



THE A TO Z OF
AAUW IN
ZANESVILLE

Program: Gail Swingle on "Paris"

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- April 23, 2017**
Book Club, 3 PM, Brighton Presbyterian Church
Book: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson (Note title change)
Hostess: Brooke Anderson
- April 25, 2017 Cultural Interest CANCELLED**
 because of Art Show Preparation
- April 30 2 PM**, Zanesville Museum of Art
Opening Reception for the Muskingum County K-12 Student Art Exhibition
 Join us to welcome the artists and their families. Opens at 1 PM and the awards presentation will be at 2 PM.
- April 30 – May 20, 2017**
Muskingum County K-12 Student Art Exhibition
- May 5-6, 2017**
AAUW Ohio Annual Convention and Equity Day
 Doubletree by Hilton, Worthington, OH
- May 13, 2017 The Works**, 55 S. 1st St, Newark
Lunch and Business Meeting
Tour of The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art, and Technology. Lunch on your own at a restaurant inside the museum. Car pools will be available.
- May 21, 2017**
Book Club, 3 pm, Brighton Presbyterian Church
The Girl in the Ice by Robert Bryndza
 Hostess: Nannette Sherman
- May 23, 2017 Cultural Interest**
 Hostess: Gail Swingle

2017-2018 OFFICERS ELECTED

Election of officers was held at the March meeting. All officers will be installed in May. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve.

President	Nannette Sherman
Programming VP	Kathy Robbins
Recording Secretary	Andrea Salahub
Corresponding Secretary	Babette Wofter
Treasurer	Renée Spiker
Scholarship Term until 2022	Charlotte Cole

CONGRATULATIONS

Renée Spiker has accepted appointment to the position of Finance Officer for AAUW Ohio. The state has had trouble keeping treasurers, so we wish Renée good luck in the job. We have confidence in you!

CARR CENTER CAKE AUCTION

The Branch is again participating in the Carr Center Cake Auction. Our cake will feature the AAUW Logo. Our incentives are a Vera Bradley bag and an Amazon Echo.

AAUW Diversity Statement

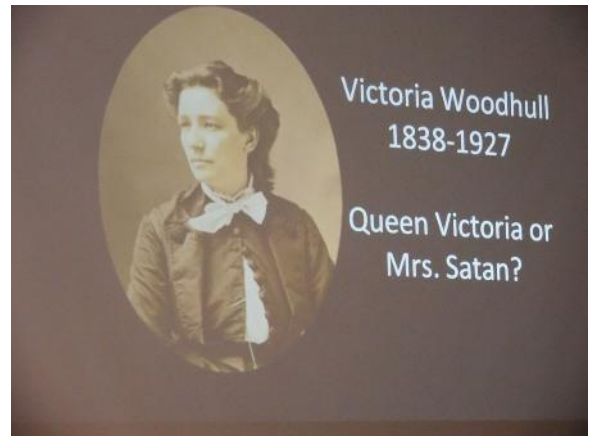
In principal and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE LAST MEETINGS

WOMEN'S HISORY MONTH



AAUW Ohio President Christine Siebeneck and Zanesville Branch President Nannette Sherman. Christine visited the branch on March 11. She spoke about outreach to attract more millennial members and about several projects happening on the state level.



Dr. Judith Dann is a passionate advocate for changing the reputation of Ohio native Victoria Woodhull, the first female Presidential candidate and native of Licking County. About 50 people attended the presentation on March 25 and a lively discussion ensued.



AAUW Zanesville met April 1 at the KD Guest Ranch in Adamsville, Ohio and heard owner Kari Burkey talk about the agritourism business and how she does her job with the Ohio Farm Bureau and shares her responsibilities at the ranch with her husband, Dave, while raising their children. The cabins, lodge, lunch and hospitality were amazing.



Dr. Dann talking to audience members after her presentation.



Display table featured Dr. Dann's collection on Woodhull and information on the Zanesville Branch of AAUW.

OHIO PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy Chair

Now that the ACA is safe for the time being, we can turn our attention to other issues.

Equal Pay Day April 4

It's that time again—the day that we mark the gender pay gap. One example is found in AAUW's *Graduating to a Pay Gap*: Even after accounting for factors including college major, occupation, hours worked, age, geographical region and marital status, there is a 7 percent difference in the earnings of male and female college graduates a year after graduation. AAUW is asking us to write letters to the editor and op-eds to build awareness of the pay gap issue and has provided the resources to do so by email. Other AAUW resources include the publications *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* and Quick Facts on the Gender Pay Gap; and the fact sheet "The Fight for Pay Equity: A State Road Map for Ohio," which includes the earnings ratios of men to women by congressional district (the data are from 2015, but the fact sheet was updated this February). There are other resources as well: the National Committee on Pay Equity lists numerous fact sheets and can be found at www.pay-equity.org. And if you google "gender pay gap," you'll find numerous recent articles referencing the gap. There's still a lot of misunderstanding out there—do what you can to change that.

