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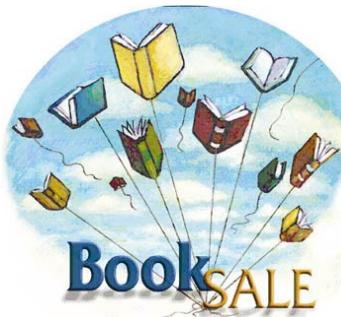
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| July 11 | Meeting to plan the new year's Programs, 10 AM, @ CDC |
| July 24 | Summer Social planning, 7:00 PM, Room 105, Bennett Hall |
| July 30 | Paper Magic card-making, 6:30—8:45 PM, Northside Library |
| August 4 | Book Sale meeting, Northside Library, 7:00—8:30 PM |
| August 5 | Board meeting, 4:00-5:30 PM, @ CDC |
| August 18 | Summer Social, 5:30—7:30 PM (<i>set-up to begin at 4:30 PM</i>) |
| August 27 | Paper Magic card-making, 6:30-8:45 PM, Northside Library |

SUMMER DINNER SOCIAL TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

**Monday, August 18
5:30—7:30 PM**

Plan to attend.

Nominate women for the invitation list.
Share your enthusiasm for AAUW!



We Are Excited About Books!

AAUW is crazy about books! That's why we have a Used Book Sale every year—to spread our enthusiasm for reading and literacy throughout the community!

Be a part of this year's Book Sale. The next meeting of the Captains is **August 4**. Give an update about your part of the Sale preparations. See what else is going on.

Watch for monthly announcements about all the new features that will make working on this year's Book Sale fantastic fun! Here's a few hints: Pop a balloon to win a gift certificate. Accumulate cards in the Poker Run. Win unusual and eclectic home décor fashioned from books....

"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 JULY BOARD MEETING

Summer Recruitment Social update:

We have 30 names on the invitee list. Did you forget to submit people to be invited? Please call or email Chrissy Park right away. Invitations will be mailed soon.

New Members Happy Hour:

The Board will host a casual meet-and-greet for all our newest members following the September 2 Board meeting. Since this event follows the Summer Social, we hope it will be well-attended. New members will have the opportunity to meet the Branch officers, learn more about Branch activities, and volunteer for the Book Sale.

OU-C Scholarship Honoree:

The Board is pleased to announce that Joyce Atwood will be the Honoree for the 2014-2015 OU-C Scholarship winner. She joins the ranks of many members who have been recognized for their leadership and service to the Branch. This is the 39th year we have made the designation. Congratulations, Joyce!

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account	\$4,684.90
Janney Montgomery Investments	\$4,278.61
OU Foundation-Spending Account	\$1,432.24
OU Foundation-Principal Account	\$42,126.00

We are pleased to announce that friends of Nelli Gomsi have made a \$200 memorial gift to our OU Foundation Scholarship Endowment.

Membership Renewals:

53 of the current 75 members have paid their dues. Although our State deadline was June 30, we can still send in your renewal. Please call Chrissy Park if you need help accomplishing this. We value our members and don't want to lose anyone!

Book Sale Budget:

The Board approved the proposed budget for this year's Book Sale.

Income	\$6,500
Expenses	\$1,000
Proceeds	\$5,500

Yearbook Deadline:

All submissions for the next Yearbook is August 15. Contact Chrissy Park with any items that need to be included.

Be WISE Camp news:

The Thrift Store at High and Church Streets, run by a collaborative of women—including some of our AAUW members, will make a scholarship donation from their proceeds in the coming year. To show our gratitude and support, you are encouraged to donate and shop there. The store accepts adult clothing, house wares, books, and decorative items. They do not accept toys, children's clothing, bedding, or large furniture. Shop hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:00-4:30 PM and Saturday 10 AM—12:30 PM. If you have questions, feel free to call Laurel Evans, Queen Lester, Jody River, or Karen Rieder.

SUNSHINE GREETINGS

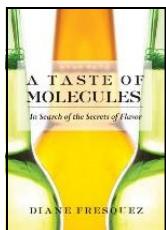


Get Well wishes to **JUDY VETTER** who had knee replacement surgery.
May you soon be ready for dancing the jitterbug, Judy!

Pat (*and Bob*) Barada have moved to The Glade. Happy housewarming!

Congratulations to Jody River on the birth of her twin grandsons, Ewan and Ansel.

