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Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch  
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### MARCH, 2014

March 20	9:30 AM, Book Club 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
March 26	6:30 PM, Paper Magic, at Main Public Library
March 27	6:45, Branch Meeting
April 1	4:00 PM, Board Meeting, at CDC
April 3	1:00 PM, Bridge Club
April 8	7:00 PM, Drama Group, at Traditions
April 9	Noon, Money Smart, at 28 N. Mulberry St.



### Thursday — March 27, 2014

6:45—8:30 PM

@ OU-C Child Development Center

### *An Evening with the Women of Ross County*

Learn of the lives of fascinating, gutsy women who lived among us and made a difference right here where we now live.

*(Selection based on our Branch 2012 Women's History Poster Project.)*

Presented by members of the Drama Group

Raffle for a Ross County Historical Museum membership

Offering refreshments with a "Made in Ohio" theme.  
Program at 7:00 PM. Public invited to attend.

**Auction items for the State Convention will be collected.**



**"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 LYN LOUCKS

CHILLICOTHE: Edna Evelyn "Lyn" Bacon Loucks, 91, of Chillicothe, died at 6:08am Friday, February 28, 2014 in Columbus at Kobacker House, affiliated with Ohio Health Hospice.

Evelyn was born April 12, 1922, in London, England to the late Arthur and Helen Bacon. On December 21, 1946 she married Dr. Howard C. Loucks, D.D.S., who died September 14, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Howard Coleman (Patty) Loucks, of Hilliard, OH, a son, William Langdon Loucks, of Chillicothe, a daughter and son-in-law, SaraJane Loucks (Scott) Shepard, of Dublin, OH; grandchildren, Aaron Matthew Loucks, Danielle Nicole Loucks (Justin) Dyke, Andrew Paul Shepard and Matthew Coleman Shepard; a great-granddaughter, Madison Ava Dyke; a niece, Carol (John) Gilley, of Banbury, England, and a nephew, Paul (Patricia) Bacon, of London, England.

She was predeceased by a brother, Francis Bacon; a sister, Ruby Bacon; and a sister, Victoria Bacon Wallace.

Mrs. Loucks attended the private girls school Lewisham Prendergast in London, England. During WWII, she served in the Departments of Intelligence and Statistics and volunteered as an air raid warden during the bombings of London.

Mrs. Loucks received a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Education from the Ohio University-Athens. She was a 6th grade teacher and director/teacher for the Academically Talented in the Chillicothe Public Schools for 10 years. This was followed by an internship in the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, D.C. She went on to become Coordinator of Programs for the Gifted in the Lake and Geauga Public Schools for 12 years. During this time, she lead many work-shops for teachers pertaining to the development and needs of the gifted child. She became an assistant professor at Kent State teaching courses in the nature and needs of gifted children. In addition to this, she was a member of many other professional organizations relating to gifted children.

Evelyn served as president of the Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC) for 2 years and was a member of the Advisory Board on Programs for the Gifted. Honors include: Martha Holden Jennings Scholar, Bachelor of Science summa cum laude, OAGC Hall of Fame Award for Distinguished Service and OU Hall of Fame Award for Gifted Education. She also was awarded membership in Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honorary, and Alpha Delta Kappa. In addition to this, she was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English.

After retiring, Evelyn was a member of the Ross County Retired Teachers Association and **past president of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chillicothe Branch**. She especially enjoyed attending AAUW meetings involving book discussions and the drama club.

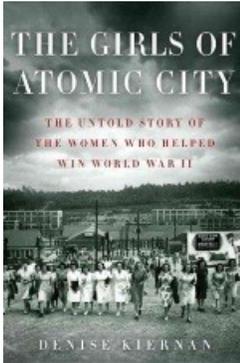
A private family burial service will be held in Grandview Cemetery at a later date.

Contributions in memory of Evelyn "Lyn" Loucks may be made to AAUW-Chillicothe to support the scholarship fund for women to attend Ohio University-Chillicothe and for middle school girls to attend Be WISE (Women in Science Education) Math-Science Summer Camp: AAUW-Chillicothe, c/o 115 Dun Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

*Obituary published in the Chillicothe Gazette*

## AAUW ¡Adelante! Books of the Month 2013-14

March: Women's History Month



### **The Girls of Atomic City** By Denise Kiernan

At the height of World War II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was home to 75,000 residents, consuming more electricity than New York City. But to most of the world, the town did not exist. Thousands of civilians — many of them young women from small towns across the South — were recruited to this secret city, enticed by solid wages and the promise of war-ending work. Kept very much in the dark, few would ever guess the true nature of the tasks they performed each day in the hulking factories in the middle of the Appalachian Mountains. That is, until the end of the war — when Oak Ridge's secret was revealed.

Drawing on the voices of the women who lived it — women who are now in their 80s and 90s — *The Girls of Atomic City* rescues a remarkable, forgotten chapter of American history from obscurity. Denise Kiernan captures the spirit of the times through these women: their pluck, their desire to contribute, and their enduring courage. Combining the grand-scale human drama of *The Worst Hard Time* with the intimate biography and often troubling science of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, *The Girls of Atomic City* is a lasting and important addition to our country's history.

