

## Appliance Donations Wanted!

Do you have an old curling iron, hair dryer, toaster, or hot pot that you no longer need? Bring it to **Dr. Kathy Koenig's** AAUW/Ohio convention program, "Overcoming Occupational Gender Segregation by Encouraging Girls in Science," at 2:15pm on Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, Zanesville. During the Girls in Science programs in local schools, participants have the opportunity to take apart such devices and Dr. Koenig needs to replenish her supply.



## Have I Got a Deal for You!

By **Judy Weyand, President, Zanesville Branch**

As this article is being written, the ground is hidden by several inches of snow. The length of the days is short. Later, rains will come and floods will occur. Will we have the predicted number of inches of snow? Never fear! At the end of winter you will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of spring in southeastern Ohio. Zanesville is the location of the 84<sup>th</sup> convention of AAUW/Ohio convention and Equity Day on April 18 and 19.

Zanesville is easily accessible from any location in the state. The room rates are reasonable and the hotel will allow you to have the room the day before and the day after at the same rate if you want to relax or sightsee. All activities of the meeting will take place in the same building. Once you park your car, it will not be necessary to use it again unless you want to go into town for dinner on Friday evening. The registration for the convention and hotel details will be published in the winter issue of the Orbit. Plan now to spend April 18 and 19 in Zanesville!

## Equal Pay Day is April 22

By **Donna P. McNamee, Editor**

Equal Pay Day, originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity, is observed in April to indicate how far into each year a woman must work to earn as much as a man earned in the previous year. April 22, 2008 symbolizes the day when women's wages catch up to men's wages.

Women's earnings in 2006 were 76.9% of men's, leaving the wage gap statistically unchanged from last year, according to US Census statistics released in August 2007. Based on the median earnings of full-time, year-round workers, women's earnings were \$32,515 and men's earnings were \$42,261.

To bring awareness to this inequity, AAUW and coalition allies across the country will recognize Equal Pay Day on April 22, 2008. Use AAUW's Pay Equity Resource Kit to begin planning now for your April activities. Equal Pay Day activities are perfect for your branch events this Spring.

The Pay Equity Resource Kit is available online at: [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm); and more information is available at [www.pay-equity.org/](http://www.pay-equity.org/). The National Committee on Pay Equity encourages all women to "Wear Red" on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay.

## Annual Meeting

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Leadership. In the morning, AAUW/Ohio 2008-2010 President **Diane Regan** will address "Leadership Lessons." In the afternoon sessions, "Membership Matters" will be discussed by **Pat Millhoff**, AAUW/Ohio Co-Membership Vice-President, and "Campus Connections" by **Mary Lou Baty**, AAUW/Ohio College/University Relations Chair.

Rounding out the day's agenda, AAUW/Ohio's 2008 Annual Business Meeting will feature election and installation of 2008-2010 officers. Luncheon programming will include introductions of the nominees for AAUW/Ohio's 2008 Young Leader Award and presentation of that award, plus STARZ and other awards.

## Equity Day

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laced with humor as she shares oral traditions, real samples of health care past, and hints of future health care opportunities.

In the Public Policy Concerns track, the 1:00pm speaker is AAUW/Ohio's Public Policy Co-Chair **Jackie Evangelista**. Jackie is also Mentor/Madison branch contact for the Painesville Satellite AAUW branch. Her presentation, "Issue Advocacy for Health Care Concerns," will focus on the health care issues most amenable to issue advocacy and suggest AAUW branch projects that could be done in connection with them. The second Public Policy Concerns session, "Influencing Public Policy - Advocacy Made Easy," will feature **Karen Rainey**, Former Legislative Director for League of Women Voters of Ohio. Karen, who currently serves as Public Policy Chair of the Delaware Branch, will address the processes by which individuals and groups (such as AAUW branches) can influence public policy.

An endnote address titled "Hidden Women's Health Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," will be delivered by **Marti J. Sladek**, Illinois employment law attorney and owner of Speaking of Work. Marti is a life member of AAUW and very active in the Downers Grove, IL, branch. She holds a BS in education from Kent State University, an MA in journalism from The Ohio State University, and a JD from Loyola University in Chicago. Her remarks on this topic to the 2006 AAUW Great Lakes Regional Conference provided inspiration for the health care theme of AAUW/Ohio's 2008 Equity Day conference.

