

## MESSAGE FROM WOOSTER BRANCH AAUW PRESIDENT



Susan Buchwalter

It has been a glorious fall. I hope each of you has had a chance to spend some time outdoors enjoying this last bit of good weather before winter sets in.

One of the activities I always associate with fall is the annual AAUW used book sale. This year's sale was held at the end of September and was another rousing success. The sale only works because of the participation and support of the AAUW members and our Kiwanis partners. So a special thank you is due to all of you who helped staff the sale, as well as to those dedicated members who work all year long to sort, clean and mark the books in readiness for the event. Thanks also to our experienced and skillful sales managers, Cathy Frame Stone and Gail Carter, who work all year behind the scenes to make sure the event goes off without a hitch.

I hope you will all be able to join me on Thursday, November 10 at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church for our annual AAUW general business meeting where you will have a chance to learn more about the results of the book sale, review the branch's current financial status, recognize membership anniversaries, learn about some changes to our scholarship program, hear about upcoming AAUW programs, and have a chance to socialize with other members.

While our local branch is a large and active group, I was reminded this week that on a national level AAUW has been empowering women and girls for 135 years! Locally, we participate in advancing this goal with our scholarships for women returning to school, our support of the StartSmart program (in conjunction with The College of Wooster) which gives young women at the start of their careers the skills they need to negotiate salaries, and our support of Expanding Your Horizons introducing young women to careers in science and technology.

And, speaking of empowerment, since 1920 all women in the United States have been empowered through their right to vote in local, state and national elections. Please join me in expressing that right this month!

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## AAUW WOOSTER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2:30 P.M., 2016

Our second general membership meeting and program will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (621 College Avenue) to update our membership on the financial status of our organization. Susan Buchwalter, president of AAUW Wooster, will present information and lead a discussion of the Branch's finances and projects, especially those of the current AAUW Kiwanis Used Book Sale and the Branch's budget for this year. Committee chairs will also talk about their respective projects and plans. All members are **encouraged to attend.**

## **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON TO BE DECEMBER 7, 12:45 P.M., 2016**

**Wednesday, December 7, 12:45 p.m., at Quailcrest Farm.** Please join us for our always-fun luncheon at Quailcrest Farm (soup, bread, and cookies). Attendees are asked to bring gifts for the women's shelter at OneEighty (formerly Every Woman's House) and we'll present them to a representative of One-Eighty at our January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Gifts to bring (no need to wrap): linens, bedding, pillows; towels; baby items; and feminine hygiene products. Monies are not required beforehand; cost is \$12 per person--and **guests are welcome!**

To make reservations or for more information, contact Facilitator Bev Crafton, 330-345-6955 or [bjcrafton@aol.com](mailto:bjcrafton@aol.com).

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## **JANUARY MEETING TO LEARN ABOUT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS**

**Tuesday, January 24, 3:00 p.m. at the Wooster United Methodist Church,** 243 N. Market Street. Rhiannon Whalen, Community Education Coordinator at OneEighty (formerly Every Women's House) will speak about OneEighty's mission to promote the healing of individuals and families who experience the impact of domestic violence or sexual assault. Rhiannon's topic will be *The Journey from Victim to Survivor*, and she will be presented with the gifts collected at our holiday luncheon, December 7. This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about one of the very valuable services offered in our community.

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## **AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP**

**DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR 2016-2017 PROGRAM BOOKLET AT THE USED BOOK SALE?**

If not, the booklet will be given or mailed to you by Anita Greene, Vice President for Membership. Call her at 330-264-9700 if you feel the booklet should have been received by now.

Thanks to everyone for getting their renewals to Treasurer Sarah Miles in a timely fashion--makes her job so much easier! As of November 1, 2016, Membership Vice President Anita Greene and Sarah report that Wooster Branch has 68 members, three life members (Bev Crafton, Lois Freedlander, and Letty Nault), one student member and new member Cynthia Rundles (information below), making for a membership total of 72. Only a few members did not renew. We will, of course, welcome any new or renewing member.

We are sorry to note that, along with Esther Root, Janice Miller will be leaving Wooster. Janice will be relocating to Indianapolis where she will be near family. We are privileged to have known both of them and hope they will keep in touch.

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## **Welcome AAUW Wooster Branch's newest member!**

Cynthia Rundles  
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Cynthia graduated with an Associate in Business from The University of Phoenix. Since she did not indicate her AAUW interests on her application form, we'll just have to let her know that she is invited to join absolutely any activities the branch offers, including the business meeting on November 10!



