



The Breeze

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Presidents' Letter

Greeting AAUW members,

We hope you have all had the opportunity to enjoy the first few days of spring weather. While snowy cold is not completely behind us, spring is on the way.

As we looked back on the last two years of March newsletters, there were many postponements, cancellations and quick pivots to Wooster Branch programming. This year, we are cautiously returning to a new normal with in-person events.

Expanding your Horizons will be held April 23 at the College of Wooster. This program, partially supported financially by our branch, is designed to interest girls in careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Several of us have been working with the organizing committee by calling school districts and helping to distribute brochures to schools for female students grades 5-7. Many of us fondly remember Leslie Breeden's devotion to personally welcoming students to this event. She will be missed.

The program and Centennial planning committees have been working together on exciting opportunities for celebrating a milestone year in 2023 for the Wooster Branch founded in 1923. Planning for the 2022 spring luncheon and Annual Meeting on April 23 at the Wooster Country Club is also underway. Watch for details to come.

In response to a letter from Rebecca Schmidt from the College of Wooster, the board voted in January to permit transfer of \$1000 from the AAUW Emergency Loan Fund to the principal of the Mary K. Dixon Endowed Student Fund. Like the current AAUW Emergency Loan Fund, The

Dixon Fund will continue to support the emergency needs of Wooster students in perpetuity and without the current loan repayment obligation.

Lastly there is good news from the Nominating Committee. We are pleased to report that Kris Evans and Bobbi Jentes-Mason have agreed to serve as Co-presidents and Donna Connolly as Secretary for two-year terms beginning July 2022. Election of officers will be held during the Annual Meeting.

We look forward to actually seeing you all soon.

Kris and Susie

AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Membership

Membership renewal will happen during April and May.

It is a good time to invite guests to Literary and our March 26 program.

Thank you for reading

Anita Greene

News from the Program Committee

2021 Annual Holiday Luncheon

The COVID pandemic didn't stop thirty-five Wooster Branch members and guests from attending a festive holiday lunch at the Connection Conference and Event Center. Joyce Burdno, coordinator, provided a selection of holiday songs for all to sing accompanied by Mary-Marie Deauclaire on keyboard.

Ohio's Indigenous Peoples

Who knew that Ohio had at least three of its own versions of the Trail of Tears? Most of us are familiar with the Cherokee Trail of Tears, which was a consequence of Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830. It led to the death of many Native Americans as they were "herded" from their homelands in the southeastern United States to Oklahoma and other western territories. On January 7, Dr Jacci Stuckey, Professor of History at Malone University, shared with us the details of Ohio's own horrific forced diaspora of its Native tribes. She gave us a great overview of Ohio's indigenous people from the archaic period to the mid-nineteenth century. Dr. Stuckey shared with us about the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient cultural complexes. It is during the era of the Fort Ancient people that effigy mounds were constructed. The most famous and largest of these types of mounds is Serpent Mound located near Peebles, Ohio in northern Adams County. It is the largest effigy mound in the world!!

Dr. Stuckey shared many historical details of the interactions of Europeans and Native Americans including the Native Americans' mindset of a "gift" economy and the trading of furs and animal hides with French and British hunters which gave us the monetary term "buck" (from buckskin).

Between 1831 and 1843 every native American reservation in Ohio was eradicated. The Seneca, Delaware, Shawnee, Ottawa and Wyandot were forced to move westward hundreds of miles by foot and river. They suffered hunger, sickness, lack of shelter and death during Ohio's Trails of Tears.

The recording of Dr. Stuckey's lecture will be available for a limited time. Thus, if you have not watched her informative discussion, please take time to view it at the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/qbbRpeYp59dA592c0HFukOCmX_7cd3Fy03y6Am1HhK06LaNc66QXBtbZmiX4RLq2HMyGd-S3iWXa-2iB.xLd0z52PjeTs7K3T?autoplay=true

Nichollette Rogers

Spring Luncheon

We hope you all have already circled your calendars for Saturday, April 23! Our annual Spring Luncheon will be held at the Wooster Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. that day! Hopefully your invitations will be in the mail by the end of this week. (The WCC has just reopened after its winter break; menu and luncheon pricing will be available soon.) The pre-paid reservations with meal selection are due back to me (Carolyn Kearney) by April 7. Hope to see all of you on April 23!



