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Fortune—How Race Broke my Family and the World—and How to Repair it



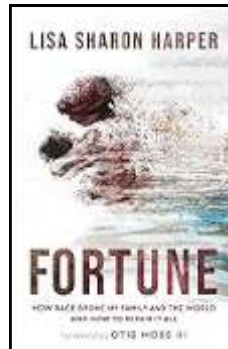
The book *Fortune: How Race Broke my Family and the World—and How to Repair It All*, by Lisa Sharon Harper explores a way

to think about and repair a divided country, and it suggests what forgiveness could do.

On Wednesday, January 29 at 7 p.m. we will meet at Bertram Woods Branch of the Shaker Heights Libraries, 16500 Van Aken Blvd., and Via Zoom, for a book discussion led by Donna Black and Mary Koeth. The book, *Fortune: How Race Broke my Family and the World—and How to Repair it All*, by Lisa Sharon Harper Mary will discuss the author and Donna will have questions for us."

The author has spent three decades researching ten generations of her family history through DNA research, oral histories, interviews and genealogy. Harper draws on her lifelong journey to know her family's history to recover the beauty of her heritage, expose the brokenness that race has wrought in America, and cast a vision for collective repair.

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Fortune helps readers understand how America was built upon systems and structures that blessed some and cursed others, allowing Americans of European descent to benefit from the colonization, genocide, enslavement, rape, and exploitation of people of color. As Harper lights a path through national and religious history, she clarifies exactly how and when the world broke and shows the way to redemption for us all. The book culminates with a powerful and compelling vision of truth telling, reparation, and forgiveness that leads to Beloved Community. It includes a foreword by Otis Moss III, illustrations, and a glossy eight-page black-and-white insert featuring photos of Harper's family.

"Extraordinary. Let this story of family, race, and resistance create anger in your spirit and ultimately inspire your heart to join the work to heal our nation and eventually our world." --Otis Moss III (from the foreword)

Kay



Lisa Sharon Harper, a pastor and bible scholar, went on a voyage of self-discovery when she began researching the concept of Shalom. She asked herself how, and if, the idea of Shalom (as justice) worked its way into her family story. What her research taught her about spiritual connectedness allowed her to question how the nature of race was shaped in America if the concept was engrained in the Roman-Greco culture we pattern the American culture after. What she learned began by considering how language and histo-geo-political context shapes our understanding of spiritual faith and turns it into "thick" faith. She learned that Shalom understood as peace, way of being, and deep connection works its way into and between relationships. She wondered how this could happen in a master-slave relationship in America.

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Join Zoom Meeting

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We are reading her book this month. I picked it for our book club choice because our organization examines the impact of racial hatred on this country's individual and collective well-being. We celebrate the actions of people like Martin Luther King Jr and countless unnamed freedom fighters, black, white, and brown, who waged war on racial and gender inequality in America in the 20th century. We abhor its ongoing stranglehold in the 21st century. In the "Me Too" and the "I Can't Breathe" era, we see the insidious resurgence of racial hatred further puncturing the sensitive wound we thought was healing. But the venom shepherded in modern relations by politicians and business CEOs grabbing after power and profit rather than serving and protecting life and creation is nauseating. We fear what the impact of a treachery that won't let go will mean for America.

This month, the HHL Branch of AAUW will be contemplating the value of American democracy on M.L. KING Jr. Day. It will be celebrated on January 20, 2025. We cringe knowing that it falls on the inauguration day of a president-elect accused of deliberately attempting to undermine the US government for heinous and selfish ego-centric motives. But we celebrate. We celebrate not because of the work of one individual among many in the ongoing human struggle for freedom, justice, equity, and dignity, but because of our collective vision and desire to eliminate the sharp contrast between the quality of life for marginalized and hated people in comparison to the life the volatile 'them' dedicated to the concept of Whiteness denies to the majority of Americans, and not just the colored ones.

Join us January 29 to discuss more.

