



CAP & GOWN

*the Newsletter of the Chillicothe, OH Branch
of the American Association of University Women*

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The Book Sale Barrels are out! Tell your friends we are now collecting donations.
- All of the Study Groups have resumed meeting. Contact coordinators for details.
- "Women in Unusual Professions", September 28, Noon, OU-C Tech Building, free parking
Bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert provided.
- October 2, Board meeting, 7:00 PM

LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Location: Heilman Shelter

(behind the swimming pool and volleyball courts, just north of the Pump House)



**Saturday, September 22
Noon—3:00 PM**

Lunch to be served at 12:15 PM



Games for people of all ages. Children and guests welcome!
Some require physical activity and some are tabletop games.
Don't be reluctant—try your luck!

Do you know people who might like to join AAUW? Invite them to come along.

QUESTIONS? Call Jean Ziogas or Karla Hanson, Program Co-Chairs

"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.

Family Potluck Picnic in Yoctangee Park

Our new year begins with a fun social event—don't miss it!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Dish to share, with serving spoon
- Beverages
- Brown Bag Auction item (see below)
- Lawn chairs



HOW TO PLAY IN THE BROWN BAG SILENT AUCTION AT THE PICNIC

A fun game is being planned for the picnic. It will surely make us laugh and create a lot of happy memories of the day. Here is what you are invited to do:

- 1 Find something in your home which you are willing to “pass on” to some lucky bidder. This item can be useful, unusual, silly, homemade, whimsical, ornery, or wonderful!
- 2 Place it carefully inside a brown grocery bag. Remember, bidders will be allowed to gently shake your bag to try to guess what may be inside.
- 3 Staple the bag shut so no one can peek inside. To attract the attention of bidders, and pique their curiosity, you may want to decorate the bag in some eye-catching way.
- 4 Bring your brown bag auction item to the picnic. People will have two hours to outbid each other for your special surprise. When the auction closes at 2 PM, the highest bidders win! Then all the brown bags will be opened and we will enjoy seeing what “treasures” have been purchased!

All the money raised by this silent auction will go into our Fundraising fund for Branch projects.

NECKLACES FOR SALE AT HOLIDAY BAZAAR

We will have a booth at the November 10 Altrusa Bazaar. We'll be selling our handmade necklaces, earrings, and jewelry sets. We appreciate that these members have volunteered to run the booth: Mindy McGhee, Rita Long, Karen Rieder, and Barb Fabrey. If you also would like to help, call Maryjo.

APPRECIATIONS

Many thanks to Karen Rieder and Theresa McAuliffe for organizing the membership renewal process. At the September 22 picnic, you will be able to pick up your new copy of the Yearbook.

BOOK SALE NEWS

The **momentum** is building for the 2012 Book Sale!

Collections have been strong at each of the seven barrel sites and the workshop building is filling up with bags and boxes of books.

Advertising has been a major focus of the planning Committee this year. This effort includes: Ameristop sign ads, Gazette news story—Datebook-sale ads, PSAs on the local radio channels, yard signs, online ads at BookSaleFinder.com, postcards sent to 2011 customer mail list, email blasts to our past vendors-Chamber of Commerce members—and Ross County teachers. Posters need to go up in storefronts—we need your help with this. Fliers will be available at the picnic. Be sure to take some and hang them up around town. Bookmarks advertising the sale have been distributed at the Southern Ohio Story-telling Festival, community family & social service programs, Head Start pre-schools, and many others.



2012 Be WISE campers and 2011-12 OU-C scholarship winner

STILL, our best advertising is always WORD OF MOUTH. Are you doing your part to promote the Book Sale? At the end of this Newsletter you'll find a flier which can be printed and then hung in your CAR WINDOW. Our goal is to have a flier in every single member's vehicle. Just imagine all the free publicity we can generate together as we drive around town!

The **Worker sign-up charts** will be at the picnic. We count on every member volunteering for at least THREE SHIFTS, or a minimum of SIX HOURS in order to guarantee that we have enough help throughout the eight days of the sorting process and open sale hours. Be sure to sign-up now to get your preferred shifts!

WORK DAYS:

Friday, September 28	9AM—5PM	Barn emptied, sorting begins
Saturday, September 29	9AM—5PM	SUPER SORT DAY !
Monday & Tuesday	9AM—5PM	Sorting continues until we finish
Tuesday, October 2	5PM—8:30 PM	FIRST CHOICE NIGHT
Wednesday-Thurs-Friday	9AM—7PM	Sale
Saturday, October 6	9AM—1PM	\$3 Bag Sale; clean-up.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We are very pleased to announce that MARY LOU THOMPSON has been selected at the 2013 Branch Honoree for the OU-C Scholarship. Congratulations! See Mary Lou receive her award at the September picnic.

