

## MESSAGE FROM WOOSTER BRANCH AAUW PRESIDENT



Susan Buchwalter

I, for one, am more than ready to welcome another Spring. How about you?

And, in the Spring, along with the flowers and the sun, comes the annual Pay Equity Day. Pay Equity Day, which this year falls on April 4, is the symbolic day when, on the average, an employed woman will finally have earned wages equivalent to what her male counterpart made in the previous year. Yes, even in 2017, women working full time in the United States are generally paid just 80% of what a male working in a similar position would earn.

Consider how that 20% difference might add up over a lifetime and you will have the rationale for our local AAUW Branch's decision to bring a StartSmart workshop to graduating women from The College of Wooster. Our workshop was conducted in the Fall. StartSmart is designed to educate young women about pay equity and teach some strategies for negotiating a fair and equitable starting wage. It is one way to make a difference and one way your participation in our local Branch helps empower young women.

According to AAUW, while the pay gap has closed a bit, if change continues only at the current rate women will not achieve pay equity until 2057 . . . not only outside the lifetime of our daughters, but well beyond the time of our granddaughters and great granddaughters. We can, and should, do better. And we can all begin by renewing our AAUW membership for the coming membership year which starts July 1. Sometimes it is hard to see the value of the dues we pay to the larger AAUW organization. But, it is those dues that create the advocacy and give us all a voice on the larger political stage where we can be part of taking a stand for things like pay equity.

A membership renewal form is enclosed and may also be mailed. While it may seem early, we need to get our membership numbers and dues to state and national AAUW by the end of June which means we need to have them collected and tabulated by early June.

Spring is also that time of year when our Branch gets together to celebrate another successful year with our annual Spring Luncheon (organized this year by Mimi Lewellen and Judy Mallonn). I hope you will join us at The Wooster Country Club on Saturday, April 29, for good food, an interesting and entertaining program organized by Program Chair Kris Evans, and our annual meeting. Reservation material is enclosed.

See you at the luncheon!

Susan Buchwalter

The 2017 AAUW Scholarship application and eligibility description has been posted to the AAUW Wooster Branch and the Wayne County Community Foundation web sites. Applications are due May 1. Please encourage eligible applicants to apply. Questions may be sent to Chair Susie Slack at [sslack@sssnet.com](mailto:sslack@sssnet.com).

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## UNDERSTANDING THE MUSLIM DILEMMA – A VERY TIMELY TOPIC!

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Wooster United Methodist Church, Ishwar Harris, retired professor of Religious Studies at The College of Wooster, presented a program on *The Muslim Dilemma* to more than thirty AAUW members, spouses, and guests.



Ishwar Harris, retired College of Wooster professor of Religious Studies discusses *The Muslim Dilemma*.



Group attendees at the program – Lee, Tim, Leslie, Bob, Bitsy, Pam, Letty, Janet, Judy, Susan . . .

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## AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

**Saturday April 29, 11:30 a.m.**

Wooster Country Club, 1251 Oak Hill Road

Presidential history enthusiast **Jeri Diehl Cusack will present a fascinating talk about Eleanor Roosevelt**—Jeri's favorite topic. A Columbus resident and retired librarian, Jeri now presents programs statewide on presidential history topics, especially those concerning Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Jeri's talk comes highly recommended by those who heard her at the AAUW state convention so we know this will be a fun and engaging presentation.

In addition, the program will include lunch, our annual business meeting and election of Treasurer and Membership/Communication Vice President, installation of officers, member appreciation, and the introduction of scholarship winners. Reservation form with meal selections is included in this newsletter. Please return form by April 21. **Guests are welcome!**

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## PROGRAM IDEAS FOR 2017-2018

AAUW Wooster had some wonderful programs during the 2016-2017 year and are looking forward to hearing presidential history enthusiast Jeri Diehl-Cusack at our Spring Luncheon, April 29.