Donna

President's Column—Kay Rasmusen



Dear AAUW HHL members, friends, and supporters,

After our last meeting on November 20, 2024 on "How we Move the Equal Rights Amendment Forward", we were energized by our speakers Carolyn Casper, President of the Ohio National Organization for Women, Jennifer Tucker from the ERA Coalition, plus local advocate Kathy Telban from the National Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Carolyn and Kathy and National AAUW are long-time ERA Coalition Partners. (The ERA Coalition has 300 partners representing 80 million people.)

I know this is the first time I have ever written the President. We encouraged other people to write to him. Several of us received letters back from President Biden. The President wrote that he established the first-ever White House Gender Policy Council and his administration also launched the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research. Now during the last few days of his administration can be the time that he uses his power to follow through on supporting the Equal Rights Amendment and therefore strengthen protections for everyone. I am reminded of the Mission Statement on our AAUW HHL website <https://hhl.oh.aauw.net> **TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE A VISION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.**

Kay

Nominating Committee needed—

The branch needs to elect a nominating committee at the January 29 branch meeting. The nominating committee will find two members to fill the offices of president and finance officer for the 2025-2027 term.



AAUW Ohio and National Updates; Looking Forward

AAUW News from Ohio and National— Nancy Stellhorn



On Wednesday, January 8, 2025 you received an email from Shannon Wolfe of AAUW National about a comment period for three proposed changes to AAUW National documents. Now is the time to learn about these proposed changes and to comment on them if you want. Each of us will be asked to vote in April on the Bylaws changes and on the Public Policy Priorities 2025-2027. The national board will vote on a \$5 dues increase. This email gives us 30 days to comment, so follow [this link](#) to read the rationale and voice your opinion about dues. Similarly, the use this link to the [Public Policy Priorities](#) to read and comment on them, and this link to the [bylaws changes](#). Note: this National Bylaws change does not require a change to branch bylaws.

AAUW Ohio's next current topics book discussion will be on January 18. The book, *Fire Keeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley, This free link will help us discuss a native American culture and trafficking. [Register](#) through Eventbrite for the free link to join the discussion or to listen. Our President Kay was quoted in the State newsletter *Orbit* about our work in ERA, and I note that the issue is part of National's Public Policy Priorities.

Put the AAUW Ohio Spring Joint Meeting on your calendar for April 26 and begin saving so you can attend, learn, and talk with friends from other Ohio branches.

AAUW Ohio will begin branch bylaws and policy online sessions in January. Watch for more news about that. Let me know if you have requests and questions about bylaws or policy.

Nancy

Looking Forward to—

February 26, Gabrielle Fowlkes, *Love and Identity*.



Check out our branch website for the latest branch information <https://hhl-oh.aauw.net> and our blog: <https://aauwahl.wordpress.com> and find us and like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWHHL>

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Websites Redesigned—

You may have tried to reach our branch website or the AAUW Ohio website and thought you must be in the wrong place; read further. While I was away visiting family, the December pinata bunnies installed the redesign of our HHL website. The purpose is to make the AAUW affiliate websites resemble the look of the National site and be readily identifiable as AAUW. It may take a bit of getting used to, and it will take me a bit of time to update, reenter some stories about ERA and some of our recognizable images. Patience.

Nancy

Tuesday, December 10, was the 101st anniversary of the Equal Rights (28th) Amendment. Branch member Susan McCutchen participated in the Relay4Rights family-friendly sidewalk demonstration sponsored by the VoteEqualityUS. Their goal was to emphasize "how close we are to enshrining gender equality in our Constitution" and encouraging President Biden to ask the Archivist to publish the 28th Amendment.

The action started from the White House Ellipse and stretched to the National Archives in Washington. D.C., a 6.5-mile distance, along Constitution Avenue. This event was only one of the rallies being held to mark this almost unbelievable anniversary of efforts to codify equal rights for all with this amendment.

The organizers in a short time coordinated 14 small groups along the route. Susan McCutchen was in Group #14. Group #1 began by "passing the baton," a bound scroll of the U.S. constitution from the Haupt Foundation, from one participant to the next. As each group completed its separate action, they walked toward the National Archives, building in number as they were led in chants by the organizers. The groups collected on the steps of the National Archives, continuing to chant and make as much noise as possible to get attention as we rallied together before the group photo was taken. It was an experience of camaraderie among participants from across the country at an historical moment Susan says she will never forget.



