



AAUW Youngtown Branch Update

March 2024

I hope you can come to our next meeting on March 2nd, 2024, at 10 a.m. (Saturday) at the Main Branch of the Mahoning Co Public Library on Wick Ave. The Honorable Carla Baldwin will be speaking on "The Impact of Leadership on Culture and Community." Judge Baldwin has served as Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Youngstown Municipal Court since 2018, where she presides over misdemeanor criminal cases, traffic cases, and Drug Court. There will be a question-and-answer session during the session. Hosts will be Patty Wagner & Sherri Lovelace-Cameron



In honor of women's history month, we are requesting that items can be brought to the meeting to be donated to the YWCA. The items requested are new clothing for children, kitchen pots and pans, knife sets, food storage containers, new pillows, blankets, mattress covers (twin), New Kitchen Towels, Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Brush/Comb, Shaving Supplies, Feminine Hygiene Items, Hand Sanitizer, Diaper Rash Cream, Baby Bath / Shampoo, First-Aid Kit, Band-Aids, Baby Powder, Tissues, Baby Wipes, Body Wash / Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser, Shampoo / Conditioner (full size), Towels, Washcloths, Cotton Swabs / Cotton Balls, Diapers & Wipes (sizes: Newborn - 5), Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Walmart/Target Gift Cards for Family Supplies, Laundry Baskets, Ziplock Bags, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, & School Supplies.

All That Jazz

February 3, 2024, Meeting



You missed a great meeting on February 3rd where Chris Cobb, Professor Emerita from Youngstown State University, spoke about how tap and jazz are making their way into dance programs. She demonstrated and taught different dance steps. Members participated in learning the different dance moves allowing improvisation, and call and response routines.

Celebrating 100 Years!



The Committee for our 100-year celebration have been working hard to put it together. We have Save the Date cards and a flier to be given to those who you think would enjoy joining us. Thank you to Janet Haladay who designed the cards and fliers. The event will be at A La Carte restaurant on April 29th at 5:30 p.m. Denise is compiling a list of potential attendees, so if you have someone you would like to receive an invitation, please let her know email address and/or mailing address.

Ohio AAUW Spring Convention



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Ohio AAUW Spring Convention will be Saturday, April 13 · 10am - 3pm EDT at Central State University, Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, OH, USA 1400 Brush Row Road Wilberforce, OH 45384. Cost for in person will be about \$45, about \$20 to attend virtually. We will be applying for Diversity, Buckeye and Communication awards.

National Bylaws Voting Begins, April 3, 2024



Voting starts on April 3rd on the amendment to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls. For more information on the proposal and rationale, go to the National AAUW website.

Remaining Meetings

April 2nd, 2024, 5:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

Hostesses- Sharon Stringer & Nina Stourman

Topic: Historical Perspective of AAUW: Women in Education

Location: Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Main Branch, Room 205

April 29, 2024, 5:30 P.M. (Monday)

Anniversary Celebration committee: Kathy Nalepa, Denise Walters Dobson, Regina Rees, Sherri Lovelace-Cameron, Janet Haladay, Mary Ann Allgood, Melissa Smith, Vilma Kolacz Belanger

Location- A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St, Canfield, OH 44406

The cost will be around \$35 for a buffet dinner and mementos.

May 7th 5:30 pm (Tuesday)

Hostesses-

Topic: The Mother Resource Center of Mercy/Infant Mortality

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Location: to be determined

June 1st, 2024, 11:30 a.m. (Saturday)

Hostesses-Kathie Gaige &

End of year installation & luncheon-restaurant or potluck?

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Concerning Public Education in Ohio:

Ohio legislation has been pushing a voucher system called Ed Choice Scholarship. Voucher expansions have unleashed a flood of additional \$439 million dollars this year of taxpayer dollars to the benefit of families already enrolled in private schools. The demand for the expanded voucher programs are coming from white families, quite affluent, rather than students in lower income and non-white families to have access to a private school.

- The private schools are exempt from following an accepted curriculum and can be religious or non-sectarian and do not have the accountability of public schools. While public schools have the responsibility and the duty to serve all students, regardless of their race, their gender, their family income, regardless of who they are or their abilities, private schools can choose who will attend their schools.
- Disabled students will not get the help that they need if they are in a private School.
- They do not have to administer the same state tests as public schools.
- Ed Choice schools do not require background checks for teachers nor do the teachers need to be certified and licensed.
- For profit management teams can manage non-profit schools so taxpayer dollars can be funneled into the for-profit activities, which is against the constitution in Ohio.

If we want to preserve our public school system, we need to monitor this system closely and object to funds being taken from the majority of students in public schools.

Hope to see you on the 2nd.

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