### "When a Little Grace is Needed"

The members of the Zanesville branch have been enjoying the original prayers offered by Helen Harper, presently the recording secretary of the group, for years. The prayers are original, associated with current events, meaningful, and add much to the meeting each month. Helen has published a compilation of these and the booklet will be for sale at convention for \$3.00.



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## AAUW/Ohio's 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Convention, Zanesville, Ohio

By **Virginia E. Palmer, Co-Program Vice-President, AAUW/Ohio**

AAUW/Ohio's 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Convention will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Ramada Inn in Zanesville, Ohio. Opening remarks will be delivered by **Holly R. Hinton**, Director of **Governor Ted Strickland's** Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach. Her office promotes public policy that advances the status of Ohio's women and girls, thereby strengthening our communities and families. [



2008 Equity Day and Annual Meeting site: The beautiful Ramada Inn Hotel and Meeting Center

Much of the programming for the rest of the day is built around two 2007 publications that were issued under AAUW auspices and that can be used by branches to create mission-based programming and projects for community involvement. From the AAUW Educational Foundation, *Behind the Pay Gap* shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens. An Ohio-based project, "Making History," utilizing *The New Little Book*, provides strategies and techniques for preparing students for the OGT social studies exam. These two publications will be introduced by Co-Keynoters **Paula Maggio**, AAUW/Ohio Communications Chair and **Nancy Stellhorn**, AAUW/Ohio Finance Officer. Paula uses *Behind the Pay Gap* in the Women's Studies courses she teaches at the University of Akron. Nancy coordinates the Making History project. Copies of both publications will be available at the Convention. *Behind the Pay Gap* can be downloaded from the AAUW website at [www.aauw.org/research/behindPayGap.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/research/behindPayGap.cfm). Many branches have already received a copy of *The New Little Book*.

Breakout sessions offered in one morning and two afternoon time slots fall into tracks titled Behind the Pay Gap, Making History, and Branch Development & Leadership.

In the morning breakout segment, Paula Maggio and Nancy Stellhorn will each offer an "Up Close and In Depth" session on the publications they introduced in the Co-Keynote. The afternoon Behind the Pay Gap sessions are "Overcoming Occupational Gender Segregation by Encouraging Girls in Science," with **Dr. Kathy Koenig**, Assistant Professor of Physics and Teacher Education at Wright State University, and "*Mistakes Women Make in the Workplace*," with **Marti J. Sladek**, Illinois Employment Law Attorney and Owner of Speaking of Work.

Making History afternoon sessions are "Making History - In Your Community," with **Ruth Nau, RN**, a member of both the Noble Local School District Board and the Executive Board of the Ohio School Boards Association, and "Making History - In the Classroom," with a classroom teacher who will address using *The New Little Book* for teaching and learning.

A third track of breakout sessions will focus on Branch Development and

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## Equity Day 2008

"Health Care as a Women's Issue" is the theme for AAUW/Ohio's 13<sup>th</sup> Equity Day, Friday, April 18, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, Zanesville. The event will open at 11:30 am with a buffet lunch followed by a keynote address by **Julie Graber**, Senior Associate for Strategic Planning, Colleges of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University. Julie is also responsible for leading the start-up work for Ohio State's Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy, a new research center being established to track the status of women and girls in the state of Ohio.

In the breakout sessions that follow at 1:00pm and 2:15pm, programs are offered in three separate tracks titled "Caring for Yourself," "Caring for Others," and "Public Policy Concerns." Caring for Yourself programming will be provided by Genesis HealthCare Systems, a member of the Spirit of Women Hospital Network. Spirit of Women is a national coalition of hospitals and healthcare facilities in over 55 U.S. cities joined together to advance the cause and business of women's health. Specific topics and speakers will be announced on the AAUW/Ohio website.