Sue McCutchen



Diversity—Cindy Goldberg, Co-Chair



The new year is upon us; for some it is the new year we've hoped for; for others, it is not.

We live in difficult times. Each day seems to bring a report of violence, discord and perhaps even terror.

There is hope, however, because in a new beginning and a new year, there are new voices, hoping to make change. I would like for us to consider the work of the new faces and new voices that are working toward their view of a better tomorrow. After reading this article there is an understanding that there is a wide range of belief in every community, but new voices must be considered and heard.

From *The Hill*: “Black women in Congress — specifically Reps. Cori Bush (D-Mo.) and Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.) — are taking the lead in trying to revive the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to guarantee equal rights for all Americans regardless of gender. The ERA, a subject of furious debate a half-century ago, would be the 28th amendment to the Constitution if affirmed by Congress. Already, 38 states have ratified the amendment, and 27 states have their own ERAs in their state constitutions.



Much has changed since the battles over the ERA first began, but the leadership of Black women has been a constant.

‘Black women have always been leaders of the fight to enshrine equality in our nation’s constitution, but we haven’t always been in the headlines for leading that work,’ Bush noted in remarks outside the Capitol this week. She and Pressley are co-chairing the newly founded Congressional Caucus for the Equal Rights Amendment and continuing a long pattern of Black women advocating for equal rights — even when they themselves were often left out of the history books.

‘The early Black women intellectuals and activists didn’t get a lot of attention because there was sexism and patriarchal thinking in Black communities and racism in white communities,’ said Sharon Harley, a historian and professor of Black women’s labor history and racial and gender politics at University of Maryland.

Some of the most prominent women involved in the fight for gender equality go back to the 1800s, when abolitionists and suffragettes like Maria Stewart and Sojourner Truth spearheaded the fight for racial and gender equality for Black women.

‘When you look at these women, what you see are patterns of activist resistance,’ Harley said. ‘Black women have been critical to progressive thinking, progressive activism, and there’s a long history of Black women’s engagement in suffrage paralleled by both sexism and racism.’ ‘When you look at these women, what you see are patterns of activist resistance,’ Harley said. ‘Black

women have been critical to progressive thinking, progressive activism, and there’s a long history of Black women’s engagement in suffrage paralleled by both sexism and racism.’

‘When Black women tell their story ... it’s a universal story of oppression, economic injustice and the like,’ Harley continued. ‘Their story resonates with other groups, men and women, but they’re often telling a story that I think maybe some Caucasian women may be reluctant to tell, reluctant to admit, but it resonates. They’re talking about sexual violence, and the abuse of the Black female body. This is something that is universal.’ But that doesn’t mean Black women’s experiences were often honored, in part due to a conflict of interest between white feminism and what professor Nadia E. Brown calls Black feminist pedagogy.

‘Black feminist epistemology of knowing the world and a pedagogy of teaching the world about the world have always centered on the combination of not being able to fight racism or sexism, or any other forms of oppression like classism or heterosexism; they’ve always had to do them in tandem,’ said Brown, chair of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program and affiliate in the African American Studies program at Georgetown University.”

Fondly submitted by *Cindy*,
for the Diversity Committee

Diversity in Action

AAUW HHL has enriched its history of diversity by seeking members of diverse backgrounds, by attending plays and reading books that provide learning experiences and provoke discussion. We support and attend AAUW Ohio’s programs and actions on diversity, intentionality, and inclusion.

We support opening membership to all who want to speak for our vision of Equity for All. Since 1881, AAUW has worked for equity—first, for education and economic parity of women. Realizing we cannot have equity without equity for *all*, AAUW updated its vision and its work to achieve it.

Become a member. We welcome you to join our branch of the national AAUW. Our events are all hybrid. If you are looking for a community of activists, join us. Email us at aauwahl@roadrunner.com.