Available in print, Kindle, NOOK Book, and audiobook formats

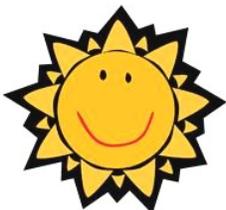
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### **INVITATION FROM THE FINDLAY BRANCH**

The AAUW Findlay branch will be hosting a meeting on March 17, 2014 which features AAUW National Executive Director, Linda Hallman. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, 950 N. Main St. in Findlay. The entire AAUW/OHIO membership is invited and encouraged to attend. Linda's topic will be: "The Future of AAUW: It's Up to You"

### **ARE YOU ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION NEXT MONTH?**

We have \$400 set aside in this year's budget for subsidies to help members attend the State Convention in Springfield, OH. Any member can request up to \$100 in support. The final amount of assistance will be determined by the number of persons requesting funds. If you would like to ask for subsidy, please call the President or Treasurer soon.



### **SUNSHINE GREETINGS**

Happy wishes go out to members Iolene Powell, Darleen Nelson, Dottie Depugh and Nellie Goms. We hope you all feel well again very soon!

## **News from the March 4, 2014 Board Meeting**

**Appreciations:** Maryjo expressed thanks to:

- Jody River for preparing the Daffodil Diversity Report for State Convention
- Girl Power committee that met weekly for 4 weeks to organize the very successful, smooth-running event
- Chrissy Park & Karen Rieder for the new name tags for members

**Member News:** Lyn Loucks passed away February 28, 2014. A donation to our Endowment Fund will be made in her memory. Nellie Gomsi had a stroke on February 28 and is in the OSU hospital. Darleen Nelson and Dottie Depugh have also been sick. Sunshine cards have been sent to all.

**Board Minutes:** The February 4, 2014 minutes were approved as read.

**Programs:** Girl Power - held on Saturday, February 22, at the OU-C Child Development Center. Maryjo declared it was wonderful and worth our time. Our members showed lots of enthusiasm for this one day event. The girls' comments were very positive and astute. Queen Lester was a big hit. The favorite activity was Zumba. We will plan to hold other Girl Power events, perhaps annually. One suggested topic is Healthy Relationships. At last week's follow-up meeting it was suggested that the participants be brought together for a social event sometime before the next Girl Power. The session leaders—Marsha Stots-Wike and Amanda Williams (Girl Scouts) were excellent. It was terrific fun to have special guests JoAnn Benseler and Rush Rogers, from Be WISE Camp, with us. Chillicothe Gazette gave us wonderful coverage.

**March meeting:** March 27, 2014, 6:45-8:30 p.m., at OU-C Child Development Center. "An Evening with the Women of Ross County" will be presented by the Drama Group. We'll have snacks with an Ohio theme.

**Finance:**

Maryjo thanked treasurer Mary Martin for submitting the Treasurer's Report in a timely manner. Mary Martin asked bills be submitted for program expenses and expenses incurred for Girl Power as soon as possible. Mary also suggested a new line item in the budget for Girl Power.

**Allocation of remaining 2013 Book Sale proceeds:** Diane Diekroger suggested the \$731 remaining be designated for Girl Power. Approved.

**Convention Subsidies:** \$400 has been budgeted to cover convention expenses up to \$100 per person. The subsidy must be requested and receipts turned in. Convention information is available on the Ohio AAUW website and in Feb. and Mar. Cap and Gown.

**Dues Support:** Sometimes new and renewing members need financial assistance to continue being active AAUW members. Members can request up to \$50 in support. Each member is responsible for the balance (\$19). We currently have \$98 in the fund. We always appreciate contributions to the Dues Subsidy Fund throughout the year. **Can you make a contribution to the Fund when you renew your membership in April? It would really help some of your fellow**

**Be WISE Camp:** The fee has been increased by \$10 to \$490. Our scholarships will be for \$440.

**OU-C Scholarship:** A motion was made and seconded to take the money needed to cover the scholarship from the book sale proceeds, move it to the Janney account, then move it to the spending account of the endowment. We will pay OU-C up front at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, as usual.

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Board Minutes, continued...

**OU Foundation Endowment Account:** as of March 4, 2014

Principal Account: \$42,126.45

Spending Account: \$1,432.24

**Annual Audit of Branch Finances:** Mary Martin will ask Cindy Anderson to audit the books. Maryjo will also serve on the audit committee.

**Be WISE Camp:** Applications have gone out to 6th and 7th graders and must be returned by Friday, March 7. We look forward to a lot of applications.

**Human Trafficking:** The League of Women Voters has invited us to partner with them in a long-term local project against human trafficking. This needs further discussion.

**Membership:** Maryjo suggested that we bring back the dessert social each autumn to orient new members to the work and activities of the Branch. This coffee would be hosted by the Board as a way to get our newest members quickly engaged in Branch life.

