



MESSAGE FROM WOOSTER BRANCH AAUW PRESIDENT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked on the book sale! Especially Ed McKiernan and the Kiwanis book committee for organizing and advertising, Don Ackerman and Walt Kearney for their days at the event, and Sarah Miles for acting as treasurer of the sale.

On Saturday, September 28, Kris Evans and I attended the AAUW Fall Summit in Worthington. The keynote speaker was Kendra Davis, AAUW VP Advancement and Partnerships. She highlighted the need for local branches to align their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. One of her suggestions was to partner with a local organization to facilitate an online WorkSmart event. She also related that the Legal Action and Educational Funds are very well endowed and thus encouraged local branches to instead contribute to the Greatest Needs Fund in order to meet emergent issues. Lastly, she encouraged branches to openly advertise programs and engage the community through social media.

A few highlights from the September 26 Board Meeting —

- Anita Greene is coordinating AAUW volunteers for Candidates' Night.
- Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) initiative is in transition until their tax exempt status can be settled; AAUW Wooster Branch will continue to offer EYH financial support.
- The College of Wooster has informed AAUW Wooster that they no longer will participate in StartSmart as they have created their own program to cover salary negotiation for female graduates..
- This year AAUW Ohio has decided to host a state convention, April 17 and 18, rather than district meetings. The location of this convention is yet to be determined.
- Letty Nault and I look forward to hosting our first program of the year at Secrest Welcome and Education Center on October 10, 7 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

As always, I welcome your questions and comments. Enjoy these beautiful days as we transition from summer into fall!

AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH FALL / WINTER MEETINGS FOR 2019

It's fall and with that comes our first meetings of the 2019-2020 year. Kris Evans, Program Coordinator, looks forward to this new season of programs---informative, fun, and challenging---with all of them offering a great opportunity to spend time with other AAUW members. Come and bring someone with you!

“FAST TIMES AT SECREST ARBORETUM”, Thursday, October 10, 2019, 7 p.m.

It is a busy and exciting time at Secrest! We're privileged to have Jason Veil, curator of the new Welcome and Education Center at Secrest Arboretum, provide a tour for our group and highlight some recent changes, ongoing improvements, and future plans to make the Arboretum more beautiful, diverse, and useful to students, researchers, and the community. Coordinator Kris Evans asks that members RSVP to Susie Slack (sslack@sssnet.com) by Tuesday, October 8, if they plan to attend.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT, Thursday, October 17, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

AAUW Wooster Branch and the NAACP will join the League of Women Voters as co-sponsors of Candidates' Night which will be held in Bruch Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Members and residents will hear the varying views of those running for local offices. And remember to vote November 5, 2019!

WOOSTER BRANCH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 5, 2019, 12 noon, Bruch Hall, First Presbyterian Church

Our annual Holiday luncheon will once again feature a variety of soups (from Zoup!) as well as cookies for dessert. If you are able to donate some holiday cookies, please let one of our committee members know. The cost is \$12 and guests are welcome.

We are asking attendees to bring a donation of clothing to help fill the clothing closet at Rittman Elementary School. More information on specific items to be donated will be included in your invitation which will be emailed soon. Committee chairs are Mickey Asleson and Karen Armstrong.

AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP

As of mid-October 2019, Membership Vice President Anita Greene and Sarah report that Wooster Branch has 77 members, including six life members (Bev Crafton, Lois Freedlander, Elizabeth Hooker, Letty Nault, Kay Rowekamp, and Anne Strauss) and one student member (Kailee Hagen). Only a few members did not renew, and we are sorry to be losing them. We will, of course, welcome new or renewing members at any time!

Please welcome our newest member and renewal:

Margaret (Maggie) Spriggs

4085 Inverness Drive
Wooster, OH 44691

Maggie graduated from Wittenberg University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Education (K-12). She is interested in Literary, Cinema Date, Out-and-About, and helping with the Used Book Sale.

Kristen Thiebaud

1927 Blair Boulevard
Wooster, OH 44691

Kristen is a late member renewal but should be included in the Program Booklet.

LITERARY READING FOR FALL / WINTER 2019-2020

Co-Facilitators Carol McKiernan and Stefani Koorhan Hinden have announced the books to be read through January 2020. All reviews are the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. There is no group meeting in December.