AAUW Diversity Policy: In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Forum Page—It's About Justice



**It's About Justice—
Meryl Johnson**



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Listen to Meryl every Saturday on
"Its About Justice?"
1:00 to 2:00 pm
WRUW. 91.1 FM

Lawmakers undermine our schools— *The Sandusky Register* Editorial Board--January 6, 2025

"Our communities already have great expectations for their local school districts. Families, primarily, set those expectations, which is as it should be.

But, more and more, for the last way too many years, lawmakers in Columbus have worked against local interests and worked against our public schools.

DeRolph v. State, the landmark case in Ohio constitutional law, was rendered by the Supreme Court of Ohio in March 1997. The High Court ruled that the state's method for funding public education was unconstitutional. The state's property tax funding system "fails to provide for a thorough and efficient system of common schools," as required by the Ohio Constitution, the court found. It ordered lawmakers to find a remedy.

They never fixed the funding method, which remains as unfair and broken as it was all those years ago, no matter how much lipstick our failed supermajority in Columbus puts on it. There's no spin that works. Republicans have been undermining public education ever since, making it a priority to fund private schools, charter schools, school choice and other programs that by any measure have extended the unfairness of Ohio's education system.

Now teachers and administrators will have to deal with new laws enacted by the gerrymandered supermajority in the waning hours of the 135th General Assembly from our local representatives, state Rep. D.J. Swearingen, R-Huron and Rep. Pastor Gary Click, R-Vickery.

There wasn't any real debate or deeper look at Swearingen's "Don't Say Gay" legislation or Click's new law requiring public schools to provide opportunities for students to get religious instruction. That's because neither law could stand up to any level of fair scrutiny. The best way to get bad law through is to sneak it in, at the end of the year.

If Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signs off and allows Swearingen's and Click's legislation to be enacted, it will be yet another needless burden put on public educators that should not be.

Teachers will be required, by law, to out students to their parents if they give any indication of



wanting to identify as a gender that does "not align with the student's biological sex." It's beyond ridiculous, in our view; it's horrific. Families will be harmed by this law. As for requiring religious instruction for students (see photo), it goes against the American tradition and constitutional requirement of separation of church and state.

Swearingen and Click both have shown their Christian nationalist beliefs to be more important to them than the safety of children and religious freedom. It's also more important to them than providing the best possible educational settings for families. It's their way, or the highway and it's their gerrymandered house districts that allow this to happen.

No good can come from their new regulations; better to take the highway."

Meryl

The Six Triple Eight and its Ohio Connection

By C. Ellen Connally

The movie Six Triple Eight, available on *Netflix*, is the story of Major Charity Adams and the 688th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only unit of Black women to serve overseas during World War II.

Adams, a native of North Carolina and raised in South Carolina, was a 1938 graduate of Ohio's Wilberforce College, the first college owned and operated by African Americans, where she majored in math and physics. In 1942, she joined the army, becoming the first African American woman to be an officer in the WAAC.



In 1944, after a particularly difficult Atlantic crossing, she marched her unit into Birmingham, England to oversee the postal directory service unit, responsible for delivering millions of backlogged pieces of mail to soldiers all over Europe.

With her military and educational qualifications, she worked at the Veterans Administration in Cleveland, Ohio. She also worked at historically Black colleges in Tennessee and Georgia before returning to Ohio and residing in Dayton, where her husband practiced medicine. She served on the Board of Trustees at Sinclair Community College in Dayton and on the board of directors of Dayton Power and Light, the Dayton Metro Housing Authority and other civic organizations in the Dayton area, always contributing to the community.

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Forum Page—Phyllis' reflection; Around Northeast District; Grapevine



I served as an equal opportunity officer and I formed a Women Helping Educate Women club for the black female students at Glenville high school. Stephanie Tubbs Jones paid for our bus tour to Shaker Heights where most homes were owned by wealthy families.

