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*the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch*

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## MARCH, 2013

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| Mar. 20   | "Human Library" event at Quinn Library, 2:00—4:00 PM                       |
| April 2   | Board Meeting, 5:00-6:30 PM, CDC   |
| April 5-7 | State Convention in Newark, hosted by the Southern District ( <i>us!</i> ) |
| April 11  | Branch Meeting, 6:45—8:30 PM, CDC  |

### BRANCH MEETING

**Saturday, March 9**

**9:45—11:30 am**

@ OU-C Child Development Center

- 9:45      **Social:** Catch up with friends. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or juice.
- 10:00      **Program: Ronda Pauley** - a great new local author!  
Sharing her new book, Trapped in the Mayan Tattoo, Ronda will discuss the problem of human sex trafficking. We'll learn about how women can protect themselves physically, emotionally, and on-line. This educational program will show the true face of victims and how friendship, family, and love can help them. See the 3/4/13 Gazette story about Ronda. Buy her e-book online.
- 11:00      **Business Meeting:**
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- \* **State Convention responsibilities**  
Bring your items for the auction baskets!
  - \* **March 20 Human Library event, 2-4 PM, Quinn Library — Will you be one of our three "Books"?**
- 11:30      **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.*

## **State Convention Responsibilities**

**1) 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 sizeable donations to the AAUW Action Fund which supports the operational needs of the organization. This year, Branches have been encouraged to donate larger THEME BASKETS than in years 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).

**DEADLINE: March 30.** Bring your donations to the March meeting or Maryjo at the CDC. Because we have to get the baskets ready to take to Newark, NO DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. It's always fun to see what we find for this auction in our homes. What can you contribute? Here is what we have collected so far:

**"Comfort and Joy"** 15 items (soaps, lotions, bath salts, candle)

**"Treasured Things Tell a Story"** nothing yet

**"Treats from Ross County"** Affiniti Tea, Hirsch's jelly, Bill McKell story, soap, Boulevard anti-aging creams, Karen Patterson's *Herb Companion*)

**2) FRIDAY—GOODIE BAGS:** All Convention attendees will receive a bag of goodies from the Southeast District Branches. We will be sending something unique that showcases Chillicothe-Ross County, perhaps featuring a local tourist attraction, business, or edible. DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION? We will be assembling these before the end of March. Watch for an email inviting you to help. At 3:30 PM on Friday, April 5, the goodie bags will be stuffed in Newark. We need to get our contributions there by then. We also have been asked to help assemble the goodie bags. ARE YOU PLANNING TO BE IN NEWARK FRIDAY? If so, please let Maryjo know soon. Otherwise, we will have to mail our treats to get them there on time.

**3) SATURDAY—PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:** On Saturday evening, from 8:30—10:00 PM, the newly-elected State President will host a reception and social in her hotel suite. Our Branch is responsible for arranging this party. She will provide wine, and we will provide everything else. This includes non-alcoholic drinks, fruit, chocolates/desserts, and paper goods. We also must set-up for the party and clean-up afterwards. This is an opportunity for our Branch to give service and shine! So, let's make a nice party. Helpers will obviously be needed. WILL YOU BE IN NEWARK THAT NIGHT? Let Maryjo know.

**4) REGISTRATION TABLE:** Volunteers from the Southeast District are responsible for staffing the Registration Table throughout the weekend. Let Maryjo know if you will help. Especially needed are workers at these times:

Friday, 5:00-7:00 PM

Saturday, 8:30-9:30 AM (*and through 4 PM*)

Sunday, 8:00-9:00 AM (*and through 11 AM*)

**5) CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** The weekend schedule and registration form are attached to this newsletter. The list of workshops and speakers can be found in the Spring *Orbit*, online at [www.aauwoh.org](http://www.aauwoh.org) AND at <http://www.aauwoh.org/aauwoh/events/aauw-ohio-equity-day-and-convention-2013/>.

## **NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

**Pat Medert** is unable to present the scheduled program this month due to family illness. Our new speaker, Ronda Pauley, will present information of interest to us. Her topic is timely, too, following on the heels of last week's community program sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

### **ALERT! Membership Renewal Time:**

Spring is the time we renew our AAUW membership each year. Bring your checkbook to the March meeting and make it easy on yourself and our Membership Co-Chairs and Treasurer to meet the June 30 state and national deadlines.



**INCENTIVE: Renew before the State Convention for just \$69. If the dues are increased at Convention, our Branch will cover the difference!** (Board approved.)

