



AAUW dates to remember

Feb. 15

Application deadline for new

Breaking through Barriers Awards Finalists receive a convention registration discount, convention exhibit table and an opportunity to create an AAUW Program in a Box. The top three awardees will also receive \$3,000 each.

April 9-10, 2011

87th Annual AAUW Ohio Convention

Quaker Square Inn Akron

June 2-4, 2011

NCCWSL University of Maryland

Registration opens Feb. 1.

June 16-19, 2011

AAUW National Convention

Washington, D.C. See Pg. 3 for more.

Visit AAUW Ohio online for the latest news and events: <http://www.aauwoh.org>

AAUW Brings “Elect Her—Campus Women Win” to University of Cincinnati and Wright State

The University of Cincinnati and Wright State University in Dayton are two of 20 from across the nation and Jamaica that will host Elect Her—Campus Women Win, a unique campus-based program that teaches women how to run for elective office, in 2011.

Elect Her—Campus Women Win, a collaboration of AAUW and Running Start, addresses the disparity between the high percentage of women in colleges and universities and their low representation in student government by encouraging women to run for campus leadership positions.

This day-long program covers skills such as how to mobilize your constituency, how to win debates, how to craft your message, and how to speak and present yourself confidently

as a candidate. By encouraging more young women to run for student government during their college years, we are confident that we are preparing more women for local, state, and federal office candidacy.



In 2010 AAUW and Running Start brought Elect Her to nine schools across the nation and Jamaica. The 2011

trainings will expand the program to 11 new schools all over the country.

To learn more about Elect Her—Campus Women Win, please visit <http://aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms/electHer.cfm>.



Mark your calendar

Saturday, April 9, & Sunday, April 10, 2011
87th Annual AAUW Ohio Convention
“Women and Their World”
Quaker Square Inn, Akron

By Marilyn Kornowski

Bring your own bag this time, and we will fill it with your folder, program, name tag and a couple of pens when we see you at the Quaker Square Inn in Akron for our 2011 AAUW Ohio Convention.

The branches in the Northeast District will be your hostesses for the 16th Equity Day and the 87th Annual Meeting and Convention.

Plan to bring some first-timers so they can see and hear what we are doing, meet state board members, make new friends, and participate in the Silent Auction, with all proceeds going to the AAUW Funds. For more details, visit <http://aauwoh.org/aauwoh/events/2011-convention/>.



Sleep in an oats silo at the Quaker Square Inn on the campus of The University of Akron, the site of our 2011 AAUW Ohio Convention.

Stop Trafficking in Ohio
 AAUW Ohio’s statewide project is to [Stop Trafficking in Ohio](#). See Pages 2 and 4 for news about what our branches are doing to help.

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Straight talk

from Patricia Millhoff
President, AAUW Ohio

Branches throughout the state are working for women and girls

Hope all are having a happy holiday! AAUW Ohio is really cooking, thanks to all your hard work! I have been visiting branches, reading newsletters and checking out program guides. Our year is nearly half way through, and our state seems to be in good shape!

Branches' good work

I am so excited at how as a group we have picked up the mantel to fight against [human trafficking](#), or modern day slavery. As I read and visit, I see that nearly every branch is involved in the fight. Many have already had programs and some are having one after the first of the year.

For example, **Findlay** had standing room only when Celia Williamson, Ph.D. spoke. [Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst](#) has a huge event planned for March that includes the local FBI taskforce. **Central District** had a program in October and connected with many of its district branches.

One of the really wonderful things about the project is how we have made new allies in our fight for rights for women and girls. Keep up the good fight!

Kudos to **Chillicothe** for being on the battlefield of bullying long before it hit the national media. This is another area where we can use our voices in Columbus and Washington.

Let me know what your branch is doing. I heard from Cheri Crothers in [Springfield](#).

That branch is up to 25 members; it didn't exist a year or so ago.

Growth is possible. Tell people what you are doing. Young women seem to be especially interesting in the trafficking project. Go get 'em!

