



CAP & GOWN

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mar 13	Drama Group, 7 PM
Mar 15	Book Club, 9:30 AM; Bridge Club, 1:00 PM
April 4	Lunch Bunch, 12:30 @ the Country Club
April 5	Bridge Club, 1:00 PM
April 10	Drama Group, 7 PM
April 12	Money Smart, 6:30 PM
April 14 & 15	STATE CONVENTION— Findlay, Ohio
April 26	Branch Meeting—hear about our State Convention Awards!



MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24
9:15—11:30 AM**

Location: Bennett Hall at OU-C

- 9:15 POTLUCK:** Bring a dish for the Breakfast Buffet. Beverages and serveware will be provided.
- 10:00 PROGRAM:** “Local Prospects for Economic Growth”
Presenter: Mr. Christopher Manegold, Executive Director for the Economic Development Alliance of Southern Ohio
- 11:00 BUSINESS MEETING**
- GAME:** 50/50 Raffle, \$1 per ticket

PROJECT: Collecting items for the State Convention Silent Auction

News About Tax Deductibility

AAUW National reminds us that \$46 of our dues is tax-deductible. Also, any donation made to our OU Endowment, or any AAUW Fund at the national level (such as the Action or Education Funds), are tax deductible. The Board intends to seek 501-c-3 status for our Branch in the coming months.

“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.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Our Posters: During the month of March, we pause to celebrate the many accomplishments of women. Our history posters will be displayed in all of the public libraries until the end of the month. Be sure to look for them when you visit any of the branches. Librarians at South Salem called to say how informative and beautiful the posters are for students and adult patrons to read. They expressed appreciation to our Branch for sharing our talents and knowledge.

Trivia Night Coming Friday, March 16: Heather Welshimer, of OU-C's GESS (Gender Equality Solidarity Society) invites you to attend a "Women's History Trivia" event at the Thirsty Fox Pub, Paint Street, from 7-9 PM. Bring friends and be a team. Registration opens at 6:30 PM. The evening's winning team will earn a \$50 Thirsty Fox gift card and have their photo posted on the GESS Facebook page. Tell your friends about this event.

"Chick History": CHICK HISTORY, an online blog dedicated to finding new and interesting ways to highlight women's contributions to history, is telling the stories of 52 historical women—one podcast each week in 2012—through the voices of contemporary women. Listen to AAUW's Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, describe how Elizabeth Cady Stanton inspired her and continues to be her "shero." Visit: <http://herstoryproject.blogspot.com/2012/01/herstory-2-elizabeth-cady-stanton-by.html>.

Conversations with Successful Women Series

Held at the OU-C Technology and Business Development Center on Pohlman Road
Fridays, 12:30—1:30 PM

March 30, 2012: Deborah Russell, Chemical Engineer, Guidant Corporation (international)

April 27, 2012: Tulanda Brown, Nuclear Engineer, Senior Manager for ESI and Q

Please bring your brown bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Sponsored by the Ohio University-Chillicothe Giving Circle, Women in Philanthropy of OU.

The Ohio University-Chillicothe Giving Circle was formed in November 2010 to promote the arts, encourage philanthropic education, seek grant opportunities, support the wellness program, advance mentoring programs, enhance social service programs, and participate in activities that support Ohio University-Chillicothe. The Giving Circle believes that women who are engaged to make a significant difference on a campus promote educational excellence. The Giving Circle has quarterly meetings and is open to all women interested in learning about our work. The founding members of the OU-C Giving Circle are: Sherry Mong, Susie Cunningham, Martha Rittinger, Joanna River, Laura Whinery, and Joyce Atwood. Ashlee Rauckhorst, Coordinator of Student Affairs serves on the committee. Dorothy Schey is our liaison member from Ohio University Women in Philanthropy. Call Joyce Atwood for more information at 740-774-7732.

"Our success, to be real, must contribute to the success of others." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Please note this update in your Yearbook: Diane Bambenek is the new coordinator of the LUNCH BUNCH. Everyone is welcome to join this casual monthly luncheon at the Chilli-cothe Country Club. Reservations are appreciated. Call Diane.

