



CAP & GOWN

*A Newsletter for the Chillicothe Branch of
the American Association of University Women*

JANUARY, 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 19	9:30 AM, Book Club 1 PM, Bridge Club 7 PM, Wine Fundraiser Planning Meeting
Jan 25	7 PM, creation of the Women's History Posters
Jan 28	9:15 AM, BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Feb 1	12:30 PM, Lunch Bunch
Feb 2	1 PM, Bridge Club
Feb 9	6:30 PM, Money Smart
Feb 14	7 PM, Drama Club

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Location: The Glade at Traditions *

9:15—11:30 AM

Breakfast Potluck—please bring a dish to share

**Program: Jihyu Liu, Chinese Language Teacher at CHS,
with the 2011 Be WISE girls and AFS exchange students**



* A greeter will be at the entrance from 8:45—9:15 AM to let us in. If you arrive late, call Maryjo's cell phone at 701-9944 and we'll send someone up to let you in.

STATE NEWS

The latest issue of the *Ohio Orbit* newsletter has been published and you should have received a copy of it in the mail within the last few weeks. Read about AAUW's new research report, *Crossing the Line*—about sexual harassment in schools, and AAUW's recent White House visit on Women in the Economy. To read it online, go to:

<http://aauwoh.org/aauwoh/2011/12/26/latest-issue-of-ohio-orbit-now-online-3>

"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.

Branch Meeting Minutes—December, 2011

A wonderful Christmas play and hot, catered dinner was enjoyed by 32 members and their guests on Sunday, December 11. Many thanks to Rita Long and Jean Ziogas for organizing this fun occasion, and to those who contributed appetizers and wine.



Women's History Month Project

Our Branch Goals for 2011-2012 include celebrating Women's History Month in March. Our plan is to make a set of seven posters and display one in each of the seven branches of the Public Library that month. Each poster will feature a different influential woman from Ross County. These informational posters will be displayed on bulletin boards and atop bookcases or tables.

We will meet to create the posters on **Wednesday, January 25, from 7—9 PM** at Rita Long's realty office at Main and Bridge streets. This is a great opportunity for many of us to put our creativity to good use and enjoy each other's company, too. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to help. It's sure to be both enlightening and fun. If you have art or craft supplies, please bring them.



"Deep in the Heart of Winter" Fundraiser

To raise money for our OU Endowment, we will be hosting an evening of wine sampling on **Saturday, February 18**. A planning meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 PM**, at Maryjo's home. Would you like to help make this event a success? Join the Committee.

All members and their guests are welcome to attend this FUNraiser! Our expectation is that everyone who attends the party will make a nice donation to the Endowment Fund. Everyone will receive the invitation, so even if you are unable to attend the event, donations can be made.

Watch for an email after the 19th containing all the details. The new Wine Tasting fundraiser replaces the "Stay at Home Tea" we have held in recent years. Why? Because our members like to socialize!

Winter Membership Meetings

Both the January and February Branch meetings will be held at the Glade in Traditions. We appreciate Bobbie Reitz who arranged for our use of the Chillicothe Room there.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller

It is vital to the health of our organization that members are consistently invited to step into leadership roles within the Branch. At this time each year, the President asks a Nominating Committee to consider who would best fill the positions opening up and recommend a slate of candidates at the March Board meeting. This slate is then presented to the Members at the April meeting and a vote is taken in May. In our Branch, people serve a two-year term and usually begin their work as a "junior" partner to one who has a year's experience in the work. When we began this system years ago (instigated by Program Co-Chairs), it fortified our Branch with continuity and institutional memory because we are able to pass on our practical knowledge and ensure that volunteers have a gratifying experience of service. So, if the Nominating Committee calls you to ask you to serve, I hope you will say "Yes". It's because they recognize your strengths and interests that you are chosen.

Are you aware of the work being done by AAUW at the national and state levels? I encourage you to get informed by reading the newsletters and position statements. Interesting work is being written about on the topics of Title IX, women's pregnancy rights, sexual harassment, economic opportunities for women, and women in history. Check it out!

Lastly, I want to say that as members of an intellectual and professional network, it's also good to stay connected to fellow members on a personal level. If you have news you wish to share about yourself or a fellow member, please feel free to let others know through the *Cap & Gown*. This month, we send out get well wishes to Queen Lester and Mary Lou Thompson who have been under the weather. We also wish Mary Kay Clipner joyful times as she prepares to move to Westerville, Ohio where she'll be living closer to her daughter and son-in-law. That's sure to bring happiness!

Take care to stay safe, everyone, as winter snow and fridity come to town. We hope the winter Branch meetings will be well-attended as we'll be meeting in the daylight when it's easier to see and maintenance workers have had time to salt the streets and sidewalks. If you need a ride, call me.