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*Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch
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JUNE, 2014

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| June 5 | Summer Social Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM, Room 105, Bennett Hall, OU-C |
| June 16 | Organizational Meeting for 2014 Book Sale @ Northside Library, 7:00 PM |
| June 23 | Lunch provided for Habitat for Humanity volunteers (<i>call Jody River to help</i>) |
| July 11 | Meeting to plan the new year's Programs, 10 AM, @ CDC |
| August 4 | Organizational Meeting for 2014 Book Sale @ Northside Library, 7:00 PM |
| August 18 | Summer Social to recruit new members, 5:30—7:30 PM |

SUMMER DINNER SOCIAL TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

Monday, August 18

5:30—7:30 PM

Plan to attend.

Nominate women for the invitation list.

Share your enthusiasm for AAUW!



Book Mania is Coming!

AAUW is crazy about books! That's why we have a Used Book Sale every year—to spread our enthusiasm for reading and literacy throughout the community!

Be a part of this year's Book Sale planning on **June 16** and **August 4**. Accept a task captain job. Share your ideas.

Watch for monthly announcements about all the new features that will make this year's Book Sale fantastic fun!

Here's a few hints: Pop a balloon to win a gift certificate. Accumulate cards in the Poker Run. Win unusual and eclectic home décor fashioned from special books!

"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.



REMEMBERING NELLI GOMSI

Nellie Agnes Glod Gomsj of Chillicothe died 7:35 p.m. Sunday, June 1, 2014.

She was born December 23, 1924 in New York Mills, New York to the late Walter and Agnes Dziekan Glod. Surviving her are son Walter and grandchildren Pirkko, Eric and Andrew Gomsj of Ardmore PA and a nephew Robert Szarek of Utica New York. She was predeceased by her husband Arne Gomsj, to whom she was married for 59 years, three sisters and an infant daughter.

She was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church where she served on the church council, as Sunday School superintendent, president, secretary of the women's organization and a member of the Mary Martha Circle.

She graduated from the State University of New York at Albany and taught in Oxford and Binghamton, New York for eight years and at Unioto in Ross County from 1960 to 1983. After retirement she taught as a volunteer in the Unioto TAG program, the Chillicothe Literacy Program and served as president of the American Association of University Women, the Ross County Retired Teachers Association, and the Brewer Heights Garden Club.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15, 2014 at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Pastor Janet Hatch officiating. A luncheon will follow the service in the church's fellowship hall. After cremation, her ashes will be buried in the cemetery of the Sacred Heart Church in New Hartford, New York. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ware Funeral Home. Donations to support educational scholarships can be made to AAUW Chillicothe, c/o 115 Dun Road, Chillicothe, OH 45601.

Editor's Note: Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Nellie's family, through her son, Walt Gomsj, at his home—140 Drexel Road, Ardmore, PA, 19003.

News from the June 3, 2014 Board Meeting

Attendees: Maryjo Flamm-Miller, Jody River, Mary Martin, Karen Rieder, Karla Hanson, Diane Diekroger, Joyce Atwood, Marcia Austin, Iolene Powell, Terri Harris-Downing, Diane Kistler.

Absentees: Chrissy Park, Ginny Taynor, Marcia Austin.

Appreciations: Maryjo welcomed the newly elected Board members—Iolene Powell and Terri Harris-Downing. She recognized the years of leadership shown by out-going officers Karen Rieder (Membership) and Karla Hanson (Program). Maryjo announced that both Karen and Karla will remain on the Board as At-Large members, and that Karla has volunteered to serve as our Diversity Chair and Branch Historian. Maryjo also thanked Diane Diekroger for organizing the mystery raffle at the May dinner meeting. It raised \$102 for the Endowment Fund.

Member News: Sadly, Nellie Gomsi died on June 1. A donation will be sent to the OU Foundation in her memory for our Scholarship Endowment. Nellie's son, Walt, intends to encourage family and friends of the family to make memorial donations to this Fund, too.