School Testing Under Study

The Ohio Department of Education has chosen to delay submitting its plan for implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to the federal Department of Education in order to review the state's testing program. The delay until September will allow the state department to appoint an advisory committee on assessments to study ways to streamline testing and to develop a better strategy. Superintendent Paolo DeMaria said the committee will focus on the full range of testing issues — including state-required tests, as well as district-level tests. The committee's first meeting was March 21. Its work is expected to be completed in June.

In addition to the concern of too many tests and teaching to the test, there is concern about unequal resources for testing around the state. In particular, the third grade reading test is computerized, but students in school districts with fewer technological resources are at a disadvantage in using computers and do not fare as well. Some districts have asked to give the test on paper, but have been refused. The "paper vs. computer" controversy needs to be dealt with as well.

Planned Parenthood Still Threatened

Having dodged defunding in the failed American Health Care Act (AHCA), one would hope that Planned Parenthood health centers could relax a little—but no. The US Senate is preparing to overturn a Title X rule put in place in the Obama administration. That rule forbids states from withholding Title X funding for family planning providers for any reason other than an inability to provide services effectively, thus banning attempts to defund providers that also offer abortion services. (Title X provides the funding for family planning and other preventive care.) The vote may occur before you receive this, but if you have the opportunity, please call your senator and ask that the rule not be overturned.

Update on Legislation

House Bill 1, the bill to allow for civil protection orders to be obtained by victims of domestic violence in dating relationships, has had two hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee chair is Sen. Kevin Bacon—his number is 614-466-8064; call to express support.

Senate Bill 4 is also in Sen. Bacon's committee; there's been no change in its status since February. It would expunge the records of victims of human trafficking who committed crimes as a result of being trafficked. Again, call Sen. Bacon to urge action.

House Bill 86, to increase the state minimum wage to \$10.10, has seen no action.

House Bill 49, the state operating budget, is now being discussed in the Senate Finance Committee in informal hearings, although it has not yet passed the House. A number of agencies have appeared in House hearings asking for larger appropriations. Among these, the Ohio Job and

Family Services Directors’ Association is seeking a \$30 million per year increase to serve the children caught up in the opiate crisis, \$10 million a year from TANF funds for expanding kinship caregivers, and \$4 million for child support programs. The opiate crisis has led to children losing their parents and being placed in foster care or with relatives, often grandparents, straining the budgets of agencies serving them.

Another concern likely to be dealt with in the budget is the popular College Credit Plus program, where high school students can take college courses at no cost. The problem is that costs are unpredictable to the schools and the colleges and several private colleges have dropped out of the program. Several reforms, including a cap on the cost of text books, are suggested. Eligibility standards are also proposed.

K-12 school funding is still up in the air.

House Bill 102, School Funding Reform, is a reintroduction of a bill introduced in the lame duck session and described in the January newsletter. intended to be a starting point for discussion of school funding reform, the plan would do away with all local levies and fund schools with a new statewide property tax, Ohio Lottery profits, and General Revenue funding. Under the bill, the state would also assume all local bond debt for school districts. (Cost savings would be achieved through the state’s better bond ratings.)

Essentially, the money would follow the child. The state would pay a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution. Charter schools and traditional public schools would be funded at the same rate, except that e-schools would be funded at a 70% rate because they have less overhead. All state scholarship programs would be eliminated. Transportation would be handled by educational service centers on a regional basis. The bill has been referred to the House Finance committee; no hearings have been scheduled to date.

Senate Bill 85, the Opportunity Scholarship Program Creation, had its first hearing in the Senate Education Committee on March 22. Sponsored by Sen. Matt Huffman, it was described in the March newsletter; it would create a unified school voucher program and educational savings

accounts. Several concerns were raised by committee members—one, that it creates a state preference for private schools, not only paying tuition but giving a bonus via the educational savings account (ESA), according to Sen. Peggy Lehner, committee chair. The ESA would be funded by the difference between the cost of private school tuition and the amount of the student’s voucher, with students encouraged to shop for lower-priced private schools in order to save the difference. It was suggested by Sen. Vern Sykes that the program would be unfair to students in public schools as they would not receive any funding for an educational savings account. A fiscal analysis of the bill is not yet available, but Huffman believes the bill would reduce the amount of money necessary to educate children in Ohio.

