

Medina County Branch.....

.....E-NEWSLETTER



AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education and research

Hats Off to Summer

Get out your party hats! Medina County Branch will celebrate summer with a carry-in luncheon Sat. Aug. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Jill Heck.

Program Vice President Marilyn Sigel noted that last year's impromptu luncheon was so successful in bringing out members and guests to socialize and get a head start on the year's activities, that it will be repeated. "Dress for a casual garden party," she remarked. "Hats are optional, but will add to the festivities."



Members are asked to bring dishes to share – salads, sides, desserts, etc. Beverages and entrée will be supplied, as well as place settings.

Guests are welcome; opportunities will be provided to sign up for branch committees.

E-mail Marilyn at DAMARFARM@aol.com, or call her at 330.625.2772 to confirm that you will be attending.

Jill's home, 3818 Weymouth Woods Drive is located in the Weymouth Woods subdivision, off Huffman Road, in Medina Township. Contact her at 330.725.4429 if you need more information.

Arts and Entertainment Interest Group

The group is contemplating a visit to a high profile farmers' market/ auction in Homerville followed by a bar-b-que at the home of Marilyn and David Sigel. This event would take place in the late afternoon in September, on a Friday. Spouses and partners would be invited to participate, if there is sufficient interest.

Please contact Marilyn to indicate your interest in this event. A date will be finalized. Suggestions for future A&E activities are always welcome.

At a Glance....

AUG. 7 -- SPECIAL ELECTION DAY --

Various issues in local communities

AUG. 11 -- AAUW/OHIO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, OH Wesleyan Univ., Delaware, OH

AUG. 18 -- SUMMER LUNCHEON, 11:30, at the home of Jill Heck, 3818 Weymouth Woods Dr.

SEPT. 5 -- BOARD MEETING, 1:00, Buckeye Library meeting room

SEPT. 10 --DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION, 1:00, location TBA

SEPT. 19 -- EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION, 7:00 p.m., home of Cindy Weisheit

SEPT. 27 -- AAUW PRESENTS: "....AND HIS LOVELY WIFE, AN EVENING WITH CONNIE SCHULTZ", 7:00 p.m., Broadway Hall, Medina

Renew Membership Now

Branch dues are being collected for the 2007-2008 fiscal year which started July 1. Membership Vice President Theresa Laffey reminds all renewing members to send their dues in before September to continue to be on our e-mail, newsletter, and directory listings.

This year's fees are \$61, including \$47, National; \$8, State; and \$6, Medina County Branch. You may include an extra \$5 at this time to go towards our contribution to the Legal Advocacy Fund, which will make the total \$66.

Please send checks to Cindy Weisheit, Treasurer, 3265 Hardwood Hollow, Medina.

GIVE-A-GRAD-A GIFT

At no cost to you, you may provide a year's membership in our national AAUW to a recent college graduate, or associate degreed graduate, simply by going to the AAUW website, <http://www.aauw.org> ,

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Schultz to Appear in Medina For Scholarship Fund Benefit

It's not often one gets to talk with a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer or the wife of a US Senator, but members will have that opportunity in one event on September 27, at 7 p.m. at the Broadway Hall in Medina.



Plain Dealer columnist and noted writer Connie Schultz has graciously offered her time to speak to our community and introduce her latest publication, *...And His Lovely Wife: A Memoir from the Woman Beside the Man* at a benefit program for the Medina Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Schultz will discuss insights about political campaigning from her experiences traveling throughout the state as her husband, Sherrod Brown, stumped for the Senate seat. Following the presentation, she will be available for a book signing.

Tickets, priced at \$15, will be ready for distribution at the August membership luncheon. As this will be our major fall fundraiser, members will be asked to be responsible for selling five tickets and promoting the event. Persons who are not in attendance at the August meeting will receive tickets in the mail.

Gloria Brown is chairing a committee to coordinate the program. "It is exciting that Connie has decided to return to Medina and that our scholarship fund will benefit from her personal appearance," she said. "We look forward to giving her a warm welcome, and a full house."

"The program, as a membership event, will kick-off the AAUW year. It will serve to focus attention on our organization and our scholarship efforts," commented president Beth Lawton.

FUND GROWS FROM "\$0" TO \$16,000 IN THREE YEARS

The Medina County Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund has grown during the 2006-07 year thanks to the following donors: Jody Bacon, John & Kathy Batchelder, Ellie Blair, Carol Cary, Pat Chaloupek, Kay Friday, John & Virginia Jeandrevin, Carol Thombs, Cindy Weisheit. The Fund was started just three years ago.

According to the last quarterly report from the Akron Community Foundation, the value of our Fund is listed at over \$16,000.

Members and friends are asked to keep the Fund in mind when making charitable contributions or memorials. This is the money which we anticipate will grow to sustain the awarding of our annual scholarships to non-traditional women students. See our branch website to download a contribution form.

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clicking on "Member Center", then "Give a Grad a Gift." You can complete a form on-line or download one to print and mail in. All that is required is the grad's name, address information, college, degree and graduation year. Association will connect her to the AAUW network with an "At Large" membership.

If the grad resides in the Medina County area, you may wish to add her to our roster by paying her state and local dues. This would be a great gift for a new graduate and a welcome addition to our branch!

Delegates Mandate Change In National AAUW Structure

With an eye to the future success of AAUW, delegates to the Association convention in Phoenix voted last month to make sweeping changes in the national organizational structure.

Authority was given to newly-elected board members to draft by-laws that will streamline the organization into one entity, with a single set of officers and directors. A second step authorized the board to utilize on-line or paper voting, enabling each member to vote for by-laws changes whether or not they attend a national convention.

Pat Chaloupek, Medina newsletter editor, was a delegate to this convention and a participant in the historical changes. More information to follow in subsequent editions of this newsletter. Reference the aauw.org website, <http://www.aauw.org/convention/conv2007/index.cfm>, for a convention report.