The family of Lyn Loucks has made a very generous donation of \$1,200 to our Branch for the purpose of sending girls to Be WISE camp. The Board sent a thank you card on behalf of all the members of the Branch.

At the April State Convention, Maryjo Flamm-Miller accepted a two-year term as the new Southeast District Coordinator. This position begins July 1.

Membership Dues: We have a June 30 deadline to report all renewals to the State office. Please help us to get our money and report in on time. Send your renewal form and check to Karen Rieder, ASAP. Thank you.

Cap & Gown Editor needed. Maryjo has been the *Cap & Gown* editor for the last seven years and is stepping down from the post after the July issue. A new Editor is needed. Are you interested?

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

New Officers: At the May dinner meeting, Iolene Powell, Program Co-Chair, and Terri Harris-Downing, Membership Co-Chair, were elected by the membership. Their terms of office run July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. Joyce Atwood assumes the Branch Presidency on July 1. She has made a one-year commitment.

Book Sale Update: Captains are being arranged for the various aspects of the Book Sale. There will be two (mandatory) organizational meetings for all captains. These will take place on June 16 and August 4. Since the floor of the new storage garage is at ground level, pallets are being used to keep moisture away from the boxes of books. The coordinators and captains will be creating new features for Book Sale Week to keep things lively and fun for all the workers. Watch for announcements.

Community Service project: Jody River is coordinating lunch to be provided for volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity build on Mechanic St. Please call Jody if you want to contribute part of the meal. The rescheduled date is Monday, June 23. Delivery will be made at 11:30 AM.

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Board Minutes, continued.....

Summer Social for New Member Recruitment: *DATE CHANGE:* Monday, August 18. 5:30-7:30 PM @ the OU-C Child Development Center. The invitee list is now being formed. All members are encouraged to contribute names of people who may be interested in AAUW. Please forward the addresses, phone numbers, and email to Membership Co-Chair—Chrissy Park or Terri Harris-Downing.

September 2 Board Meeting will start with a Happy Hour reception. It will be an opportunity for the newest recruits to meet the Board members and be introduced to our Branch and its activities. This reception is open to all members, too. Watch for details.

Next Board Meetings: Tuesdays—July 1, August 5, October 5, September 2, October 14, November 4, December 2. All from 4:00-5:30 PM, unless changed and announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Harris-Downing, *for Marcia Austin*

REVIEW OF CHILLICOTHE BRANCH GOALS FOR 2013-2014

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| 1 | Awareness of AAUW-Chillicothe in the Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Sale supports community literacy• Meet monetary goal set in Branch budget | met met |
| 2 | Member Growth, Engagement, Benefits, Retention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retain 90% of members from 2012-13 into 2013-14• Publish AAUW benefit programs & resources• Create rules, post member business information on website | met no no |
| 3 | Fundraising for Branch Projects & Growing our OU Endowment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal = \$6,500• Hold a winter fundraiser if Book Sale proceeds not enough | met NA |
| 4 | Leadership Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send representatives to August, 2013 Leadership Conference• Send at least three members to 2014 State Convention• Elect and engage new Board members | met met met |
| 5 | Promote Women's History, Health, Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-sponsor an event with another local women's group• March Women's History Month activity | NA met |
| 6 | Outreach to Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organize a day-long event to empower girls• Ask Be WISE girls to help recruit campers for 2014 | met met |
| 7 | Technology & Social Media Use <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Train a back-up person to maintain our website, email database, and e-communications | no |

Dues Payment:

Dues are being collected for the 2014-2015 year. Please be prompt in renewing your AAUW membership. We need to meet a June 30 deadline at the state and national levels. Complete your renewal form and submit it with your check today. Good news! Dues have not increased for the new year.

