



# AAUW Springfield

*Breaking through barriers for women and girls*

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

## March-April 2016

### Member Alert

### Upcoming Meeting: **Mon, Feb 29**

The AAUW initiative "it's my vote I will be heard" is the topic of our branch meeting which will be held at High St. Methodist Church, Springfield, **7 PM, Mon., Feb. 29.\***



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### Our branch serves ...

### GIRLS GO: Solving the STEM Equation

Monday, March 14, 2016 • 6-8 PM

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

According to research conducted by the American Association of University Women (<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/>):

“At almost every step of the STEM education ladder, we see girls walk away. By seventh grade, many girls are ambivalent about these fields, and by the end of high school, fewer girls than boys plan to pursue STEM in college. ... the low number of women and girls pursuing STEM fields is not a status quo we can live with. It has significant implications for women’s financial security, economic growth, and global innovation.”

We are reaching out to Clark County girls in grades 5-8 and their families. We welcome everyone and hope that we can use this program to enlighten the community as a whole and influence decision-makers to pursue additional activities that encourage girls to pursue education and career paths in STEM-related fields.

This event is sponsored by our local branch of AAUW in collaboration with the Springfield City Schools, and the local Links organization. Additional participants include the Global Impact STEM Academy (GISA), Clark State Community College Engineering, Wittenberg Biology, Wright State Scholars and the Clark-Shawnee Local Schools.

#### Abbreviated Agenda:

6:00-6:25— Welcome and Speaker

6:30-7:30— Hands-on Activities

7:30-8:00— STEM Panel discussion (member Gina Post moderates)

We are proud to be a part of this mission to promote girls in STEM, and hope you’ll join us that evening!

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

*\*Enter at the driveway on E. High closest to Spring Street and come on around toward the back. You will see a little playground and some outside stairs. Come up the stairs to enter. You'll see the meeting room just to the left. If you cannot climb the stairs, let me know and I'll direct you to a ground floor entrance (Kathie Harbaugh, 937-207-9245).*



## March-April Local Community Events, 2016

- March 3—OSU Extension is holding their annual Perennial School. Cost is \$70 which includes many speakers, materials, breakfast and lunch. If interested, call Karen Duncan 323-6623 for details, or email [ksbduncan@yahoo.com](mailto:ksbduncan@yahoo.com)
- March 12—Springfield Arts Council's Annual Salute Gala Auction, (Black Tie Optional) \$135/person at Hollenbeck Bayley Center, 275 S. Limestone St., Springfield. Reservations by March 7
- March 14—Our AAUW STEM Project at The Dome (old South High) 6 pm (see related article)
- March 14—'Mama Mia' at Kuss Auditorium, Springfield. Call 328-3874 for tickets.
- March 16—Community Health Foundation Annual Reception, 5:30-7:30 pm at Hollenbeck Bayley, 275

S. Limestone St., Springfield. \$20 per person – rsvp to: [bsutter@mercy.com](mailto:bsutter@mercy.com) by March 7. (Health Humorist, Dr. Brad Nieder, speaker.)

- Beginning in March there is a Wild Flower Walk every Friday from 1 until 3 pm at Clifton Gorge. The walk is led by Pam Bennett. Meet in the parking lot no later than 1 pm. These are free. (March 4, 11, 18, 25) (April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
- April 2—Master Gardeners Garden Fling, 8:30-3:30 pm, at Kenton Ridge High School. Approx. cost is \$10.

*Thanks to Karen Duncan for this info!*

**Cheri Crothers reminds us ...**

### Ohio Primary is Rapidly Approaching

**February 17-** Early Voting begins for the March 15, 2016 primary. We will have 3 elections. in 2016 in Clark County due to the retirement of John Boehner. The March 17th ballot has 17 Republicans, 1 Democrat and one Green candidates competing for Boehner's unexpired term in Congress.

The Primary is where you, the voter get to select who runs in the November election. You may vote early by going to the Clark County Board of Elections, 3130 East Main (across from Cinema 10). There will be extended hours, but they have not yet been posted. You may also vote absentee and can apply for a ballot via this link

<http://electionsonthe.net/oh/clark/AbsenteeMail.htm>

I will keep you informed.