Advocate in Columbus

In Columbus, our new public policy advocate Karen Rainey is hard at work. She attended an Action Ohio event, a trafficking bill lobby day, a meeting at United Way, the Central Ohio District meeting and is planning to be at the Capitol for several additional meetings. Thanks to her hard work and all of ours, the trafficking bill did pass both the Ohio Senate and House in a lame duck session.

Many of us had new senators and representatives elected in November at both the state and federal level. This means we need to connect with them. Let them know you are an AAUWer and fight to make Ohio and our nation a better and safer place for women and girls.

As you know, Paycheck Fairness did not make it to the floor of the U.S. Senate. We need to start contacting Our newly elected Senator Rob Portman right away—let him know about the teal machine.

AAUW resources

I have been attending AAUW's online "Chapter Leaders' Playground." Training sessions are usually at 1 p.m., but you can go to the archives and

listen to old programs.

Last week's program was on retaining membership. It identified three crucial time periods when members are lost. The first is at the end of the first year. Folks need to feel they are receiving value for their membership or they are not likely to renew. Other vulnerable members are three-year members and longtime members.

As reported on Page 1, Ohio received two [Elect Her -- Campus Women Win](#) grants. I think this is the fourth grant [Cincinnati](#) got this year; we need to ask them to lead a grant session at next summer's year's leadership conference. Sometimes we wonder where our dues go. Ohio has received seven grants this year. One look at the [AAUW website](#) will demonstrate the wonderful programs and materials that are available to us.

Thanks to you all

The board met and started work on a survey to ask all members of AAUW Ohio what you want from the state board. Please think about this and tell the board.

Thanks to all who serve AAUW. It takes quite a bit of time and effort. But it is well worth it. Look at what we are doing.

See you in Akron April 9-10 for our [state convention](#), which Deborah Woodridge has been hard at work planning, and in D.C. June 16-19.



Breaking Through Barriers: Advocating for Change June 16-19, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

2011 AAUW Convention Registration Now Open

Convention Best-Value Registration for AAUW members is only \$399 and is being offered until Jan. 21. For more information and to register, visit the convention site at <http://convention.aauw.org/index.aspx>

College/University Partnerships: Good for You and Good for Them!

Report from Diane Regan, College/University Chair

Currently, we have these colleges and universities as our “partners”:

- Bowling Green State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- College of Wooster
- Cuyahoga Community College
- John Carroll University
- North Central State College
- Ohio University
- The University of Findlay
- University of Cincinnati
- University Of Dayton
- Wittenberg University



And the good news is that we have just captured Clark State as a NEW partner due to the diligence and energy of a fast-growing and rededicated Springfield branch and leadership!

You may remember that the Clark State President, Karen Rafinski, has spoken at both branch and state events, but she was not a member of AAUW. But now, she has made sure that all of the female students at her institution will benefit from free e-memberships in AAUW.

College educated woman have long been the strength of our organization and are our future members, so inviting local academic leaders to meet with and speak to your branch is a great way to share the AAUW message and to attract school leaders to join our ranks.

If you are a branch leader in one of the communities listed above, it would be wonderful if you would drop the president a note thanking him/her for their continuing commitment to AAUW as we continue to commit ourselves to equity for women and girls in education and employment.

If I can assist you in reaching out to a college or university in your area, please contact me at regan.diane@gmail.com. There is much information about what benefits a college or university gains by becoming an AAUW partner on our national website. Check it out!

Make sure your branch bylaws are in order

Only a few Ohio branches risk losing their status because they have not updated their bylaws regarding new AAUW terms, according to Nancy Stellhorn, AAUW Ohio parliamentarian and bylaws chair.

Every AAUW branch must comply in order for national to retain its tax-exempt status. Bylaws and policy must use appropriate new terms, such as AAUW and “national” or “AAUW national.”

If your branch bylaws are missing or extremely out of date, you may find it easier to use national’s Model Branch Bylaws that are available on the national website. Visit <http://www.aauw.org>, and click on the Member Center.

Please contact Nancy Stellhorn right away with questions or to submit your document changes. Branches may e-mail corrections to nstell@roadrunner.com or send by U.S. mail to 1259 Croyden Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

You may also reach Nancy by phone at 440-461-3403.

