



# AAUW Springfield

*Breaking through barriers for women and girls*

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

## January-February 2016



**Join us in 2016 as we  
continue to:  
Study, Advocate,  
Collaborate, Serve & Play**

### Study:

**Mon., Jan. 11 Fireside Chat: Book  
Discussion/Potluck**



**January branch meeting:** Monday, January 11. A potluck and book discussion + show and tell at Joyce's, 26 Dover Rd., Springfield 45504. Since it's a dinner, we start at 6 PM, but come when you can, of course. Bring your favorite dish to share. Book: The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing by Marie Kondo. In addition to other sellers, it's available in several formats at Amazon.com for around \$11. It's their #1 best seller in Zen Spirituality! Please rsvp to Joyce at [topeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:topeditor@yahoo.com)

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Meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 7 PM



### Advocate:

**AAUW National Gets Out the Vote  
January 13**

Wed., Jan. 13, hosts an online webinar. National AAUW kicks off its 2016 Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign with this all-member 'It's My Vote' webinar. With so much at stake in this election, learn how your branch can register, educate, and turn out millennial women voters nationwide as part of our It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign! All AAUW members are invited but space is limited. This call will be recorded and made available at a later date. January 13, 2016, 7:30 PM, register at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/01/its-my-vote-kickoff-webinar/>

**AAUW Annual  
Fundraiser  
Looms! (see page  
2 for more  
details ... )**

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## January Community Events

**Friday, Jan 15th MLK Luncheon (\$20)**  
“Living the Dream” – M. Brandon Jones  
Hollenbeck Bailey Center  
- 275 S. Limestone St., Springfield  
Time: 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
For more information call: 937-324-7379

**Mon, Jan. 18th MLK Convocation**  
at Wittenberg University (free)  
Joyce Lander, PhD Civil Rights Activist  
11am Weaver Chapel

*Thanks to Karen Duncan for this info!*



## Collaborate:

### AAUW Annual Fundraiser at Buffalo Wildwings

**Wed., Feb. 10** is our big fundraiser to provide scholarships that support area girls to further their education beyond the secondary level. We are also allowed to **PLAY** at this event, since we will be competing as teams in a Trivia Contest. The ‘**COLLABORATE**’ part comes in since we are asking members to reach out to friends & family to put together their own team of 4 to compete. Each team pays \$60 (or \$15 per member) if you register in advance (or \$20 each at the door). To add some fun, we also ask members to bring a door prize to share with participants that evening. The winning team will receive \$100 worth of gift cards, so don’t delay! Treasurer Kathy Kridler will email a flyer with all details very soon. You will need to email her with your team name & members, then bring the entrance fee that evening, where you’ll receive instructions and a raffle ticket for each member of your team. If you are unable to recruit a full team, please just attend and we’ll take care of you. Encourage non-players to come, watch, and eat. We will have coupons that they can give to their servers that will result in 10% of their food bill being donated to the branch. AAUW receives 10% of everyone’s food purchase, along with the entrance fee, and it all goes to the local scholarship fund for area girls. **Location: Buffalo Wild Wings, N. Bechtle Ave., Springfield, 5:30-7:30 PM**



## Serve: Girls in STEM Event

**Monday, March 14, 2016 • 6-8 PM**

At the Dome (former South HS), 700 S. Limestone St., Springfield OH 45505

All hands on deck for an epic community event: on Monday, March 14 our branch is organizing a program for girls on Title IX and STEM education. Denise Wells and Joan Elder are part of the planning group.

- 6:00-6:45: Mingling, munching, introductory remarks on AAUW and Links’ (and possibly Zonta, will learn more on January 14) involvement with STEM, tours of Global Impact Stem Academy facility
- 6:45-7:15: Keynote presentation from Ed Leventhal, GISA Board President and Springfield City Schools Board member (Global Impact STEM Academy)
- 7:15-7:50: 3 rotating discussion tables (with professionals from the STEM field as table leaders) on the educational, cultural and professional aspects of girls in STEM
- 7:50-8:00: Next steps

We need every member of AAUW to step up and commit to being involved in the planning, preparation, marketing and execution of this event. Placing more girls and women in the fields of science, technology, electronics and math complements our organization’s mission. Think about where you will fit. *More info soon.*

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## Holiday Play ... at Project Woman

December began with a Snowman/Craft/Cookie party at Project Woman on Dec. 7 creating these fun snowmen provided fun and laughter to both our members and PW residents. Thanks to all who baked or bought cookies, and especially to those who brought the fun: Joyce Spangler, Loleta Collins & Denise Wells.



Pictured left are members Joan Elder, Lynda Ream, Karen Duncan, Denise Wells & Joyce Spangler.



Holiday cheer continued with Joan and Andy Elder, who opened their home to our group as well as our auxiliary unit (spouses, of course). The Elders provided our main dishes as well as beverages, and everyone else brought hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share.

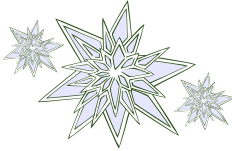


## Holiday Play... at Elders



## Gourmet Group Update

They have been having a blast experimenting with their food according to Cheri Crothers! November was Russian – crab appetizer, borscht (Vicki's first attempt was just stellar), beef stroganoff with potato baskets and green peas and a wonderful apple charlotte. There was Russian beer and wine plus coffee, tea and sodas. The group took a break in December, and this Saturday (Jan. 9) will start with Moroccan – lamb shanks, couscous and carrot salad, a pumpkin spiced soup and a surprise appetizer & dessert. February will be Italian and cuisines for March through June will be decided in January. This fun event is open to all members, so contact Cheri Crothers if interested.



## Public Policy Update

**From Cheri ....**

I've registered for the Jan. 13 webinar of AAUWs "It's My Vote." Absentee voting is underway and will close on Feb. 16 for the March 15 primary. The branch will compile a voting record for the Republicans who represent us in the Statehouse.

Since Rep. Boehner resigned, the March 15 primary will fill his unexpired term. There will be a special election on June 7 to elect someone for the full 2-year term and those persons will run for that office on Nov. 7. There are 17 Republicans, 1 Democrat, 1 Green Party, and 1 Socialist candidate competing for the seat.

***Don't forget to bring  
a friend to all our events!***



**Member Spotlight on**

## Anne Kaup-Fett

I received two B.S.'s - one in Biology (because I liked it) and one in Medical Technology (because I wanted to have a degree with a job attached to it) from Wright State University. I worked briefly at Kettering Medical Center and then for a private medical lab before realizing that I wasn't ever going to stop feeling creeped out in hospitals (so much for the marketable degree.) I went back to WSU and managed a laboratory there, working with toxic cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), the same stuff that's causing havoc in Grand Lake St. Mary's and Lake Erie. I was able to work on my Master's Degree in Environmental Science while there (yea!) and taught for a brief time in the Geology Department, teaching distance learning in contaminant hydrogeology.

I accepted the job at the Clark County Combined Health District so I could work with municipal solid waste landfills, composting, recycling, and other environmental facilities, but I also enjoy the other public health work that I do. For example, I conduct Healthy Homes Assessments to help people understand indoor air quality, allergens, and asthma and why they can feel unwell in their homes. Also, recently, I was able to work with a professor at Wittenberg University whose class is as interested in community gardens and the lead hazards that can exist in the soils as I am. Also - fun fact - I can actually write tickets to people for violations of Springfield Codified Ordinances (just like speeding tickets) so sometimes I feel like Dirty Harry.

I am now a Registered Sanitarian (isn't that a great old-fashioned word for a public health professional!) in the State of Ohio and a Certified Healthy Homes Specialist.



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