



AAUW Springfield

Breaking through barriers for women and girls

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

April-May 2016

See a special message from President Harbaugh on page 2 about our successful Girls in STEM event held March 14.

May Potluck & Awards Monday, May 9

The final AAUW branch meeting will be a celebration of 2 local girls who have been awarded Helen K. Trout scholarships to assist in furthering their education. Our annual potluck will include the girls and members of their families, along with state AAUW President Christine Siebeneck. Following the awards, the branch will discuss what we've accomplished this past year and what our upcoming year might look like. The meeting will be held at High St. Methodist Church, Springfield, **7 PM, Mon., May 9*** *Please remember to bring a dish to share.*



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



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AAUW Ohio Pay Equity Day and Convention April 8-9, 2016 • Columbus, Ohio

“Women Rock the World”



Three local members attended this conference in Columbus and gathered a bunch of awards for our branch. From left to right: Lynda Ream, Cheri Crothers, and Kathie Harbaugh. Cheri was elected State Membership Chair – more honor for our branch!

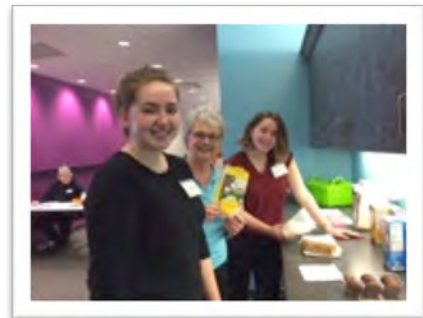
See more pictures page 5, taken by member Lynda Ream.



Meetings, 2nd 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).*

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Our branch served ...
GIRLS GO: Solving the STEM Equation
Girls in STEM event
beyond successful



Friends I am still trying to take in the March 9 successful Girls in STEM event. More than 60 middle school girls and their families made up a standing-room-only crowd of over 120 guests plus presenters and volunteers. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the excitement and passion of those involved left no doubt in my mind that our branch was spot on with its assessment of the need for encouragement in this area.



I am so grateful to **Anne Kaup Fett, Karen Duncan, Joan Elder, Barbara Matthies, Denise Wells, and Kristen and Morgan Howell** for your support and help before, during and after this event. In addition to addressing a real need for girls in our community, we began a friendship with the Springfield Chapter of The Links (**Londa Holliday**) and look forward to getting to know each other and working together in the future! We are thrilled that Springfield City Schools embraced this idea and took the project to greater heights than we could have imagined possible.



Our branch gathered a full-page list of summer STEM camps and other opportunities for girls and included it in the event backpack that attendees received.



Finally, my hat is off (and tossed straight up into the air) to my friend and STEM panelist **Besa**

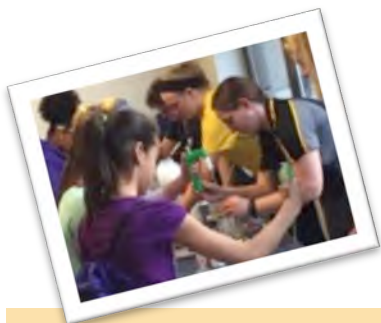
Sharrah, who traveled from Columbus to share with us. While it is true that there are few mechanical engineers who could describe how to take things apart in 6 different languages, it was Besa's deeply heartfelt passion and enthusiasm for girls entering the STEM field that left us speechless and hungry for more.



In response to the panel question, "Why would I encourage girls to go into a STEM related field," her answer was straightforward. "Why would I not? As women we are our own worst self-critics, if it's not perfect it is not good enough. I believe women to be just as great at tearing down engines as they are at playing with dolls. We need role models. We need to be able to follow in someone's footsteps.

Perhaps, you are the role model, perhaps you are the one to cure cancer, walk on a new planet or discover a new technology. And if you fail, get back in there, FAIL AGAIN, FAIL BETTER."

Branch representatives will continue to meet with other STEM sponsors to vision additional ways to support these excited young women as they move forward to fulfill their dreams. **Kathleen Harbaugh, President.**



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Collaboration



AAUW Ohio joins Women United for Change on April 20

AAUW Ohio is one of 19 organizations putting on this important event, **Women United For Change**, on April 20 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 East Broad St. in Columbus. We hope you can join us!