AAUW iAdelante! Book of the Month



A Taste of Molecules, by Diane Fresquez

Do men and women experience taste and smell differently? And what happens when you eat a meal completely in the dark? Diane Fresquez, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, spent a year on the trail of obsessive scientists and entrepreneurs who are trying to reveal the secrets of flavor.

In this picaresque jaunt, Fresquez seeks out the people working to uncover the truths about taste, including a brewery owner who's developed a banana-flavored beer meant to appeal to young women, and an entrepreneur who won't rest until he develops the perfect mead — the ancient liquor considered the ancestor of all fermented drinks. We meet a young mother and a doctorate student whose research shows that what a mother eats can influence the flavor of her breast milk, and a scientist in the Netherlands who researches flavor and memory at an Orwellian university lab called the Restaurant of the Future. *A Taste of Molecules* will delight foodies and scientists alike. Recipes included!

Be WISE Camp

We received this lovely note from camper Alison Gossman about her experiences:

Thank you so much for sponsoring my exciting and amazing trip to Be WISE camp. I made many new friends. I learned so much about math and bubbles. My favorite activity was going to the stream. We tested velocity and the temperature of the water. We learned about the wildlife who depends on streams. The Denison University campus is beautiful and I had too much fun to miss home. Thank you!



FAREWELL

Thank you for all the support and cooperation you have given me as President over the last four years. It has been a happy task to serve the Branch in this capacity because all of you are interesting and feisty women!

As well, this is also my last issue as the Cap & Gown Editor. Now I look forward to new opportunities to learn. This month, I begin a two-year term as the Southeast District rep on the AAUW Ohio Board and am contemplating the best way to begin a Ph.D. in Early Childhood research. Blessings on our Branch and all of you.

~ Maryjo Flamm-Miller

LEGAL ADVOCACY NEWS

You've heard about the Hobby Lobby decision, and you may have heard of the Supreme Court's other decisions this term. But what do they actually mean for women and girls? Now that the court has wrapped up for this term, join AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund for a members-only call on **Tuesday, July 15 at 8 p.m. ET** to hear highlights of the court's most important cases this past term. Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, or health care. Simply put, the court's decisions matter.

As an AAUW member, you're invited to join this exclusive conference call for an overview of the court's most important decisions. RVSP for the call today to receive the dial-in information for the call. Questions? Email laf@aauw.org.

What Does the Hobby Lobby Decision Mean? July 03, 2014 www.aauw.org

According to the Supreme Court, an employee's contraception *is* her boss's business after all. In a disappointing 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court sided with Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood, saying that "closely held" corporations cannot be required to provide contraceptive coverage of any kind for their employees. Not only did the Supreme Court get it wrong again, but they also singled out a huge portion of the population — women — for discrimination.

Hobby Lobby challenged four forms of contraception, but Justice Samuel Alito did *not* limit the court's ruling to those forms of contraception only. Thus, companies can refuse to cover ALL forms of birth control if they choose to do so — we'll see how it plays out. Already 82 companies have stepped forward to say they will embrace the decision.

In addition, the reasoning behind the court's decision creates a slippery slope by which corporations can challenge other medical procedures or medicines in the future. As the *New York Times* noted, the ruling may extend beyond health care, "opening the door to many challenges from corporations over laws that they claim violate their religious liberty." just imagine if an owner of a closely held corporation is against equal pay for women because he believes that disrupts men's superiority in their homes?

What we *do* know is this: In today's status quo, where health care coverage is overwhelmingly tied to employment status, allowing an employer to refuse to cover certain forms of contraception will reduce women's access to these health services. With nine out of 10 corporations classified as closely held, this decision has the potential to affect millions of female employees. Women already have less disposable income to spend on health care services because of the gender pay gap, and college-educated women are especially burdened by high levels of student loan debt. Moreover, the impact of the decision is expected to fall more heavily on low-income women — whose access to health care is typically limited to begin with — and black women, who make up almost 16 percent of minimum-wage women workers.

As Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg observed in her dissent, "The cost of an IUD is nearly equivalent to a month's full-time pay for workers earning the minimum wage".

Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the Supreme Court's ruling, we can all agree that this decision and other Supreme Court decisions issued throughout our nation's history can have a great effect on our lives. Nominating and confirming Supreme Court justices is just one important example of the responsibilities that our elected officials have, and we urge everyone to cast an informed vote. Make sure you're registered to vote at www.aauwaction.org and that you get to the polls in November.