The new budget was approved by the Board. It will be voted on by members at the October meeting. Please take a few minutes to review the draft attached to this newsletter.

Work on our 501-c-3 application, for IRS non-profit charitable organization status, will continue after the Book Sale.

Many of our guests at the Summer Social have become new members! Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself at the picnic.

We agreed to partner with the OU-C Quinn Library on a women's history event next March. The event will be a "Human Library" of local women with interesting life experiences. Guests will be able to "check out" these women through casual conversations. More to follow.

We'll be making an effort to reconnect with our Be WISE girls from recent years by inviting them to a "reunion" at the October Branch meeting.

The administrative fee for the OU Foundation to manage our endowment has increased to 2%. Our interest and investment dividend for 2011 was \$3,618. This year, the amount covered the scholarships we awarded.

The Board has drafted goals for 2012-13. Please take a few minutes to review these at the end of the newsletter. Your feedback and approval will be sought at the October meeting.

ART SHOW WORTH SEEING

Do you know the life stories of Fanny Holtzmann, Bessie Coleman, or Leah Hing?

Until September 28, the Stevenson Gallery inside the OU-C Quinn Library is exhibiting a terrific new exhibit of paintings by artist Lib Murphy, of Columbus. The show, entitled "The Resurrection Portraits: Icons of Women's History", is a collection of large compositions of women who've made an impact on American life. The artist writes: *"Each picture is composed using reference photographs, drawings of objects taken from life, models, written descriptions, and props. Creating a composition takes research and work, but I have fun consulting ship builders, pilots, tailors, librarians, curators, and historians. Each picture is a window through which the viewer is encouraged to time-travel to a place where history is fascinating."* This show is an opportunity for you to connect with your heritage and women's history—a diverse and adventuresome experience!

STUDY GROUP MEETINGS

Book Club:	3rd Thursday, 9:30 am, rotating homes
Lunch Bunch:	1st Wednesday, 12:30, Chillicothe Country Club
Drama Group:	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Traditions
Bridge Club:	1st /3rd Thursdays, 1 pm, rotating homes
Money Smart:	2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, Edward Jones Investments
Dinner Club:	Monthly, January—June, as arranged, rotating homes

Study Group contact persons are listed in the Yearbook.

REPORT FROM THE AUGUST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY
by Jean Kerney

“AAUW Building Leaders for Advocacy & Social Change Conference”

School Funding—New Directions in Education
Dr. Damon Asbury

The emerging philosophy about funding is called the Backpack philosophy, because children’s things go with them; the money goes from district to district. The present government believes in charter schools. The Department of Education approved forty thousand vouchers for 2011-2012 and sixty thousand vouchers for 2012-2013.

Ohio’s Voucher Experience

Cleveland Vouchers (The voucher system was first designed for Cleveland in 1995 to provide an alternative program for inner-city children who were in failing schools.) This program/school still exists.

Educational Choice Voucher (Any student in a failing school can qualify for a voucher)

Autism Scholarship available for students with diagnosis (up to \$20,000)

Special education student with an IEP is eligible to receive a voucher to attend another school regardless of the school’s academic rating.

HB136- School Choice (Any student can apply for a \$5,700 Voucher)

Accountability

Do communities care about results?

Public education is vital to the economic and moral survival of the community.

Fix the Public Schools

School Funding

Did you know?

State money comes through the Foundation program.

At the present time, Ohio doesn’t have any money in the Foundation program.

The public has to generate 20 mills before they can get money from the state.

Charter schools must be given first choice to purchase local school buildings that are no longer in use.

For Information contact:

School Funding: ohiohouse.gov

OR

dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Beverly Schmoll, University of Toledo

“Wildly Successful Women”

Dr. Schmoll weaved her professional career story through the following issues. Her story was interesting, thought-provoking and inspiring.

Recent research reveals that despite women’s organizations and movements, women are willing to cut each other’s throat for: Jobs, Men, Social Approval.

What Gets in the Way of Women Getting to the Top?

- Competition – If used in a healthy way, it can be positive (I’m willing to fight for what I want.)
- Envy --most dangerous (I want what you have.)
- Jealousy (You have something I want.)

