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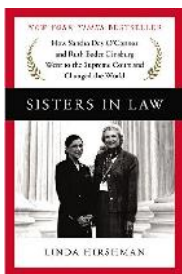
UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Branch Meeting, Primrose, 11:30 am
February 25, 2017 – NOTE DATE CHANGE
Teresa Cowden of Edward Jones on investment strategies for women
Nominating Committee will announce candidates for offices of VP Programming, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Scholarship Committee

Book Club, Brighton Presbyterian Church, 3 pm
February 19
American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes & Trial of Patty Hearst by Jeffrey Toobin
Hostess: Marcia Hartman

Cultural Interest, Helen Purcell, 11:30
February 28
Janet Reed on Normandy
Hostess: Mary Flanagan

Join an Adelante Book Discussion Webinar with the Author of Sisters in Law: Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman



March 26, 2017 at 8 PM
Register Online at

http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/03/adelante-book-discussion-sisters-in-law/

EVERYBODY IN, NOBODY OUT
by Marcia Hartman

On Sunday, January 15, Diane Pavlik and I cut out of book club early and drove to Columbus to attend the "Save Social Security and Health Care Rally." The rally was a response to a call from Senators Bernie Sanders and Chuck Schumer and Representative Nancy Pelosi. They asked people to stand up against the proposed Republican cuts to Social Security, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act.

The Sponsor of the rally was Our Revolution Ohio. Speakers were from the Sierra Club, the Steelworkers Union, AFL-CIO, ERA-Action, and the organization I support: Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) Ohio. There also were speeches from State Representatives Adam Miller and Dan Rames. Former Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy was also on the agenda.

Speakers linked environmental concern to health, pointing out that health threats from global warming and pollution of air, land and water affects many. Most speakers supported going beyond our current health programs and adopting a universal single payer insurance system similar to other industrialized nations (and many not so industrialized).

The rally was well attended. I am not good at estimating crowd size but there were between 700-1000 people. It was held on the same day as the Columbus Women's March with some events connected to that march occurring at the same time.

Petitions were signed as SPAN Ohio collected signatures on letters to Senator Portman. Call Senator Portman office to express your concerns. The rallying cry for health care? Everybody In, Nobody Out!

WOMEN’S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

By Lisa M. Maatz

**VP of Government Relations and Advocacy
AAUW**

What a weekend! From coast to coast, AAUW members were among the millions who marched nationwide on Saturday to deliver the message that women’s rights are human rights. You can find some of our favorite AAUW photos [highlighted here](#). Thank you to all who came together to raise their voices on issues critical to women and girls, and to AAUW.



AAUW Board Chair Patricia Fae Ho leads the AAUW delegation at the Women's March on Washington

However, our march forward does not end when the signs are packed away and the crowds head home. It’s more critical now than ever that we come together to make our message heard, starting today. Take action with AAUW now:

1. Did you march? [Click here to be counted!](#) In just 30 seconds, you can help AAUW show our impact by participating in our official headcount. (<http://bit.ly/AAUWheadcount>)
2. Join AAUW in the 10 actions/100 days campaign by adding your name to our [electronic postcard](#) to [demand that women’s priorities be America’s priorities](#). Over the next 100 days, you’ll have the opportunity to carry on the march’s momentum by taking action on 10 items important to AAUW.

3. Share this email with your friends, neighbors, colleagues, cousins – anyone and everyone you know. This weekend proved there’s strength in numbers and we need your help spreading the word. Encourage everyone you know to [become a Two Minute Activist today](#) and reach out to individuals in your community to invite them to [join AAUW](#).

For over 135 years, AAUW has been the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls – and we don’t intend to quit. Together, we can make a difference.

10 Actions/100 Days

From the official web site of the Women’s March

On January 21, over 5 million worldwide and over 5 million in Washington, D.C., made our voices heard. But it doesn’t end here – now is not the time hang up our marching shoes – it is time to get our friends, family and community together and make history.