April MONEY SMART Study Group News

The Money Smart Study Group is exploring how to better prepare for retirement by learning how to invest successfully. In April, we will learn about Annuities. You are invited to come for the lively discussion. Bring your questions; get answers. Money Smart meets at the Edward Jones Investments office located, 109 W Main Street, across from Walnut Street Methodist Church. There is parking both in front of and behind the building.



News from the Be WISE Committee

Applications for scholarships are due March 12 and the decision about this year's winners will be made by March 19th. Our Branch is sending two girls and member Jean Kerney, of K & C Educational Associates, will also be sponsoring a third girl from the "Celebrating Girls" program which she coordinates. These three young women will help us celebrate sending 50 scholarship participants to Be WISE over its 23 year history. Watch next month's *Cap & Gown* for the names of the honorees.

STATE CONVENTION SILENT AUCTION

Through April 12, we will continue to collect items for the State Convention Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction of our items makes it possible for our Branch to make a donation to the Action Fund. The more auction items we take, the more money we raise. For the last 4-5 years, we have not had to include a line item donation in our annual budget for the Action Fund because of the money raised at the auction. In addition to how this activity builds Branch camaraderie, all the money for our Fund contribution comes from other people! At last year's convention, for example, our auction items raised \$285.

So, look around your home with a critical eye and see if you have anything to donate. Items can be new, regifted, or lovingly cared for and in nice condition. Suggestions:

- boxed stationery
- Spring or Easter decorative items
- gardening supplies
- jewelry
- soaps & lotions
- beautiful table linens
- coffee table books
- current Bestseller List novels
- gourmet-like indulgences
(such as chocolates, cookies, coffees, teas, pastry mixes, spices)
- lovely dishes, serving pieces, or sterling silver bowls

You can bring items to the March 24 Branch meeting. Study Groups can work together to collect 5-10 items. Donations can also be dropped off at Maryjo's house **prior to April 12**. Let's make 2012 another great showing for our Branch.

Minutes of the February, 2012 Branch Meeting

PROGRAM: Maryjo Flamm-Miller gave an interesting history of the origins of one-room schoolhouses in Ross County. Members contributed memories of their own experiences in such schools. It was interesting to learn, for example, that land was set aside for a school within every two-square miles of township, a township being six square miles or 640 acres. For this reason, it is still possible to locate many one room schoolhouse buildings in Ross County. Those that remain are primarily built of bricks, which is what led to the expression "Little Red Schoolhouse".

The Ohio School Law of 1825 established that property tax would generate revenue of local schools. The Akron Law of 1847 mandated the system of grading schools to make curriculum more uniform. About this time, teachers began sitting for the Boxwell-Patterson Exam to qualify them for a teaching license. This was a test of general knowledge in six disciplines: Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Writing & Penmanship, Orthography, History, and Physiology. Here is a sample question:

If the pressure in a gas main is 15 pounds per square inch, how many pounds of pressure are in a 10 inch pipe seven miles long?

Seventy-five years after Ohio became a state, the law required children to attend school for 12 weeks a year, from the ages of 8-14. Since many children were needed at home for farm work, a majority of students—particularly boys—only attended school in the winter quarter. To discipline so many boys, a male teacher was often employed over a woman. The average salary in 1919 was \$100/month and teachers often roomed with school families

The schoolhouse was usually the first public building constructed when a township was being developed. Serving also as the court of law, meeting hall, and church, schools were the social hub of the community. In the beginning, social entertainment for families took the form of spelling bees (for adults, too), lectures, cake walks, box lunch auctions, and dances. Later, communities were drawn together by sporting competitions. (*Sound familiar?*) The personalities in a mixed-age class, combined with overhearing lessons repeatedly, helped to create an influential educational environment for children.

BUSINESS:

- The Daffodil Diversity Award application has been submitted by author Barb Fabrey. We hope to receive this award at the State Convention.

• Treasurer's report:	General Operating Fund	\$3,817.24
	Janney Montgomery Investment Account	\$4,226.56
	OU Endowment—Principal Account	\$35,483.11
	Spending Account	\$4,146.26
	Necklace Project profit	\$788.55
	Winter Fundraiser	\$1,288.55

Our 990 Report has been filed with the IRS.

