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### AAUW OHIO CONVENTION IN WORTHINGTON APRIL 17-18 FEATURES HOT TOPICS ABOUT EQUITY FOR WOMEN

**WORTHINGTON, Ohio** – AAUW Ohio's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, which will be held April 17-18 at the Worthington Holiday Inn, 7007 High St., will feature hot topics ranging from human trafficking to Title IX to women's experiences in the media and politics.

Andrea Cambern, investigative reporter and news anchor for the CBS affiliate in Columbus, is a featured speaker. She will talk about "Women and the Media" at 10:15 a.m. April 17.

Ohio Senator Theresa Fedor (D-Toledo), will deliver the keynote speech, "Women in Elected Office;" at 1 p.m. April 17.

Topics during the two-day convention include:

- "Getting Started in Business," with J.J. Reichert, women's program coordinator of the Governor's Office for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division, at 1:45 p.m. April 17.
- "Trafficking: It's not about Drugs; It's about Women and Girls in Ohio," a panel discussion with Dr. Celia Williamson, professor, University of Toledo and founder of Second Chance; Judy Hofmann, Fostoria; and Sr. Mary Kuhlman, OSF, Tiffin, at 11:30 a.m. April 17. Toledo ranks fourth in the nation for children in the sex trade and is considered an "origin city."
- "Title IX and Your School: Is it Measuring Up?" with Janet Parks, member of Bowling Green Branch and AAUW Ohio President Diane Regan, at 2:45 p.m. April 17.
- "Girls and the Implications for STEM: What Does It Take to Make It Work?" with Ann Klotz, director of the Laurel School's Center for Research, at 4 p.m. April 17.
- "Life: We Can Always Use More Negotiating Skills" with Rhonda Gail Davis, Esq., former chair of the Women's Caucus at the American Association for Justice and AAUW Ohio Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison, at 4 p.m. April 17.

The April 18 program will focus on branch development, including leadership skills, program planning and membership recruitment.

The cost is \$60 per day, which includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials. In addition, an optional awards banquet will be held April 17, from 7-9 p.m. at which AAUW President Carolyn W. Garfein will speak. The cost is \$30.

Rooms at the Worthington Holiday Inn are available to convention-goers at the special rate of \$89 a night for reservations made before April 4.

The convention is open to AAUW members and the public. For a registration form and complete details, visit <http://aauwoh.org> or call 800-910-7075 for more information.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Since 1881, AAUW has been one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls. It has a nationwide network of 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 500 college/university institutional partners.