



# CAP & GOWN

*the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch*

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## MAY, 2013

- May 16 Branch Meeting, 6:45 PM  
June 4 **Board Meeting, 5:00-6:30 PM, CDC**  
*This is a dinner meeting for both returning, out-going, and new Board members. Transition information will be shared and plans made for 2013-14. Dinner cost: \$5.*
- June 5 Lunch Bunch Summer celebration, 12:30, Chillicothe Country Club  
July 25 Summer Social for New Member Recruitment, 5:30-7:30 PM, CD  
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

## BRANCH MEETING



**Thursday, May 16**  
**6:45—8:30 PM**

@ OU-C Child Development Center

- 6:45 **Socialize & refreshments**
- 7:00 **Program:** "Self-Defense for Women"  
Speaker: Officer Bud Lydle, Chillicothe Police Department
- Note: Wear loose, comfortable clothes & shoes. We'll be "getting physical".*
- 8:00 **Business Meeting**  
Election of Officers  
Volunteer Sign-up
- 8:30 **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.*

## **NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

### ***(new) Dues Support Program:***

At its April meeting, the Board approved the following changes to the way we distribute funds to support members with their dues:

*"The purpose of Dues Support is to make it possible for women with financial need to begin, or continue, to be Members of AAUW. As funds are available annually, the Branch will subsidize dues up to \$50, as requested by any prospective or current Member. Granting requests for renewals of support in subsequent years will be based on the member's participation in Branch activities. Determination of requests will be made by the Board."*

This year, seven members received some level of support. We currently have \$165 available. Requests can now be made. Contact a Board member.

We will accept year-round donations, **in any amount**, to this special fund. You can send donations to the Treasurer, Mary Martin, with your renewal membership dues.

### ***Opportunities for Member Volunteerism:***

There are both small and large jobs which make our Branch run effectively. Members are encouraged to volunteer (or will be asked) to give service of time and talent to the Branch. Will you accept responsibility for a job?. The cultivation of leadership is an AAUW goal, and one we value in the Chillicothe Branch. In 2013 - 2014, we want to enliven our Branch by having many more members take on the work of running our Branch and its activities. Here is a list of **open jobs that need volunteers right now:**

#### **Board Members**

Public Policy Chair

#### **Service Roles**

Cap & Gown Editor

Branch Historian (create & safeguard the scrapbooks)

Diversity Chair

Publicity Chair

#### **Project Leaders**

Annual Book Sale Co-Chairs

Women's History Month Chair (March events)

Auction Chair for State Convention

### ***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 attend, also?

### ***July 25 Summer 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.

**AAUW Chillicothe**  
**April 11, 2013**

**Branch Meeting Minutes**

Present : 24 Members + 2 guests

Program: Thank you to Kate Walker of *Pilot Dogs, Inc.*, and Mike Jones, *Special Services, Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library*. Both speakers gave helpful and insightful presentations on the topic: "Visual Impairments Solutions".

Business Meeting:

**Appreciations**: We truly appreciate everyone who contributed to making goodie bags and setting up for the State Convention. Lloyd's Candy Shop, Adena Mansion, *Tecumseh*, and the Ross County Visitor's Bureau donated items for the goodie bags that were distributed at the convention.

**Our State Awards!** We received the following awards at the Convention:

- 1 Excellence in Mission-Based Programming—Diversity & Equity Focus
- 2 Daffodil Diversity Award for Being Inclusive in Membership, Outreach, & Community Involvement
- 3 STARZ Award for helping to promote AAUW—11 Glitter Points
- 4 Communication Award, Honorable Mention for Print, Web, and Social Media Use

**Treasurer's Report**: Mary Cousino Memorial sent to OU Endowment

**Nominating Committee**: Presentation of Slate ( Vote to be taken at the May meeting).

President-Elect	Joyce Atwood ( <i>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

**Be Wise Scholarship Winners:**

Hallie Anders	(Grade 7-Bishop Flaget)
Sarah Schaffer	(Grade 7-Southeastern)
Hannah Stotridge	(Grade 7-Unioto)
Jessa Mickey	(Grade 6-Chillicothe Middle School)

**Membership: Renewals are due now!**

A member suggested that we use a microphone at meetings to make participating easier for those with hearing challenges.