Literary

Good morning! I wanted to wish you all Happy Spring, but given today's temperature, that may be a bit premature. But it is sunny and we have the promise of warmer weather this weekend and in the coming weeks.

We will gather for Literary on March 15th at 7:00 PM at Central Christian Church in their large downstairs room. Our thanks go to Bev McCoy for making these arrangements and to the church for their generosity in hosting us. Bev will be at the door to greet you and direct you to either the elevator or the stairs. Please RSVP to either me at cmckiernan67@gmail.com or 330-749-8658 or to Stefani at skoorhan@aol.com or 330-466-4277 so that we have list of who is coming. Bev will lock the doors once everyone has arrived. If you are running late, please call Stefani at 330-466-4277 and someone will come up and let you in. I am unable to attend that evening, so be sure to call Stefani.

Because this is a large gathering and we want to continue to be cautious and protect all of our members, we will be wearing masks with the exception of our presenter. Janice Baxstrom will review *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.

It is time to start thinking about books that you would like to recommend for our next Literary year that begins in July. We will meet in May for our selection meeting at a location TBD. We would like to have our list of suggestions completed by the April meeting. Send your suggestions to Stefani or me at the email addresses listed above.

The Spring Calendar for Literary:

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

Location: Central Christian Church

Reviewer: Janice Baxstrom

April 19, 2022: *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner

Location: Home of Jan Steinbrenner

Reviewer: Cathy Frame Stone

May 17, 2022: Book Selection Meeting

Location TBD

June 21, 2022: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Location: Possible dinner out at a location TBD

Reviewer: Don Ackerman

Carol and Stefani

Scholarship

AAUW of Wooster members -

The 2022 AAUW Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the scholarship application is now online through the Wayne County Community Foundation. Attached is a flyer with all of the pertinent information. Please forward this flyer to anyone you know who may be interested in applying for the scholarship. The committee will be forwarding the flyers to many organizations and posting throughout the county, at schools, businesses, social service agencies, churches, hospitals, and other locations. If you have connections anywhere that we should be forwarding/posting a flyer, please contact our committee at aauwscholarships@gmail.com.

Thanks to all for your support of this scholarship,

The 2022 AAUW Scholarship Committee

Barb Friedhoff, chair

Karen Armstrong, past chair

Pat Mathews, member

Lee Peart, member

[aauw scholarship flyer 2022 final.pdf](#)

AAUW-Kiwanis Book Sale

After a very successful 2021 book sale, efforts for the 2022 sale are well underway. Our Book Markers group are the experts at sorting and pricing while Kiwanians concentrate on the sorting, cleaning and heavy lifting.

We are always in need of book donations. Please be sure to tell everyone you know that we are accepting drop-offs on Saturdays from 10:00 – noon. Directions to the warehouse can be found on our website, <https://wooster-oh.aauw.net/>



Volunteer Opportunity

Do you enjoy writing and seeing your work published in newspapers and on social media? Our Centennial Committee is looking for someone to do publicity for the coming year when we will be having programs relating to our 100 year history and we would like to share that information with the community. For more information about this opportunity please contact Irma Villarreal, irmavillarreal@yahoo.com



DONATIONS FOR ONE EIGHTY

AAUW Wooster Branch demonstrated their generosity once again at the annual Holiday Luncheon. The recipient of the 2021 collection was One Eighty, a valued Wooster institution that provides help with substance abuse and addiction, domestic violence and sexual abuse, mental health counseling and much more. Luncheon attendees donated 30 sheet sets, pillow and pillow cases, 53 bath towels, 12 hand towels and 20 wash cloths. One Eighty was very grateful for the gifts and residents of the women's shelters and residential treatment homes will be even more thankful to have new sheets and towels.



**Kris Evans presents some of the donations to Dwight Sprang,
One Eighty Volunteer Coordinator.**

AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH GROWTH

In a recent listing of branches in Ohio, Wooster was shown to be the largest with 72 members! The next largest branch is Medina with 64 members. We are pleased to have our newer members become an active part of the group, we cherish our long-term members, and look forward to welcoming many more new members.

Upcoming Calendar

- March 26, 2022** Women's History Month Lecture - Saturday at 2:00. "To Improve the Police, Hire Women" Location: Community Action Center
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