



Lilly Ledbetter will speak about equity in Akron March 10

Lilly Ledbetter, the voice of pay equity, will speak at the University of Akron at 7 p.m. March 10 to celebrate Women's History Month. AAUW members are invited.



The free event is sponsored by the university's Women's Studies Program. It will be held in UA's Student Union Theatre. For more details, call 330-972-7008.

Dates to remember

March 7-8
Momentum 2010

March 8
International Women's Day

March 13
AAUW Ohio Central District Membership Skillshop
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Westerville

April 17-18
86th Annual AAUW Ohio Convention

April 20
Pay Equity Day

Visit AAUW Ohio online for more details about these events and more: <http://www.aauwoh.org>

Let AAUW work for you and your branch: Register for Convention

Making AAUW Work: For You, Your Branch and Your Community is the theme of our 86th Annual State Convention, which will be held Saturday, April 17, and Sunday, April 18, at the Worthington Holiday Inn.

Here are some Convention highlights:

- Ohio Senator Theresa Fedor (D-Toledo) will give a keynote speech on **"Women in Elected Office."**
- Andrea Cambern, investigative reporter and news anchor at the CBS affiliate in Columbus, will speak on **"Women and the Media."**
- **"Trafficking: It's not about Drugs; It's about Women and Girls in Ohio"** will be discussed by panelists Dr. Celia Williamson of the University of Toledo, Judy Hofmann of Fostoria and Sr. Mary Kuhlman, SF of Tiffin.
- **"Life: We Can Always Use More Negotiating Skills"** will be presented by Rhonda Gail Davis, Esq., former chair of the Women's Caucus at the American Association for Justice and AAUW Ohio Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison.
- **"Balancing Work/Home/Life: Why Is it SO Hard?"** is the topic Julie Barry, career professional, will cover.
- **"Girls and the Implications for STEM: What Does It Take to Make It Work?"** will be presented by Ann Klotz, director of the Laurel School's Center for Research.
- And at the optional awards banquet, Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m., **AAUW President Carolyn H. Garfein** will be the keynote speaker. The meal is \$30.

The cost of \$60 per day includes convention programming, meals, break refreshments and materials.

Saturday events include your choice of four breakout sessions and run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday programs are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Worthington Holiday Inn, 7007 High St., Worthington, is the Convention location. Rooms are available for \$89 a night, plus tax.

For reservations, call 1-614-436-0700. When making a reservation, ask for rooms reserved by AAUW Ohio. Reservations made before April 4 will receive the \$89 guaranteed rate.

For the full program, visit <http://aauwoh.org>.

What do you believe about AAUW? Write it and win

AAUW Ohio is sponsoring an essay contest modeled after NPR's "This I Believe." Winning entries will earn money for branches — and be featured at our 86th Annual Convention, held April 17-18 in Worthington.

Details are below. Check them out and get ready to write. The deadline for entries is April 2.

This I Believe Essay-Writing Guidelines

Tell us what you believe about AAUW! Submit your own statement of personal belief about AAUW and its value.

Some suggestions for your essay:

- Tell a story.
- Be brief. No more than 300-500 words.
- Name your belief.
- Be positive.
- Be personal.

Up to four essays will be selected for Convention. Those who submit winning statements will receive a \$25 credit to their branch's total AAUW Funds giving for 2010.

Submissions should be e-mailed to dregan@bgsu.edu OR sent by regular mail to Diane Regan, President, AAUW Ohio, 873 Country Club Dr., Bowling Green, OH 43402 by April 2.

For full writing guidelines, visit <http://aauwoh.org>.

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From the top

a message from Diane Regan

President, AAUW Ohio

Feel AAUW's momentum: Take part in Momentum 2010 & Convention

I don't know if you can see momentum or smell it. I don't know if you can hear it or point to it as a physical entity. What I do know, however, is that you can *feel* it, and I feel it!

AAUW is continuing to gain true momentum on the national level, and we are challenged to bring that momentum for growth and service to our state.

As you look through this *Orbit*, note all the wonderful opportunities to learn and engage with other like-minded women across Ohio.

Momentum 2010 March 7-8

Momentum 2010 is March 7 and 8 in Columbus at the Riffe Center. Your AAUW Ohio has been part of the planning for this event, and I urge you to grab

another branch member or a non-member and make your way to Columbus on Sunday or Monday. The registration fee is only \$25!

On Sunday, Momentum 2010 will focus on the state of Ohio for girls; Monday is for adult women. If you want to learn more about STEM opportunities for your school or student group, come on Sunday, where you will learn about AAUW's National Girls Collaborative Project, a partnership with the National Science Foundation, and grant opportunities available. Our Be WISE Camp will be highlighted Sunday.

On Monday, we will learn about the status of education, economics and health issues for women here in Ohio. Please

join us.

Convention April 17-18

The momentum continues as we approach our 2010 State Equity Day and 86th Annual Convention April 17-18. This year, we'll meet in Worthington, a central location.

We have worked hard to build an incredible list of speakers and workshops AND to keep the price at last year's rate.

Along with AAUW's national president, who will be a keynote speaker, we will be electing FIVE new officers to work with our next state president, Pat Millhoff. And Sunday will be focused on helping you build your branch momentum!

Please plan to come! You will be glad you did.

Calling all members: Help increase state membership by 10 percent

One goal of **Making Membership Meaningful**, AAUW Ohio's campaign to stabilize and increase state membership by 10 percent, is to inspire branches to work together to make membership recruitment a top priority.

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber, interim vice president of membership, notes that as of Feb. 1, with 45 of Ohio's 45 branches reporting, Ohio has 1,541 members. That is a decrease of about 9 percent from last year.

Yet rather than being pessimistic, she sees the

numbers as a call to action.