The cost of the half-day event is \$10. For more information or to register by the April 14 deadline, please visit [this page](#) or call Erin Ryan at 440-382-2900.

Women United for Change is comprised of AAUW Ohio and these 18 other outstanding organizations: [Action Ohio](#), [ACLU of Ohio](#), [BPW Ohio](#) | [The Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women](#), [Columbus NOW](#), [Ohio NOW](#), [Council of Ohio YWCA's](#), [Innovation Ohio Education Fund](#), [The Main Street Alliance of Ohio](#), [National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Central Ohio Chapter](#), [NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Foundation](#), [Ohio Domestic Violence Network](#), [Ohio Women Inc.](#), [Ohio Women's Public Policy Network](#), [Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio](#), [Policy Matters Ohio](#), [Women Have Options – Ohio](#), [The Women's Fund of Central Ohio](#), and [Zonta Club of Columbus](#).



Our new meeting space at High Street Methodist Church. Thanks to Kathie Harbaugh for arranging this great space for us.

Pictured left is Cheri Crothers in a presentation to the branch in February for AAUW's "It's My Vote" program.

April Local Community Events, 2016

- April 21** (Thurs) – Local Foods program speaker at the Springview Government Center - 6:30-7:30 Free; Speaker from "Mad Sweet Heat" - local food producer will talk about candied hot peppers
- April 23** (Sat.) – Keep America Beautiful Annual Downtown Clean-up 8 am – noon; Meet at United Senior Services (101 S. Fountain) for coffee and assignments and supplies (gloves trashbags, pickers etc.) Complimentary lunch served at 11:30. (This is a fun event, and one we could do as a group-wearing our shirts and getting some recognition)
- April 30** (Sat.) – Piano Men – 8 pm at the Clark State Performing Arts Center/Kuss Auditorium. Tickets available at box office.

Thanks to Karen Duncan for this info!



End of April events you will want to know about ...

President Harbaugh wants to highlight a few opportunities coming up quickly:

1. Women United for Change, a statewide collaboration of 19 groups including AAUW, is having an advocacy event the morning of **April 20** in Columbus. Ohio legislators will discuss current pending legislation impacting women. Learn more and buy your \$10.00 ticket NLT April 14 at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-united-for-change-tickets-22587696408>. Then let me know so we can carpool.
2. Project Woman Strides Against Violence 5k needs volunteers before, during and after the **April 22** event. Activities range from the "water hole" which this year includes musical entertainment :), set-up and clean-up; pre-registration the day before the event at MacRay's. Contact Jane Harkins, jharkins@projectwomanohio.org.
3. **BRANCH BOARD MEETING (all are welcome) to plan the annual meeting and mull some additional issues....note date and time change: THURSDAY, APRIL 21 AT 5 PM AT JOYCE SPANGLER'S**, 26 Dover Rd., Springfield, 45504



Let's Play: Sip & Dipity Event

Join fellow AAUW members for a fun afternoon of painting and wine at the Sip & Dipity Paint Bar at 10 N. Fountain Avenue in Springfield. Our event is on **April 30** at 2:00 PM, and the cost is \$36.00. To register, go to the event calendar on Sip & Dipity's website (<http://www.sipanddipity.com/>); find the April 30 date; click on the "Water Lilies" painting; and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please call or text Anne Strothman at 937-242-3475, or e-mail her at astrothman01@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Mothers' Day Flowers – \$16.00

On-The-Rise will be providing beautiful potted flower arrangements. Ten-inch pots will contain a nice assortment of 8 different Colorful flowers and Healthy trailing foliage!

Money will be collected on delivery. **Orders must be in by April 20**, 2016. For your convenience pick up will be May 4, 5 and 6 from 3pm to 6pm and on Saturday from 9am to 12pm at Crown Market at 3675 Lawrenceville Dr, (Route 41) .

Just in time for Mother's Day!

On-The-Rise



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Oh, the awards we earned!



- Excellence in Mission Based Programming: Public Policy Focus: Small Branch Category
- Contribution Appreciation Award for financial contributions to AAUW of Ohio Philanthropy
- Starz Award
- Daffodil Diversity Award
- Membership Award
- Communication Star Award: Best Facebook Page: Small Branch Category

Speakers Galore



**A
beautiful
end ...**



**... to a
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