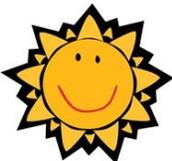
### **Human Library event**

We want at least TEN members to attend this event, which our Branch is co-sponsoring. (See event flier attached to this newsletter.) We are expected to send at least three women. Do you wonder what you could talk about as a Book? Check this out:

- Think of something that you know something about—such as a career or interest, a place you have visited or lived, a hobby you do, or a collection you keep.
- Decide what the “book title” could be. Examples: *A Globetrotting Farmer’s Daughter*, *Funny Doctor Hippie Surfer Jew*, *It’s All About the Creases—Making Origami*.
- Enjoy being “checked out” by attendees who are eager to have a conversation with you! It’s simple and easy to do. Really, that’s all there is to it.

***At Saturday’s Branch meeting, we need to confirm who will be our “books”. We have a Tuesday, March 12 deadline.***

Karen Rieder will be setting up an information table about our Branch. Can you help her? Refreshments will be provided by the Quinn Library. Invite a friend to attend with you.



### **SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS**

Congratulations to our Dancing Diva, **Karen Houts**, on collecting 1st Prize awards during the recent Arnold Sports Festival dance competition!

Congratulations to **Mary Martin** and her husband, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and visiting their 50th state—Hawaii.

Get well wishes go out to **Queen Lester**, temporarily rehabbing at Liberty Village Senior Community on Western Avenue.

*If you know of a member who needs Sunshine wishes, call or email Mary Martin.*

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

Date: February 16, 2013  
Time: 9:45 AM  
Location: Child Development Center, Ohio University-Chillicothe  
Numbers: Members Present: 25, Guests this Month: none

**Program:** "Sexual Harassment in Schools"

The meeting began at 10:05 AM with the program: "Sexual Harassment in Schools", led by Karla Hanson. Ms. Hanson presented the AAUW Research Report, "Crossing the Line", on the topic which was followed by a lively group discussion.

**Business Meeting:**

A. Finances: A \$500 donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund, \$225 to BE WISE, \$100 added to Program, OUC 2012-2013 scholarship paid in full.

B. Nominating Committee: The positions to be filled are Membership Sr., Membership Jr., Program Jr., Board Sec., Branch Sec., and President-Elect. A Nominating Committee was formed with Theresa Herrnstein, Karen Rieder, and Nilufer Woods volunteering.

C. Barb Fabrey has had to resign her position as Branch Secretary. Joanna Tsitroulis volunteered to finish Barb's term (though May, 2013).

D. Convention Responsibilities: Our goal is for 10 members to attend.: So far, Maryjo Flamm-Miller, Pam Derringer, Karla Hanson, Karen Rieder, Diane Diekroger, and Marcia Austin are planning to attend. We are co-hosting this event in Newark April 5, 6 and 7.

E. Three auction baskets are being assembled. Please contribute so they are full and enticing to bidders! March 30 is the deadline for donations of items.

**F. Our Convention jobs:**

Collect a "Chillicothe" item for goodie bags (100 items needed)

Help stuff goodie bags at 3:30 PM on Friday, April 5.

Bring snacks, fruit, mini-desserts, paper goods, juice or soda for the President's Reception on Saturday evening (9:00—10:30 PM)

**G. Women's History Month activities:**

Posters into Library Branches—deliver on March 1st, pick up on April 1st.

Main Branch-Phyllis Rudie

Northside Branch-Karen Rieder

Kingston-Theresa Herrnstein

South Salem-Karla Hanson

Richmond Dale-Rita Long

Frankfort-Darleen Nelson

Bainbridge-Nilufer Woods

The "Human Library" event will be held March 20, 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.

H. BE WISE News: Bert Magill gave an update on donations and upcoming nomination for this important program, which introduces girls to STEM careers.

February Branch Meeting minutes continued.....

I. Member News: Updates were given on two members. Lyn Loucks, who is receiving hospice care at home and Queen Lester, who is recuperating at Liberty Village. Our thoughts are with them.

g. Membership Renewal: Please bring your \$69 dues to the March or April meeting.

The next meeting is Saturday, March 9 at the OUC Child Development Center. Pat Medert will present "Lifestyle of Women During the 19th Century".

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Tsitroulis

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

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

**Who:** AAUW Ohio thanks Janice Tucker-McCloud, Chair, and the Southeast Branches for organizing this year's convention. We are thrilled to say that the costs for attending convention have not changed in three years! We have planned strong and diverse speakers and workshops, and arranged for a beautiful and accessible facility - all we need is you!

**What: Nationally known Keynote Speakers**

**Holly Kearnl**, 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, Annie lives on an Ohio homestead near Columbus and provides tours of an earth ship and straw bale structures there. **Dr. Barbara Hansen**, professor at Muskingum University, who will present "Appalachia from an Assets Perspective."

