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NEWS AND VIEWS



"Education Reforms Missing Piece: Trauma-Informed Education"

Tuesday, October 2, 2018



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Date: Tuesday, Oct. 2nd

Time: 6:00pm – Dinner - program follows

Place: Applebee's (Rts. 90 & 91)

35055 Maplegrove Rd.,

Willoughby Hills 440-942-8740

Speakers: Meryl Johnson, Ohio State Board of

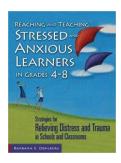
Education

Barbara Oehlberg, Ohio child trauma consultant



Long time education advocates **Meryl Johnson and Barbara Oehlberg** will team up to explain the importance of trauma informed education on **Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m., at Applebee's in Willoughby Hills.** This is a joint program sponsored by our branch and our friends at the Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst Branch (HHL).

Meryl Johnson has been a guest speaker at our branch in the past and as you know, won a seat representing Cleveland/District 11 on the Ohio State Board of Education in 2016 after retiring from teaching. During her 40 years in the classroom, Meryl helped new teachers improve their skills through the Educational Research and Dissemination Program, developed by the American Federation of Teachers. An avid student advocate, she helped students develop leadership skills by training them in mediation through the Winning Against Violent Environments (WAVE) Program as well as voter registration, letter writing to newspapers and speaking in community forums. She was a member of the North Shore AFL-CIO Executive Board for many years.



For decades Barbara Oehlberg has offered workshops and published books outlining why and how children who have suffered from traumatic experiences in their formative years can be reached educationally. She has been a presenter and keynoter for the Harvard School of Public Health, New York State University and a long list of organizations throughout the country. She received the 1997 Humanitarian Award from the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence and 1997 Volunteer Award from the NW Ohio Chapter, National Social Workers Association. Barbara and Meryl have recently developed a video entitled "Growing Your Child's Brain," which can be viewed on You Tube.



Join us on **Tuesday evening**, **October 2**nd, **at Applebee's (Rt. 90 & 91)**. If you haven't already, please send your **RSVP** form (attached) and \$24 for your meal to Sandy Luther **by September 25**th. Bring a guest or two.

Did You Know??

SALUTING LAKE COUNTY CENTENARIANS (from the Lake County Council on Aging)

Lake County, Ohio is home to many amazing Centenarians and the Council on Aging is looking to honor residents who will be turning 100 (or are 100+) with a beautiful centenarian certificate on their birthday, along with recognition in our quarterly Bridge publication. If you know of someone turning 100 or 100+, please visit our webpage to complete a request for a Centenarian Certificate or email mgrablovic@lccoa.org for more information.

Speaking of Centenarians, we have been informed that the 2nd oldest person in the state of Ohio, who is also the 25th oldest living person in the entire United States lives right here in Wickliffe, Ohio! **LONA COLLINS celebrated her 111**th **birthday on June 18th!** Lona was born in 1907 and is a true treasure to Lake County! Congratulations Lona!

Members' Memos --

Happy Birthday wishes to: Linda Silakoski, 10/9; and Joyce Kasserman, 10/10. Hope you have a great day! AAUW will have a table at the Community Group Expo & Pizza Cook-Off at Madison Library on Wednesday, October 10, from 5:30-7:30pm. If you would like to help promote AAUW that night let Carrie Svigel know 440-428-6096.

From the President ...

Unfortunately no one on the board is available to attend the Fall Summit in Worthington on September 29. If you are able to attend please contact Helen at <a href="https://hrthund.com/ht

Women in Debt/ Pay Equity: Two Sides of the Same Coin

September 29 —The Fall Summit, Ohio's only statewide event of 2018-19, introduces our two-year advocacy for women's economic security. Let's share our good ideas in discussion and displays at the Fall Summit. Register online **here**.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Be sure to read the "Nov. 6 Election" information that is attached. The AAUW Voting Guide will be available soon.





Looking ahead:

November 13 2018 (Tues.) <u>6:00pm</u> –Dinner & "Reiki" program Tina Dicillo, RDH, E-RYT 500, Reiki Master Teacher Stadium Grill, 8330 Tyler Blvd, Mentor

December 2, 2018 (Sun.) <u>4:00pm</u> – "Christmas Vespers Concert" at Morley Music Hall <u>Lake Erie College</u> 391 W. Washington St., Painesville ~ 6:00pm - Dinner at Rider's Inn, 792 Mentor Ave., Painesville

February 2, 2019 (Sat.) <u>Noon</u> - Lunch & Book Discussion at Steele Mansion 348 Mentor Ave., Painesville <u>"In Order to Live"</u> by Yeonmi Park & Maryanne Vollers

Mary Frances Burns - discussion leader

Check out our website http://northeast-oh.aauw.net as always, Jackie does a great job keeping it current.

Check out AAUW NEWS - -

Applications for Election to the AAUW Board of Directors Are Now Open!

