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September 2015

September

Sept. 1
Sept. 17
Oct. 12
October 15

Welcome back to the start of a new AAUW year

Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm, CDC

Program/Potluck 5:30 pm—7:00 pm , CDC, Town Square

October Board Meeting

Game Night

6:45-8:45 pm

Book Sale Celebration

AAUW Program for September

Potluck Meal and Opening Meeting

September 17, 2015

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

OUC – Child Development Center

AAUW Made An Impact on Mental Health

Matt Markley, Executive Director, Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center



THE AAUW Legacy Event

Book Sale Preparation

Set up at Trinity Fellowship Hall

October 2, 8:30 am 5:00 pm

Super Sort Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Finishing touches Monday, Oct. 5 9:00 to 5:00 pm

October 6-10 BOOK SALE

Oct. 6: First Choice Night, 5:00—8:00 pm \$5.00 admission

Wed-Fri. 11:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am—12 noon \$3.00 Bag Sale

Volunteer and see many of your AAUW and Community friends!!!

"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.

MONTHLY STUDY GROUPS SCHEDULE

Book Discussion—3rd Thursday of the month, 9:30 am

Bridge Club—1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 pm
Mary Lou Thompson 740.851.5093

Dinner Club Monthly Jan.-June
Marcia Austin, 740, 773,4427

Paper Magic –Times communicated by email
Maryjo Flamm-Miller, 740.775-0233

September 2015
National Hispanic Heritage Month



How the García Girls Lost Their Accents
By Julia Alvarez

In Julia Alvarez's debut novel, the García sisters — Carla, Sandra, Yolanda, and Sofia — and their family must flee their home in the Dominican Republic after their father's role in an attempt to overthrow a tyrannical dictator is discovered. They arrive in New York City in 1960 to a life far removed from their existence in the Caribbean. In the wild and wondrous and not always welcoming United States, their parents try to hold on to their old ways, but the girls try to find new lives: by forgetting their Spanish, by straightening their hair, and by wearing fringed bell bottoms. For them, it is at once liberating and excruciating to be caught between the old world and the new. *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* sets the sisters free to tell their most intimate stories about how they came to be at home — and not at home — in America.

Available in print, Kindle, Nook e-book, and audiobook formats

Fireside Read
Gray Mountain —John Grisham



The story follows a victim of the Great Recession, from her promising career at one of New York's largest law firms to a small Appalachian town and a dead-end job. Packed full of secrets and suspense, the book will provide threads of suspense that will keep you reading.

SUNSHINE MOMENTS: WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS



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Betty M Brown

In Memory

Dec. 30, 1921—August 28, 2015

Betty Merrell Brown, 93 died Friday, August 28, 2015. On September 16, 1950, she married William T. Brown who died December 19, 2014. Surviving are sons, Steven M. Brown of Kingwood TX and Douglas T. Brown of Carmel, IN.

Betty graduated in 1946 from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1946. Betty taught at Unioto High school, Chillicothe Elementary Schools and Bishop Flaget High School. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she had served as a Deacon, an Elder, Chairman of the Church's Board of Deacons and was involved with Presbymates and Meshed. Betty was former President and member of the local AAUW and had also served on the State AAUW board. She was a 50+ year member.

Program for 2015-2016

Thursday, August 27, 2015 5:30-7:00 pm, Summer Social, Child Development Center (CDC)

Thursday, September 17, 2015 5:30—7:30 pm , Cover Dish , Matt Markley, Scioto Valley
Mental Health Center at CDC

Thursday, October 15, 2015, 6:45-8:45, Game Night—Bring your Favorite board games , at
CDC

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015, 6:45-8:30, Human Trafficking—A Concern in Ross County, at CDC

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 5:30-7:30 pm, Drama Group. Bring your favorite Christmas orna-
ment at the Pump House

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, 9:30 am, “STEM” Jenni Domo CDC

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, 9:30 am , GIRL POWER at CDC

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm, “What Women Want,” Maryjo Flamm-Miller at the CDC

Thursday, April 21, 2015, 6:45 pm, American Women of the 19th Century, Bev Gray at the
CDC

Thursday, May 19, 2015, 5:30 pm ,Dinner Student Teaching Experiences in Costa Rica and
the Netherlands

2015 AAUW Scholarship Winner

Congratulate her when you see her at AAUW meetings.

Kelsey Ballew

AAUW Policy Updates—Mary Jo Flamm Miller On AAUW Policy Committee

The General Assembly adjourned for the summer after passing a budget that included a few good measures and some surprises, and leaving unfinished business re charter school reform.

Highlights In the biennial budget:

Tuition at public colleges and universities was frozen for two years.

K-12 schools were “held harmless,” in that none received less funding than they had in the previous biennial budget. Nevertheless, schools received less as a share of the state budget than they did a few years ago.

PARCC testing, aligned with Common Core standards, was eliminated and new, shorter standardized tests will be developed.

EdChoice, the state’s voucher program, was expanded to make eligible any student from a family below 200% of the federal poverty level regardless of the performance of the school district; also, the amount of a voucher was increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for high school students and from \$4,250 to \$4,650 for elementary students.

High-performing charter schools are eligible for a share of \$25 million for classroom facilities.

Medicare expansion was continued, but could be subject to Controlling Board approval.

AAUW Membership Connects You to Like-Minded Women
Our branch is celebrating 64 years of dedication
to the importance of educating, empowering and advocating for women.

1. AAUW Supports Women in Ross County

- ♦ Scholarship Endowment: Since 1960, the local Branch has supported an annual academic scholarship for an Ohio University –Chillicothe female student. Proceeds from the Books sale go are deposited in the AAUW Foundation Endowment.
- ♦ Be Wise Camp: Every year since its inception in 1989, AAUW Chillicothe Branch has supported the Be WISE (Women in Science Education) Math and Science Summer Camp for middle school girls, organized by AAUW Ohio at Dennison University. This year we sent 5 Ross County middle School students to camp.
- ♦ Girl Power: Each spring a program is devoted to girls in grades 6-8. Topics are geared to encourage middle school girls to develop a set of skills to help them to gain self-confidence, plan for a career, and develop self-poise.

2. Women's Issues

- ♦ Pay Equity: With a record number of women in the workforce and two-thirds of women functioning as primary or co-bread winners for their families, equal pay for women is critical to families and economic security. Yet in 2013 women working full time, year round, were still paid 78 cents on average for every dollar paid to men. AAUW seeks legislation at federal, state, and local levels for pay equity.
- ♦ Supports Ohio Children's Caucus Vote to Support the Human Trafficking Legislation: AAUW supports the End Demand Act, House Bill 130. Key provisions of the End Demand Act include harsher penalties for solicitation of minors, restricting the use of "massage;" and related terms in advertisement by unlicensed professionals, and applying Rape Shield laws to victims of human trafficking.
- ♦ AAUW members have spoken out about Social Security policies that are important to women and girls: AAUW is grateful for the eight decades of work that Social Security has done to help strengthen economic security for women and their families and will continue to push for improvements for the next eight decades.
- ♦ Supporting STEM Program for Girls: AAUW know from studies that girls' interests can be sustained if they are exposed early to the careers available to women in these fields today. With the help of AAUW Community Action Grants, Wolbach and AAUW of California, the first Teck Trek camp on Stanford University's campus was founded in 1998. Since then additional Teck Trek Programs have been initiated in colleges throughout the nation.