FOCO Advocacy Day May 3

Mark your calendars—Freedom of Choice Ohio will hold its annual advocacy day on Wednesday, May 3, at the Columbus Athenaeum, 32 North 4th Street, Columbus 43215 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost is a nominal \$15 for early registration; this ends on April 23. For students, the cost is \$5 for early registration. You can register at www.eventbrite.com/e/roe-together-columbus. As a member of FOCO, AAUW Ohio is a co-sponsor of the event.

The program will explore the multiple threats to reproductive health care and introduce a proactive legislative agenda. Participants will be prepared for meetings with their legislators to show that they do not support abortion bans or attacks on funding.

Copies of AAUW of Ohio’ Public Policy Program were distributed at the March Meeting. For those who missed the meeting, copies are being mailed.
If missed you, please let me know.
Brooke Anderson, Public Policy Chair

**Ran out of room for the Adelante Book Club titles
– I’ll catch them up in the next issue.**

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Paycheck Fairness Act Re-Introduced on Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day marked the reintroduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1869/S. 819) in the House and Senate by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA). The Paycheck Fairness Act is a comprehensive bill that strengthens the Equal Pay Act of 1963 by taking meaningful steps to create incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach and enforcement efforts. AAUW’s Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy Lisa Maatz joined members of Congress for a press conference on Capitol Hill to rally support for the bill. Take action and urge your members of Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act [here](#).

President Trump Proclaims April Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. President Donald Trump has proclaimed April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. President Barack Obama became the first president to issue this proclamation in 2009. During a statement this week, President Trump outlined ways to eliminate sexual assault and violence, including increasing awareness, creating systems to protect vulnerable populations, and sharing successful tactics. Activist groups have noted the irony of President Trump’s proclamation considering the release of a tape in which talked about groping women without their consent.

Small Businesses Show Overwhelming Support for Paid Family Leave. A new survey by Small Business Majority and the Center for American Progress indicates that a majority of small business owners support paid family leave programs. Seven out of ten small businesses owners support the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, which would create a national paid family and medical leave insurance program. AAUW advocates for greater availability and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance, including providing greater coverage to workers in all private sector companies and creating a self-sustaining insurance fund. Tell your members of Congress to pass the FAMILY Act to

protect American workers, benefit businesses, and support the overall economy [here](#)

President Trump Rescinds Obama-Era Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Rule

Using the Congressional Review Act, Republicans in Congress passed a bill repealing the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces rule, which sought to end government contracts with companies that routinely violated civil rights, wage and hour, and safety laws. President Donald Trump signed the bill. The revocation will make it difficult for agencies such as the U.S. Department of Labor to reinstate similar rules without Congressional approval. The CRA was also used to overturn two Department of Education regulations, after Congressional Republicans argued that these regulations constituted federal overreach. One of the overturned regulations required federally funded teacher preparation programs to meet certain evaluation standards, and the other sought to provide improvement plans for failing schools.

Vice President Pence Casts Tie-Breaking Vote on Title X Funding

On Thursday, Vice President Mike Pence cast a tie-breaking vote in the U.S. Senate, approving a resolution to overturn an Obama administration rule that prevented states from withholding funds for Planned Parenthood and abortion providers. Two Republicans, Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) opposed the resolution, leading to the 50-50 tie. If signed into law, the resolution would allow states to resume policies that block Planned Parenthood from getting federal funds through the Title X family-planning program. AAUW opposes any attempt to limit access to Title X programs and supports increasing Title X funding.

AAUW JEERS

After U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May and Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon met for a diplomatic summit, British tabloid *The Daily Mail* ran the headline, “Never mind Brexit, who won Legs-it!” The sexist headline refers to the two international leaders’ skirts worn during the summit.

AAUW CHEERS

In an interview with *The Washington Post*, actress and activist Patricia Arquette recommended that Ivanka Trump meet with AAUW’s Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy Lisa Maatz to effectively work on women’s issues, especially on equal pay.

USA Hockey reached a deal with the U.S. Women’s National Hockey Team to pay its members outside of the six months before the Olympics as it had been doing, avoiding the team’s boycott of the upcoming world championships. The NHL Players’ Association and MLB Players’ Association announced support of the women’s hockey team in their fight for fair pay.

Nancy Abu-Bonsrah made history this week by becoming the first black female neurosurgery resident at Johns Hopkins. Abu-Bonsrah emigrated from Ghana to the United States when she was 15 years old.

