

Bulletin

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Thoughts from the President:

By Dr. Bobbie Weikle

A Refreshing Look at Ourselves After 80 Years!

After working diligently to archive and highlight our journey through the past eight decades of AAUW, it soon became obvious to all who worked on this project, that it had taken on a life of its own! If anyone had realized how monumental this task was going to be, we would have started the project years ago! Thanks to our long-time member, Esther Deal, an extensive treasure trove of records was kept through the years. An avid historian, Esther wrote extensively about the projects, our hard work, and most of all, about the **WOMEN who have made AAUW Fort Wayne Branch a dynamic organization.**

With such extensive background and information about our AAUW work, it was soon realized that it would be an injustice to the history of the organization to try summarizing into a year-long event! The beginning history of our AAUW Fort Wayne Branch was highlighted at March meeting. Our original organization name, the "Fort Wayne College Club," was officially changed and officially affiliated with national AAUW in 1940. The outstanding work of two founding members who were also 50-year members, Minnette

Baum and Helen Blackledge, were highlights of the event. Thus, the decision has been made to **make our 80th celebration into a year-long event!** The first few decades of AAUW were highlighted at the March 23rd event. The next decades will be celebrated at our spring Brunch, held on Saturday, May 18. The remaining decades will be celebrated in October. By spreading the events throughout the year, it will be a better way to showcase the history of our achievements.

Passenger or Pilot? Which are You???

Looking back through 80 years of AAUW history, it staggers the imagination to realize that our membership was over 500 at various times! With each year that passes, though, we are facing the loss of our long-time members. When our friend, Nancy Getzin, recently passed away, it was a sad reminder that we have a huge challenge before us. As an organization, we are going to have to **"want"** to change the way we recruit new members. Many of us resort to a lifelong "default" of sticking with our status quo and continue doing the same things we're used to doing and in the same manner. However, what we have been doing to recruit new members is no longer working as effectively as we need it to work. Michael Altschuler is quoted as pointing out: **"The bad news is...time flies! The good news is...you're the pilot!"** Many times, as John Kotter has pointed out, it takes a sense of urgency for us to **become the pilot of our life [or our organization], not the passenger.**

A New Kind of Diversity: AAUW "START SMART" Training

To help infuse our membership with more **"diversity of ages"** in our members and help accelerate our growth, we are pleased to partner with Purdue Fort Wayne University's Dr. Terri Swim, our AAUW Representative, and Dr. Melissa Gruys, Dean of the Doermer School of Business. We will be jointly working to facilitate a **"Start Smart"** training workshop and utilizing the dynamic materials produced by our national AAUW. The training and materials are designed for students who will be graduating and entering the workforce. This training will help give them some excellent background to be better prepared for entering the work environment and in negotiating their salaries with employers. We are excited over the opportunity to become acquainted with some younger women and introduce them to our local AAUW organization. **These are "urgent times" – be ready to help pilot a new AAUW course!**

Membership

NOW

*is the best time to Recruit
New AAUW Members!*

*Every AAUW member is a
part of the membership
team. Experience tells us
that new members who
are recruited by our own
Branch members become
active and **stay** in AAUW.*

Membership Matters

By Margaret Schimmel and Kris Conner, Co-Directors of Membership

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Welcome New Members:

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Northern Illinois U BS in Music Education
Indiana U MS in Education (music)

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Southern Illinois University

– Elementary License and Special
Education

Indiana University

– Special Education Masters

Ball State University

– Director of Special Education Ed. S

Indiana/Purdue University

– Elementary Administration and
Supervision

2017-18 Directory and Membership Records

By Connie LaBrash, Membership Records

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Address Change:

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Programs

Saturday, May 18 – see more information on page 3

Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Road, Fort Wayne

October 26, 2019 – Celebrate Books and Literacy!

Allen County Public Library (ACPL) Main Branch, downtown

December 7, 2019 – Silent Auction and Celebrate Local Partnerships

Pine Valley Country Club

Save the Dates!