Do you share a passion for AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy? AAUW is one of the nation's leading women's empowerment organizations with more than 170,000 members and supporters and an annual budget of over \$20 million and assets of \$120 million. Apply to be considered for election to the AAUW Board of Directors at https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election-board-application/ Applications close Friday, November 30, 2018 and elections will be held in Spring 2019.

- "AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in everything we do through advocacy, education, and research; we advance equity for women and girls."
- *Mission Statement: AAUW advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
- *Vision statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.
- *AAUW Diversity Statement: In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

19th Amendment — continued from the September newsletter

Declaration of Sentiments

A group of delegates led by Stanton produced a "Declaration of Sentiments" document, modeled after the <u>Declaration of Independence</u>, which stated: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

What this meant, among other things, was that the delegates believed women should have the right to vote.

Following the convention, the idea of voting rights for women was mocked in the press and some delegates withdrew their support for the Declaration of Sentiments. Nonetheless, Stanton and Mott persisted—they went on to spearhead additional women's rights conferences and they were eventually joined in their advocacy work by <u>Susan B. Anthony</u> and other activists.

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National Suffrage Groups Established

With the onset of the Civil War, the suffrage movement lost some momentum, as many women turned their attention to assisting in efforts related to the conflict between the states.

After the war, women's suffrage endured another setback, when the women's rights movement found itself divided over the issue of voting rights for black men. Stanton and some other suffrage leaders objected to the proposed 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would give black men the right to vote, but failed to extend the same privilege to American women of any skin color.

In 1869, Stanton and Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) with their eyes on a federal constitutional amendment that would grant women the right to vote.

That same year, abolitionists <u>Lucy Stone</u> and Henry Blackwell founded the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA); the group's leaders supported the 15th Amendment and feared it would not pass if it included voting rights for women. (The 15th Amendment was ratified in 1870.)

The AWSA believed women's enfranchisement could best be gained through amendments to individual state constitutions. Despite the divisions between the two organizations, there was a victory for voting rights in 1869 when the Wyoming Territory granted all female residents age 21 and older the right to vote. (When Wyoming was admitted to the Union in 1890, women's suffrage remained part of the state constitution.)

By 1878, the NWSA and the collective suffrage movement had gathered enough influence to lobby the U.S. Congress for a constitutional amendment. Congress responded by forming committees in the <u>House of Representatives</u> and the Senate to study and debate the issue. However, when the proposal finally reached the Senate floor in 1886, it was defeated.

Carrie Chapman Catt

In 1890, the NWSA and the AWSA merged to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). The new organization's strategy was to lobby for women's voting rights on a state-by-state basis. Within six years, <u>Colorado</u>, <u>Utah</u> and <u>Idaho</u> adopted amendments to their state constitutions granting women the right to vote. In 1900, with Stanton and Anthony advancing in age, <u>Carrie Chapman Catt</u> stepped up to lead the NASWA.

The turn of the 20th century brought renewed momentum to the women's suffrage cause. Although the deaths of Stanton in 1902 and Anthony in 1906 appeared to be setbacks, the NASWA under the leadership of Catt achieved rolling successes for women's enfranchisement at state levels.

Between 1910 and 1918, the <u>Alaska Territory</u>, <u>Arizona</u>, <u>Arkansas</u>, <u>California</u>, <u>Illinois</u>, <u>Indiana</u>, Kansas, <u>Michigan</u>, <u>Montana</u>, <u>Nebraska</u>, <u>Nevada</u>, New York, <u>North Dakota</u>, <u>Oklahoma</u>, <u>Oregon</u>, <u>South Dakota</u> and <u>Washington</u> extended voting rights to women.

Also during this time, through the Equality League of Self-Supporting Women (later, the Women's Political Union), Stanton's daughter <u>Harriot Stanton Blatch</u> introduced parades, pickets and marches as means of calling attention to the cause. These tactics succeeded in raising awareness and led to unrest in Washington, D.C.

Protest and Progress

On the eve of the inauguration of President <u>Woodrow Wilson</u> in 1913, protesters thronged a massive suffrage parade in the nation's capital, and hundreds of women were injured. That same year, <u>Alice Paul</u> founded the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which later became the National Woman's Party.

The organization staged numerous demonstrations and regularly picketed the White House, among other militant tactics. As a result of these actions, some group members were arrested and served jail time.

In 1918, President Wilson switched his stand on women's voting rights from objection to support through the influence of Catt, who had a less-combative style than Paul. Wilson also tied the proposed suffrage amendment to America's involvement in World War I and the increased role women had played in the war efforts.

When the amendment came up for vote, Wilson addressed the Senate in favor of suffrage. As reported in *The New York Times* on October 1, 1918, Wilson said, "I regard the extension of suffrage to women as vitally essential to the successful prosecution of the great war of humanity in which we are engaged."

However, despite Wilson's newfound support, the amendment proposal failed in the Senate by two votes. Another year passed before Congress took up the measure again.

To be continued