



## **Cleveland Branch Arrow**

Saturday November 9  
11:30 am

Renaissance Retirement Campus  
26376 John Road  
Olmsted Falls

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

Our speaker is Officer Deena Baker who will give us insight on violence against women and what we can do to protect ourselves. We will also have a DVD entitled "The Invisible War" which chronicles violence against women in the military. Military personnel who bring charges against their attackers are punished by having their rank frozen and their career effectively ended. Many women leave the military as a result of persecution from their peers and commanding officers. The U.S. Senate is currently working on a plan to remove the prosecution of rape cases of women and men in the military from the chain of command to a committee.

Please call Diane Ahlers. You can also email me at [msahlers@att.net](mailto:msahlers@att.net). Please make a reservation by **Thursday November 7** to help the restaurant plan.

## Member Update

Laura Smiley Miller continues recuperating in Assisted Living at Bradley Bay, Room 17, 605 Bradley Road, Bay Village, OH 44140. She continues to recuperate slowly, with a goal of returning home. Laura appreciates phone calls, cards and visits.

## State News (aauwoh.org)

### Deadlines for AAUW fellowships, grants approaching

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by Paula Maggio

AAUW's fellowships and grants programs provide vital funding for women in the United States and around the globe at critical stages in their careers. Do your part to help them by spreading the word about [AAUW's fellowships and grants programs](#). Need 2014–15 recruitment brochures? Visit [ShopAAUW](#). Application deadlines run from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15.

#### *Final Call for AAUW Selection Panelists*

Are you an academic expert or a seasoned professional? Want to help the next wave of scholars reach their academic goals while adding to your CV? AAUW needs your help reviewing the remarkable applications we receive for our fellowships and grants. New talent and expertise are always needed. Visit the [selection panels](#) web page to apply, and pass the information on to your networks.

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### Ready to advertise your local scholarships?

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Recruitment season is here, and students are looking for funding in their local communities to help them with those ever-increasing tuition bills. Share your branch or

state funding opportunities with worthy applicants by sending an e-mail to [localscholarships@aauw.org](mailto:localscholarships@aauw.org) to be listed on the AAUW website

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## AAUW gives Karen Rainey “Cheer of the Week”

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by Paula Maggio

In today’s *Washington Update*, sent via email by AAUW National, AAUW Ohio’s [Public Policy Advocate Karen Rainey](#) was cited for

Established and new voices for reproductive rights in Ohio (Video)   

See also [Community Issues / Reproductive Justice / Reproductive Rights / American Association Of University Women / Pro-Choice](#)



October 6, 2013  

Hundreds gathered for the “We Won’t Go Back” rally at the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday to protest the reintroduced “heartbeat” bill and House Bill 59, the state budget bill that redirects funds from Planned Parenthood to faith-based pregnancy crisis centers, suspends funding for rape crisis centers that advise patients on abortion, and requires women seeking an abortion to undergo a trans-abdominal ultrasound.

her efforts at the Oct. 2 “[We Won’t Go Back Rally](#)” at the Statehouse.

**Check out AAUW of Ohio State Public Policy Chair Karen Rainey’s [comments](#) about the “We Won’t Go Back Rally,” held last week at the Ohio State Capitol!** On October 2, AAUW of Ohio members joined hundreds of other women’s health advocates in rallying against the recently signed budget bill, which, among other provisions, defunds women’s health clinics, requires doctors to perform ultrasounds to search for a fetal heartbeat before performing abortions, and permits TANF (welfare) funds to be funneled to unregulated “crisis pregnancy centers.”

Rainey is quoted extensively in the Oct. 6 story published by *examiner.com*: [Established and new voices for reproductive rights in Ohio](#). She was also quoted in a [Sept. 18 article](#) in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* regarding the legislature’s move to limit reproductive rights.

## Take 3 minutes for advocacy this month

2013 October 4

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by admin

**Here are three actions, suggested by Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy Advocate, that you can take to advocate for equity this month:**

1. **Human Trafficking Bill Moves to Senate:** The Senate should begin hearings when it reconvenes in October on [House Bill 130, the End Demand Act](#). Please ask your senator to support quick action on the bill, sponsored by Rep. Teresa Fedor, and intended to reduce consumer demand for sex trafficking. Key provisions increasing penalties for the solicitation of minors, no longer needing to prove that a minor was compelled to engage in prostitution, increasing the statute of limitations, and terminating parental rights of parents who have trafficked their children. This bill sailed through the House before the summer break.
  