**Community News**: Leslie Van Volkinburg presented the upcoming levy for the Chillicothe City School District. CCS offers more AP classes than any other local school district. CCS seniors also receive more scholarships into college than most local seniors. They are the only district to institute Franklin Covey's *Leader in Me* program. CHS has the only orchestra program in the region, as well.

*Branch Minutes, continued.....*

**State Convention News:**

Thanks to all who made our part of Convention 2013 a success. We appreciate your efforts!

Attendees: Karla Hanson, Maryjo Flamm-Miller, Karen Rieder, Marcia Austin, Pam Derringer, Jean Ziogas

The \$900 budgeted for Convention 2013 has been fully expended.

A new national logo and website were unveiled! Check them out. There are state and Branch versions of the logo, too.

At its peak, Ohio had 70 branches and 4,000 members. Today there are 44 branches with 1,200 members. We are considered a "large" branch. There are only 5 other branches our size. 32 branches are categorized as "small" (fewer than 25 members). Toledo is the largest with 116 members.

Lancaster and Zanesville would like to do a joint activity with us in the coming year. Can you say "Road Trip"?

The Ohio Philanthropy Project is trying to close the Endowment by raising the remaining 130,000. At convention, \$5,000 was raised through the auction and two anonymous gifts from past State Presidents. Our four auction baskets raised \$180.

The State By-Laws change was approved. After 2014, there will no longer be a President-Elect. The newly elected State President is **Christine Siebeneck**.

2014 State Convention will be hosted by Southwest District. It may be held in Cincinnati.

AAUW Day at Chautauqua will be Monday, July 29. Speaker: Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg. Cost is \$55.95 and includes lunch.

**National Elections:** You can **vote on-line until June 10** and by requested paper ballot until May 15. Use your Member ID and PIN numbers to gain access to the ballot. You can find your Member ID # on the OUTLOOK magazine address label.

**NATIONAL FOCUS for 2013-14:** Learning, Networking & Mentoring, Building Community. When we plan programs for the coming year, we will consider this model.

National activities:

- Participating in Clinton Global Initiatives
- Participating in United Nations "International Status of Women" and the elimination of all forms of abuse
- "Get Out the Vote!" Campaign
- Increase college partnerships
- Increase number of student members
- Host STEM Days
- "Supporting Through Giving" philanthropy campaign
- "Make Your Voice Heard!" campaign

Respectfully submitted by Joanna Tsitroulis (*completing Barb Fabrey's term as Branch Secretary*)

**Dues for the Upcoming Year are Needed Now. Our deadline is May 30.**

Full Member: \$69  
50 Year member: \$9

Student Affiliate: \$17  
New Graduate: \$9

Current Members Who Have Renewed, *as of May 7*. If your name does not appear in this list, please contact Karen Rieder right away.

Joyce Atwood  
Marcia Austin  
Patricia Barada  
Betty Brown  
Marilyn Carnes  
Sandra Christman  
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  
Bobbie Reitz  
Karen Rieder  
Jody River  
Mary Ruth Rodgers  
Phyllis Rudie  
Sue Schwartz  
Libby Stanford  
Ginny Taynor  
Mary Lou Thompson  
Nilufer Woods  
Jean Ziogas



**SUNSHINE WISHES**

We send out get well wishes to **Nilufer Woods**.

Congratulations to **Karen Rieder** on the birth of her grandson, Simon Lee.

Congratulations to **Leslie Van Volkinburg** on the graduations of her daughters, Nini (8th grade) and Liann (high school).

Congratulations to **Chrissy Park** on the graduation of her son, Lane (8th grade).

**STUDY GROUP MEETINGS**

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 Program Survey 2013**

*Help us plan next year's programs. Your input is really appreciated.  
Please return your survey 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 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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