**Where:** [Newark Metropolitan Hotel](#), 50 North Second St., Newark, Ohio 43055

**When:** At Convention, we will have early-bird check-in & registration beginning on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

**Why:** To be energized about the mission and work of AAUW, to learn something new and interesting, and to connect with women from all over Ohio who share your concern for issues impacting women and girls!

# **MANY THANKS TO BARB FABREY FOR WRITING THIS YEAR'S APPLICATION!**

## **2013 DAFFODIL DIVERSITY AWARD APPLICATION**

Chillicothe Branch  
Maryjo Flamm-Miller, President  
Barbara Fabrey, Diversity Chair

### **1. Appoint a branch diversity chair to work closely with the membership and program chair and/or committees.**

A. We have appointed Barbara Fabrey as Diversity Contact Person. She participates in the executive board meetings where membership and programs are discussed and decided.

### **2. Encourage branch programs and projects to celebrate the diversity themes in your community; participate in community events that highlight diversity—festivals, theater, art or cultural events.**

A. On March 24, 2012, Mr. Christopher Manegold, Executive Director for the Economic Development Alliance of Southern Ohio (EDASO), spoke on "Local Prospects for Economic Growth". He provided us with a summary of "An Alliance Year in Review" that show "strategic thinking, focused action, opportunities created, problems solved, services provided and relationships nurtured." A primary goal of the EDASO is to attract and diversify business in the region. Ross County makes it lucrative for small businesses, and those owned by women and minorities, to thrive here.

B. On April 26, 2012, our program centered on "Women in Unusual Careers". One of our speakers was Sgt. Terri Mikesch, Canine Training Sergeant of the Crime Patrol of the State Highway Patrol (SHP). She told us about her 19 year career with the SHP. She heads all the SHP canine units in Ohio. She explained that this is her second career, her first being a college coach. Our other speaker was Marilyn Moncrief, Ms. FX IT. She has her own home repairs business. She also teaches home maintenance for women at Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center. She volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and leads women builds.

C. On November 10, 2012, several members manned a booth at the Altrusa Holiday Bazaar to sell our crocheted necklaces to raise money for scholarships for women and girls and also to educate the community as to our mission.

D. Our Branch's Book Club has read the following three culturally diverse books this year: The Passage of Power by Robert Caro, which follows Lyndon Johnson through the most frustrating and triumphant periods of his career – 1958 to 1964; Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War by Madeleine Albright, which recounts the Nazi invasion of Prague, the Battle of Britain, the near total destruction of European Jewry, the Allied victory in World War II, the rise of communism, and the onset of the Cold War; and Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin, the story of Lincoln's rise to the presidency and the men he defeated and then drafted into his cabinet.

E. Our Branch's Dinner Club has prepared and hosted a Hawaiian Luau, a Night in Spain and a Global Gourmet dinner.

### **3. Print the diversity statement in the branch newsletter.**

A. The diversity statement is printed on all our branch e-newsletters and Membership brochure:

"AAUW - 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.*"

B. Our yearbook includes this statement, as well.

#### **4. Increase branch awareness for the physically challenged with attention to meeting location, provisions for disabled persons.**

A. Many of our meetings, board meetings, too, are held at Ohio University Chillicothe's Child Development Center, which is totally handicapped accessible. Additional local meetings are always held in handicapped accessible facilities.

B. The Lunch Bunch continues to meet at the Chillicothe Country Club, which is handicapped accessible and in close proximity to the seniors' Independent Living facility; attendance at these luncheons has increased since the group began meeting here! Five of our members live in this facility and participate in Lunch Bunch.

#### **5. Promote a diverse membership of the eligible population in the community; work to have your branch reflect that population.**

A. For the last six years we have held a Membership Recruitment Event at Ohio University Chillicothe's Child Development Center that houses Head Start, Job and Family Services, Day Care, special education classes, and college courses for future teachers and nurses. We have an active committee that gathers names of prospective members from the community, work places, and service organizations in order to invite them to our Summer Social. This event annually yields 8-12 new members for our Branch. The racial diversity of Ross County, according to the most recent Census, is 9%. Our Branch membership diversity is 5%. Because our Branch values diverse viewpoints, life experiences, careers, and interests, we intentionally reach out, learn from, and recruit people who can make our group more global.

B. Our branch pays for two national AAUW memberships for new/current members who are in economic need. Often, individual members also pool their financial resources to pay the dues of fellow members who can then remain active in the Branch.

C. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we are planning to seek OU-C students to help us with Branch development projects.

D. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we are planning to advertise member-owned businesses our Branch website: [www.aauwchillicothe.org](http://www.aauwchillicothe.org).