**OUT-AND-ABOUT'S** recent trip to the Tarragon Restaurant at The Inn at Honey Run on Thursday, October 20, was a spectacular day even though stuck between raindrops! Fifteen members in four cars (each driving to and from on different routes) enjoyed themselves at the Tarragon, the Inn's upscale restaurant. From soup to salads to quiche to scallops—the meals were enjoyed by all.

(Picture 1) Sally Bernhardt, Bev McCoy, Mary Ann Merchant, “Satchmo,” Nancy Mossbarger, Clara Ann Fain, and Nancy Danby arrive at the Inn.

(Picture 2) Members Pam Everett, Nancy Danby, and Mimi Lewellen are enjoying the beautiful wall decoration in addition to the wonderful food.

(Picture 3) Anita Greene, Linda Crouch, Nancy Mossbarger, and Sue Olive are seated for lunch. Who's missing? Carolyn Kearney, Bev Crafton, Julie Mennes, and—of course--the photographer Judy Kastelan!



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## **DECEMBER'S OUT-AND-ABOUT GOES TO MALABAR FARM!**

Plans are in the works to visit Malabar Farms for their “own pace” candlelight tour of Louis Bromfield's Big House all decked out for the holidays while enjoying freshly baked cookies and hot cider. This visit has been planned for Sunday, December 4, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. at a price of \$5 per person. Out-and-About doesn't usually do trips on the weekend, but Facilitators Mary Ann Merchant and Carolyn Kearney felt that we should try the Sunday time rather than be driving at night. As for lunch, we will go to Malabar Farm Restaurant first at 1:30 p.m. Please let Mary Ann or Carolyn know by Monday, November 28, if you will be attending so that luncheon reservations can be made. Also, please let them know if you will be able to drive.

As usual, we will leave from Big Lots Parking around 12:30 p.m. so that members may share driving and costs.

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, November 8	Election Day– IT'S <u>YOUR</u> RIGHT TO VOTE!
Thursday, November 10	General Business Meeting, 2:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Avenue
<b>Monday</b> , November 14	Literary meets at the Home of Mary Beth Henthorne, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Nancy Danby
Sunday, December 4	Out-and-About to Malabar Farm, noon - 5 p.m.
Wednesday, December 7	AAUW Wooster Branch's Holiday Luncheon, Quailcrest Farm, 12:45 p.m.
Monday, January 16	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Mary Ann Merchant
Tuesday, January 17	Literary meets at T.J.'s Restaurant, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24	Membership Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Wooster United Methodist Church, 243 N. Market Street
Thursday, January 26	AAUW Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Buehler's Community Room

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29, at the Wooster Country Club for our annual meeting and spring luncheon!**

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### LITERARY READING FOR FALL/WINTER 2016

Wendy Zimmerman, facilitator for Wooster Branch Literary, has announced the books to be read through February 2017. All reviews are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. There is no group meeting in December.

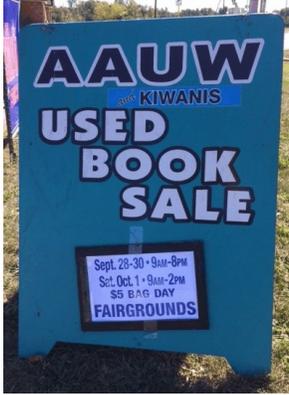
Monday, November 14 - **A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman will be reviewed by Jan Steinbrenner at the home of Mary Beth Henthorne with Judy Mallonn serving as Co-Hostess **Please note change to Monday from Tuesday!**

Tuesday, January 17 - **Circling the Sun** by Paula McLain. Reviewer is Wendy Zimmerman and the place is T.J.'s Restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

February 21 - **Dinner with Anna Karenina** by Gloria Goldreich will be reviewed by Carolyn Kearney at the First Presbyterian Church with Sue Herman and Mimi Lewellen serving as Co-Hostesses.

***The AAUW Holiday Luncheon will again be held at Quailcrest Farm, Wednesday, December 7, 12:45 p.m., with charitable items this year going to OneEighty (180). Reservations to Bev Crafton by December 1. Guests are welcome!***

## AAUW/KIWANIS USED BOOK SALE



The Wooster High School Girls' Soccer team again helped with the Used Book Sale. [How come these girls seem to have so much more energy than we do? And they look so happy with their work!]



Although book drop-offs on Saturday have already begun, the cleaning, sorting, and marking of the used books on Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., will begin on November 17.

**Want a report on the Used Book Sale?** Co-Chairs Cathy

Frame Stone and Gail Carter will be giving a full report on the used book sale at the November 10, 2:30 p.m., member business meeting at the First Presbyterian Church.



*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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