



AAUW Springfield

Breaking through barriers for women and girls

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April:

AAUW Springfield Hosts State Convention

The 2014 AAUW Convention was held on April 11-13, 2014 at the Marriott Courtyard in downtown Springfield. Cheri Crothers, who helped organize from a local standpoint, tells us that rumor has it everyone was impressed and a few wanted to come back to Springfield! She offers kudos to the staff at the Courtyard for providing excellent service and yummy food for breakfast and lunch and a very nice plated dinner on Saturday night. Springfield had a great turnout: President Joyce Spangler, Joan Elder, Kathy Kridler, Roberta Linder, Kathie Harbaugh, Anne Strothman, Denise Wells, prospective member Sally Brannan, and our newest members: Barbara Matthies, Vicki Stalbird and Lynda Ream, who documented this event with pictures (page 3).

May Event:

Potluck / Planning / Scholars!

Monday, May 12, 2014 • 6:00 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church, 409 E. High St.

This event includes recognition of our Scholarship winner(s), as well as a planning meeting for next year's branch events. We will share a meal, award the two local scholars, then proceed with branch business. This is the last official meeting of our year. Please plan to attend, as we value all input about how to proceed in future. The branch will provide beverages & paper products, and members are asked to bring a side dish/dessert to share.

Calendar 2013-14

MEETINGS:

Branch: 7 PM, 2nd Mondays
(Unless otherwise noted)

April 11-13	AAUW Convention in Springfield
Friday, May 2	Pay Equity Cake Drop 9:30 AM, Heritage Center (contact Cheri Crothers for details)
May 12	Spring Potluck/ Scholarship Award Mtg
Summer	Garage Sale/ Fundraiser TBA



A Message From Cheri ...

Many thanks to all of you for your fantastic support for this event and to the other branches in the Southwest Region: Champaign, Dayton, Logan, Middletown, Mason and Sidney for their contributions and staffing assistance. Congratulations also to our new state President: Christine Siebeneck. She will be fun to work with. In this year of our voices: Advocacy and Action, AAUW has some PEARLS (Policy, Education, Advocacy, Research, Leadership, Social) to share.

Human Trafficking has again emerged as an AAUW priority and I'd like to have Sheriff Kelly back to do another program on this topic. Pay Equity and Voting Rights and the challenge of curbing further massive cuts in Ohio's public educational system are additional issues of interest. In case you were not aware, over \$800 million was cut from Public Education and that is why we have so many local school levies – the state cut their funds and they have to get it from the local communities. Issues such as Branch Board burn out and Marketing the Branch were also workshop topics. If you missed the Convention, then put August 9, 2014 for a Leadership Conference at Otterbein on your calendar. If you have not attended this, you should plan to attend this day-long training session.

PUBLIC POLICY: I have information on the Common Core issue, Voting Rights and Pay Equity that will be available at our May potluck. I know that many of you are not interested in politics, but with Voter Suppression taking effect in Ohio, Pay Equity and Public Education at risk more and more, I hope to engage you in speaking out on these issues. All of our gains since the 1960's are now in serious jeopardy.

PAY EQUITY CAKE DROP – Friday, May 2 at the Heritage Center about 9:30 AM. Retiring Rep. Ross McGregor will be the recipient as a thank you for his concern and support of women's issues during his tenure in the Ohio State House. Let me know if you can attend.

— *Cheri*



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Local Highlights

From the April 2014 State AAUW Convention



Lynda Ream presented photos from the last day of the Convention, displayed below. Joan Elder provided the centerpiece for our local table (pictured right), and a number of locals are shown below, as well as our State President and Vice President of Programming.



Top left: Denise Wells, Joyce Spangler, Lynda Reams.

Underneath top: Barbara Matthies, Kathy Kridler, Sally Brannan

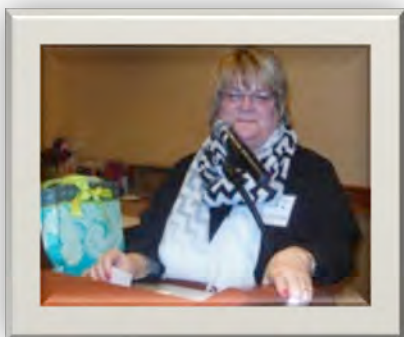
Below: Deborah Wooldridge, President, AAUW Ohio



Top right: Kathie Harbaugh, Vicki Henriksen Stalbird.

Underneath top: Denise Wells, Cheri Crothers

Below right: Christine Siebeneck, VP for Programming, and President-elect



Above: Melissa Cropper, President of the Ohio Federation of Teachers addresses the Convention

