

AAUW Springfield

No winter lasts forever ...

—Hal Borland (1900-78)



Please Join Us!

It's not too late to form a team and join us at Buffalo Wild Wings for our 3rd annual **February Fundraising** event:

Wed., Feb. 12

5:30-7:30 PM

1960 Bechtle Ave.
Springfield

All monies raised will help provide scholarships for Clark County young women undertaking post-secondary education.



Last year this fundraiser provided over \$700 for our scholarship fund. This year, BW3 is donating 10% of the food and non-alcoholic beverage receipts from the tables participating in the fundraiser.



Cost is \$15/person; \$60/four-person team. Fees can be paid at the door or sent to Martha Crawmer, 2606 Balsam Dr., Springfield, OH 45503 prior to the event. Either way, send your team roster, including your team name, to Martha prior to Feb. 10, 2014.

Even if you decide that trivia is not your thing, come out and support the group!

Calendar 2014

MEETINGS:

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

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| Feb 12 | 5:30-7:30 PM |
| (WED.) | BWW Trivia Fundraiser |
| Mar 10 | Organizational Mtg for April AAUW Convention |
| April | |
| 11-13 | AAUW Convention in Springfield |
| May 12 | Spring Potluck/
Scholarship Award Mtg |
| Summer | |
| | Garage Sale/
Fundraiser TBA |



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Joyce Encourages Us



*Ohio's Branches of
AAUW are coming to
Springfield!*

HELP US PLAN

for the APRIL
CONVENTION

April 11-13, 2014

March 10 at Springfield High's
Learning Café



March will be our last opportunity to put together our plans for our responsibilities at the April Ohio State AAUW Convention, to be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Springfield.

We will meet at the Learning Café at Springfield High School on March 10 at 7:00 to make our plans and recruit volunteers. Here are some of the items we will discuss:

- acquisition of raffle item(s).
- acquisition of a table centerpiece for Saturday evening dinner.
- update on our plan to sell AAUW polo shirts.
- acquisition of paper plates, napkins, and plastic cups for the President's reception on Saturday night.
- determine whether more snacks/appetizers are needed for the reception, and sign up.

This will be an important showing for Springfield, and I encourage ALL of you to join us on March 10 to help us plan and show our best face to AAUW Ohio.



Reducing Girl-on-Girl Bullying *ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

This fall, our branch was asked to participate in an initiative to reduce female aggression and bullying in

schools. After an initial meeting with Winkie Mitchell, group organizer, your board agreed that this initiative fit in with AAUW's greater mission, as well as stated interests of our local branch.

On February 8, Winkie convened another meeting. Although the group had initially discussed a screening and follow up activities to the documentary "Finding Kind" <watch the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woZTiMgWYDo>, Winkie did further research and has found another resource that seems to address the issue on a broader level, and numerous resources are provided at no cost. ("Finding Kind" is quite expensive to screen.) This replacement project, The Ophelia Project, also has an informational video:

<http://www.opheliaproject.org/language.html>

The group is planning a kick-off event in March at Wittenberg (date to be determined). The intent of this event is to generate collective enthusiasm for the Ophelia Project to empower girls to be Upstanders and prevent bullying in our community. The preliminary agenda is as follows:

- 1) Introductory Activity/Icebreaker to get acquainted and celebrate this new effort
- 2) Statement of Purpose. Perhaps some background on the problem.
- 3) Introduction of the Leaders who will be teaching the curriculum
- 4) Showing of 17 minute video explaining curriculum
- 5) Instructions on the Curriculum
- 6) Brainstorming on how to encourage more activity in the schools related to this
- 7) Closing activity

While we are not directly involved in the schools at this point, we are being asked to lend our support. I am searching for one or two people to be our representatives for the planning of this effort, and a good showing of our branch at the March kick-off.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me, Joyce Spangler (937/926-0005) or Cheri Crothers (937/460-6114).





Candid Corner

AAUW Group gathers for Book Chat

Our Springfield branch jointly read “The Camel Bookmobile” by Masha Hamilton, then gathered near the fireplace at Joyce Spangler’s home to share food and ideas/impressions of this novel.

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Members attending included Martha Crawmer, Karen Duncan, Ginny Estrop, Kathy Kridler, Roberta Linder, Barb Matthies, Sherry Provens, Lynda Ream, Anne Strothman, Denise Wells (and Joyce of course!).



Thanks to member Roberta Linder for above photos.