**Mark your
Calendar!**

Branch Board Meetings

April 8, 2019 6:30 pm

Location: Business and Technical Conference Room (2nd FL)
Allen County Public Library (ACPL)

900 Library Plaza (between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne St.)

June 10, 2019 6:00 pm Potluck

Location: Clubhouse

UMMH Community Villas of Heritage Lakes
8220 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne

May 2019 Spring Membership Meeting/Brunch

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00 am

Celebrating
80
Years

Fort Wayne Country Club

5221 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

9:30 am Coffee/Social Time and Membership Dues Collection

10:00 am Brunch served

10:30 am Guest Speaker

11:30 am Announcements and Dessert

Guest Speaker: Mr. McCarty, FBI Task Force Officer, will speak on the issue of human trafficking, providing an overview of the problem, what it entails, and what is being done to combat the problem. We will also provide a highlight of the public policy issues AAUW has covered in the past.

Brunch menu is Quiche Lorraine, fresh fruit, sausage, pecan rolls and Danish. Please indicate if you want your quiche to be gluten free. Dessert is a Pecan Ice Cream Ball.

Early reservation cost is \$ 21.00 per person if received by May 6. On time reservation is \$25. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 13.

We welcome all and we want you to be able to come so if you need a ride, please contact Cathy Huff at 260-403-7074 so she can arrange car pool services.

Early Bird reservation is \$21 per person if received by Monday, May 6.

On-time reservation is \$25 per person if received by Monday, May 13.

Your **reservation and check must be received** no later than Monday, May 13, 2019.

? Contact Cathy Huff at 260-403-7074 with any questions.

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May 2019 Spring Membership Meeting/Brunch Reservation Form

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9:30 am

Reservations and checks – **must be received by Monday, May 13**

Member Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest #1 Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest Phone number/email: _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest Phone number/email: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ X \$ _____ each meal = Total Check Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to "AAUW Fort Wayne Branch" to:

Eileen Fraser 9726 Silver Shore CT Fort Wayne, IN 46804

[Phone 260-432-7719; email eileen.fraser@outlook.com]

Check # _____

*Grant Applications
accepted*

January 1 through February 28.

*The Grant Application Form and
instructions for applying may be
found on the web site*

at: <http://aaufortwayne.org>.

AAUW Trust

By Barb Kanning, AAUW Trust Chair

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Our AAUW Fort Wayne Trust grant application period ended on February 28. The Trust Board of Directors has met and had to make some very difficult decisions with limited funds available. From twelve applications, four were selected that exhibited our AAUW mission and showed the most need. All applicants have been notified by mail of our decisions.

Our 2019 grant recipients are:

1. AAUW Fort Wayne Branch – \$3,000 for a two year period to help with communication and media expenses.
2. Mentoring Moms, Inc. – \$2,000 to provide food for weekly meals to local women in crisis.
3. DeKalb High School English Department – \$800 for 9th grade class supplemental paperback literature.
4. Purdue University Fort Wayne Doermer School of Business – \$750 for “half” of a 3-year workshop contract to utilize the National AAUW "Start Smart" workshops and help train young student women for job negotiation skills.

Total to distribute: \$6,550

Please note: Our annual public meeting to distribute checks AND hear reports from our 2018 grant recipients will be: **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in the **Downtown Library, Room B.**

Come and enjoy the wonderful things that our Trust dollars have done in the past year. You will enjoy hearing from:

- The Franciscan Center Medicine Cabinet project
- Fort Wayne Museum of Art – special traveling female artist exhibit
- Christ Child Society infant layette project
- Indiana Learning Disabilities Association – convention publicity help
- Fort Wayne League of Women Voters – voting information brochure
- IPFW – high school student mentorship program

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In Memoriam



A Celebration of Life Service

Nancy "Nan" Getzin

Nancy "Nan" Getzin (née Wedemeyer) died peacefully at Visiting Nurses Hospice Care on February 9, 2019 in Fort Wayne, IN at the age of 87.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Norman; children, Alan Getzin of Midland, MI, Scott Getzin of Amboy, IN, Eric Getzin of Jasper, IN, David Getzin of Weare, NH; brothers, Charles Wedemeyer of Brown Dear, WI, Richard Wedemeyer of Grand Rapids, MI. She is preceded in death by brother, Arthur Wedemeyer of Sun City, AZ; parents, Arthur and Alice Wedemeyer of West Bend, WI.