Every 10 days we will take action on an issue. Sign up here to be notified of the next action. www.womensmarch.com/100/

The first action was the electronic postcard mentioned in Lisa Maatz’s column on this page. For those of you without Internet access, they are asking you to send a message to members of Congress about what matters most to you – and how you are going to continue to fight for it in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

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.

OHIO PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy Chair

Keeping up the momentum: What we can do after the March

Working in Coalition: Roe Together Events this Month

Stronger together isn't just a campaign slogan, it's a guiding principle for making a difference, especially with volunteer organizations. We speak more convincingly when we speak with one voice. The coalition Freedom of Choice Ohio (FOCO) has been an integral part of AAUW Ohio's public policy program for more than 20 years, as we have supported annual lobby days, Roe anniversary events, and legislative calls to action. (The primary purpose of Freedom of Choice Ohio is to advocate for reproductive rights and to provide member organizations and the public with information and education on public policy matters related to protecting and preserving reproductive freedom, including the availability of safe, legal abortion and contraception.)

Now the call to action is taking the form of a series of activist boot camps around the state. The serious threats to reproductive rights and women's reproductive health are incentive enough to participate in the boot camps. The events are free, but registration is needed to provide adequate food and materials. Here are the sign-up sites:

Columbus, Wednesday, Feb. 8: Temple Israel, 5419 E. Broad St., 6-9 PM. www.eventbrite.com/e/roe-together-columbus-activist-bootcamp-registration-31509278099

Cleveland, Thursday, Feb. 9: SEIU, 1771 E. 30th St., 6:30-9:30 PM. www.eventbrite.com/e/roe-together-cleveland-activist-bootcamp-tickets-31135658593

Dayton, Saturday, Feb. 18: Harmony Creek Church, 5280 Bigger Rd., 12:00 PM. www.eventbrite.com/e/roe-together-dayton-activist-bootcamp-registration-31509554927

Women's Public Policy Network Legislative Update

Our newest coalition partner, the Women's Public Policy Network, has updated its legislative scorecard with the final actions of the 131st General Assembly relating to women's economic security. You can find it here: www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org. The final analysis shows that of the 22 policy goals, more than two-thirds scored a 'D' or an 'F.' Three policy goals moved from 'D' to 'F' when last-minute amendments prohibited cities from passing minimum wage increases or being required to provide paid family leave. You can use the scorecard, together with the economic security agenda, as a reminder of what needs to be done in this new session of the legislature—and to keep your representatives accountable on these significant issues.

Potential Impact on Women of Repeal of the Affordable Care Act

Now in its final edits is an important piece outlining what's at stake for women if the Affordable Care Act is repealed—also coming from the Women's Public Policy Network. It should be on the web site (www.womenspublicpolicynetwork.org) within the next week and can be widely shared. The goal is to be sure that our members of Congress do not repeal the ACA without a viable replacement. There's a Twitter hashtag, #ProtectOurCare that can be used to share the fact sheet.

What to Expect in the Governor's Budget

Declining state revenues, the impact of the state income tax cuts back in the last Taft administration, are resulting in an austere budget proposal. Even so, more state tax cuts are being recommended, to be offset by a 0.5 percent increase in the state sales tax. Here are some specifics relating to education:

- An overall increase in K-12 funding of about one percent. This will mean cuts for some districts, generally equal to their school population loss.
- A freeze on higher education tuition and fees at public institutions for two years.

- A cap of \$300 on the cost of textbooks for students at public colleges and universities, with the institutions picking up any additional costs.

It's proposed that Medicaid expansion be preserved, provided that Congress does not pull Medicaid funding in a repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The hearing process is just beginning—we'll be watching as matters progress.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON
From AAUW emails

U.S. House Republican women now chair three standing committees, showing record gains in leadership. While women make up only nine percent of the Republican Party's share of U.S. Representatives, Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Susan Brooks (R-IN), and Diane Black (R-TN) have risen to lead the House Education and Workforce, Ethics, and Budget Committees, respectively. More Republican women have also been assigned to lead House subcommittees, including Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) who will chair the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities. GOP women in the U.S. Senate also made history, as Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) will be the first Republican woman to chair two different Senate committees.

