, CNN, and *Education Week*. Please plan to attend what will surely be a relevant and thought-provoking program. If you are interested in looking at the report prior to the meeting, it can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/upload/CrossingTheLine.pdf>.

We will also be celebrating our Branch's 61st birthday. Happy Birthday AAUW Chillicothe! There will be birthday cupcakes and coffee. Bring your sweet tooth.

Would you like to bake a dozen of your favorite treats? Call Karla Hanson or Jean Ziogas, Program co-chairs.

Women's History Awareness activities in March:

We would like to partner with the Public Library branches again this year to display the local history posters we made last year. By rotating these among the branches, new information can be given to the public about the accomplishments and impact made by Ross County women. We will need seven volunteers to deliver and pick-up the posters at each of the seven branches. Please volunteer for this very easy task by calling Maryjo.

We will be a sponsoring partner in the OU-C Quinn Library "Human Library" event on March 20. More details will be available by the end of January. Mark your calendars!

Help Choose How We Use Our Book Sale Profits

At the January meeting, we'll be discussing possible donations to AAUW special projects. What do you value? Read the list of Funds on the next page to become informed about the work of AAUW on the national level. Our Branch contributions would further the work of these meaningful endeavors. Bring your thoughts and suggestions January 17.

FINANCE NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Current Balances in our OU Endowment Fund (as of January 10, 2013):

Principal Account: \$35,914.68
Spending Account: \$ 2,277.26

2012-13 scholarship for Julie Beaver has been paid in full.

The Board recommends the following distribution of the 2012 Book Sale proceeds:

\$ 600	Branch Operating Budget
\$3,000	Janney Montgomery investment account
\$1,500	OU Endowment Principal account
\$ 900	OU Endowment Spending account (for 2013-14 scholarships)
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\$6,000	

January Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance: \$2,176.42
Necklace Project: \$ 596.15 (profits as of January 8, 2013)

Donations to AAUW National projects:

The Board recommends making \$500—\$600 Branch donations to AAUW Funds this year. We have not made any donations in the last five years, except to the AAUW Action Fund (general operations) with our State Convention auction proceeds. Since we are financially healthy, this seems like a good time to consider such donations. A discussion and decision will be made at the January meeting. We could choose to donate to one or more of these other funds:

- 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.
- AAUW Action Fund