

AAUW dates to remember

Oct. 13, 2011
Run Women Run! -- for Political Office
 OSU Fawcett Center
 2400 Olentangy River Rd.
 Columbus

SAVE THE DATE!
April 13-14, 2012
AAUW Ohio Equity Day & Convention
 Findlay Inn, Findlay
Organizers: Northwest Branches

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AAUW Ohio co-sponsors public policy luncheon on women in politics

AAUW Ohio is a co-sponsor of ACTION OHIO Coalition for Battered Women's annual public policy luncheon, [Run Women Run! — for Political Office, Women Representation in Leadership](#), on Thursday, Oct. 13, from noon – 1:30 p.m. at Ohio State University.

Registration opens at 11:45 a.m., and the cost is \$30 per person. The reservation deadline is Oct. 11.

Panelists include:

- Kelli Arthur Hykes, legislative analyst, Columbus City Council
- Jamie Campbell, attorney at law, partner, Urban Heritage Real Estate
- Vicky M. Christiansen, attorney at law, Christiansen Company, LPA
- Judge Judi French, Tenth District Court of Appeals
- Liz Shirey, program coord., Alumni & Career Services Program, John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Other sponsors include:

- ACTION OHIO Coalition for Battered Women
- The American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio



- League of Women Voters Ohio
- NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio
- OSU Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- OSU John Glenn School of Public Affairs NEW Leadership Program
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Ohio
- Women Have Options

The event will be held at the OSU Fawcett Center 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus.

For registration details, visit: <http://aauwoh.org/aauwoh/2011/09/07/action-ohio-presents-run-women-run-for-political-office/>



Above: Advocate Theresa Flores. Right: Flores with Patricia Millhoff, AAUW Ohio president, and Isabel Seavey, workshop chair.



Human trafficking is topic of keynote at Leadership Workshop 2011 at Otterbein

Theresa Flores, author of *The Slave Across the*

Street, shared frightening statistics about Ohio's share in the global problem of human trafficking at our [Leadership Workshop 2011](#). One such fact: Our state is fifth in the nation in human trafficking.

Flores is in the process of establishing a safe home for

girls who are victims of trafficking. Called Gracehaven, it will be located in Dublin.

AAUW Ohio has chosen human trafficking as a [statewide project](#). To find out more about what your branch can do, visit our [Stop Trafficking in Ohio](#) page on our website for links to updated resources.

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Straight talk

from Patricia Millhoff

President, AAUW Ohio

We are movers and shakers changing the world. Join us to make a difference

Happy fall. As the leaves start to change, we all know it is time for AAUW to get geared up for the year. Thanks to everyone who attended the state convention and/or the leadership conference. Arrangements are well underway for next year's convention, and it looks to be great.

What your dues do

Often people ask "where do my national dues go?" Just check out the [AAUW](http://www.aauw.org) website, and you will be able to view all the amazing programs national has going on. One such program is [She Should Run](http://www.aauw.org). That is something we all probably have said about a friend or acquaintance at one time or another. This program provides resources and information to help women explore whether public office is right for them. It is part of the highly successful [Elect Her](http://www.aauw.org) initiative. This program, like the recent campus program helps build the pipeline to diminish the long standing gender gap of political leadership.

Another question that often is asked is who gets the [Community Action Grants](http://www.aauw.org) and Academic Fellowships. The awardees have been announced for 2011-2012. Harmony Gardens in Cincinnati has been awarded a two-year community action grant for the program "Girls Actions Teams for Personal and Social Change." It is often helpful to make contact with the program and let them know there is a local

AAUW. My experience has been awardees are surprised to learn that.

While none of the other programs are in Ohio, they are all interesting. Titles include "Girls Tech Over," "e-SMART summer Camp for Girls, and "Girls Rock the Capitol." They all sound fun and help create future members.

Three Ohioans received fellowships. One, a career development grant, was received to attend law school at Ohio Northern. Another is a business management international fellowship at Cleveland State. And finally a student from Oxford, Ohio, received an American Fellowship in religious studies at Georgetown University. If you would like the personal information of the awardees, please let me know. AAUW asked that we not put their personal information on the website.