2. **Petition Drive Starts for Medicaid Expansion:** In view of the foot-dragging by the General Assembly in enacting an expansion of Medicaid to 275,000 uninsured needy Ohioans, a coalition has begun a drive to secure the necessary 115,000 signatures by the end of December to request the legislature to enact an “initiated statute” for the expansion. If the legislature does not do so within four months, another 115,000 signatures will be needed to place the expansion on the November 2014 ballot. Watch for information on the location of the petition gatherers, and be sure to sign! If you are interested in circulating a petition, check the [“Healthy Ohioans Work” Facebook page](#) for details.
  
3. **Legislation to be Introduced to Repeal “Anti-Women” Provisions in State Budget:** Following up on the [We Won’t Go Back Rally](#) and the hearing held by Rep. Kathleen Clyde and other pro-choice legislators, Rep. Clyde and Rep. John Carney will introduce legislation to repeal four budget measures:
  - The “gag rule” that applies to rape crisis centers,
  - The re-prioritization of family planning funds that effectively defunds Planned Parenthood and other family planning providers,
  - The prohibition of transfer agreements between public hospitals and abortion clinics, and
  - The required detection of a fetal heartbeat through an external ultrasound, in which failure to do so would result in criminal charges for the physician.
 Please ask your representative to sign on as a co-sponsor of this legislation. [Find your legislator](#).

## AAUW National (aauw.org)



October 18, 2013

There's a weird feeling in the air over on Capitol Hill. On one hand, people are relieved that Congress avoided default and [agreed](#) to let federal employees and contractors go back to work. But on the other hand, Wednesday's agreement means we're going to have these fights again in the next four months. The agreement lifts the debt limit until February 7, setting up another confrontation over the government's ability to pay its bills sometime in March. Meanwhile, federal agencies are funded through January 15, when they might shut down again unless lawmakers agree on funding levels and ending sequestration.

It's not like the shutdown actually helped anyone. In fact, the American economy lost a lot of ground during those 16 days. The shutdown cost the economy an estimated \$24 billion, [according](#) to Standard & Poor's. That's [almost](#) what it costs to fund Head Start, children's insurance programs, and the Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program for a whole year. Basically, we wasted money because of political games.

As part of their agreement, the House and Senate are coming together to negotiate a budget. AAUW will continue to urge Congress to pursue a responsible appropriations process that ends the harmful effects of sequestration, and we will oppose any attempt to cut critical entitlement programs.

We can't do this alone. Watch out for updates from us on what Congress is doing and how you can help protect the interests of women and girls, and [tell Congress how they should move beyond the shutdown](#).

Beth Scott  
AAUW Regulatory Affairs Manager

### Top Stories

#### Budget Conference Committee Starts Its Work

The agreement to reopen the government [tasked](#) a budget conference committee consisting of senators and representatives with reconciling the two chambers' spending proposals by December 13. The leaders of the committee – Sens. Patty Murray (D-WA) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Reps. Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) – met on Thursday morning to start their discussions, but it's still unclear whether they will make any progress. Unlike the "[super committee](#)" established after the 2011 debt ceiling fight, there are no immediate consequences if

#### The One Thing You Must Do...

Just like the student can't recycle an old book report and expect to pass the test, Congress can't recycle old solutions (like sequestration) and pass *our* test for a responsible budget. [Tell Congress](#) to end sequestration and protect the needs of women and families!

#### But Because You Want To Do More...

Send an e-mail to five friends and ask them to join you in [taking action](#)!

#### Get Social

Check out [this graphic](#), courtesy of National Journal, for a quick explanation of the debt ceiling/government shutdown deal signed this week, and share it on social media with the following post:

#### For Facebook or Twitter:

Explaining the debt ceiling deal — what's in it and what's not — in a single slide: <http://bit.ly/H5YfMY>

#### New Resources

the budget conference committee fails to reach an agreement – besides the prospect of another government shutdown in January when the current spending resolution expires.

### Senate Women Work Across Party Lines to Reopen Government

Even though their gender represents only 20 percent of the Senate, it was a bipartisan group of female senators who [led](#) the effort to end the government shutdown. Multiple reports, including praise from [some of their male colleagues](#), credit Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), and Patty Murray (D-WA) with shaping the negotiations and working across party lines to address ideological concerns in settling the issue.

