



# The Breeze

The Newsletter of the Wooster, Ohio Branch

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Greetings, AAUW members. We hope all of you had a chance to enjoy our beautiful fall and, now, I'm afraid, we're moving on to winter. But we have some wonderful programs and Literary reviews, as well as the holiday luncheon, to look forward to!

Our book sale was a bigger success than usual this year, thanks to the hard work of all our members as well as the Kiwanians. A special thanks goes out to the Book Markers who work at our warehouse each week to sort, clean and price all those 50,000+ books! You can see final numbers in the report by Judy Mallonn later in this newsletter.

A nice idea, if you weren't able to work at the sale this year, is to make a contribution to the AAUW Scholarship Fund at the Wayne County Community Foundation, 519 N. Market Street, 44691.

In 2023 our Branch will be celebrating its centennial, 100 years of advocating for and celebrating the accomplishments of women in Wooster. Read more about the committee and its task later in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, December 9 at the beautiful new Connection facility at Westview Manor! Watch for more information.

Susie and Kris



## **AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

AAUW Wooster Branch will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in program year 2022-2023. We are thrilled and honored that our five 50-year members - Bev Crafton, Elizabeth Hooker, Julie Mennes, Kay Rowekamp, and Letty Nault - have agreed to comprise a committee to explore ways to commemorate that anniversary. Each has been a part of the Wooster branch for over half its existence; they have served the group in many, many capacities; and they have much of the institutional history of the branch within their collective memories. A huge thank you to all of them for their willingness to take on this challenge.

Chairing the committee will be two new and extremely capable members - Deb Zeiters and Irma Villareal. Another huge thank you to them for agreeing to do this!

If you have ideas for what you would like to see included during that year, please email one of the chairpersons (and please be understanding that not all ideas will be able to be incorporated into the plans!)

It's going to be an exciting year for our branch!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

AAUW Branch Member Roster (FY2021-22) OH Wooster - lists 70 members.

The time, effort and donations that members have shared with Wooster Branch, Scholarship Fund, Book Markers and Book Sale are just amazing.

You not only motivate others, but also push them to give their all to our Branch and our Community. Thank you.

*Anita Greene, Membership and Communication*

## REMEMBERING JUDY BONK

The branch will miss longtime member Judy Bonk who passed away on October 19. She will be remembered by many members for the decades she devoted to the book sale; in one member's words, she WAS the book sale. Many fondly remember collecting books with her and storing them in her home. Our current book sale owes much to her years of devotion to it.

It has been suggested that, because of her dedication to scholarships for women, contributions in her memory may be made to the AAUW Scholarship Fund at the Wayne County Community Foundation.

## PROGRAMS

Our program of events got off to a great start on October 14 with a presentation about **Inclusive Citizenship in the U.S.**, given by Jane Hoyt-Oliver, PhD, Emerita Professor of the Social Work program at Malone University. Dr. Oliver taught social welfare policy for over 25 years as a member of the faculty at Malone. She challenged us, when voting for elected officials, to consider not only our personal needs but more importantly the needs of the greater society in which we live. What might it mean to ask our elected representatives to address issues that may matter less to us but are **critical** to the lives of others? She cautioned us to remember that we do NOT know all there is to know about the lives of others and that we can become more effective advocates by learning about the lived experiences of others. She encouraged us to find ways in which each of us can be an advocate for those in our community who do not have a "seat at the table" where decisions are made, decisions which significantly affect the lives of those in our community who have limited financial resources, limited power.

People in powerful positions can **choose** to represent the concerns of those who have less power. Thus, we, as caring members of our community, should speak to those in power to assure that the true concerns and needs of those who may not be able to advocate for themselves receive the necessary consideration.



## **DECEMBER LUNCHEON**

**December 9**

**A festive Holiday Luncheon is planned for**

This year our holiday luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 12 noon at the new and beautiful Connection Conference and Event Center, 1034 Country Club Drive (next to Westview Manor).

### **MENU**

FRESH GREEN SIDE SALAD - Fresh Vegetables on a bed of mixed greens.