**Book Sale:** Discussion about the 2014 book sale: The book sale committee needs to meet on a regular basis. Co-Chairs need to be in place by April 30. The individual jobs need to be defined (Maryjo and Joyce agreed to work on this) and each job needs someone responsible for it. It was suggested that we change the sales hours to 11 AM - 7PM. The biggest challenge is moving the books to the sale site. We may need to pay more for this help. Joyce will ask Mr. Rinehart what he would charge to move all the books, i.e. making 2 trips and/or hiring helpers.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Next meeting:** April 1, 2014, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the OU-C Child Development Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Austin, Board Secretary



**NEWS FLASH! Auction Items Wanted.**

We will collect donated items for the State Convention auction baskets at the next March Branch meeting. These should be "fresh" items (new or antique) that others would want to buy. Auction proceeds benefit the AAUW Action Fund and is a part of every convention. Historically, our Branch contributes three or more themed baskets and these typically raise over \$185 for the cause. Let's do it again! **Bring your auction items March 27.** Suggestions include things that could be a part of a themed basket, such as gardening, cooking, indulging, or crafting. What do you have at home that would make a nice gift (i.e. "re-gifted") for one of our baskets? Questions? Call Diane Diekroger or Marcia Austin, coordinators. Many thanks to the Paper Magic Study Group who has made a basket of handmade greeting cards.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION?

**AAUW 19<sup>th</sup> Annual State Equity Day & 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Meeting**  
**April 12 & 13, 2014**  
**Springfield, Ohio**

### **AAUW Ohio Convention 2014: “*The Year of our Voice: Advocacy & Action*”**

*“A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men.”*  
–Gloria Steinem

Join AAUW Ohio members for the 2014 AAUW Ohio Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Springfield, Ohio. The Southwest AAUW Ohio branches & the AAUW Ohio Board have planned a weekend filled with informative presentations, interactive sessions, and powerful keynote speakers designed to invigorate members. It is our hope that members return to their branches more informed, more empowered, and more committed to lead in AAUW missions.

#### **Weekend Highlights & Featured Presentations:**

All-Convention Read: ***Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture*** by Ariel Levy

**Jamie Bryant, editor and developer *KIKI Magazine***. *KIKI magazine* is designed for young girls with an emphasis on creativity, self-expression, STEM topics, but doesn't include the sexuality and consumerism found in most youth media.

**Peggy Hanna, local activist**. Hanna is an activist for the protection of water resources. Hear about her early Vietnam War protests to current work with her local City Council.

**Jamie Miracle, NARAL**. Miracle will share the latest developments on Pro-Choice work in Ohio. The 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade is here and AAUW Ohio has work to do!

**Deepti Gudapati, AAUW Director of Member Leadership Programs**. Gudapati will facilitate several in-depth, interactive sessions designed to provide members with resources and tools to support local branches.

**Beth Pinhero, AAUW Ohio Tech Trek**. Pinhero will share details about the direction of TECH Trek in Ohio.

**Donna Black-Brown, AAUW Ohio member**. Black-Brown will teach members about principled decision-making for real change.

**Melissa Cropper, Ohio Federation of Teachers President and Maria Maestro, New Faculty Majority**. They will focus on the future of public education, challenges and choices, for today's students, educators, and communities.

**Jackie Evangelista and Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy**. Our Public Policy team will address the state of Common Core today and why the discussion is still relevant.

## Registration Form 2014

### AAUW 19<sup>th</sup> Annual State Equity Day & 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Meeting

Please duplicate as needed. One form per person required.  
Registration forms can also be downloaded at [www.aauwoh.org](http://www.aauwoh.org).

Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone			
Email			
Branch			

**Daily Registration Fee includes:** Continental Breakfast, 2 breaks, lunch, supplies, room set-up, and speaker expenses.

**Equity Day Registration:** Saturday, April 12, 2014     I will attend at a cost of \$60 for the day.

**Convention and Meeting:** Sunday, April 13, 2014     I will attend at a cost of \$60 for the day.

**\*\*Special Needs and/or Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Awards Banquet** Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The \$35 fee for this banquet is separate and IN ADDITION to Equity Day and Convention Day registration costs. A full-plated dinner will be served. Gratuity included.

**Yes! I will attend the Optional Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at a fee of \$35.**

\_\_\_ Grilled salmon    \_\_\_ Grilled Filet of Beef & Chicken    \_\_\_ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom with Quinoa

<b>Total of all costs for events I will attend (Saturday, Sunday, Saturday Banquet):</b> **Registration form and payment are due by <b>March 23, 2014</b> **For Registrations sent after March 24, 2014 add \$10 fee.	\$
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Payment can be made via **PayPal** at [www.aauwoh.org](http://www.aauwoh.org). Please send your completed electronic registration form to [sbigail@bgsu.edu](mailto:sbigail@bgsu.edu).

Make checks payable to: **AAUW Ohio**. Please mail check with this completed registration form to:

Susan Marie Bigail  
217 Johnson Hall, Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

**Hotel costs:** Rooms at The Springfield Courtyard by Marriot are available for \$99/night+tax. Ask for AAUW rate when making reservations. Call The Courtyard by Marriott at 937-322-3600 **Reservations must be made by March 12, 2014 to guarantee this rate.**

The Springfield Courtyard by Marriott  
100 South Fountain Avenue  
Springfield, Ohio 45503