



AAUW Springfield

Breaking through barriers for women and girls

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March, 2017

AAUW Trivia Event Breaks Fund-Raising Record

In February, the Springfield branch of the AAUW hosted its most successful trivia night to date, bringing in over \$1,300 for its scholarship program for women and girls!

Droves of smart, attractive people descended on the Bechtle Avenue BW3 to show off their trivia chops. Participants competed for gift cards from a variety of local establishments and the grand prize trophy.

Joan Elder organized this highly successful event with a little help from her friends. Many thanks to all who participated, donated a gift card, promoted the event, or participated in the planning committee! **More photos inside!**



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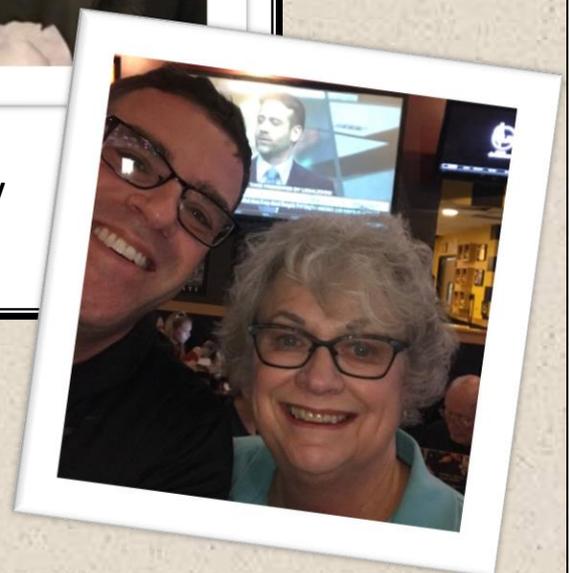
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Trivia Night Fundraiser, 2017



Members of "Playa," the winning trivia team, proudly show off their grand prize trophies. Congrats, ladies!



Girls STEM Extravaganza Coming this Month

Following on the heels of an incredibly successful standing-room-only initial foray last spring, plans are underway to enlarge and improve the Girls in STEM extravaganza scheduled for Monday, **March 20**, 6:00-8:00 PM in The Dome (formerly South High School). Our branch is once again collaborating with the Springfield Chapter of the Links and Springfield City Schools to produce a blockbuster evening highlighting many different ways that girls can and should give serious consideration to a career in STEM. Young women will once again model and demonstrate through hands-on activities as well as presentations how STEM opportunities thread through all layers of education and work venues.



Adding value to the event this year will be a light supper for all participants, activities for parents, and the possibility of child care for younger siblings. The branch is contributing up to \$500 for the meal, less the funds from the Links, which Jerry Stone will secure at their next meeting.

--Kathie Harbaugh

Membership News

A big shout out to Springfield branch member **Loleta Collins**, who earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religion in Women's Spirituality from the California Institute of Integral Studies in February!

Kalie Lawrence is our newest member. Kali is the Executive Administrator of Springfield Promise Neighborhood, and has already completed a research project to support the Girls in STEM event. Welcome, Kali!

Lola Moorehead, a lifelong member of AAUW, passed away in February. Lola received her bachelor's degree from Fisk University and a master's degree from the University of Dayton. She taught in Springfield City Schools until retirement. Lola was a charter member of the Springfield Chapter of the Links, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and a member of the Gammon House Committee.



Community Calendar



March through May 28th at the Springfield Museum of Art-Industrial Nature, works by Michelle Stitzlein. \$5 Open Wed. – Sat 9-5. Sunday 12:30-4:30. Closed Mon. & Tues. This exhibit is unique and absolutely wonderful. The artist's creations are made from garden hoses. (I, for one, donated a couple of leaky specimens myself early last spring.) Those who have seen it have said it is well worth your time.

March 8 (Wed.) Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Clark State PAC. 2-6 p.m. Dinner to follow at 6:30. Cost \$35 Call Chamber at 325-7621 for tickets

March 15 (Wed.) Community Health Foundation annual meeting at 5:30 at Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center. "Looking for Laughter in All the Wrong Places." Cost is \$25 before Mar.3 and \$35 after that date at the door. This is a humorous presentation, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available. This should be a very fun event!