Article from the *American Civil Liberties Organization*—**Why the Fight for Racial Justice is a Human Rights Issue**

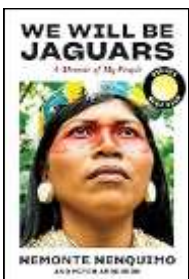
The U.S. led efforts to create the UN human rights system after World War II, including drafting the UDHR, but the country has struggled to follow through with its commitments. In the last seven decades, the U.S. has undermined the UDHR's impact and failed to fully adopt human rights as a part of its domestic laws and policies; neglecting its obligations at home and abroad in a principled and consistent way.

One significant area of the U.S. has been criticized for failing to fulfill its human rights obligations is on racial and reparatory justice for Black diasporic communities, especially by hindering progress on forming a commission to study the system of enslavement. During enslavement, Black people were forced to labor for the enrichment of the burgeoning U.S. After slavery was abolished, Jim Crow laws, Black Codes in the South, and de facto segregation inflicted violent exploitations and repression on a so-called emancipated populace. Slavery's legacy meant many African Americans faced the physical and psychological consequences of state-sanctioned violence, including widespread lynchings and targeted massacres. These crimes and injustices were part of a pervasive campaign of deliberate terror and oppression inflicted upon Blacks diasporic communities in the U.S.

To read more: <https://www.aclu.org/news/racial-justice/why-the-fight-for-racial-justice-is-a-human-rights-issue>

Around Northeast Ohio District

Northeast Ohio Branch does not have a regular branch meeting in January. Instead, it has an open board meeting; this year at Panera Bread, Creekside, in Mentor.



On Saturday, February 1, 2025, Northeast Ohio Branch will meet at 11:45 at Steele Mansion in Painesville for lunch and discussion of *We Will Be Jaguars, A Memoir of My People*, by Nemonte Nenquimo and Mitch Anderson, led by Mary Frances Burns.

Grapevine



We are saddened to report the death of long-time member Millie (Mildred T.) Redon. She was very active in our branch until she moved to an assisted-living facility in Lorain County. She then became active in the Elyria branch. We who knew her will remember fondly the fun picnics we had at their home (with husband Len) near the former SeaWorld. Our sympathy to her daughter Karen.

Millie's trouble finding services for her aged parents led our branch to research and publish *Eldercare Resources: a Manual for Seniors and their Caregivers*, a project partially funded by AAUW.

****NOTE:** If you have an item or know of an item for the Grapevine, be sure to let Jan Bowden know at either jeb7747@aol.com or 440-255-6631.**

(The Six Triple Eight continued from page 5)

She was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in 1979 and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1993. Adams passed away at the age of 83 on January 13, 2002.

In 2022, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the first African American to hold that position, accepted the recommendation to change the name of Fort Lee, Virginia, named after a Confederate soldier, to Fort Gregg-Adams recognizing the service of Lieutenant General Arthur J. Gregg, the first African American to earn the rank of Lieutenant General, and Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams.

Birthdays:

January:

None

February

None



TRIBUTE TO ALICE PAUL Feminist. Suffragist. Political Strategist

Alice Paul was the architect of some of the most outstanding political achievements on behalf of women in the 20th century. Few individuals have had as much impact on American history.

Born on January 11, 1885 to Quaker parents in New Jersey. Growing up among Quakers, who believed men and women were equal, meant Alice's childhood environment was something of an anomaly for the time. She earned a bachelor degree, a masters in sociology, studied economics and sociology in England, obtained a PhD, and earned two law degrees.



Alice Paul dedicated her life to the single cause of securing equal rights for all. She formed the National Woman's Party and became a key figure that led to the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 to extend voting rights to women. Alice wrote the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923 and spent the rest of her life fighting for its ratification to ensure the U.S. Constitution protects women and men equally.

The ERA says, *Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.*

Alice died in 1977 and although she did not live to see the ERA added to the U.S. Constitution, she did get an equal rights affirmation included in the preamble to the United Nations charter. Her life symbolizes the long struggle for justice in the United States and around the world.

Another generation of women continued to fight for the ERA and in 2020, Virginia, became the 38th and final state needed to ratify the amendment. However, it was stopped by President Trump through his Attorney General, William Barr, who inserted himself in the constitutional amendment process by stopping the Archivist from completing the required ministerial duties.