#### **6. Appoint a welcoming committee for branch meetings.**

A. We have continued our hospitality committee, which is responsible for planning and bringing refreshments, serving as greeters, coordinating ride-share arrangements, setting up and cleaning up.

B. New members are designated by flowers on their name tags, so that other branch members can make them feel welcome. At our annual summer Membership Event, those who invited guests introduce those guests to the group and the guests are asked to tell the group about themselves. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we are continuing a buddy system for new members. Those branch members who recruit new members are the new

member's buddy for their first year. The buddy reminds the new member of upcoming events and encourages them to participate in Branch activities and Study Groups. We are very proud that twelve of our members have belonged to AAUW for 50 or more years! Nine of these members are still living and participating actively in the Chillicothe Branch. Their name tags are adorned with gold roses and the numeral "50".

C. On our agenda for each meeting is "Name that Member" an activity highlighting our group members' diversity. We ask each member to complete the "AAUW Member Spotlight Questionnaire", with questions such as: year joined AAUW, where have you lived, list one thing no one knows about you, occupation, and what do you enjoy doing in your free time, etc. We use this information to challenge the members to identify a fellow member.

D. In order to keep in touch with members who are ill or hospitalized, a Sunshine Lady sends cards on behalf of our AAUW membership and continuously updates members about their well-being. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we are looking into how we can use Skype to connect home-bound members to live branch meetings.

## **7. Forge coalition partnerships for community projects and programs.**

A. As part of Women's History month, we have agreed to partner with the Ohio University-Chillicothe Quinn Library to present an event called a "Human Library", whereby guests will be invited to "check out" local women with interesting life experiences through casual conversations.

B. Also, as part of Women's History month, at our meeting on March 9, 2013, we will have a guest speaker, local historian Pat Medert; speak about the "Lifestyle of Women during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century".

C. To promote women's history and education, our branch made seven informational posters about influential women from Ross County to display throughout March 2012 in the seven branches of the Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library. We will be displaying these posters again in March 2013, rotating them to new library locations.

D. Our annual Fall Used Book Sale was held October 2-6, 2012. We partnered with Trinity Methodist Church for the location, with the Light House Boys Juvenile Detention Center for manpower in transporting books, with the First Presbyterian Church's Children's Clothing Bank for accepting all of the unsold children's books, with Goodwill Industries for accepting all of the rest of the unsold books, and with all teachers who could obtain free books for their classrooms. One of the ways we advertised the book sale was by providing informational bookmarks to the Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library for distribution to the participants in their Children's summer reading program and to the Pump House Center for the Arts for distribution to attendees at the Southern Ohio Storytelling Festival. We also provided coupons for free books to the clients of Carter Community Center, Walnut Street Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church's Children's Clothing Bank, and Ross County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

E. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we plan to organize a summer reunion for the Be WISE girls that we have sponsored over the last five years.

F. Pilot Dogs Inc. Representatives and the Public Library's Special Services Coordinator will

be our guest speakers at our meeting on April 11, 2013. They will speak to us about overcoming visual impairment.

G. Officer Lydle of the Chillicothe Police Department will be our speaker at our meeting on May 16, 2013. He will talk to us about women and self-defense. He will also teach us helpful self-defense moves.

H. At our February 16, 2013 meeting, the topic will be "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School". This is one of AAUW's "Program in a Box" resources.

I. On November 15, 2012, member Karla Hanson spoke to the group about her experiences working among the Lakota People. She described the Lakota culture and talked about the importance of unlearning Indian stereotypes.

J. On October 13, 2012, Be WISE Camp scholarship recipients spoke to the group about Be WISE camp. The State Be WISE coordinator was invited to attend. Two of our members shared their experiences of spending a day at Camp.

### **8. Publish and use the AAUW! Adelante! Book of the Month Club list.**

A. We publish the AAUW! Adelante! Book of the Month Club list in our branch e-newsletters and encourage our members to read the listed books.

### **9. Hold a Woman-to-Woman program or meeting.**

A. As part of Women's History month, we have agreed to partner with the Ohio University-Chillicothe Quinn Library to present an event called a "Human Library", whereby guests will be invited to "check out" local women with interesting life experiences through casual conversations.

B. As part of our branch goals for 2012-2013, we plan to organize a reunion for the Be WISE girls that we have sponsored, particularly during the last five years. We have been following their school and career progress and want to stay connected to them. We also want to encourage them to be ambassadors and resources for new girls who attend Be WISE camp. In March, 2012, one of our scholarship winners participated in a Beauty and Talent Pageant. She cited AAUW and Be WISE as her inspiration for pursuing college studies in science. We are proud to have sent 50 girls to Be WISE Camp over the 23 years of its existence. Many other girls from Ross County paid their own way to camp. We are proud of them all.