March 20. GIRLS IN STEM Presented by Springfield AAUW in conjunction with LINKS. Don't miss this opportunity to promote one of AAUW's special areas of interest.

March 24th Ground Breaking for Wittenberg's new Health Wellness and Athletic Facility. 2 p.m. Wittenberg HPER Center (no cost).

Coming this spring: Clark County Solid Waste District participates in the "Great American Clean Up." There will be a special day for downtown cleanup (**April 22**). But all through April and May groups like ours can "adopt a spot" and do a litter cleanup in a public place. I hope to sign up Springfield AAUW for a spot and gather 4 or 5 or more of us. The W. M. District will provide gloves, trash bags, and will pick up the filled bags. We will get recognition on their website and at the KCCB meetings (Keep Clark County Beautiful). This can be done at our leisure. Karen Duncan will explain more at a meeting this spring and ask for volunteers.

April 1 (Sat.) 8:30 am-4 p.m. Garden Fling sponsored by Clark Co. Master Gardeners. This event is held at Kenton Ridge H. S. and is a day of talks, vendors, and learning about gardening topics. Cost is \$10. Registration is available online at www.clark.osu.edu or by calling (937) 521-3860.

May 2 (Tues.) (Election day!) 11:30-1:00 Women's Partnership Fund sponsors *Extraordinary Women's Luncheon*. Save the Date for this event. Cost is \$40, location is Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center. Contact susan@springfieldfoundation.org or call: 324-8773.

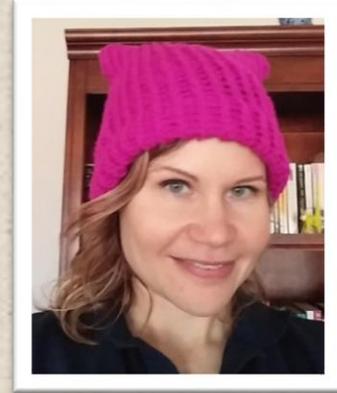
May 5, 6 AAUW State Conference in Columbus. Register online at aauwoh.org.

Karen Duncan and Peggy Hanna will be presenting a workshop on AAUW's theme "Be the Change" about the work they have done in Clark County toward the cleanup of the Tremont Barrel Fill- a hazardous waste dump that sits over the sole source aquifer that serves over 82,000 people in our community.

--Karen Duncan

Member Spotlight

Pam Dixon is a newer member of our branch. She joined in 2016 because she saw AAUW membership as an opportunity to join with other like-minded women who care about similar causes and want to make changes in their community and the country. Pam really enjoys our activities and appreciates the chance to learn from speakers at our meetings and events. She has already stepped up to serve the branch as newsletter editor. *



Pam is a true renaissance woman. Her BA from Bowling Green State University is in Russian and international studies. She loves different languages and was attracted to Russian because it is so different from English. She earned her teaching certificate from Urbana University in 2008 and spent 10 years teaching special education at South Vienna Elementary School.

Her interest in healthcare led her to pursue her RN degree from Columbus State Community College, which she will finish in December of this year. Pam is interested in women's health and would like to get SANE certification so that she can help women and children who have been victims of sexually related crimes and are seeking treatment in the emergency room.

Her son Noah, who will be 12 in June, is her polar opposite in most every way, according to Pam. However, they share an interest in and affinity for progressive politics. Noah takes an active role in Indivisible-Springfield, which Pam co-chairs. In her spare time, Pam serves as moderator of Highlands United Church of Christ, where she helped lead the congregation through its extensive process of study and reflection to become "Open and Affirming" to the LGBT community.

Pam's list of personal heroines begins with her mother, whom she describes as outspoken and opinionated; a "wicked smart" woman who lived the courage of her convictions. Ruth Bader Ginsberg is another role model.

A favorite quote:

--Kathie Harbaugh

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

—Alice Walker

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Springfield Branch AAUW polo shirts are available from MacRay’s: 325-1726.

Monthly Branch Meetings

The Springfield Branch generally meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at High Street United Methodist Church in Springfield. Upcoming meetings have been scheduled for March 13 and April 10.

Please join us as we focus on public policy affecting girls and women. We hope to see you there!

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