October 15, 2019 - ***The Clockmaker's Daughter*** by *Kate Morton*. Reviewer will be Cathy Frame Stone at the home of Mary Ann Merchant with Bev Crafton and Mickey Asleson serving as Co-Hostesses.

November 19, 2019 - ***Little Women*** by *Louisa May Alcott* will be reviewed by Susan Roberts at the Community Action Board Room, 905 Pittsburgh Avenue, with Co-Hostesses Judy Taylor and Judy Kastelan.

January 21, 2020 - ***My Beloved World*** by *Sonia Sotomayor* will be reviewed by Barb Friedhoff following the 6 p.m. dinner at TJ's Restaurant. Karen Armstrong will serve as Co-Hostess.

OUT-AND-ABOUT TRIPS

Two Out-and-About trips have been held this Fall. In September seven members ate lunch at Rebecca's Bistro in Walnut Creek. All participants agreed the food excellent, service good, and "a good time was had by all." In October only a few members went to Rittman Orchard and Bent Ladder. A beautiful day, lots of apples purchased, and a relaxing time sipping samples of hard cider at the distillery. Always good to know of offerings in the area!

OUT-AND-ABOUT TRIP TO AKRON FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Following Out-and-About's theme of enjoying a place decorated for the holidays, Facilitator Mary Ann Merchant has planned a trip on **Friday, November 15, to the Perkins Stone Mansion** decorated in the theme of a "Victorian Christmas." The tour also includes the John Brown House and the Mutton Hill Gift Shop—all under the auspices of the Summit County Historical Society. Before the tour we will lunch at The Mustard Seed in Akron.

Large groups (hopefully we will have 10+) must pre-schedule their visit, so we will meet at Odd Lots at 10:30 a.m. to share rides, lunching at 11:30 a.m. and getting to our tour (lasting at least an hour) at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for seniors with a "tip" to the individual driver of your car.

Mary Ann will need to know by Friday, November 8, whether you will be going and if you can drive.

OUT-AND-ABOUT TO WOOSTER SYMPHONY HOLIDAY CONCERT

Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m., is the **WOOSTER SYMPHONY'S BIENNIAL HOLIDAY CONCERT** which AAUW Wooster has enjoyed in the past. Mary Ann is arranging for dinner at The Wooster Country Club followed by the Wooster Transit Bus taking diners from the Club to McGaw Chapel for the concert.

Dinner at the Country Club begins at 5:00 p.m. with attendees ordering off the menu. At 7 p.m. the Hospitality Bus will transport concert goers to McGaw Chapel and then pick them up afterwards to return to the Club.

Costs? The dinner is whatever you wish to order, the bus will cost \$2.00 each way, and reserved concert tickets, which Mary Ann will distribute at the dinner, are \$25 per person. Note: 25 attendees are needed for the bus.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 5	Used book drop-offs resume, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Thursday, October 10	First General Meeting of the year at Secrest Arboretum, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15	Literary meets at the home of Mary Ann Merchant, 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 17	Candidates' Night at First Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 10	Bookmarkers return to work, 1 - 3 p.m.
Monday, October 21	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Nancy Stefan
Thursday, October 24	AAUW Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Buehler's Milltown
Tuesday, November 5	REMEMBER TO VOTE if have not already done so!
Friday, November 15	Out-and-About to Perkins Stone Mansion, Akron
Monday, November 18	AAUW Social Bridge; Hostess is Carolyn Kearney
Tuesday, November 19	Literary meets at the Community Action Board Room at 7 p. m.
Thursday, November 28	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
Thursday, December 5	AAUW Branch Holiday Luncheon, 12 noon. Bruch Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Thursday, December 5	Out-and-About to Wooster Symphony Holiday Concert following dinner at The Wooster Country Club, 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Wednesday, January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Monday, January 20	AAUW Social Bridge with Hostess Leslie Breeden
Tuesday, January 21	Literary meets at TJ's, 6 p.m., for dinner plus book review

WOOSTER USED BOOK SALE INFORMATION

According to Treasurer Sarah Miles, the book sale shaped up well. Estimates are the we grossed \$24,575. The new addition of credit cards was received very well—thanks to Ed McKiernan! As upcoming bills are paid, more details will be forthcoming.

Customers, young and old, enjoyed shopping at the AAUW/Kiwanis Used Book Sale on Thursday, September 26, of this year.



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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