National goals set

I, like several other members, attended the national convention. One of my favorite sessions was reviewing the AAUW strategic plan. Five goals have been set by the Board of Director and staff. They are as follows:

1. AAUW will be highly regarded for our commitment to exemplary member relations, dues value and resulting member satisfaction.
2. AAUW will amplify our advocacy voice to achieve education and economic equity for all women and girls.

3. AAUW will engage and motivate leaders in our schools, workplaces, and communities to break through educational and economic barriers affecting women and girls.
4. AAUW will target our philanthropic efforts to support programs that provide women and girls with opportunities for a lifetime of success.
5. AAUW will have a sound fiscal strategy and dedicated stewardship to meet current and projected needs, address challenges, and capitalize on opportunities.

Please consider having a program on the goals or discussing them at your executive committee meetings. You should consider answering the questions, "How do our current branches activities contribute to these goals?" Then ask yourself, "How can I contribute to this goal?"

Keep moving and shaking

Keep working. As I am writing this, I have been advised that membership dues are almost the same as they were last year at this time. This is quite promising. Your work in education, human trafficking, reproduction rights and general public policy issues is getting the word that AAUW Ohio means business. Join us, and your volunteer efforts will yield results.

We are movers and shakers. We are changing the world. It's a great feeling, isn't it?



Public policy in Ohio

Short-term goal: Overturn SB 5, HB 194

Long-term goal: Get out the vote in 2012

By Jackie Evangelista, Public Policy Chair

Given the dearth of good information available to citizens today, I challenge AAUW branches to reclaim a vital role they once performed admirably—and one that a few still do—of informing their fellow citizens about issues we believe are important.

When armed with trustworthy information, citizens are more likely to feel compelled to vote without being nagged by frequent telephone calls.

Public policy goals now and later

In the short term on the state level, please work on overturning SB 5 and getting signatures for the petition to overturn the H.B. 194 voting bill (deadline Sept. 29).

In the long term, focus on turning out the vote of people who support our issues in 2012. You might consider forming a study group to work on the latter project; working in partnership with other like-minded organizations will enhance your effort.

Why all hands are needed on deck to overturn SB 5 and support public education

All hands need to be on deck for the former issue, as November is right around the corner, and outside conservative funding groups will soon be inundating our airwaves in support of SB 5. While the [AAUW Public Policy Program](#) does not include a provision in support of unions, it does unequivocally support public education. The terms of SB 5 are so wide-ranging and so offensive to educators, who believe that it will damage the institution for many reasons, that AAUW members are encouraged to work for its overturn...if not as a branch then individually as part of another initiative.

While researching the issue myself, I found it difficult to find up-to-date analysis. You either find legalese that really doesn't convey the underlying problems clearly or emotion laden pieces that don't offer sufficient detail.

A memo written for us by a Cleveland labor law firm involved in the [We Are Ohio](#) campaign to overturn SB 5 documents in mind-numbing detail the many assaults being made on public workers both through SB5 and the budget bill, HB 153. For even greater mind-numbing detail, call up the [Ohio Legislative Services Commission summary of the bill](#).

AAUW Ohio members should be aware that after it became apparent that there was strong support for a referendum of SB 5, Ohio lawmakers inserted many provisions of SB 5 into the budget—some rewritten, which cannot be changed except by electing

a new legislature in 2012 and a new governor in 2014. Nonetheless, overturning SB 5 will nullify some deleterious provisions, and victory may mobilize Ohioans to elect a more citizen-friendly state government in the future.



In addition, I recommend the Economic Policy Institute 2011 Issue Brief entitled [The Teaching Penalty](#) that documents how teachers have lost ground for years salary-wise to comparable workers in the private sector even when benefits are factored in. This kind of information is especially useful when dealing with the pro-SB 5 argument you will hear a lot of in the coming months that teachers need to give back like all other private employees have been expected to. The supporters of SB 5 are relying on their ability to turn one group of citizens against another by obfuscating the evidence.