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| \$69 | Full Member |
| \$17 | Student Affiliate |
| \$9 | 50 Year Golden Member |
| \$9 | Recent College Graduate (<i>one time offer, within 2 years of graduation</i>) |
| \$18.81 | Graduate School Student |

Dues Support Fund:

Sometimes new and renewing members need financial assistance to continue being active AAUW members. People can request up to \$50 in support. Each recipient is responsible for the balance (\$19). Contributions in any amount to the Dues Support Fund throughout the year is especially helpful. **Can you make a contribution to the Fund when you renew your membership?** Current active members or new members may request up to \$50 each, until the (annual) fund is depleted. If you wish to request support, please contact the President or a Membership Co-Chair.



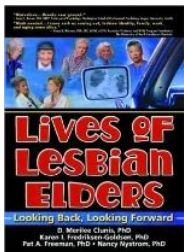
SUNSHINE GREETINGS

Happy wishes go out to Diane Diekroger on the birth of her first grandchild, Ana, born May 22.

Greetings to Rosemary Houf at her new address: Episcopal Church Home, Room 234, 505 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14627.

AAUW ¡Adelante! Books of the Month 2013-2014

June: LGBT Pride Month



Lives of Lesbian Elders: Looking Back, Looking Forward

By D. Merilee Clunis, PhD, Pat A. Freeman, Nancy M. Nystrom, and Karen I. Fredriksen-Goldsen

This book illuminates the hopes, fears, issues, and concerns of gay women as they grow older. Based on interviews with 62 lesbians ranging in age from 55 to 95, this very special book provides a historical account of the shared experiences of a part of the lesbian community that is so often invisible or ignored in contemporary society. It gives voice to these women's thoughts and feelings on a wide range of issues, including coming out, identity and the meaning of life, the role of family and personal relationships, work and retirement, adversity, and individual sources of strength and resilience.

Check Out Your Award-Winning AAUW Blog

The [AAUW blog](#) won the 2014 gold Excel Award for best blog from Association Media and Publishing. Make sure you follow [the blog](#) and AAUW's [social media](#) to engage with friends,

White House Issues Report on Campus Sexual Assault

[Several AAUW priorities](#) were included in the Obama administration's April [report](#) on campus sexual assault. The administration created a [website](#) to compile resources and enforcement tools, and the report required the U.S. Department of Education to develop a list of Title IX coordinators, issued [guidance](#) to answer schools' questions about Title IX, and encouraged increased use of student surveys. [Share AAUW's takeaways](#) from the report, and watch for programming opportunities this fall.

What Determines Failure or Success for Student Parents?

Child care on campus! AAUW's 2013 report [Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success](#) shows just how critical on-campus child care is to the nearly 1 million mothers currently enrolled in community colleges. See how your state [stacks up](#), and [share the report](#) with your local administrators.

Attend the White House Summit on Working Families

The White House needs to hear from you! On June 23, President Barack Obama will convene the [White House Summit on Working Families](#) to discuss modernizing workplace policies. In a proactive attempt to gather a range of perspectives, White House administrators will host smaller events in a city near you. AAUW members have been [visible](#) at the local events, and we want to see you at the next one. [Learn more](#).

Help Enforce Title IX

Don't miss out on this chance to [take action](#) on Title IX. An AAUW-led coalition hosted a webinar in April with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The webinar answered important questions about how education professionals should implement new guidance on discipline and its relationship to Title IX enforcement. [Watch the webinar now](#).

Are You a Title IX Champion?

Whether you've promoted awareness, supported women's athletics, or investigated compliance, your Title IX efforts set a great example for your community. Send a summary and a picture of your Title IX event to laf@aauw.org, and you'll receive a Title IX Champion award to display on your branch's website. Your story will also be featured [on the AAUW](#)

AAUW Fellow Named One of *Time's* 100 Most Influential People

[Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala](#), 1977-78 AAUW International Fellow, was recently featured in *Time* magazine's [list](#) of the 100 Most Influential People. Much of her career has been dedicated to the World Bank, but Okonjo-Iweala is the first female finance minister in Nigeria and was also the first woman to hold the position of minister of foreign affairs.