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*the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, Ohio Branch*

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### JANUARY, 2014

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### Remembering Mary Kay Clipner

Mary Kay Clipner, 67, of Westerville, Ohio, formerly of Chillicothe, passed from this life on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at her residence with family by her side.

She was born March 7, 1946 in Middletown, Ohio, the daughter of Edwin John and Catherine Rose (Maxwell) Hampshire. On January 17, 1970 she married Paul V. Clipner who preceded her in death August 17, 2011.

Surviving is her daughter and son-in-law, Jaclyn Anne and Bryan Frea.

Mary Kay was a retired employee of the Ross County Association of Realtors and a volunteer with the Ross County American Cancer Society. Mary Kay was an active member of the AAUW –Chillicothe and served as our Branch President from 2004-2008. She had served as Executive Director of the Ophelia Project in Chillicothe which sought to educate students about the harmful effects of bullying and relational aggression. She was a co-founder of the Partnership for Creating Positive Relationships and, with others, mentored girls in the "Fitness 4 Fun" program at the Body Zone. Mary Kay enjoyed many creative hobbies and activities, and time spent with friends and family.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and had served as a member of the Parish Council and as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 am on Wednesday, January 15 in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Lawrence Hummer, Celebrant. Burial will follow in Londonderry Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the FAWCETT OLIVER GLASS AND PALMER FUNERAL HOME from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gentiva Hospice Foundation, 7801 Mesquite Bend Dr., Suite 105, Irving, TX in her memory.

**"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.*

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### **Branch Meeting**

**Saturday, January 25**

**9:45—11:30 am**

**OU-C Child Development Center**

Start the new year well.

#### **Potluck Breakfast**

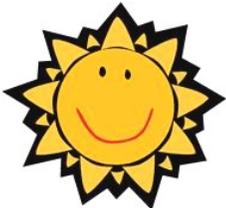
Do you have a delicious low-calorie dish?

**Guest speaker: Jeanne Meyer, YMCA**

Get new ideas for a healthier body!

Enjoy a sample Pilates class  
of breathing, stretching and balance exercises.

Raffle. Bring your lucky money.



#### **SUNSHINE GREETINGS**

Special get-well wishes to: Dottie Depugh, Martha Rittinger, Marilyn Carnes, and Sue Schwartz. We hope you get all your body parts back in working order soon!

Congratulations to Bert Magill on the publication of her children's book, *Billy's Adventure*. Bert will have copies available at the January meeting. (\$16.25 each)

Sympathy was sent to Jaclyn & Bryan Frea, Mary Kay Clipner's daughter and son-in-law.

## **MONTHLY STUDY GROUP SCHEDULE**

- 1st week: (Tues, 4:00 PM, Board meetings)  
Wed, 12:30 PM, Lunch Bunch  
Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 2nd week: Tues, Noon, Money Smart  
Tues, 7:00 PM, Drama Group
- 3rd week: Thurs, 9:30 AM, Book Club  
Thurs, 1:00 PM, Bridge Club
- 4th week: Paper Magic, 7-9 PM, day varies  
Branch Meeting, day varies, see *Yearbook* for details

## **TREASURER'S REPORT** as of January 7, 2014

Deposits	\$29.40 (necklaces)
Expenses	\$25. (Bobbie Reitz memorial to our Endowment) \$27.32 (GoDaddy website hosting—annual fee) \$30. (BookSaleFinder.com advertisement for Book Sale)
Checking account balance	\$7,675.78
Janney Montgomery savings account	\$4,239.42

2013 990 IRS tax form has been filed.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **Saturday — February 22, 2014**

*Happy Birthday, Chillicothe Branch!*

#### ***GIRL POWER***

**"A Day for Discovering Your Power:  
Your Ideal Life Imagined.  
Who Determines Your Happiness?"**

OU-C — Child Development Center

9:45 AM—1:00 PM

#### ***How will AAUW members participate?***

- Provide a Potluck Breakfast
- Lead Fun Learning Activities
- Be Role Models for the Girls

The Planning Committee is hard at work. Partnerships are forming with others who also care about girls in our community. They will help us spread the word about the event and recruit participants.

Committee: Karla Hanson, Diane Diekroger, Amanda Williams (Girl Scouts), Marsha Storts-Wike, Jean Kerney, Karen Reider, Bert Magill, Maryjo Flamm-Miller, Queen Lester.

Further details and the flier will be shared at the January 25 Branch meeting.

We would like as many members as possible to take an active role in this terrific event.

We are working to make it possible for girls to register on our website.

## **Be WISE (Women in Science Education) update**

This is the 25th anniversary of the Be WISE Math & Science camp for middle school age girls (current 6th and 7th graders). Camp will be held as usual at Dennison University in Granville, Ohio from June 15-20, 2014. Our Branch will recruit girls from all Ross County schools, both public and independent. Applications for our scholarships will be available in early February.

Chairperson Bert Magill will be calling past Committee participants to help, but all members are invited to work on this project. A meeting to collate the application packets will be held on Saturday, February 8. Then the following week, these packets will be delivered to Ross County schools. Can you help?

This year, we will be sponsoring three girls to Be WISE camp and have set aside funds for this in our operating budget. Additional girls can be sent as money is raised from other sources. Girls who do not receive one of our scholarships may still attend camp by paying their own way.

Every camper has told us that the Be WISE camp experience is life-changing and fun. Talk with girls you know who are in these grades and encourage them to ask their Math and Science teachers for an application packet. **Deadline is March 12.**

### **OHIO RECOGNIZED FOR ITS STEM PROJECTS**

COLUMBUS DISPATCH — The American Association of University Women of Ohio received a proclamation from Gov. John Kasich designating the week of December 9-15 as "Computer Science Education Week" to highlight the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for women and girls in Ohio.