Use public forums, letters to the editor, word of mouth to share the facts

I challenge AAUW groups to provide their fellow citizens with this information either through public forums, letters to the editor or word of mouth. It's important to recall that SB 5 only passed by one vote in the Senate, that six Republican Senators crossed party lines to vote against it, and that Republicans had to remove two committee members to get the onerous bill through key committees and onto the floor for a vote. Clearly, the bill does not possess the rationale that its supporters claim. Please remember that when AAUW has a policy on a given issue, branches are supposed to advocate only for that policy and not spend resources providing a forum for airing both sides.

Protect voting rights by overturning HB 194

HB 194 is an offensive, regressive bill is designed specifically to suppress the vote of certain segments of our citizenry, including seniors. The AAUW Public Policy Program stands strongly behind civil rights, an important one of which is voting rights.

At the recent Leadership Workshop I distributed a flyer related to the referendum drive to overturn HB 194. However, you can find even more information about it at: <http://www.fairelectionsohio.com/downloadpetition> and even download your own petition for circulation among branch members and friends.

This bill could have been worse had the voter ID provision been included, but that could still be acted upon. However, if enough signatures can be gathered by Sept. 29, it will keep the current regulations in force until the election of 2012 since the issue will not qualify for this fall's ballot due to the timing.

Get Jackie's Ohio Public Policy E-Newsletter

You can stay abreast of Ohio public policy news by reading Jackie Evangelista's informative e-newsletters on the [Ohio Public Policy E-Newsletter](#) page. Or contact her at jevangelista@roadrunner.com to get on her list.

Our voice in Columbus

Karen Rainey is AAUW Ohio's public policy advocate. In this role, she testifies at legislative hearings in Columbus regarding issues that affect women and girls. You can find her testimony on the [Statewide Public Policy Advocacy](#)



Here's the skinny on Leadership Workshop

Jo Ann Dye's comment on [AAUW Ohio's Facebook](#) page just about summed it up. "Great Leadership Workshop today! The speakers were outstanding!" she wrote.

Her comment echoed those of many of the 80-some participants in Leadership Workshop 2011, held Aug 6 at Otterbein University. Here are the highlights.

Tips on developing leaders and effective meetings

Adam Keck, community organizer with the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative, gave an abbreviated version of a week-long leadership workshop. His number one bit of advice: To develop leaders, it is important to spend one-on-one time with people — and make sure that 80 percent of that time is devoted to them and only 20 percent to you.

Meetings, he said, should be used as a tool to create action. And people should be prepared to take action at a meeting.

The Brown University graduate said effective meetings need the following things:

- The courage to act and challenge others to act.
- A vision of how this action fits into the strategic plan.
- Clarity regarding the action you want people to take.
- Courage: Bring it to the meeting.
- A collaborative spirit.

The sad state of education funding

Panelists Steven Dyer, former

state representative and current education policy fellow with Innovation Ohio, and Janetta King, CEO and executive director of the organization, shared the latest details about the \$3 billion in cuts to education in the recent state budget — and their devastating effect on education in our state.

King predicted that many school districts throughout the state will be forced to go to the polls this fall to replace revenue cut by the state.

At the same time, Dyer said, Ohio Governor John Kasich and the Ohio legislature seek to expand funding for charter schools and voucher programs at a cost of \$721 million. Money for charter schools and vouchers is taken out of the amount the state distributes to a district.

Charter schools have seen a nearly 103 percent increase in state money over the rate of inflation, while traditional public schools have seen a more than 13 percent cut in state money, relative to inflation, he explained.

And how do charter schools



Top left: Yvette Darden, Sandusky Branch with Clara McCann, Height-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst. Top right: Marj Castanien and Christine Siebeneck, Defiance Branch. Left: Karen Rainey and Donnia Barnes of Cincinnati Branch.

perform? More than half receive a D or F rating on the State Report Card, while nearly half of all traditional public schools receive an A or A+ rating. In addition, research has shown that vouchers have little or no impact on student success.

