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the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch

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JUNE, 2013

- July 25 Summer Social for New Member Recruitment - Mark your calendar!
Aug 26 *Women's Equality Day*: Commemoration of the 90th anniversary of
Women winning the right to vote
Sept 27 Book Sale Super Sort begins; Sale— October 1-5

SUMMER SOCIAL TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS



**Thursday, July 25
5:30—7:30 PM**

@ OU-C Child Development Center

Greet & Meet Our Guests

Potluck Supper Buffet

Induction of New Branch Officers

Highlights of 2012 Branch Activities

Getting to Know Our Guests

Discussion Topic

Invitation to Join AAUW

Adjourn

"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 BOARD

AAUW National Vote Deadline is June 10:

You all should have received an email from Linda Hallman in regards to voting (see info below).

Time is running out! Voting in [AAUW's 2013 election](#) ends June 10 at 9 p.m. CDT. Please vote today to make sure you have a say in the future of AAUW. Your voice and opinions matter.

All AAUW members are eligible to vote. The ballot includes [candidates](#) for the AAUW Board of Directors, a proposed amendment to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy program. For details, see the [voter guide](#) posted online and included in your Spring/Summer issue of the *Outlook* magazine.

How to Vote

Go to www.aauw.org/onevote and click on CAST YOUR BALLOT. Enter your member ID and pin #.



July 25th Summer Recruitment Social:

Plan to attend the Summer Social to help us host and recruit new members for our Branch. As usual, it will be a potluck supper. Please start thinking about the women you want to invite to join AAUW and our Branch. We are planning to do something a little different this year. Before putting forth a name for the invitation list, please consider calling these women personally to extend the invitation to attend and learn more about AAUW. We think this personal touch will give the invitee an opportunity to express interest and for the caller to share her enthusiasm for AAUW. Who did you meet this year that you'd like to invite? This year, it has been suggested, we could recruit women in professions that require a degree, mothers of young children who've interrupted their careers, and local HR managers since many businesses like to see their employees as members of professional organizations, like AAUW. These three ideas may give you some ideas of who to contact.

So far, these members have volunteered to be on the planning team:

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| Theresa Herrnstein | Diane Kistler | Terri Harris-Downing |
| Laurel Evans | Diane Diekroger | Joyce Atwood |
| Ginny Taynor | Theresa McAuliffe | Chrissy Park |

Do you want to help, too? Call Karen Rieder today.

State Leadership Conference:

The AAUW Ohio Leadership Conference 2013, "Empowering Young Women Through Leadership", will take place on Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Otterbein College. Registrations are now being accepted. Karen Rieder and Ginny Taynor are attending. Do you wish to go, too?



Member News:

Thinking of You wishes were sent to **Bert Magill** for her husband, Red's, recovery. Congratulations were sent to **Sherri Mong** on the achievement of her Ph.D.! Congratulations were sent to **Ashley Rauckhorst Diggles** on the occasion of her marriage!

On June 26, we'll say goodbye to **Leslie Van Volkinburg** as her family relocates to the Boston area. Leslie will now be near her parents and oldest daughter's new college. We certainly will miss you and your sunny laughter, Leslie! We wish you a great beginning to this new adventure.

Board News, continued.....

Members Who Have Renewed, as of May 16:

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| Joyce Atwood | Marcia Austin |
| Patricia Barada | Betty Brown |
| Marilyn Carnes | Sandra Christman |
| Becky Cryder | Amy Cryder |
| Diane Diekroger | Cathy Dresbach |
| Laurel Evans | Maryjo Flamm-Miller |
| Nellie Goms | Gail Anne Haga |
| Rachel Harrell | Theresa Herrnstein |
| Karen Houts | Mary Martin |
| Mindy Mc Ghee | Betsy Moore |
| Darleen Nelson | Patty Smith |
| Iolene Powell | Chrissy Park |
| Bobbie Reitz | Karen Rieder |
| Jody River | Mary Ruth Rodgers |
| Phyllis Rudie | Sue Schwartz |
| Libby Stanford | Clare Schwemlein |
| Ginny Taynor | Mary Lou Thompson |
| Sharon Wagner | Nilufer Woods |
| Jean Ziogas | |

We may be missing names for this list. If you do not appear on this list, please call Karen Rieder right away. We want to have an accurate list of members!

Book Sale Planning Has Begun!

We passed out Book Sale fliers and a children's literacy activity to families during the June 3 Bookworm Summer Reading kick-off event at the Northside Library, (see attachment at end of newsletter) so the season for planning the Book Sale has begun.

For a humorous glimpse at how another group drew public attention to their Annual Used Book Sale, click on the You Tube video link below. It will make you smile. Should we do this, too?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/04/book-domino-world-record- n_3384091.html

Treasurer's Report - June, 2013

Checking Account at PNC Bank: \$4,376.45

OU Endowment Account:

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

Janney Montgomery Account: \$7,273.73

Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike

Nearly one in five American households has student loan debt, with the average college senior graduating in 2011 owing \$26,600. As we know from AAUW's 2012 research report *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, the gender wage gap makes student loan debt an even larger burden for women, who earn an average of 18 percent less than their male counterparts just one year out of college. Yet the interest rate on some federal student loans is set to double on July 1 if Congress doesn't act.

Contact your members of Congress, and urge them to prevent this interest rate increase.

Congress must act to prevent the scheduled rise in interest rates on subsidized Stafford student loans from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent. Students receiving subsidized Stafford loans are the ones who are most in need of financial assistance to attend college – and the ones who are least able to afford paying twice as much in interest. Tell Congress to protect these students, many of whom are women, from a loan interest rate hike.