Ohio branches on track with human trafficking programs

Findlay Branch

By Gillian Holzhauser-Graber

As a follow-up to -- and inspired by -- Dr. Celia Williamson's presentation at AAUW Ohio's 2010 Convention, she came to Findlay and presented Human Trafficking 101.

Her presentation, which had been extensively publicized through area media and the Associated Press, drew an audience from Northwest Ohio.

In it, Dr. Williamson praised AAUW Ohio and its branches for our dedication to raising awareness about the serious problem of human trafficking.

"We wanted to bring someone of Dr. Williamson's experience and insight to Findlay and Hancock County so people could hear



Dr. Celia Williamson (right) attracted a crowd from around Northwest Ohio when she spoke about human trafficking at the November meeting of the Findlay Branch. She is pictured with Branch President Susan Williams.

about this crisis from a noted authority on the subject," explained Findlay Branch Program Co-Vice President Dianne Jacobsen.

Worthington and Delaware Branches

By Barbara Martin, Delaware Branch

Did you know that one in four women and one in six men are affected by sexual violence?

That was one of the facts presented by Samar Ahmad at a workshop held at Otterbein University in October to educate the public about Sex Trafficking in Ohio. The event was sponsored by the [Worthington Branch](#) and attended by members of the [Delaware Branch](#) as well.

Ahmad, executive director of Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence; Cathy Treyens, a professor of ESL at Columbus State University who is raising funds for Gracehaven, a planned faith-based shelter for trafficking victims; and Caitlain Spivey, spokesperson for Rahab's Hideaway, were the speakers.

Treyens estimated that 10,000 victims nationally are involved in domestic sex trafficking. Sex trafficking is something that can affect innocent children from

any walk of life. Age 13 is the average age of victims drawn into trafficking.

There is a shortage of protective shelters for victims who have managed to escape. Only one bed for every 3,000 victims exists in therapeutic shelters.



Two of the three panelists at the human trafficking workshop sponsored by Worthington Branch. Above: Samar Ahmad Left: Cathy Treyens

AAUW OHIO GRANT APPLICATION FOR MISSION-BASED PROJECTS

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. In keeping with the mission and values of AAUW, AAUW Ohio has set aside funds for mission based programming at the Branch level. The purpose of the awards is to provide seed money to assist Branch' in implementing mission based programs in their community.

PURPOSE

[Mission Based Project Grants](#) provide funds that address issues related to the needs of women and girls or that provide information to educate and benefit the public on those issues.

AAUW OHIO encourages proposals for projects use innovative approaches to address local community needs, state issues or build linkages among community partners.

APPLICATION PREPARATION

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt. All supporting documents must be received with the application. Any item received after the application review has begun will not be accepted. The following items constitute a complete application. If any item is missing, the application will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified.

1. **Application** (submitted electronically)

Proposal Narrative — responses must be in narrative form, and address the following:

(1) **Abstract** – briefly describe the proposed project. Identify the target audience, goal of the project, anticipated outcomes, and relevance of the project to the mission of AAUW.

(2) **Project Rationale**– provides evidence of need for the project. Describe the community served by the project, the problem being addressed, and the reason for initiating the project.

(3) **Project Description** – identify the goal and anticipated outcomes of the project. Describe the methods you plan to use to achieve those outcomes. Explain how the proposed project will meet the needs of the target audience in an original and/or innovative way.

(4) **Implementation Plan** – outline the project timeline and list planned activities and/or events according to the timeline. Explain how the implementation plan will lead to desired outcomes. Explain how you plan to recruit participants (if applicable) and share information about the project with your community (e.g., through newsletters, press releases).

(5) **Collaborating Partners (optional)** Explain how collaborating partners will contribute to the implementation of the project; clearly identify collaborators' roles in the project (Commitment letters from collaborating partners should be sent as supporting documents).

(6) **Budget**-- Provides a budget with justification statements.

RETURN APPLICATIONS AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO: patohaauw@gmail.com