Ohio's legislative assault on women's health

Jaime Miracle, policy director for NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, was also on the public policy panel. She shared specifics about the legislative assault on women in Ohio.

Bills under consideration in the 129th Ohio General Assembly (2011-2012) include House Bill 125, also known as the heartbeat bill, House Bill 63/Senate Bill 8, House Bill 78, House Bill 79, and House Bill 298/Senate Bill 201.



A look at Leadership Workshop

At right: Keynote speaker Theresa Flores with a workshop participant. Far right: Adam Keck with Cheri Crothers of Springfield Branch.



Middle left: Public policy panelists Steven Dyer and Janetta King of Innovation Ohio with Jackie Evangelista. Middle right: Louise Kutz of the Worthington Branch and JoAnn Benseler. Left: Patricia Millhoff and Nicole Ward. Above: Jo Ann Dye, Circleville, (center) and other participants pack it up for the day.



Jakki Dukes of Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst Branch brought her beautiful quilt to our April Convention. Raffle tickets are still available. Send an email to aauwhhl@newlittlebook.org to find out how to pay by cash or check. You can also purchase tickets online via PayPal by visiting <http://aauwhhl.wordpress.com/>

Branch programs feature AAUW’s future, trafficking, fundraising for the cause

Medina County Branch will meet Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. for a glimpse of “AAUW Today — Not Your Mother’s AAUW” with AAUW Ohio President Patricia Millhoff. The meeting will be held at the Reserve Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 3637 Medina Rd.

Mansfield Branch will meet Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at Wedgewood Estates for a program on “Trafficking in Richland County” presented by Suzy Maiyer. Get resources to [Stop Trafficking in Ohio](#), AAUW Ohio’s statewide project.

It’s Wings A Flappin & Trivia for **Springfield Branch’s** scholarship fundraiser Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Buffalo Wild Wings on Bechtle Avenue. Teams of four will compete for prizes. The cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Helen L Krout Memorial Scholarship Fund. **Find more [Branch Events](#).**

AAUW Ohio members invited to hear Sen. Fedor in March

Defiance Branch will host Senator Teresa Fedor in March to talk about the legislative strides -- or lack of them -- being made in Ohio regarding human trafficking. AAUW Ohio members and the public are welcome. Details to be announced.

Our state well-represented at national convention in DC



AAUW Ohio was part of the Big Teal Machine at the AAUW National

Convention in Washington, D.C., in June. Nearly 700 members from across the country spread their influence on Capitol Hill, seeking support for the Campus SaVE Act and the National Women’s History Act, as well as the urgent need to protect and

strengthen Social Security.

The AAUW Ohio contingent included Patricia Millhoff, president; Pat Chaloupek, nominating committee chair; Jackie Evangelista, public policy chair; Susan Williams, Findlay Branch member; and Gillian Holzhauser-Graber, vice president of membership.

Right: Pat Chaloupek of the Medina County Branch helped give AAUW Ohio visibility at the national convention in Washington, D.C. in June.



AAUW offers free template and Web hosting for your branch

An attractive and informative website will help your branch keep members up to date on news and events. It will also help attract new members of all ages. Now AAUW is offering a free specially designed Web template and free website hosting that will make it easier for your branch to do both.

Called [AAUW Site Resources](#), this new service started Aug. 23, and it uses the WordPress publishing platform to provide an easy-to-maintain website template that delivers a professional Web experience.

Content can be easily maintained from any computer browser, and regular updates from AAUW will be provided to each site through a national [RSS feed](#).

If your branch wants to set up and maintain the content of its own website, there is no cost involved. If you want AAUW to provide initial and/or ongoing maintenance and updates, a fee is charged.

[AAUW Site Resources](#):

- simplifies state and branch websites;
- is low maintenance and user-friendly;
- delivers a consistent, professional experience;
- integrates content updates from AAUW national;
- incorporates advanced functionality such as newsletters and events management to have a dynamic web presence;
- provides a centralized infrastructure and updates; and
- offers dedicated customer service.