"We have two choices:

We can either bemoan our fate or resolve to do all we can to improve it. I say, we're a great organization. Let's resolve to improve it."

Holzhauser-Graber suggests that between now and May, every branch member makes a personal commitment to:

- Invite at least two potential members to a branch meeting.
- Identify one college/university student in your community and provide her/him with information about joining as a student member.

She encourages branch leaders to remind members of the part they play in the campaign's success.

"Use whatever means are available to you, including your branch newsletter and your telephone committee, to strengthen involvement."

Additionally, she is seeking the help of Ohio's District Coordinators in the campaign.

She is available to present membership programs and serve as a resource person for membership questions. Contact her at 419-423-9635 or gholzhausergrab@woh.rr.com.

Meet slate of nominees for AAUW Ohio board



Tricia Sanford-Speiser, nominee, Finance Officer

Current Position: Independent insurance agent

Education: Defiance College

AAUW Involvement: Member and finance officer, Defiance Branch

Carol Harner, nominee, Secretary

Current Position: Retired teacher/media specialist working for University of Michigan Institute of Social Research



AAUW Involvement:

- Member and president, Xenia Branch
- Attendee at National AAUW Conventions

Deborah Wooldridge, Ph.D., nominee, VP of Program Development

Current Position: Professor and director of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, Bowling Green State University

Education: Doctorate, resource management and consumer behavior, Texas Woman's University; bachelor's and master's degrees, education, University of Oklahoma; Fulbright Senior Scholar, University of Bahrain

AAUW Involvement:

- Member and president, Bowling Green Branch
- Former co-vice-president, Bowling Green Branch, program development
- Outstanding Branch Member Award 2007
- National Development Committee for AAUW Educational Foundation.
- VP for Educational Foundation, AAUW Ohio

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber, J.D., nominee, VP of Membership

Current Position: Grant Manager, West Central Ohio Land Conservancy

Education: Juris Doctorate, Ohio Northern University College of Law; bachelor's, political science and American thought, Findlay College

AAUW Involvement:

- Member and vice president of membership, Findlay Branch
- Interim vice president of membership, AAUW Ohio



Adriene Knight, nominee, VP of Fundraising

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Bowling Green State University

Take Action: AAUW Action Network offers advocacy help

Go to <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy> to

- Join the **AAUW Action Network** to get legislative alerts and updates and keep up with important issues. It's free!
- Take two minutes to contact your elected representatives about important issues, such as the **Paycheck Fairness Act**.
- Download the **Equal Pay Day Kit**. Pay Equity Day is April 20.



BRANCH NEWS

Heights-Hillcrest-

Lyndhurst Branch promoted its activities and meetings in a recent issue of the Case Western Reserve University's *Graduate Student Senate Review Newsletter*.

Ohio Daffodil Diversity Award

Recognition will be given at the 2010 AAUW Ohio Convention to branches that are making strides to be inclusive and diverse in their membership outreach and community involvement.

Criteria for the OHIO DAFFODIL AWARD will include the Diversity Goals for branches. Branches must meet at least THREE of the goals.

To apply for recognition, branches must send a written statement on their accomplishments, with documentation, to the Ohio Diversity Chair. Statements should include branch name, name and signature of president, telephone number, e-mail for contact and name of diversity chair.

Material must be received by Sally Dye, Ohio Diversity Chair, at sally.dye@cardingtonschools.org before March 19.

Press clippings, news articles in branch publications, listings from branch yearbook, photographs from events or meetings shall constitute documentation.

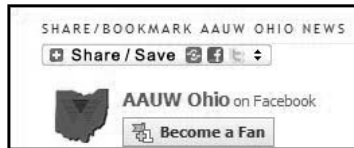
AAUW dues are tax-deductible

AAUW national dues for 2009-2010 are \$49, of which \$46 are tax deductible.

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Join us on Facebook while maintaining your privacy



AAUW Ohio is now on Facebook, and we hope you'll join us there, while sharing only the information you choose. Here is how to maintain your privacy on Facebook:

At the top right of Facebook, there's a menu titled "Settings." Mouse over the Settings menu and click "Privacy Settings" on the list that appears.

On the next page, click "Profile." This takes you to a page where you can decide who gets to see certain information on your profile and what you want to keep private. Underneath each section on this page (basic info, personal info, status, etc.), you can designate who gets to see that particular bit of information. Check "Only Friends" for maximum privacy.

Again, on the "Profile" page, click on the tab that reads "Contact information." Use the drop-down lists provided to designate who can see your contact information..

Click on the "Settings" menu on Facebook's homepage, then click "Search" on the following page. You'll be taken to a Search Privacy page where you can specify who can find you on Facebook. Don't want anyone finding you? Change it to "Only Friends." Here you can also configure what information displays when your information is returned as a search result.

Ohio members chosen for AAUW Leadership Corps can help you

Ohio has two newly appointed members of the AAUW Leadership Corps, and they are ready to help your branch.

Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons are field organizers meeting with AAUW members to identify and address current needs, encourage branch leadership development, foster effective multi-way communication, increase sharing of resources and strategies and assist membership growth.

More specifically, these Leadership Corps grassroots liaisons will work to:

- maximize member awareness and engagement,

- develop new branches,
- identify and mentor leaders,
- revitalize existing branches,
- increase overall branch membership,
- expand branch implementation of AAUW programs,
- develop new means of engaging members at large and
- improve communication and collaboration among all levels of AAUW.

For help with any of the above, please contact:

- Holly Norton at hnorton@unoh.edu
- Alice Crume at alcdoc@gmail.com.

Share best practices from your branch -- and we will publish them in *Ohio Orbit* and on our Web site
Send to: Paula Maggio at maggiop@uakron.edu.