GARLIC and BUTTER BREADSTICKS

HOMEMADE VEGETARIAN LASAGNA - Pan roasted vegetables with fresh mozzarella in our house red sauce

TIRAMISU - A delicate layered desert

Coffee, Tea and Ice Tea.

Alternative menu choices due to medical restrictions may be arranged by contacting Joyce Burdno at 330 466-0815.

Please RSVP by November 30th to Joyce Burdno at 330 466-0815 or [jzburdno@gmail.com](mailto:jzburdno@gmail.com).

Cost is \$24 and payable at the door with either a check (payable to Joyce Burdno) or cash.

All members and invited guests are welcome.

**Please bring your holiday spirit along with donations for the OneEighty domestic abuse treatment center which will be the recipient of our gift collection this year. They are requesting bath towels and twin sheets. The sheets can be regular or extra-long. All items should be “new,” not used,**

please. The donations do not need to be wrapped. Thanks for your generous help with this project!



The next program on our events calenda will be on ***January 7, 2022*** when Jacci Stuckey, PhD, will share with us about the **Native American Tribes in Ohio**. Dr. Stuckey is a Professor of History at Malone University. We think you will find her discussion compelling as well as educational. Winter weather may change the venue and/or time of this event, so stay tuned after the first of the year for updates on those details.

*Program Committee Co-Chairs, Judy Taylor & Nicholette Rogers*

## WOOSTER USED BOOK SALE

The 2021 book sale grossed the highest total in the past 10 years. Following is an unofficial report of the income and breakdown of profits between AAUW and Kiwanis:

Total Income	\$29,391.49
Total Expenses	<u>8831.72</u>
Total Profit	\$20,559.77
AAUW 40%	\$ 8223.91
Kiwanis 60%	\$12335.86

## BOOK SALE 2022

Several members of AAUW and Kiwanis have been reviewing the results of the sale, and have made some changes in the methods of processing the books. As there is a backlog of books unprocessed from this year's sale, plans are being made to begin processing the week of November 15. One of the major changes will be the processing times. Work at the warehouse will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Book collection and processing will remain on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon. A meeting was held on November 10 for all interested AAUW and Kiwanis members to review the new procedures.

All AAUW members who had indicated an interest in helping with the sale were notified of the meeting. If any other members would like to join us, contact Kris Evans at 314-570-1910 or [kevans943@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kevans943@sbcglobal.net) or Judy Mallonn at 330-345-7681 or [judy@mallonn.com](mailto:judy@mallonn.com), and we will make plans to meet at the warehouse for an orientation.

*Judy Mallonn*

## LITERARY GROUP

Carol McKiernan and Stefani Koorhan, co-chairs for the Literary Group, have listed the books to be read through March 2022. **Note that there is no December Literary Meeting.**

Links to upcoming Zoom Literary meetings will be sent to members prior to the meeting.

**December 2021:** No Meeting - Happy Holidays

**January 18, 2022:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

Via Zoom

Reviewer: Barb Friedhoff

**February 15, 2022:** *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Via Zoom

Reviewer: Susan Roberts

**March 15, 2022:** *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson

Location: Pending



## NEW VOLUNTEERS

We have members assuming some very important roles on our leadership team. Maggie Spriggs has volunteered to be in charge of putting together our annual booklet and has already begun working with Murr Printing. Mary Hetrick has agreed to be our historian, a very important position during the centennial year. Carolyn Kearney will now be organizing Out and About Events. And Janice Baxstrom takes over as newsletter editor starting with this edition. Thank you so much to all of them for filling these critical roles.



## WOOSTER BRANCH CALENDAR

### 2021

December 9      Holiday Luncheon

### 2022

January 7      Program: "Native American Tribes in Ohio"

January 18      Literary: *The Vanishing Half*

January 27      Board meeting

February 15      Literary: *The Midnight Library*

March 15      Literary: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*

March 24      Board Meeting

March 26

Program: "To Improve the Police, Hire Women"