Women must protect their “five glass balls” that they juggle every day:

Family
Friends
Health
Integrity
Work (a rubber ball)

If one of the glass balls break, it is difficult to pick up the pieces and put it back together, but if your rubber ball falls it will bounce back. to-

Recommended Reading: Tripping The Prom Queen by Susan Shapiro Barash

Policy Committee

Domestic Sex Trafficking is very real in Ohio- Legislation is being voted on to make the punishment of the crime more severe. (HB262)

Gerrymandering: The Elephant in the Room

Redistricting—Maps were reviewed that showed all of the proposed redistricting maps. From perusing the maps, it was obvious that they were drawn to favor one party over another. A lot of counties were not even contiguous. The redistricting map packed districts so heavily with Republicans that only 4 districts would favor Democrats. Cleveland, one of the largest urban areas in Ohio, will not have a representative in congress. It cost \$9,600 to draw the map and it was approved within forty-eight hours of being submitted.

Constitutional Initiative to Reform Redistricting in Ohio:

Executive Summary

A politically independent citizens commission would draw both state legislative and Congressional districts. Under present law, state legislative districts are drawn by a partisan board, and Congressional districts are drawn by the state legislature. This has led to unfair plans being drawn behind closed doors, to the disadvantage of the people of Ohio.

The proposed initiative would take redistricting out of the hands of incumbent politicians, and would place it in the hands of an impartial citizens commission. The Ohio Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission—composed of equal numbers of Republicans, Democrats and Independents, and reflecting the diversity of Ohio—would be required to draw fair districts, which do not favor or disfavor a particular party, Incumbent or candidate. District boundaries would be drawn to promote fairness, competitiveness, compactness, and preservation of existing communities. Paid lobbyist, incumbents, and others with a personal or financial interest in elections would be barred from serving on the citizens commission.

Voters Suppression in Ohio:

Uniformity of extended hours and days for all Ohioans is a concern.
Voters’ suppression will affect the elderly and minorities the most.

Find out how your state legislators voted on bills important to women: <http://wp.me/PS1oT-SY>
IT’S MY VOTE-I WILL BE HEARD

Thank you, Jean Kerney and Karen Rieder, for sharing your experiences of the Leadership Conference in the August and September issues of the *Cap & Gown*.

AAUW CHILLICOTHE BRANCH **PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET: 2012-2013**

OPERATING BUDGET: **2011-12** **2011-12** **2012-13** **2012-13**
 Budget **Spent** **Proposed** **Spent**

INCOME

Annual Dues	720	720	
Carryover from last yr	353.		1,000
Book Sale	4,416.91	4,000	5,000
Fund Raising	2,231.11	2,000	1,500

***Donations made by Members for goods which support our projects**

Total	7001.02	6,000	8,220
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EXPENSES:

President’s Discretion Fund	100	42.60	150
Program	100	196	200
Hospitality	100		
Convention Subsidy	400	200	400
State Convention Hosting	x	x	500
Community	100	78	100
Postage	100	20	100
Office Supplies	100	34.23	100
Miscellaneous	50		
Membership	200	110	200
<i>(recruitment & retention)</i>			
Sunshine Fund	50	25	50
Yearbook	100	194.40	
Memorials	100	75	100
Member Scholarships <i>(dues)</i>	98	98	98
Marketing	50		50
Technology	50		50
Be Wise	1,100	1,073.60	1,100
Book Sale	850	400	500
OUC Scholarship		2,000	3,000
501-c-3 project			400

Total	2,648.00	4,546.83	6,898.00
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OU Foundation Endowment Account:

Principal Account	\$ 34,497.25	<i>(as of June 30,2012)</i>	
Spending Account	1,150	2000	3000 (2 Scholarships)

Janney Montgomery Scott Investment Account: balance, TBA

BRANCH GOALS FOR 2012-2013 (draft)

Goals

Task

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| 1 Awareness of AAUW-Chillicothe in the Community | Co-sponsor Quinn Library event in March—"Human Library" Book Sale supports community Literacy |
| 2 Member Growth, Engagement, Benefits, Retention | Hold a Think Tank with members—
What do they enjoy? What should we do locally?
Educate members on what the dues accomplish at local-state-national Levels
Educate members about AAUW benefit programs & resources |
| 3 Fundraising for Branch Projects & Growing our OU Endowment | Goal \$6,500
Hold a winter "Tasting" fundraiser |
| 4 Leadership Development | Host State Convention, April, 2013
Have at least 10 members attend
<i>(drive together in vans)</i>
Attend August Leadership Conference |
| 5 Promoting Women's History, Health, Opportunities | March Program with Pat Medert
March—posters back in library Branches |
| 6 Outreach to Girls | Organize a reunion for the Be WISE campers, harness their enthusiasm to recruit new campers |
| 7 Technology & Social Media Use | train a back-up person for Chrissy Park to maintain our website |
| 8 Making Use of Local Talent | Seek OU-C students to help us with Branch development projects
Advertise member-owned businesses |