[AAUW Site Resources](#) also offers helpful information and resources for website maintenance. These include:

- [FAQ](#)
- [Video Tutorials](#) on these topics: Adding a Post, Adding Images, Adding a Page, Embedding a YouTube Video, Adding a Link, Adding Permalinks, Adding a Subpage and Scheduling a Post
- [WordPress Editing Tips](#)
- Free Picture Re-Sizer Utility

Visit [AAUW Site Resources](#) or contact site-resources@aauw.org or 202-785-7775 for more information.

State website offers Web and social media help too

You will also find help from AAUW Ohio on the [Website and social media help](#) page on our website. You will find recommended text, links and graphics to include on your AAUW Ohio branch website, along with other information.



Starz Awards form online

The **2011-2012 Starz Award Application Form** and instructions can now be downloaded from our website. Visit the [Member Center](#) page, then scroll down and click on Forms. The [Starz form](#) is just one of many you can download there.

Upcoming due dates:

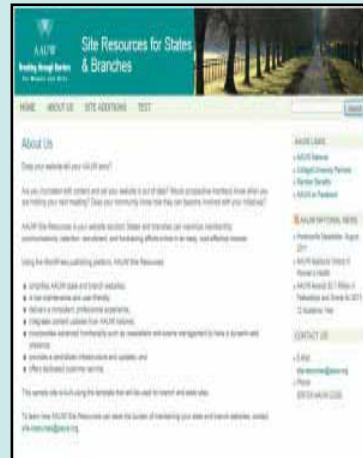
- **Dec. 31:** Contribution Report Form for Fundraising should be sent in.
- **March 15, 2012:** Starz application should be completed and mailed to JoAnn Benseler. Her address is on the Starz Award Application Form and instructions.

Ohio membership VP on national AAUW committee

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber, AAUW Ohio membership vice president, has been appointed to serve on AAUW's Membership Committee at the national level through June 2012.

The committee assists staff, branches and states in marketing and implementing national Membership Department programs.

Among other duties, Holzhauser-Graber will work with the membership vice presidents in a number of states, primarily in the Midwest.



The free AAUW Site Resources template for states and branches includes an RSS feed of updates from national in the right sidebar.



Your branch can earn Daffodil Diversity Award

By Sally Dye, Diversity Chair

Recognition will be given at the

2012 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 of 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 before March 16, 2012.

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

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Attention, Program Vice Presidents

Send in your Branch Program Booklets for the 2011-2012 Mission-Based Programming Awards to:

Dr. Deborah Wooldridge

79 Nottingham Cross

Bowling Green, OH 43402

Please send them to Deborah by March 1, 2012.

AAUW has created an online resource to help members choose program activities for their branches. Each **Program in a Box** outlines an activity with the “what, why, and how” to implement that program. **For programming ideas, check out the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/member-center/programs/index.cfm>**



FOCO responds to Ohio’s “War on Women”



**By Karen Rainey
Public Policy Advocate**

Extreme anti-reproductive choice bills in the Ohio General Assembly have led to a “suffragette-style” protest on the part of the Freedom of Choice Ohio (FOCO) member organizations, including AAUW Ohio.

Protesters will be present before the Statehouse on selected dates when the Senate will be in session to call attention to our opposition to legislation pending in the Senate, particularly the “Heartbeat Bill,” HB 125, which has already passed the House. (This is the bill that prohibits an abortion if a fetal heartbeat can be detected, with no exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal anomalies.) Other bills (HB 298 and SB 201) would keep federal family planning funds from clinics such as Planned Parenthood.

FOCO and the Coalition for Family Health, which also includes AAUW Ohio, continue to promote Prevention First legislation (HB 281 and SB 190) as the means to reduce Ohio’s unintended pregnancy rate. Key elements of the bills are comprehensive reproductive health education, hospital assistance for rape emergencies, contraceptive equity, and the creation of a teen pregnancy prevention task force. We are hoping for hearings on the bills yet this fall.