- New Website is up and running. Have you visited it this week? www.aauwchillicothe.org
- A Memorial Donation to our OU Endowment has been made on behalf of Jody Bain.
- The State Convention is April 14-15 in Findlay, Ohio. Three members will be representing our Branch, selling our necklaces, and taking our Action Fund auction items.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller

I want to thank the Nominating Committee—Leslie Van Volkinburg, Karen Rieder, Jody River—for their effort in assembling a solid slate of officers for the next two years. We will be voting on this slate at the March Meeting, so come prepared to let your voice be heard.

President:	Maryjo Flamm-Miller (2nd term)
Program Co-Chair:	Karla Hanson
Membership Co-Chair:	Theresa McAuliffe (one year)
Membership Co-Chair:	Karen Rieder (two years)

These persons will complete their terms: Treasurer, Secretary, Members at Large, Program, e-Communications & Policy Chair. **We appreciate those who have served and will be transitioning off the Board in July: Rita Long, Diane Bambenek, Chelsea Chenault.**

Leadership development is one of our Branch goals this year. Until we identify a fundraiser that yields \$5,000—\$10,000, we will continue holding our annual Book Sale. Now is the time to step forward and volunteer to be a part of the Planning Committee. Joyce Atwood has agreed to serve another year and we are looking for the person who will be her co-chair, with a view of being the senior chair in 2013. Anne Holmes has already offered to work on the committee. Will you? Call Joyce. Our Book Sale, such a part of our Branch culture, also provides an important service to our local community. Customers frequently tell us that they look forward to the sale and choose enough books to get them through a year of reading! With our interest in education and literacy, this is an especially good fit.

Speaking of community service, here's an opportunity for you—help with a fun event for families at the OU-C Child Development Center. On Tuesday evening, April 24, children, parents, and grandparents will make musical instruments from recyclables, read books, and enjoy a live concert with famous local musician Jerry Long - a canjo player. That's right— a banjo made from a tin can! There is a need for adult helpers and your few hours as a volunteer would make a difference. Call me. Could you save recyclables for this event? They are looking for: toilet & paper towel rolls, cereal boxes, dry beans & noodles. Bring them to the March/April meetings and Study Groups.

Another way that you can stay involved is by getting connected with fellow members. The Telephone Committee is looking for a new caller who has 45 minutes to spare each month. That's all the time it takes to activate a list on the phone tree. Call Mary Lou Thompson. Whenever you learn that someone is ill, sad, or in need of a kind ear, call our Sunshine Lady, Karen Rieder, so a greeting card can be sent. It's easy and makes the recipient happy.

Well, soon we will be off to the State Convention. We hope to bring home several awards in recognition of the vibrancy of our Branch! Do you wish to attend? Registration documents are in your Ohio Orbit magazine and online at www.aauwoh.org.

Be sure to complete the Program Survey attached to this newsletter or at the March/April meetings. Your suggestions and opinions will help to shape the programs for next year.

AAUW Program Survey for 2012 - 2013

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.
Your input is valuable to planning the best possible programs for next year.

1. Which of these times makes it most possible for you to participate in Branch meetings? (please circle)

weekday evenings Saturday mornings Saturday lunch all are fine with me

2. Which day(s) of the week would you NOT want to have Branch meetings scheduled?

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

3. What would you like to learn about in the coming year? _____

4. AAUW (national) takes positions on issues. Which issue would you like for us to study in the coming year? _____

Suggestions:

Social Development
Women's Rights
Women's Education

Human Rights & Civil Liberties
Women's Safety from Violence
Gender Equity

5. Can you suggest a new fundraising idea for our education scholarships (as a supplement to the Book Sale)? _____

6. Should time for socializing be incorporated into our meetings? _____

7. Which type of Fall/Spring Dinner Meetings would you prefer? (please circle)

pay for a catered meal potluck carry-in either is fine with me

8. Why do you continue to be a member of AAUW?

Thank you for participating in this survey and helping to shape our programs for next year.

Jean Ziogas and Karla Hanson, Program Co-Chairs

Your signature (*optional*) _____