Northeastern School District has another School Levy on the ballot and Greene Township also has two ballot issues. If you have any questions about voter registration, voting or AAUW positions on Issues, just contact me at 937-460-7259.



### AAUW Ohio Pay Equity Day and Convention

**April 8-9, 2016 • Columbus, Ohio • "Women Rock the World"**

<http://aauwoh.org/aauwoh/events/aauw-ohio-equity-day-convention/aauw-ohio-equity-day-convention-2016/>

AAUW Ohio Equity Day and Convention 2016 will be held April 8-9, 2016. This year's theme is "Women Rock the World."

Please note that it will be held on Friday and Saturday, instead of Saturday and Sunday, with the Northeast District branches hosting

**Dates and Times — Friday, April 8:** 3-10 p.m. and **Saturday, April 9:** 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location—Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus

#### Cost

**Friday, April 8:** Register by March 11 for **Early Bird Rate** of \$56, which includes the afternoon book study, dinner, awards program, and evening sessions.

**Saturday, April 9:** Register by March 11 for **Early Bird Rate** of \$67, which includes breakfast, program sessions, lunch, afternoon sessions, and the annual meeting.

**Cost for both days:** Register by March 11 for **Early Bird Rate** of \$123



<http://springfield-oh.aauw.net/>

## Public Policy Update & more!

From Cheri Crothers ....

On January 13th, there was a webinar on the AAUW Voting project: It's My Vote and I Will Be Heard". It was a 46-minute presentation outlining AAUW's advocacy and there are some points we need to know.

AAUW is a non-endorsing, non-partisan organization. We chase Issues, not candidates. This makes us a trusted messenger so we can work with all in promoting our issues. AAUW does NOT tell folks who to vote for, but to educate them on issues that AAUW supports. Women must be part of the political conversation and our reluctance is part of the reason many of our issues go unheard or are ignored. AAUW is focusing on educating millennial women (and all women) on both the issues and voting through issue forums and direct outreach.

So what is at Stake in 2016 and why should women care? **Judicial appointments:** The next President will be appointing up to 4 US Supreme Court Justices. Equal Pay, marriage equality, Reproductive rights and more could be in jeopardy of being overturned. **Affirmative Action, Paid Parental leave, College Affordability, Social security Disability** are other high stakes issues.

### Membership

According to our roster on the AAUW Website, we have 24 members, including our life members. I am pleased with our increasing membership and we all have to work at retention and making these new members feel welcome and involved. Great work, Springfield – let's see if we can hit 30!

*A welcome update to Cheri's original member report:*

**MORE GOOD NEWS as our membership swells – WELCOME to sisters Kristin & Morgan Howell**

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



### Member Spotlight on Yasmin Dye

Last year I went to a wonderful meeting at the branch and I became really interested in joining the group because of its many inspiring women.

I was raised in Munich, Germany and graduated in 2004 with a B.S. in Management Information Systems. After finishing my studies, I moved to Tianjin, China with my husband where I taught English, Spanish, and German. During this time I enjoyed travelling and visiting many different countries throughout southeast Asia. After this we moved back to Europe where I worked in marketing and sales in Berlin. I moved to Springfield in 2008, and over the years I have worked for a non-profit organization, and in a charter school as a translator and tutor. Currently, I am doing a Masters in Communication. In addition, I have two girls; one is in Kindergarten and the other is still at home with me.

Current topics that I am interested in are education, politics, and self-improvement. I like staying active and I enjoy the outdoors; one of my favorite places in Ohio is Hocking Hills. I hope to meet you all at the next meeting!

## Fundraiser Success!



The good news is that our annual fundraiser to provide scholarships supporting area girls to further their education went very well, with lots of trivia fun and laughter. We have initially raked in a whopping \$690 and when we receive the BWW portion, we'll have over \$700! Thanks to the many members who were able to attend and provided door prizes, but special thanks to those who were unable to attend, but donated anyway!