### Social Security Benefits Increase Expected to be Small

For the second year in a row, the cost-of-living adjustment given to the millions of Social Security beneficiaries, disabled veterans, and federal retirees is [expected](#) to be small. The increase in benefits will likely be around 1.5 percent, which is one of the lowest increases since 1975, when automatic increases were first adopted.

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## State Spotlight: Wisconsin

### AAUW-WI Holds Successful Lobby Day

About 40 [AAUW of Wisconsin](#) members had a highly successful Legislative Day, which included training from AAUW representatives. Members discussed equal pay, paid family leave, women's reproductive health, and school vouchers while meeting with 18 state legislative offices. AAUW-WI President Joyce Hoffman even received an impromptu standing ovation when her representative pulled her into a Democratic Caucus meeting and asked her to speak about the 30 branches in Wisconsin. Congratulations to all the leaders and members of AAUW-WI!

- Is your state interested in planning a lobby day? Contact us at [advocacy@aauw.org](mailto:advocacy@aauw.org), and we'll get you started!

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## AAUW Cheer of the Week

Congratulations to the [Elect Her-Campus Women Win](#) program for adding 17 new training sites for the 2014 year! Elect Her is a program by AAUW and Running Start that is designed to expand the pipeline of women running for elected office in college and beyond. Elect Her first debuted on nine campuses and will reach 50 sites next year.

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## AAUW Jeer of the Week

[These two graphs](#) show the sad truth about the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act: Many of the states that have opted out of expanding Medicaid so far are the ones with residents who need health coverage the most.

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## Bits and Pieces

Are you a middle or high school gender studies teacher? Don't miss the opportunity to [register](#) for the AAUW Gender Studies Symposium, [Creating Classrooms of Justice: Teacher Gender Studies in School](#), featuring high school teacher and esteemed activist Ileana Jimenez. This exciting one-day event will be at the University of Missouri, St. Louis on Saturday, October 26, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The application deadline for a 2013-2014 [Campus Action Project grant](#) is just around the corner! This year's grants will focus on the issues raised in the research report [Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success](#). Teams of college students, faculty adviser(s), and AAUW branch liaisons must implement their projects during the 2014 spring semester. [Application](#) deadline is Monday, October 21.

- Former House Speaker Tom Foley passed away [today](#) as a result of complications from a stroke he suffered last December. Foley represented eastern Washington from 1965 to 1995 and was described by his colleague House Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) as a "quintessential champion of the common good."

- Today, President Obama [announced](#) the nomination of Jeh Johnson for secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Johnson has an extensive background addressing national security issues as the general counsel for the Department of Defense, and he is known for his work on repealing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

- On Tuesday, Massachusetts State Sen. Katherine Clark [won](#) the Democratic primary in a special election for Massachusetts' 5th Congressional District. The seat was left vacant when now-Sen. Ed Markey won a special election to fill John Kerry's seat when he was appointed secretary of state. Clark is favored to win the general election in the heavily Democratic district.

- In other electoral news, Newark Mayor Cory Booker (D-NJ) [won](#) the special election for New Jersey's Senate seat on Wednesday. Booker will replace Sen. Jeff Chiesa, who was temporarily appointed to the seat after the death of Sen. Frank Lautenberg in June.

- This week the U.S. Supreme Court [heard](#) a case challenging the Michigan Constitution's ban on affirmative action, which was enacted after voters approved a 2006 ballot initiative. Major universities and civil rights groups are arguing against the ban.

**- Want to get everything you need to know about the Supreme Court's current term?** Join AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Mollie Lam on an exclusive, members-only [conference call](#) on Thursday, October 24, at 8:30 p.m. ET. [RSVP today!](#)

- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau [released](#) a report on Wednesday summarizing the problems identified in the 3,800 complaints it received from private student loan borrowers earlier this year. The main problem appears to be a lack of flexibility for repayment. The bureau is looking to extend its oversight over these private student loan companies.

- Thanks to the AAUW members who shared their experiences with private student loans with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau through AAUW's Two-Minute Activist tool earlier this year.

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November dates to remember:

Time Changes Sunday November 3 (Standard Time)

Election Tuesday November 5

Thanksgiving Thursday November 28

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**Next Meeting**

Saturday December 7

11:30 a.m.

Holiday Brunch and Fundraiser

Westlake