Senate confirmation hearings continued this week, highlighted by those of Secretary of Education Nominee Betsy DeVos and Secretary of Health and Human Services Nominee Rep. Tom Price (R-GA). DeVos, one of several cabinet nominees with incomplete ethics paperwork, faced questions concerning her support for school vouchers and accountability standards for charter schools. She remained hesitant to confirm her support for campus sexual assault measures established during the Obama administration. Rep. Price fielded questions related to the proposed plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, a move that would impact millions of Americans. When asked about potential changes to Medicaid or popular parts of the ACA, such as the pre-existing condition provision, Price stated, "We think it's absolutely imperative that individuals that have health

coverage be able to keep health coverage and move hopefully to greater choices and options for them to gain the kind of coverage they want for themselves and their families." Unfortunately, a clear replacement plan has not been shared publicly.

The independent Congressional Budget Office released a report on Tuesday, detailing the grave effects that may unfold if Congress repeals the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The report examines the most significant parts of the repeal, including the elimination of the individual mandate and the rollback of Medicaid expansion. If the ACA is repealed, an estimated 18 million Americans would lose health coverage. Repealing the expansion of Medicaid eligibility and the subsidies for insurance purchased through the ACA marketplaces would cause the number of uninsured to increase to 27 million, and to 32 million in 2026. Finally, premiums for individual policies would increase by at least 20 percent in the first year following the repeal, and they would increase to 50 percent following the elimination of Medicaid expansion. A poll released on Friday showed that 49 percent of Americans are favorable of Obamacare, while 47 percent oppose the law. It is the first time since the law's passage in 2010 that more Americans support than oppose the ACA. It's also become clear that many do not understand that ACA and Obamacare are one and the same.

AAUW CHEER

A new commemorative coin from the U.S. Mint and Treasury will feature a black woman as Lady Liberty for the first time in history. She is the first in a series of 24-karat gold coins that will depict Lady Liberty as Asian-American, Hispanic-American, and Indian-American, among others, to demonstrate the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States.

Hidden Figures surpassed *Rogue One* during its opening weekend and earned \$22.8 million, signifying a huge win for women and women of color in film. *Hidden Figures* tells the story of three female African-American NASA mathematicians who played key roles in early U.S. space exploration.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES AND OPPOSITION

At the start of the new year, minimum wage increases went into effect in 19 states, leading to raises for 4.3 million workers. Some states, such as California and New York, did so through legislative action. While others—Arizona, Colorado, Maine and Washington—ushered in the increase through ballot measures. Additionally, seven states already have inflation indexing, whereby the minimum wage is automatically adjusted every year to account for changing prices. On top of the protections at the state level, 35 localities now have a minimum wage that is higher than that of their state.

However, these changes are leading to push back in the form of so-called “preemption” bills that block municipalities from taking action on provisions like minimum wage or paid leave. **These preemption bills, like the one passed in Ohio at the end of the 2016 legislative session**, mandate a ceiling on worker protections, rather than a floor upon which municipalities can build. All told, more than 20 states have passed such laws.

**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.

AAUW JEER

President-elect Donald Trump is set to have the first Cabinet since 1988 without a Hispanic member. If all of Trump’s current nominees are confirmed, women and nonwhites will make up only five of 21 Cabinet positions.

BITS AND PIECES

Ivanka Trump is expected to play a significant role as First Daughter in her father’s administration, as she fills in for step-mother Melania Trump, who will remain in New York for the next several months. In addition to traditional hostess duties, Ivanka is anticipated to focus her efforts on equal pay, childcare and paid family leave initiatives.

National abortion rates have fallen to their lowest levels since *Roe v. Wade*. Reports suggest that increased use of long-term birth control, including free access to birth control under the ACA, likely played a role in the decline.