BITS AND PIECES

- The White House does not plan to seek the American Bar Association’s opinion on lower court judicial nominees. All presidents since Dwight Eisenhower, with the exception of President George W. Bush, have used the ABA’s opinions when choosing lower court nominees.
- AAUW joined with 576 organizations to urge Congress to protect the student loan program and strengthen Pell Grants.
- In the wake of the news of cases brought against news anchor Bill O’Reilly for sexual harassment, nearly 50 advertisers have pulled their advertisements from Fox’s *The O’Reilly Factor*.
- An article series by the Harvard Business Review titled “The Business of Inequality” examines why inequality in the workplace is an urgent business problem. We agree – just last year, AAUW released *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, which examines women’s underrepresentation in leadership roles in business, politics, and education.

- A recent study found that women justices on the U.S. Supreme Court are more likely to be interrupted by their male counterparts.
- Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Ivanka Trump visited the National Air and Space Museum in support of STEM education and women in STEM careers. Still, Trump’s budget proposal would shut down NASA’s Office of Education, which works to promote STEM for girls, along with other educational initiatives.
- A study by the Wisconsin HOPE Lab found that a majority of community college students experience basic needs insecurity including food and housing insecurity, further threatening student success. Students at more racially diverse community colleges face a slightly higher rate of basic needs insecurity.

**RAISE OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE
HELP GROW THE AAUW ACTION NETWORK**

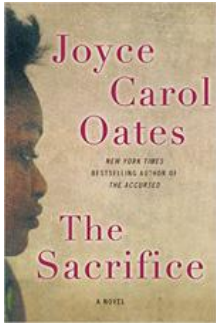
AAUW provides a trusted voice in statehouses across the country. But we can always be louder. Let’s add to our Action Network - the cornerstone of AAUW’s e-advocacy efforts - so we can increase the drumbeat for education, equal pay, paid family leave, and so much more. Action Network sends subscribers urgent e-mail notices to easily contact their elected representatives through the Two-Minute Activist tool.

Sign up at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

You don’t need to be an AAUW member to join so ask your friends as well. Together we can make a difference. You provide the voice, we’ll provide the megaphone.

April 2017

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



The Sacrifice

by Joyce Carol Oates

“When a 14-year-old girl is the alleged victim of a terrible act of racial violence, the incident shocks and galvanizes her community, exacerbating the racial

tension that has been simmering in this New Jersey town for decades. Unfolding in a succession of multiracial voices, in a community transfixed by this alleged crime and the spectacle unfolding around it, this profound novel exposes what — and who — the “sacrifice” actually is and what consequences these events hold for us all. Oates offers a sympathetic portrait of the young girl and her mother and challenges our expectations and beliefs about our society, our biases, and ourselves. As the chorus of its voices — from the police to the media to the victim and her family — reaches a crescendo, *The Sacrifice* offers a shocking new understanding of power and oppression, innocence and guilt, truth and sensationalism, justice and retribution.”

two Brooklyn English professors and their adopted Chinese daughter. Inducted into the world of organic food co-ops and 19th-century novels, Re is the recipient of Beth Mazer’s feminist lectures and Ed Farley’s very male attention. But when a family death interrupts Re and Farley’s blossoming affair, she flies off to Seoul, leaving New York behind. Reconnecting with family and struggling to learn the ways of modern-day Korea, Re begins to wonder if Farley is the man for her. Re returns to Queens, where she must find a balance between two cultures and accept who she really is.”

June 2017

LGBT Pride Month

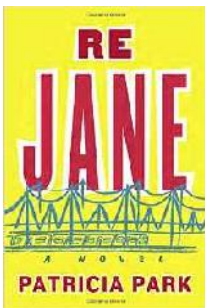


Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family

By Amy Ellis Nutt
(@amyellisnutt)

“When Wayne and Kelly Maines adopted identical twin boys, they thought

their lives were complete. But it wasn’t long before they noticed a marked difference between Jonas and his brother, Wyatt. Jonas preferred sports and trucks and many of the things little boys were “supposed” to like. Wyatt liked princess dolls, dress-up, and playing Little Mermaid. By the time the twins were toddlers, confusion over Wyatt’s insistence that he was female began to tear the family apart. In the years that followed, the Maineses came to question their long-held views on gender and identity, accept and embrace Wyatt’s transition to Nicole, and undergo an emotionally wrenching transformation of their own that would change their lives forever. *Becoming Nicole* chronicles a journey that could have destroyed a family but instead brought it closer together.”



May 2017

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Re Jane

By Patricia Park, 2013–14
AAUW American Fellow

“For Jane Re, a half-Korean, half-American orphan, the place she’s wanted to escape her whole life is Flushing, Queens. Sardonic yet vulnerable, Re toils — unappreciated — in her strict uncle’s grocery store and politely observes the traditional principle of nunchi. Desperate for a new life, she becomes the au pair for the Mazer-Farleys,