



AAUW Youngstown Update

April 2024



I hope you can join us at our next meeting will be April 2, 2024, at 5:30 pm.at the Main Mahoning County Library, 305 Wick Ave., Room 206 (2nd floor to the right as you get off the elevator), We will be discussing the historical perspective of women in education. We hope to have a presentation from the LWV about the voucher system in Ohio and how it has affected the public school system. Members will be discussing their perspective and experience in education. If you would like to hear and see what is happening to Public Education in Ohio, you need to see these presentations.





Luanna Jacobs was a member of AAUW for over 50 years and participated in and supported many of our activities. Unfortunately, she died this past year. Her husband and family have asked us to come to her Celebration of Life. Alan has asked that we continue to stay in contact with him, so I would like to encourage members go in support of the family and in memory of Luanna.

On April 28, 2024, Luanna's Celebration of Life will happen at Fellows Riverside Gardens banquet hall. At 11 a.m., a welcoming continental breakfast will include scones, crumpets, and tea cakes. This will be followed by a PowerPoint slide show of highlights of Luanna's life. Comments from attendees will be welcomed. Then, we will have a high tea with British and Scandinavian delicacies (Swedish meatballs, finger sandwiches, trifle, quiches, and Norwegian rice pudding. It is casual dress. NO GIFTS. Please RSVP ASAP, but before April 1st. at alanmartinjacobs@yahoo.com or voice mail or text to Alan's cellphone (330-718-2933)



We will be celebrating our 100 years in AAUW at A La Carte restaurant on April 29th at 5:30 p.m. There are flyers and invitations available to send to all who may be interested in attending. Cost is \$35 and includes a buffet dinner, centerpieces to be given away, souvenir bookmarks to mark the occasion and a couple other surprises. We will have invitations to be sent out by text, email or regular mail. If there are people who would like to sit together, be sure to indicate that with your return response or try to send the responses together.

Menu:

- Tossed Salad (GF, V)
- Tomato, Pepper & Onion Salad (GF, V)
- Stuffed Chicken Breast

Pasta & Sauce with no meat or cheese (V) (GF free pasta upon request)
Meatballs, cheese, peppers separate
Baked Whitefish (GF)
Italian Blend Vegetables (GF, V)
Redskin Potatoes (GF, V)
Rolls & Butter
Tea, Hot Tea, Coffee, Water
Chocolate Mousse (GF) or apple pie for dessert

Let us get those invitations out so we can celebrate with friends and family!



Ohio AAUW Spring Convention will be Saturday, April 13 - 10am - 3pm EDT at Central State University, Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, OH, 45384. Cost for in person will be about \$45, about \$20 to attend virtually. I will be attending in person and we can have one other person come that can vote on issues. Hopefully, we will win some awards.

Don't forget to vote on bylaws proposed changes: [Proposed Bylaw Changes](#). Ballots will be mailed to those who do not have a computer or access to email. You can cast your vote between April 3rd and May 15th. Any questions can be answered on the National Webpage. To vote: vote@simplyvoting.com

AAUW has many toolkits or seminars on items of interest that support our mission to educate, advocate, and support women and girls with policies, programs, and training that leads to improving economic prosperity, gender equality and leadership roles. We work against censorship, harassment, bullying and sexual assault. Look at our WorkSmart program, leadership programs, promotion of STEAM, and research projects.



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The Impact of Leadership on Culture and Community By Honorable Carla Baldwin



We had several members and guests that attended the Honorable Carla Baldwin's talk. Pictured from left to right are Lisa Resneck, Dr. Sharon Stringer, Jorine Stone., Denise Walters Dobson, Kathie Nalepa, Atty. Patricia Wagner, Honorable Carla Baldwin, Jenny Tullis, Dr. Nina Stourman, Beverly Gibson, Judy Sluss (hiding), Dr. Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, MaryAnn Allgood, Dr. Vilma Kolacz-Belanger, and Judy Stanger. She spoke on "The impact of Leadership on Culture and Community." She is the only full time Municipal court in the county, who became a Municipal judge in 2018. She shared her personal story and explained how values and commitment has led to how she runs her office.

Legislation

Editorial By Jorine Stone

I think more states should follow Oregon's new ruling. Oregon lawmakers were disqualified and could not be added back to the Republican primary ballot because they had multiple absences when they did not want to vote on a bill that required a quorum to be present. They were barred from running for reelection by the secretary of state for having 10 or more unexcused absences from the Legislature.

US Legislation

Senate Democrats recently reintroduced the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, breathing new life into the bill by introducing a new formula for determining which states are subject to preclearance.

Ohio Legislation

Citizens not Politicians continues to gather signatures to end gerrymandering in Ohio. Right now in Ohio, politicians and lobbyists manipulate voting districts to protect their interests and guarantee their reelection. In other words, we let politicians choose their voters when the voters should be choosing their politicians.

If you have not signed a petition yet, I urge you to do so. They are collecting signatures on election day. If you have not voted yet, the primary election determines who you will be on the ballot in November. Several issues are on the ballot also.

Every eligible voter deserves to have their vote counted. That is the cornerstone of our democracy. And we all suffer when eligible, registered voters are turned away from the polls, unable to find their polling place, or otherwise blocked from exercising their rights. Fact: There are currently 129 active voting rights cases spread across 37 states and the District of Columbia. This does not include cases involving campaign finance, Former President Trump's indictments and potential disqualification or redistricting.

Webinar

I will not be able to attend but there is an online seminar on "Busting myths and enhancing support: advancing workplace success for women" on Wednesday, March 20th at 2:30 pm. If interested, I can send you the site to connect.

Humor:

This is a little late, but I wanted a little humor-we all need a good laugh.

A group of Americans were touring Ireland. One of the women in the group was a real curmudgeon, constantly complaining. (The bus seats are uncomfortable, the food is terrible, it is too hot, it is too cold, the rooms are awful). The group arrived at the site of the famous Blarney Stone. "Good luck will be followin' ya all your days if you kiss the Blarney Stone," the guide said. "Unfortunately, it is being cleaned today and so no one will be able to kiss it. Perhaps, we can come back tomorrow." "We can't be here tomorrow," the nasty woman shouted. "We have some other boring tour to go on, so I guess we can't kiss the stupid stone." "Well now," the guide said, "it is said that if you kiss someone who has kissed the stone, you'll have the same good fortune." "And I suppose you have kissed the stone," the woman scoffed. "No, ma'am," the frustrated guide said, "but I've sat on it."

Hope to see you on the 2nd.

Jorine