Kris Evans, Program Coordinator, will soon begin planning programs for next year. She would like to know if anyone has heard a speaker people have enjoyed or has a topic relating to the AAUW mission that members would like to hear more about. Please send Kris (kevans943@sbgcglobal.net) any suggestions and the Coordinating Committee will do its best to incorporate your ideas into the program schedule.

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## AAUW ADELANTE BOOKS OF THE MONTH

- 1) In April, the book is **The Sacrifice** by *Joyce Carol Oates*.
  - 2) In May, **Re Jane** by *Patricia Park*.
  - 3) In June, **Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family** by *Amy Ellis Nutt*
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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Anita Greene, Membership Vice President, notes that the following members joined Wooster Branch from 2000-2009: Helen Atchison, Gail Carter, Linda Crouch, Ruth Dykstra, Cheryl Gooch, Anita Greene, L. Sue Herman, Prue Holtman, Judith Kastelan, Inell Keller, Ella Kick, Bev McCoy, Carol McKiernan, Sarah Miles, and Lee Peart. Thank you all for your commitment to AAUW!

Remember that new Branch memberships and renewals will be collected from April - June 5, 2017. We now have four male members; more are welcome!

The membership form for new members or renewals which needs to be completed and returned to Treasurer Sarah Miles by June 5 is included in this newsletter.

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**OUT-AND-ABOUT's** trip to the **Carolina Barbeque** in Orrville on February 10 went well. Those attending enjoyed themselves—it is definitely a barbeque place!

The planned shared trip with Literary to see **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** ended up with only two members going, although some members were going on their own at another time. Those who didn't go missed a wonderful and thought-provoking production of this Tony Award winning play touring over 30 cities.

Nothing has been planned for April as many other AAUW events are going on, but we'll see what June has to bring. If you have any suggestions, please share them with Mary Ann Merchant and/or Carolyn Kearney.

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## LITERARY READING FOR SPRING 2017

Wendy Zimmerman, facilitator for Wooster Branch Literary, has listed the books to be read through May 2017. All reviews are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. It was decided at November Literary that **A Spool of Blue Thread** would now be reviewed in July instead of June. A June book will be picked at the May 16 Annual Book Selection.

Also, please note that Facilitator Wendy Zimmerman has indicated that she will not be continuing as Literary Facilitator this coming year. Is there any member of Literary who would like to “step up”? Please contact President Susan Buchwalter.

Tuesday, March 21 - **Between the World and Me** by *Ta-Nehisi Coates* was reviewed at The Wooster Book Company by Sue Herman and guests Manny and Patsy Stone. Wendy in a recap cites that this was one of the more memorable and remarkable meetings! Sue, Manny, and Patsy led a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book and its impact. Manny and Patsy presented a video of an interview with Coates about the book. The guests discussed at length what their experience has been living as a black in America, mirroring much of what the author had to say. The book (some 173 pages) was not a light read but served to provide a dialogue and enlightenment of continued racial issues. It was a privilege having our guests as part of our group.

Tuesday, April 18 - Sally Bernhardt will review **A Prayer for Owen Meany** by *John Irving* at the home of Inell Keller with Lee Peart serving as Co-Hostess.

May 16, 2017 - The Annual Book Selection and Carry-In Dinner will be held at Hunter’s Chase Clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. with Hostesses Sharon Taylor and Mimi Lewellen.

