



CAP & GOWN

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

SEPTEMBER, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept 12	Decorating the City Administration Windows
Sept 14	(new) Basic Bridge class begins, Noon
Sept 15	Fall Dinner Meeting, 6:15 PM
Sept 20	Book Sale Committee, 7:00 PM
Sept 30 - Oct 8	2011 Book Sale!

FALL DINNER MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2011

6:15 PM	Socialize, Raffle, Yearbooks, Volunteer Sign-up for the Book Sale
7:00 PM	Welcome & Dinner Served
8:00 PM	Announcements

Cost: \$18 (*includes tip*) Bring exact change or a check.

LOCATION: The Bell Tower, Bourneville

Summer Social for Member Recruitment

We send out a special THANK YOU to Diane Bambenek, Chelsea Chenault, and their dedicated Committee of volunteers for organizing our wonderful Summer Social. As you will see in the new Yearbook, we have NINE NEW MEMBERS and many of them were our guests at the Social.

Many thanks are extended, also, to each of you who suggested invitees, cooked for the supper buffet, and created party favors for our guests. It was our best Summer Social yet!

"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.



BOOK SALE UPDATE

The next Planning Meeting is **Tuesday, September 20** at 7:00 PM.
Location: Room 105 in Bennett Hall. Come and see how you can help.

- The book collection barrels are out. Locations: Community Market, Corner Market, Ron's IGA, Office Max, Shoemaker Center at OU-C. Tell everyone you meet about the Book Sale and how to make book donations. Barrels will be emptied regularly.
- Many card tables are needed for the Sale. To loan one, write your name on the bottom and bring it to the Sort on Friday or Saturday.
- Two more volunteers are needed to help move book boxes into the church hall on Friday. Call Anne Holmes.
- Gift Certificates (in any amount) will be for sale at the Dinner Meeting, and also during the Sort days. Who do you want to give the gift of book shopping? Buy a few.
- We all love the camaraderie of working the Book Sale. It takes many members working together to make our Annual Book Sale a success. Please consider how you can work 6-10 hours over the week. Sign-up sheets will be at the Dinner Meeting. Then the Telephone Committee will begin calling every member to invite each of us to work or make a contribution. The choice time slots are going fast!
- Cookie bakers are needed for Friday, September 30. We like to treat the young men who come to help us load and unload the truck.
- If you plan to work on Saturday, Super Sort Day, consider bringing a dish for us to share during the potluck lunch. Beverages welcome, too. Place your food in the church kitchen.
- We are working hard to meet a profit goal of over \$5,000 again this year. We can do it, especially if we increase the number of shoppers who come. See the Yearbook for all the "daily specials". Lots of great books at bargain prices!
- **We will be decorating the windows in the City Administration building to advertise the Book Sale and our Branch. Call Theresa McAuliffe to help with this on September 12.**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

To-date, we have 74 renewed and new Branch members and we are adding to this number every week. Because of member generosity, we have EIGHT Give-a-Grad-a-Gift and ONE Student Affiliate dues gifts available. If you know someone who would be a great addition to our group, please call Diane Bambenek or Chelsea Chenault, Membership Co-Chairs, so an invitation to join can be extended.

CONDOLENCES

The Branch sends our sincere wishes of sympathy to Mary Kay Clipner and Jaclyn Clipner Frea on the recent death of their husband and father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both during this sad time of loss.

OU-C SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to congratulate the 2011-12 scholarship winner. Tiffany Seymour is a junior, with a major in Human Services Technology. We hope to introduce Tiffany to you at the September inner Meeting.

NECKLACE PROJECT

We will soon be advertising another necklace crocheting party. Watch for an email with the date, time and location. Julie Dargart-Willet, Project Chair, is ordering new yarns. This month we received a check for \$147 for the sale of our necklaces at the Pump House. They are growing in popularity! Help us crochet many more necklaces between now and early November. We have reserved a booth at the Altrusa Club's **Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 12. We plan to sell our necklaces and any other jewelry that members make and wish to donate.** Remember, all proceeds go towards building up our OU Endowment Fund for scholarships.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Thompson, Chair, wants everyone to know that this year TWO new callers are needed on the Committee. Do you have two hours per month? That's all that this commitment requires. Call Mary Lou to volunteer.

(new) BASIC BRIDGE CLASS BEGINS

Are you curious about how to play Bridge? Come learn and have fun while giving it a try. The group has four members already and is looking for four more to create two game tables. Interested in keeping your mind sharp? Call Mary Lou Thompson at 851-5093. It begins September 14. Noon – 2:00 PM.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Maryjo Flamm-Miller

Thanks to Theresa McAuliffe's enthusiasm for the idea, we are considering the creation of an AAUW float for this year's Halloween Parade. Do you remember our float from the Bicentennial year? That float's theme was "*Educated Women, Educated Future*". It featured several members dressed to represent important professions in which women have historically, or currently are, making an impact in the world. It may be time to remind the public of this again! As women, it's our duty to lead the way in helping people learn about the contributions that educated women make to culture, communities, and government. Does this project interest you? We would borrow or rent a flatbed truck and driver, decorate the float under cover, and ride it in the parade. Do you have a few ideas about a message and concept for it? Would you like to work on the decorations or be one of the costumed characters? Talk with Theresa at the Dinner Meeting. Let's see if we have enough people to make this happen. 2011 could be the year that we "*REVIVE THE FLOAT*".

TREASURER'S REPORT *from Mary Martin, Treasurer*

August Balance in Checking Account:	\$4,520.68
September Balance in Checking Account:	\$4,777.63
Janney Investment Account:	\$4,124.54 (<i>earning 1.4%</i>)

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Ross County ABLE/GED Program is seeking Volunteer Instructional Aides to help adult students advance their basic skills and prepare for better career opportunities. This volunteer work can be very satisfying because you help others use education to improve their lives. Tutor training and on-going support is provided. A commitment of just a few hours per week is expected. Morning, afternoon, and evening times possible. The Learning Lab is open Monday through Thursday. It is located in the Main Library Annex on 5th Street. To learn more about how you can make a difference, call Marie Barada, Coordinator, at 779-2035.

E-NEWSLETTER: Contact Maryjo Flamm-Miller to have information included in the next Cap & Gown newsletter. Of particular interest are announcement and reports from the various Study Groups and project committees. Please send updates to maryjo56@roadrunner.com or call her at 775-0233.