"We are pleased and honored by Gov. Kasich's proclamation," said Deborah Wooldridge, AAUW of Ohio state president. "The AAUW of Ohio supports strengthening STEM education, especially for girls and other under-represented populations. These efforts will increase America's competitiveness by reducing barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in these fields."

Barriers to girls' progress in STEM begin during their K-12 education, starting with messaging in schools, according to the 2010 AAUW research report, *"Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."*

In a 2006 survey, 44 percent of girls and 38 percent of boys agreed with the statement, "the smartest girls in my school are not popular" and 17 percent of girls and 14 percent of boys thought that it was true that "teachers think it is not important for girls to be good at math."

AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW of Ohio has more than 1,500 members in 44 branches throughout the state, and provides STEM programs for sixth through ninth-grade girls. Computer Science Education Week is observed each year in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper—on Dec. 9, 1906 — who received AAUW's Achievement Award in 1983 at the National Convention in San Francisco.

## **GIFTS FOR GIRLS**

When you are looking for that elusive perfect gift for the girls in your life, AAUW can help.

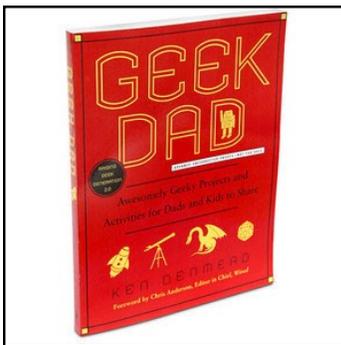
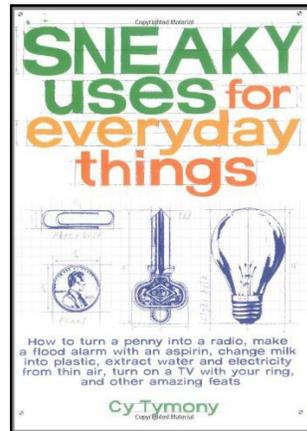
When so many gifts marketed to girls are highly gendered, promote stereotyped and objectified images of girls, shopping can be a frustrating experience.

That's why AAUW has created a toy guide that defies stereotypes, encouraging girls (and why not boys, too?) to explore a whole range of hobbies and careers including sports, science, and engineering. Give kids the chance to be creative and have fun! Check out this list of the "Best of 2013" at [list of gifts](#). Here is just three of the 13 great recommended products:

### ***Sneaky Uses for Everyday Things***

By Cy Tymony

Engineering is one of the most male-dominated careers out there. Getting girls interested early can help even the balance. Now girls can learn to think like engineers, finding inventive and creative ways to use everyday objects around them, with this book recommended by the National Science Teachers Association. ([\\$8.23, Amazon](#))



### ***Geek Dad*, by Ken Denmead**

At AAUW, we truly appreciate the great fathers and other men in our lives who encourage us to follow our dreams. Now geek dads (and granddads, uncles, brothers) can share these simple and fun projects with their daughters, and show them their potential as future scientists. ([\\$16.99, ThinkGeek](#))

### **GoldieBlox and the Parade Float**

Goldie is back with her friend Ruby in a new play set that teaches spatial skills, engineering principles, and confidence in problem-solving. Featuring diverse images of girl engineers, GoldieBlox and the Parade Float can be combined with creator Debbie Sterling's previous GoldieBlox set for even more creativity. ([\\$19.99, GoldieBlox](#))



## **New Grassroots Advocacy Manager on board**

**by Melissa Jackowski**

Greetings from your new Grassroots Advocacy Manager! I am excited to join the legacy and tradition of AAUW and to continue the fight for women's rights and equality. As a seasoned organizer, I hold women's issues as a passion close to my heart. The women who have put cracks in the glass ceiling have motivated me at all stages of my life – from Sally Ride when I was in third grade and wanted to be an astronaut, to Madeline Albright when I started my first political science class as a college freshman. As I've made my journey through life, I realize how lucky I was to have a mother and grandmother who inspired me with their courage and determination. They always told me to be myself, and they were quick to encourage me when I wanted to learn something new – whether it was an astronomy camp, subscription to Popular Science, or curiosity about a career in medicine. It is my hope that in working with AAUW I can continue to encourage this self-realization for women and girls – and together with all of you, we continue to put enough cracks in the glass ceiling until it one day has no choice but to shatter.

Contact Melissa Jackowski, AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager, at [jackowskim@aauw.org](mailto:jackowskim@aauw.org)  
from → [AAUW National](#), [Advocacy](#)

## **Act now to fight human trafficking in Ohio**

**By Paula Maggio**

Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio's Public Policy advocate, will testify at the Sponsor Hearing on HB 130 on Tuesday, January 14, at 10:45 a.m.

You can take action, too, to get H.B. 130 End Demand Act passed.

1. Contact [Senate President Keith Faber](#), [Senator John Eklund](#), Criminal Justice Committee Chair and your [district Senator](#).
2. Sign the [Petition](#).
3. Share this information on social media.

*From AAUW Advocacy, Trafficking*

### **PAPER MAGIC Study Group**

This month, we will be making greeting cards with a "RED" theme—valentines, cards to encourage girls, and thinking-of-you cards. Everyone is encouraged to bring sharp scissors, glue stick, an old magazine, scrapbooking papers—especially red prints, and your ideas. Join us at the Main Library meeting room from 7:00-8:45 PM. Never made a card before? We'll show you how!