The ERA will be able to protect men, women, girls, and LGBTQIA+ persons to challenge sex discrimination. It could help strengthen laws like the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). In 2000 the Supreme Court decided women do not have a constitutional right to be free from gender-based violence. The ERA can challenge prohibitions on IVF, healthcare and contraception. It can fulfil Alice Paul's vision to have the ordinary notion that women and men should be equal partners in society.

President Biden can use his Article II, Section 3 duty under the "Take Care" Clause, to ensure that laws are faithfully executed and direct the Archivist to complete the amendment process. We must call on him to do so before he leaves office! Go to: www.BidenPublishTheERA.org and learn how to take action immediately!

Let's give Alice Paul the respectful birthday she deserves and make everyone equal under the law.



AAUW National Updates

Thank you for standing with AAUW in 2024

Your unwavering support means the world to us. Because of you, we have made strides in:

- Expanding opportunities in education
- Training women in financial literacy and salary negotiation
- Fighting for laws that uplift and empower women

Last month, AAUW celebrated its 143rd anniversary. We wouldn't be able to stay in the fight for women and girls without you, so please accept my deepest gratitude for your support.



Looking ahead to 2025:

Warm wishes to you and your loved ones for a festive holiday season as we enter 2025 with hope and renewed passion for the challenges that may lie ahead. We're prepared to fight and start the year strong with an agenda that we will present to Congress based on AAUW's values.

Let's keep fighting for women's and girls' equity in 2025 — together.



In solidarity,

Gloria L. Blackwell
Chief Executive Officer



AAUW HHL Branch is involved in the community



Luggage for Foster Kids:

Every Child Needs a Family. Unfortunately, not every family has the means to house a child that needs them. There are over 2000 children in DCFS custody through no fault of their own. Many continue to live unstable lives and can be moved from pillar to post because of the actions of adults who are not always able or competent to care for them. Last year, I asked you to imagine not being able to take any of your belongings with you if you were being relocated to the care of strangers. I asked you to imagine the psychological impact of having to move everything you own in a large garbage bag at a moment's notice. You listened and we were able to donate lightweight luggage to the Department of Child and Family Services. We won't stop at a few items. This year, we are looking to donate more small, carry-on sizes approximately 22 x 14 x 9 inches. Please help by contacting us on Facebook to arrange a pickup.



It costs you nothing to do this. Your help is needed to provide mammograms for those who cannot afford one.

Collaborative to End Human Trafficking



We've talked about it before. Let's refresh. Human trafficking continues to be a world-wide problem. Human Trafficking is defined as the exploitation of humans for profit. US law defines human trafficking as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor against their will. Victims include male and female children and adults who are US citizens as well as foreign born individuals.

The Collaborative to End Human Trafficking reports that 21 million people are estimated to be trafficked globally. Forced labor generates \$150 BILLION per year with \$90 BILLION being generated from commercial sexual exploitation. They report that 54% of victims are female and 46% are male (children and adult).

The National Hotline is 1-888-373-7888; Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost can be reached at 800-282-0515 from 8am to 6pm.

Who thinks like this? I cannot think in these terms, even after a 13-year career in law enforcement as a Parole Officer. I am certain you cannot either. I am sure this is why this crime goes on unabated by wholesome individuals. I've seen a lot of perpetrators but none like these. But I'm willing to bet I've seen victims I never imagined were victims. I believe we see the consequences of these crimes on the lives of victims. We just don't realize it. That's the problem. I know people care. We just need our eyes opened. We need to learn how to be up to the task or nothing will change.

Go here to download your resource guide of Supportive Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in Northeast Ohio – <https://collabtoendht.org/human-trafficking/#resourceguide>.

We will also be participating in the Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive again this year, so begin to collect your contributions now. It will be the end of March so you have plenty of time to prepare your donations of a new or slightly used long-sleeve shirt to help farmworkers mitigate exposure to pesticide residues and reduce direct exposure to the heat.

If you have any other ideas about how AAUW HHL can be involved in the community, share those ideas with either Kay or Donna.