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### CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Monday, April 17	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Mary Beth Henthorne
Tuesday, April 18	Literary meets at the home of Inell Keller, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 22	Expanding your Horizons, The College of Wooster
Saturday, April 29	AAUW Branch Annual Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., The Wooster Country Club
Friday and Saturday May 5 and 6	AAUW Ohio Equity Day and Convention, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Columbus (Worthington), Ohio
Monday May 15	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Leslie Breedon
Tuesday, May 16	Literary’s Annual Book Selection and Carry-in Dinner at 7:00 p.m. with Hostesses Sharon Taylor and Mimi Lewellen
Thursday, May 25	AAUW Board Meeting, Buehler’s Milltown
Monday, June 19	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Linda Crouch
Tuesday, June 20	Literary, with book and place TBD
Thursday, June 22	AAUW Board Meeting, Buehler’s Milltown

### WOOSTER BRANCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee (Judy Kastelan, Linda Crouch, and Susan Buchwalter) is pleased to announce that Anita Greene has agreed to have her name placed in nomination for Vice President Membership and Communication for the 2017-2019 term. Sarah Miles has also agreed to have her name placed in nomination for the position of Treasurer. The committee thanks both Anita and Sarah for their dedication to our Wooster Branch. Voting will take place at our Spring Luncheon on April 29 at The Wooster Country Club at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Dear AAUW branch members,

Since my e-mail on February 23, we have received comments from many members and member leaders. We thank you for your thoughtfully considered input.

Based upon your feedback, the AAUW Board of Directors will now vote on the proposed dues increase at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 13, 2017. Should the increase pass, it will not become effective until the following fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2018. This would give branches ample time to initiate the process on your end and allow for people to include this increase in their personal budgets.

We'd also like to address comments as to why the increase is under consideration.

Donations are, and have long been, an important part of AAUW's DNA. Our recent Charting the Course campaign shows yet again the generosity and commitment of many members of the organization. It is, however, impossible to budget effectively based on what *might* come in. Annual dues are a more stable source of income. They provide the framework for AAUW's mission and programs. Indeed, a combination of both dues and donations are critically necessary to support AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more. Even full funded programs, such as the Legal Advocacy Fund and fellowships and grants, require the support of an infrastructure to do their work.

I'd also like you to consider how prices have changed since AAUW's last dues increase in 2008. It would be very difficult to name even one item that has not increased significantly in price during that time period. That means we've been paying more and more to keep our programs running. AAUW is proposing a modest 20 percent increase — only eighty-three cents a month. Just think of the return that investment makes in the lives of countless women and girls.

Additional information will be made available after the board vote in June. In the meantime, should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

Thank you all again for your commitment to this wonderful organization. We are a membership who believes we can do great things together. I know we are all equally committed to ensuring that AAUW thrives and continues to empower women and girls well into the future.

Patricia Fe Ho  
AAUW Board Chair

Mark Hopkins  
AAUW Interim CEO

## AAUW/ KIWANIS

Don Ackerman, member of AAUW and Kiwanis, has suggested that AAUW members may want to attend several programs to be given at the monthly Kiwanis meetings, 12 noon, Memories Party Center. Cost is \$8; may be paid at the door.

May 9 - a Minnie Pearl Impersonation by Marilyn Ferguson  
May 23 - a presentation by College of Wooster President Sarah Bolton  
May 30 - the Ashland Myers Bandshell

Any questions? Contact Don, Cathy or Blake Stone, Walt Kearney, or Carol McKiernan.

## USED BOOK SALE

Those who attended AAUW's business meeting on November 10 of last year heard the results of the AAUW/Kiwanis Used Book Sale. Sales were up a bit from last year, and Wooster AAUW and Kiwanis split the \$12,701 profit after expenses were paid—each getting \$6,350 for their projects.

The book drop-offs continue on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the cleaning, sorting, and marking of the used books on Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Remember, help is always needed.

**HOWEVER . . .**

**OUR BOOK SALE IS IN JEOPARDY . . .** we have learned that the facility where we have been sorting books for the annual AAUW-Kiwanis book sale is up for sale. While we will still be able to use the facility to get ready for this year's sale in September, we will have no place to use in the Fall to begin the sorting process for the 2018 sale. What should we do? Is this a fundraiser that has run its course? If not, do you know a facility that we might use for the following year? Share your thoughts and ideas with book sale chairpersons Gail Carter (glewicca@aol.com and Cathy Stone (cathystone@msn.com) or President Susan Buchwalter (buchwalter@sssnet.com).