The first Caring for Others program, "Your Health, Your Generation," will be presented by **Georgene Timko Johnson**, Director of Library Services at Washington State Community College and president of Marietta's AAUW branch. She will explore the different approaches to health care issues facing women influenced by "generational differences" and conduct a discussion on how to handle matters that are "different" not "wrong" or "right." The 2:15 Caring for Others program will be presented by **Karen Newlon, RN**, Community Education Consultant for Genesis HomeCare and Genesis Hospice and Palliative Care. Her presentation, "Appalachian Health Care 1900s-Poultices and Potions is

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## Two Dynamic Women Headline Zanesville Equity Day and Annual Meeting

By Virginia E. Palmer, Co-Program Vice-President, AAUW/Ohio

Please join us as we prepare to welcome two outstanding speakers whose presentations will highlight AAUW/Ohio's 2008 Equity Day and Annual Meeting activities in Zanesville.

**Julie Graber**, Senior Associate for Strategic Planning for Ohio State University's Colleges of Arts and Sciences will keynote AAUW/Ohio's 13<sup>th</sup> Equity Day Conference, "Health Care as a Women's Issue," on Friday, April 18, 2008, at the Ramada Inn, Zanesville. She is responsible for leading the start-up work for Ohio State's Institute on Women, Gender, and Public Policy, a new research center being established to track the status of women and girls in the state of Ohio.

She has been a consultant in the areas of strategic planning, organizational development, and marketing in Columbus for the past fifteen years. She has also taught strategic planning and web strategy development for Ohio State's Office of Continuing Education and conducted workshops and seminars on business planning and marketing for the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce Small Business Institute at Franklin University and SCORE.

A frequent speaker on a wide range of topic, Julie has been active in the community serving as a board member and officer of numerous organizations, including service as the president of the boards of WELD (Women for Economic and Leadership Development), the Upper Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce, the Columbus AIDS Task Force, the Columbus Metropolitan Club, and the Columbus UPDowntowners. She served as the founding chair for AIDSWalk - Columbus Walks for Life, Take Our Daughters to Lunch, and the Columbus Arts Marketing Advisory Council. She received a B.S. in retail marketing from The Ohio State University and an M.A. in women's studies from Antioch University McGregor.

**Hollie R. Hinton**, will deliver the opening remarks on Saturday, April 19 at AAUW/Ohio's Annual Meeting in Zanesville. An Ohio native raised in Chillicothe, Hinton was recently named the first director of **Governor Ted Strickland's** Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach, which promotes public policy that advances the status of women and girls in the areas of economic development, health, education and personal safety.

Raised in a care home for disabled veterans that her mother owned and operated, Hinton developed an understanding of how issues can impact underserved populations from an early age. As she grew, her perspective on women's everyday lives was deeply influenced by her mother, whose poor, rural upbringing was shaped by challenging and difficult experiences. Hinton saw that such dynamics were not unique to her mother. Instead, similar experiences were common among local women, which became of particular interest to Hinton.

After a year of study in Spain and another year serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Puerto Rico, Hinton began to recognize the global scope of women's need and this strengthened her commitment to addressing them. She decided to pursue a career in public policy, an area where she felt she could help create sustainable improvement in Women's lives.

Her professional background includes managing public affairs in reproductive health, event coordinating and political fundraising at local, state and national levels. Hinton holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and a graduate certificate in Women's Studies from the University of Cincinnati.

We know you won't want to miss meeting Hollie Hinton and Julie Graber in person as we welcome these two dynamic women to Zanesville!



Graber



Hinton

## About the Zanesville Branch

By Judy Weyand, President, Zanesville Branch

The Zanesville of AAUW/Ohio was founded in 1929. Last year the group celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting on November 16, the same evening the group had been founded. The members were attired in hats and gloves reminiscent of the period of the branch's beginning. The list of fourteen original members has grown to 37 in 2007. The various study groups of the original group has decreased to one: Cultural Interests.

The branch, using the dividends from an investment left by the founder of the Jack and Jill Nursery School, began to award scholarships to high school seniors pursuing majors in childhood education and related fields. The Mary Jean Borley Scholarship is now in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

The Zanesville branch sponsors a Candidates' Forum in the fall and a children's art show in the spring featuring art work from the students in the Muskingum County schools. The branch, working in cooperation with the Muskingum County Academy of Medicine, sends at least four girls from various schools within the county to BeWise Camp each summer.