If you would prefer to take action online, AAUW makes it easy by letting you enter your name and sending a letter to our representatives on your behalf, letting them know that you stand with AAUW in stopping the Student Loan interest Rate Hike. Click on, or copy and paste the link below into your browser to go directly to the page where you can **TAKE ACTION!**

<http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=62586411>

Contacts :

Sherrod Brown, United States Senate
713 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-3503

Rob Portman, United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, (202) 224-3353

Representative Steve Stivers, 3790 Municipal Way, Hilliard, OH 43026, (614) 771-4968

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.

AAUW Chillicothe Branch Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2013

Present 19 Members; No guests this month.

Program

We welcomed Officer Bud Lytle from the Chillicothe Police Department. He has special training as a Confrontation Specialist and shared a lot of great information about how women can keep themselves safe when out in public. We practiced some of the moves he recommended. Here is a sample list of things you can do to be more proactive about your safety:

- Drugs, especially meth and heroin are bringing crime to our town. A problematic location for "crimes of opportunity" are in shopping malls. Criminals watch people come and go between their cars and shops, then steal from the car. Secure your purchases out of sight and go home as soon as possible.
- If someone approaches you, even if in uniform, ask to see ID.
- If you feel you are being followed, go into a women's clothing store or drive around the block. If the person is still following you, drive to a police station.
- Always park in the upper most levels of a parking garage where your car can be outdoors.
- Project confidence. Walk tall , with your shoulders thrown back. Look people in the eye.
- Carry your purse on your shoulder rather than across your chest or elbow. This way you will not get hurt much if a thief snatches it. Another idea, carry your purse upside-down and grip it closed. If someone snatches it, everything will fall out and a thief is not likely to stop to pick things up. When you are grocery shopping, tie the baby seatbelt through the handles of your purse.
- His experience is that people in Ross County are very willing to help if you call out loudly. Carry a whistle on your key ring and use it if you need help.
- If your workplace requires you to wear a lanyard name badge, but a break-away lanyard. If someone tries to grab it, you will not be choked.
- If you walk with a cane or a walker, these can be used as distancing devices to keep the criminal away from you.
- The "Castle Law" allows you to defend your person and possessions if an intruder comes inside your home.
- Prepare mentally for "what if..." - plan how you will react in advance if someone tries to bother you. Don't panic. Panic will make you freeze.

Business Meeting

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Volunteers were called for to be the Planning Committees of the Summer Social and Book Sale.

AAUW Chillicothe Branch Meeting Minutes continued.....

Board Elections

The Slate of Officers was approved and elected to two-year terms by unanimous vote. Their terms run July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

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| President-Elect | Joyce Atwood | <i>(President July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 only)</i> |
| Membership Co-Chair | Chrissy Park | |
| Program Co-Chair | Diane Diekrooger | |
| Board Secretary | Marcia Austin | |
| Branch Secretary | Virginia Taynor | |

Membership Renewals are due by May 30. We have state and national deadlines to meet. Many thanks to all those who have already sent in their renewal forms and checks. As of today's meeting, 37 members have renewed. That means 35 members need to take action ASAP.

Next meeting

There will be no Branch meeting in June, but we will be meeting to prepare for the Summer Social on July 26. Please mark your calendars so that we have very good attendance at our annual New Member Recruitment event.

AAUW Program Survey 2013

Help us plan next year's programs. Your input is really appreciated.

Please send your survey answers to Karla Hanson.

1) What did you learn from this year's Diversity Appreciation programs?

Oct- Be WISE girls Nov- Lakota Culture Jan- Study Group presentations
Feb- Sexual Harassment Mar- Trafficking Apr- Visual Impairment

COMMENT:

- 2) Did you like the September picnic? YES NO**
Did you prefer the picnic to a fall dinner meeting? YES NO
Do you want a dinner meeting at the end of the year? YES NO

SUGGESTION:

3) What would you like to learn next year? Circle any of these 2013-14 National and/or State themes that interest you.

National focus: Learning, Networking & Mentoring, Building Community

Ohio focus: local issues, public policy & legislation, diversity awareness

National campaign to recruit mothers and STEM professionals as new AAUW members

Other idea:

5) What problems affecting women and girls worries you the most?

6) Next year, we will be scheduling Branch meetings during the 4th week of the month. Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choices for the meeting day.

_____Monday evening _____Tuesday evening
_____Thursday evening _____Saturday morning

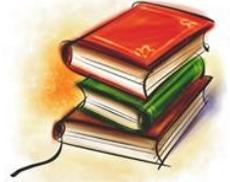
7) Two Branches have invited us to join them for day trips. Circle any trip that interests you. (Guests/spouses welcome.) Which day would you prefer?

Lancaster: Decorative Arts Center, Ohio Glass Museum, Lunch
Zanesville: The WILDS
Day Preference: Weekday Saturday morning Sunday afternoon

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

USED BOOK SALE **October 1–5, 2013**

"Great Books at Great Prices!"



**Many, many categories of books
for readers of all ages.**

LOCATION

Fellowship Hall at
Trinity United Methodist Church
80 East Main Street, Downtown Chillicothe
(corner of Main & Mulberry Streets)

Why shop at this Book Sale?

**Proceeds support educational scholarships
for women and girls in our community.**



SPECIAL DEAL: Children can choose a free stuffed animal **BOOK BUDDY** to read to, while supplies last, throughout the Sale Week.

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