President-elect Donald Trump’s transition team announced plans to decrease the federal government’s size and its spending. Included in the proposed cuts are the elimination of all Violence Against Women grant programs, decreased funding for the Departments of Commerce and Energy, and full elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts. AAUW will be monitoring these developments and take action per our member-adopted Public Policy Program.

President Barack Obama’s approval rating reached 60 percent during his last week in office, which is his highest rating since June 2009. Obama ranks third among outgoing presidents’ approval ratings, after President Bill Clinton with 66 percent and President Ronald Reagan with 64 percent.

As of January 19, President-elect Donald Trump had nominated only 29 of the 690 government positions that require confirmation by the U.S. Senate. The Partnership for Public Service recommends that incoming presidents nominate around 100 of these positions by Inauguration Day.

The Hill outlined five policy areas in which Democrats and President-elect Trump may be able to cooperate—trade, minimum wage, infrastructure, Medicare drug-price negotiations, and Social Security.

A new report from Bankrate showed that only 41 percent of Americans have enough savings to cover an unexpected \$500 bill. Millennials remain the most prepared with 47 percent reporting the ability to pay for an unplanned bill.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin (R) signed two bills restricting reproductive rights. Under the new laws, abortions are banned at or after 20 weeks of pregnancy and physicians are now required to perform ultrasounds and provide audio of the fetal heartbeat to women opting for the procedure.

According to a recent survey, 66 percent of female fast food workers reported experiencing sexual harassment at Secretary of Labor Nominee and Carl’s Jr. CEO Andrew Puzder’s CKE Restaurants. Many workers cite the company’s highly sexualized commercials and advertisements as motivators for the harassment.

Before leaving office, President Obama designated three historical civil rights sites as national monuments. Seeking to honor and preserve the history of African-Americans in the South, the designations include the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, the Freedom Riders National Monument, and the Reconstruction Era National Monument.

MORE ON THE WOMEN’S MARCH

**Submitted by Andrea Salahub
From “A Might Girl” web site**

The official numbers for the historic Women's Marches held in 914 cities in over 60 countries around the world are in! And, the political scientists who have been tallying march attendance data all week have reached an incredible conclusion -- that there is "no doubt that this was the largest single-day event in US history." Two political scientists, Erica Chenoweth, a professor at the University of Denver, and Jeremy

Pressman, a professor at the University of Connecticut, have developed a massive database tracking Women's March attendance around the world based on analyzing news and attendee reports. Since crowd counting is an inexact science, the researchers developed a low-end and high-end estimate for every march. Yesterday, they announced their final Women's March tally -- on the low end, 3.5 million people participated globally, while on the high end, 5.6 million people marched. While many marches took place around the world, the vast majority of global turnout was not surprisingly at US-based marches. Even using the conservative low-end estimate for U.S. Women's March attendance, the researches made a remarkable discovery: on Saturday, at least one out of every 100 Americans participated in a Women's March, an unprecedented mass mobilization that was the largest ever in US history.

Chenoweth, who studies emerging political movements, says that act of counting is an important one. “It’s a really empowering thing to be noticed and to be tallied,” she observed. “That actually came to be much more evident to me when people started emailing us and tweeting at us, reporting that they had two, five, seven, 12 people in their tiny outpost.” For the US alone, the researches collected data on 653 individual Women's Marches in cities ranging from Abilene, Texas to Zebulon, Georgia. Now, they plan to continue analyzing the data and develop a final "best guess" estimate and rationale, which they say "will involve various adjustments for under/over-reporting and source validation." They believe that this number will "land us somewhere between the current high and low estimates."

Thank you once again to everyone who turned out for this immense show of solidarity and support for the belief that women's rights are human rights. And, thank you to Erica Chenoweth and Jeremy Pressman for undertaking the significant challenge of capturing the true and immerse scale of this historic day of action -- a day which marked just the beginning of a fight to protect the rights of women and all those who are threatened in days ahead.