### Express Your Branch's Creativity

The local arrangements committee for the 2008 state convention has created an opportunity to show your branch's originality. Tables at the Saturday luncheon will be decorated with designs made by the branches. The theme is "southeastern Ohio springtime" and the arrangements should express the theme. The luncheon tables are five feet round so arrangements should be low enough to accommodate conversation. The creations may be made of any materials. A panel of judges will award a prize for the most original design. We hope your branch will participate in this endeavor.

## Nominations for 2008-2010 AAUW/Ohio Board of Directors

On January 5, 2008 The AAUW/Ohio Board voted to approve the nominations for election to office of these individuals for the next biennium. Photos and short bios for each of the women who seek to join the Board President-Elect Diane Regan will lead, appear below The nominees & their offices are as follows:



Ahlers

**Diane Ahlers**, candidate for Ohio Recording Secretary, is a President of the Cleveland Branch. She is also Editor of the Arrow, the Branch's newsletter. Diane is past President and Program Chair of the Troy, Michigan Branch. She is an elementary teacher in the Cleveland Municipal School District. Diane resides in Westlake with her husband George and two rescue dogs, Maggie and Moe.

**Pat Millhoff**, is currently vice-president for membership and has agreed to serve another term. She also is currently president of the Akron Branch. Millhoff is an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Akron and also director of Women's Studies. Prior to coming to the University she practiced criminal defense work for over twenty years.



Millhoff

**Georgene Timko-Johnson [photo unavailable]**, seeks the office of Co-Membership V.P. She is currently president of the Marietta, OH Branch of AAUW. She has a BA in History from Cleveland State University and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Illinois. As an active member of AAUW, she has held AAUW branch offices in Tahlequah (OK), Maryville (MO) and Marietta (OH). Georgene is the Director of Library Services at Washington State Community College in Marietta and has worked in various libraries for 40 years.

**Deborah Wooldridge, P [photo unavailable]**, Ph.D, is the candidate for Educational Foundation VP; is a Professor and the Director of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at Bowling Green State University. She holds a Ph.D in resource management and consumer behavior from Texas Woman's University and a BS and MS in Education from the University of Oklahoma. She is President of the Bowling Green Branch and has served as the Co-Vice-President of Program Development.

**Andrea Adams-Miller**, CHES, MS, candidate for Program VP, is a certified health educator in private practice with over ten years of professional experience and training in sexuality. She is presently working on her dissertation towards her doctorate in Public Health Community Education and Health Promotion. Andrea also teaches in the areas of psychology, sociology, and criminal justice at Owens Community College.



Stellhorn

**Nancy Stellhorn**, an AAUW member for 37 years is currently Finance Officer and has agreed to serve another term. She has held nearly every branch position in two branches in Ohio and Illinois. She has held finance positions with AAUW branches, and numerous church and non-profit organizations. Nancy holds a B.S. and M.S Purdue University in pure mathematics.



Adams-Miller

## How About a Mini Vacation?

By Judy Weyand, President, Zanesville Branch

Muskingum County located in scenic southeastern Ohio is home to many historic sights, among them the Dr. Increase Mathews House Museum, the Historical Stone Academy and the Putnam Presbyterian Church. These are located in Zanesville in one of the historical areas of the city. The world-famous Y Bridge is adjacent to the area and Putnam Park affords an excellent place from which to view the one-of-a-kind location. Ripley's Believe It or Not featured the bridge as "the only bridge in the world which you can cross and still be on the same side of the river". Amelia Earhart called Zanesville "the most recognizable city in the country" because of the bridge.

Have we intrigued you enough to want to know more about the place where the AAUW/Ohio convention will be held in April? The famous Longaberger Company with its hand-woven baskets is located about a half hour north of Zanesville. The area is also known for pottery. Although the industry is no longer as active as in previous years, there is still much evidence of original pieces on display, for sale, and used as decoration in many businesses. The National Road-Zane Grey Museum is located east of Zanesville along what was formerly referred to the National Road; Zane Grey was born in Zanesville. One of the area's newest attractions is The Wilds, a wildlife conservation center where endangered species of animals roam freely. The Wilds is open to the public select days May through October.

The Ramada Inn has given us an excellent incentive to spend some additional time in Muskingum County in April. They have offered us rooms at the conference rate of \$69 both Thursday night and Saturday night so we can extend our stay in the Zanesville area. If you wish to come early or stay late, please specify that you wish the American Association of University Women (not AAUW) rate.