Nancy was born on April 18, 1931 in Sheboygan, WI. She graduated from Milwaukee State Teachers College (University of Wisconsin) in 1953 with a degree in Early

Childhood Education. She married Norman in August 1953. Both Nancy and Norman worked as Elementary School teachers in Racine, Wisconsin. As Norman pursued a different career path, Nancy was supportive through managing the family and household. In 1959, the family moved from Champaign, Illinois to Cedar Rapids, IA. She taught elementary school in Cedar Rapids 5 years when the family moved to Urbana, IL. Nancy pursued and received a Masters degree in Early Childhood Development from University of Illinois. Due to Norman's job relocation, in 1971, the family moved to Fort Wayne.

She setup and worked as Administrator of IP of FW daycare for several years then taught for the Fort Wayne Community Schools for 5 years. In 1980, she pursued her passion of art and crafts and opened Nan's Craft Corner in Georgetown Square till 1989. Norman and Nancy would spend their winters in Mesa, AZ from 2000 till 2016.

She was an advocate for women's rights and equality by working with League of Women Voters, **American Association of University Women (AAUW)**, and Planned Parenthood. She loved quilting, embroidery, tole painting and weaving. She was an avid reader and sang in the church choir for 46 years. Over the years, she was involved in church leadership and many committees. She and Norman won a Unitarian Universalists (UU) Founders Award in 2007 and the Unsung UU award in 2004. She had 4 sons, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She was a friend to many. She was loved and will be missed.

Gifts in Nancy's memory may be given to: UU Fort Wayne Endowment Fund, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne 5310 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

NCCSWL Update

With the new administration at Purdue University Fort Wayne, we are pleased to begin establishing collaborative partnerships with the institution. Dr. Terri Swim, Associate Dean in the College of Professional Studies at PFW, is our University Representative for AAUW. She and Dr. Gloria Shaminoff, AAUW University Liaison, have selected two university students, Rose Antrim and Gigi Goshorn, to be the recipients of our AAUW NCCSWL Award Scholarships. The awards will provide **leadership training** by sponsoring these PFW students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) that is held in Maryland later in the spring. Part of the requirement for receiving our award is that the students will provide our AAUW Fort Wayne Branch with a short presentation that summarizes the new skills in leadership gained at the conference.

Public Policy Overview: 2 Hot Topics

By Judy Gillman, Director of Public Policy

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING ISN'T GOING AWAY ANYTIME SOON.

- It's a vast organization covering huge areas with complex avenues
- It's currently actively being done in transnational countries
- Traffickers have refined the art of deceptive recruitment
- They manipulate "the world" of the person being trafficked
- Law enforcement is slowly getting past the "old world" view of creating a "sting" to arrest women for these crimes organized by traffickers
- As a whole – we need to focus on the "higher up chain" who are the organizers and profiting from trafficking operations

Please put May 18, 2019 on your calendar: Our Speaker is Mike McCarty from the FBI Indianapolis. Mike will speak on this topic, along with bullying, and explain how extremely vulnerable we all are to the trafficking methods in today's society.

FYI: For further in depth knowledge of this growing problem, check out this website: <https://polarisproject.org>

- Review the Top 3 Types of Trafficking during 2017
- Survivors who contacted the Hot Line in 2017 and all the stats available. You'll see that the problem isn't shrinking, but growing – flourishing.
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING ISN'T GOING AWAY ANYTIME SOON

FROM AAUW National: THE ACTION FOR EQUAL PAY IS ALIVE AND WELL.

Deborah J. Vagins, AAUW Sr. VP for Public Policy and Research reports the following:

You did it! Thanks to you and other advocates, **the House of Representatives just voted 242 to 187 to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) with bipartisan support.** We're one step closer to ensuring every woman can take home the pay she rightfully earns. Now it's up to the Senate to act, and we need your support to succeed.