The annual Ohio AAUW convention and equity day will be held Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, 2017, at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus (Worthington). Additional information materials are on the state website ([www.aauwoh.org](http://www.aauwoh.org)). Contact Wooster President Susan Buchwalter if you are interested in going; some financial help from Wooster Branch is available.

## WOOSTER AAUW AGAIN CO-SPONSORS "EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS"



The College of Wooster's **Expanding Your Horizons** motivates girls in fifth and sixth grades to become excited about possible careers in science or math. This year's conference will be held Saturday, April 22.

# AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

**July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

**Membership Dues are \$70.00** (\$49 National, \$11 State, and \$10 Wooster)

NOTE: \$46 of National dues are tax deductible

Student affiliate dues are \$17.00 (National only, with \$16 tax deductible)

Payment Due: June 5, 2017

**Please make checks payable to:  
AAUW Wooster Branch**

**Mail completed form with your check to**

Sarah Miles, Treasurer  
AAUW Wooster Branch  
P. O. Box 1191  
Wooster, OH 44691

Please complete ALL of the information below so that we may better serve you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) / University(ies) \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below ALL activities in which you would like to participate:

- Literary:** Book review discussion group that meets monthly all year
- Bookmarkers:** Used book sorting group works on Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons at our facility
- Bridge Lessons:** Usually offered during the summer; but also as needed.
- Cinema Date:** Group meets monthly for dinner +/- or a movie; dates and dates rotate.
- "Expanding Your Horizons":** Volunteers work at The College of Wooster for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade science/math workshop on a Saturday in April.
- Out-and-About:** Monthly or selected trips to areas of interest, usually including a lunch stop.
- Social Bridge:** Players meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month all year.
- AAUW / KIWANIS USED BOOK SALE:** Wooster Branch's priority project is our scholarship program for Wayne County Women which is supported from the proceeds of this sale held the last week of September. Member participation is necessary for the success of this event.

**NEWSLETTER DELIVERY:** \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Mail (if unable to receive email)

*Please feel free to use the back of this form to add any information or comments, especially indicating any programs you would like to see added in the 2017-2018 year. New members are asked to include personal data for our newsletter.*

# WOOSTER AAUW 2017 SPRING LUNCHEON

**Saturday, April 29 11:30 a.m.                      The Wooster Country Club**



Wooster AAUW is very fortunate to have as our speaker Presidential history enthusiast Jeri Diehl-Cusack, who will be speaking on her favorite **topic – Eleanor Roosevelt**. A Columbus resident and former librarian, Joan presents programs statewide on Presidential history topics such as Presidential Children, White House Christmas Traditions, and inauguration trivia.

The day also includes lunch, our annual business meeting, installation of officers, and introduction of scholarship winners.

Cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 (includes meal, tax, gratuity, AAUW guests, and other luncheon-related expenses). Each luncheon consists of entrée, dessert, coffee, tea, or soft drink. **Reservations must be received by Friday, April 21. Guests and prospective members are welcome.**

Checks, made payable to AAUW Wooster Branch, and meal choices are to be sent to Judy Mallonn, 4374 Deer Creek Drive, Wooster, OH 44691. Questions? Call Judy at 330-345-7681.

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Please complete and return this portion by April 21, 2017.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

- Choice A    Chicken Salad and Fresh Fruit: Candied Pecans, Berries, Grapes, and Blueberry Muffin.
- Choice B    Pasta Primavera: Fresh Steamed Vegetables over Angel Hair Pasta with Marinara Sauce and Shredded Parmesan Cheese.
- Choice C    Chicken Caesar Wrap: Romaine Caesar Dressing, Parmesan Cheese, Grilled Chicken in a Wrap, served with House Chips.



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. AAUW, in principle and in practice, values and seeks a 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.



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