



## **Cleveland Branch Arrow**

### **Presentation and Luncheon**

Saturday March 15  
11:00 am

Renaissance Retirement Campus  
26376 John Road  
Olmsted Falls

Directions to the Renaissance are: I-480 West to Exit 6A Olmsted Falls, Columbia Road, Route 252 South. John Road is the 4<sup>th</sup> traffic light on Columbia. Turn right and about one mile down turn right again at the big red barn. Park in the lot to the right and enter the main building.

We will be ordering lunch off the menu with prices ranging from \$4.95 to \$10.99 for sandwiches, salads or a daily special. Go to the main building on campus and then stop at the front desk to register and get directions to the Private Dining Room.

March is Women's History Month, and we are honored to have Lucretia Garfield (portrayed by Deborah Weinkamer) join us for lunch. She will speak about her life after the President's assassination, and how she and her children coped and continued without their President.

Please make your reservation by **Thursday March 13** to help the restaurant plan. Call Diane Ahlers. You can also email me at [msahlers@att.net](mailto:msahlers@att.net).

Please be prompt so we can enjoy lunch and each other's company after Deborah's (Mrs. Garfield's) presentation.

## Member Update

Please correct your roster with Roslyn Talerico's correct email: **roslyngtalerico@gmail.com**. I sincerely apologize to Roslyn for my mistake.

Laura Smiley Miller has had some health issues, but she is on the road to recovery. Laura is feeling better after a fall, and she appreciates cards, phone calls and visits. She remains at Bradley Bay, 605 Bradley Road, Bay Village, OH 44140. When I visited, Laura was in Room 28, but I suggest you call Laura's cell or Bradley Bay for her current room or apartment .

## State News (aauwoh.org)

### AAUW Ohio Convention & Equity Day 2014: "The Year of our Voice: Advocacy & Action"

2014 February 6

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by Paula Maggio

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*Gloria Steinem*



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**Deadlines: Hotel reservations must be made by March 12 to guarantee the rate of \$99/night+tax. Registration deadline for Equity Day and Convention 2014 is March 23. For reservations submitted after that date, an additional \$10 fee will be charged.**

### **AAUW Ohio Convention 2014: “The Year of our Voice: Advocacy & Action”**

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Weekend Highlights & Featured Presentations:

☑ All-Convention Read: ***Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture*** by Ariel Levy

☑ **Jamie Bryant, editor and developer *KIKI Magazine*.** *KIKI magazine* is designed for young girls with an emphasis on creativity, self-expression, STEM topics, but doesn’t include the sexuality and consumerism found in most youth media.

☑ **Peggy Hanna, local activist.** Hanna has been active in her community advocating and acting on community issues from her early Vietnam-War protests to her current work with City Council to protect water resources.

☑ **Jamie Miracle, NARAL.** Miracle will share the latest developments on Pro-Choice work in Ohio. The 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade is here and AAUW Ohio has work to do!

☑ **Deepti Gudapati, AAUW Director of Member Leadership Programs.** Gudapati will facilitate several in-depth, interactive sessions designed to provide members with resources and tools to support our local branches.

☑ **Beth Pinhero, AAUW Ohio Tech Trek.** Pinhero will share the details about the direction of TECH Trek in Ohio.

☑ **Donna Black-Brown, AAUW Ohio member.** Black-Brown will teach members about principled decision-making for a real change.

☐ **Melissa Cropper, Ohio Federation of Teachers President.** Cropper will focus on the future of public education today for students, for educators, and for communities.

☐ **Maria Maestro, New Faculty Majority.** Maestro will participate in a panel discussion with Cropper centered on the choices and challenges in education.

☐ **Jackie Evangelista and Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy.** Our Public Policy team will address the state of Common Core today and why the discussion is still relevant.

**The registration form is available at [www.aauwoh.org](http://www.aauwoh.org).**

## National News (aauw.org)



February 14, 2014

### Top Stories

#### President Obama Signs Minimum Wage Executive Order

On Wednesday, President Obama [signed](#) an executive order raising the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$10.10 per hour. This change will be effective on new contracts beginning in 2015 and will impact hundreds of thousands of workers. During the ceremony, the president reiterated his call for Congress to [raise the federal minimum wage](#) for all workers above its current level of \$7.25 per hour.

- But that's not the only action we need: [Tell President Obama](#) that federal contractors should be able to discuss their new wages without fear of punishment.

#### Number of ACA Enrollees Increases By 30 Percent in January

Also on Wednesday, the Obama administration [announced](#) that more than 1.1 million people signed up for health insurance through state and federal exchanges in January, bringing the total to approximately 3.3 million enrollees since the system opened in October 2013. Young adults (ages 18-34) represented 27 percent of enrollees, and women were 55 percent. Also this week, the administration announced it would [delay](#) until 2015 the requirement that employers with more than 100 full-time employees provide health benefits or pay fines. Employers with more than 50 but less than 100 full-time employees will gain an extra year on top of that to provide health benefits or pay fines.

#### Justice Department to Fully Recognize Same-Sex Marriages

This week, the Department of Justice said it will give [equal recognition](#) to same-sex marriages in every program it administers, including prison visits, spousal privilege in testimony, and compensation to spouses of deceased law enforcement officers. This announcement is part of the federal government's efforts to provide equal rights to same-sex marriages following the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling striking down a key part of the Defense of Marriage Act. In other news, federal judges this week struck down state bans on same-sex marriage in [Kentucky](#) and [Virginia](#) as unconstitutional.

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### State Spotlight: District of Columbia

#### AAUW Supports D.C. Title IX Bill

AAUW [submitted](#) testimony in support of the proposed Title IX Athletic Equity Act. The legislation would help close opportunity gaps in D.C. high schools by requiring schools to disclose student athlete participation rates and how much they spend on sports for male and female students. AAUW continues to advocate at the federal level for a [similar bill](#) that would affect high schools nationwide.

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### AAUW Cheer of the Week

After heated debate, the House and Senate finally [passed](#) legislation to lift the debt ceiling, meaning the federal government will not default on its obligations. President Obama is expected to sign the

legislation, which will lift the debt ceiling until March 2015.

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## AAUW Jeer of the Week

In a column this week, *Wall Street Journal* editor James Taranto [said](#) that campus sexual assaults involving alcohol can be equally blamed on the assailant and the victim. Shame on Taranto for perpetuating the myth that students who sexually assault their classmates don't need to take responsibility for their actions.

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## Bits and Pieces

- On February 6, the Department of Justice announced it would begin [pilot programs](#) to enforce new protections for Native American victims of domestic abuse. The new protections are part of the AAUW-supported Violence Against Women Act, which closed a loophole that prevented the prosecution of non-Native American assailants who abused Native American women on tribal land. These protections will go into effect for most tribal lands in March 2015.

- This week, the [New Hampshire Union Leader](#) published an editorial calling the gender pay gap "complete hokey." This editorial ignored several studies that demonstrate a gender pay gap, including [AAUW's own research](#) that found a pay gap one year after college graduation.

- In 2014 election news, Reps. [Doc Hastings](#) (R-WA) and [Gary Miller](#) (R-CA) announced they will not run for re-election.

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