Equal pay for equal work is something we can all get behind. As legendary equity advocate Lilly Ledbetter put it, "This is not Democrat. It's not Republican or Independent. This belongs to everybody." Congress must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would:

- Require employers to prove that pay disparities between men and women are a business necessity and job-related.
- Ban the use of salary history, which has been shown to negatively impact women.
- Protect workers from being penalized for discussing their salaries.
- Help employers implement fair-pay practices.

We've fought too long and too hard to turn back now. You've sent thousands of emails and made hundreds of calls, and the House heard you loud and clear. Let's make sure the Senate does too... [Please, give now so this vital law can be enacted.](#) If you have not taken the opportunity to contribute to this critical cause, please do so.

P.S. When we finally see equal pay for equal work, it's not just women who will benefit: men, families, communities and the economy will thrive too!

<https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/?treatment=PCHK-FAIRNESS&AppealCode=F19PFAEML0319-1>

Or call: For questions about giving to a special fund at AAUW, please contact us at 800.326.2289.

AAUW FORT WAYNE BRANCH 2019-2020 DUES RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____

Please select your dues category:

- REGULAR \$ **84.00** = National AAUW \$59.00 + State \$7.00 + Branch \$18.00
- PAID LIFE MEMBER..... \$ **25.00** = State \$7.00 + Branch \$18.00
- STUDENT..... \$ **21.00** = National \$19.00 + Branch \$ 2.00
- HONORARY LIFE..... \$ **0** ****Please consider a donation for Branch expenditures.**

(Note that \$56 of national dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.)

I am also enclosing a National AAUW Fund Donation \$ _____

Donations require separate checks.

Please write the fund name on the memo line. Examples are: AAUW Funds or AAUW LAF

Do you have corrections/changes for the 2019-20 Yearbook? YES NO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Additional Degree(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Make your renewal check **Payable to AAUW Fort Wayne Branch**
and **MAIL** it with this **completed form** to:

Joanne Beerbower, Treasurer
16015 Bayview Boulevard, Grabill, IN 46741

We always WELCOME new members to AAUW!

If you know of perspective members, please contact our membership directors to send a packet of information.

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Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Discussion – Meets the third Thursday of the month at Halls Gas House at 12:30 pm.

April 18 – *Beloved* by Michelle Obama (*changed from the previous selection*)

May 17 – *A Piece of the World* by Christine Kline

Creative Arts and Service – Meets at various locations, dates, times

No additional information provided

Creative Stitchery and Crafts – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at a group member's home at 1 pm.

No additional information provided

Current Literature I – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes at 7:15 pm.

April 2 – Select Books for 2019-2020

Hostess: Barb Kanning

May 7 – *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Discussion Leader: Chris Myers

June 4 – *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

Discussion Leader: Joanne Beerbower

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at Villas of Heritage Lake Clubhouse at 1:30-3 pm.

April 22 – Choose Books for 2019-2020

Hostess: Jane Anderson

May 20 – *Sing Unburied Sing* by Jesamyn Ward

Discussion Leader: Lois Guess

Great Decisions Book Club – Meets the Second Friday of the month at a member's home at 11:30 am.

April 12 – Hostess: Judy Gillman

Topic: Nuclear Negotiation

Leader: Judy Gillman

May 10 – Hostess: Carol Patterson

Topic: Populism in Europe

Leader: Donna McKenzie

Branch Recognitions

By Mary Lou Thomas, Recognition Chair
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Each year at our Annual Meeting recognition is given to members or groups who have served the branch in special ways.

Congratulations to the following outstanding women!

50 Year Membership: Carol Ensley

Woman of the Year: Mary Lou Thomas

Eleanor Roosevelt Award: Barb Kanning

Emerging Leader: Eileen Fraser

Group: Pen Pals R Us

Board Members Elected in March

By Dr. Bobbie Weikle, President

Congratulations to the board members elected to serve from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

Co-Directors of Membership:

Kris Conner and Donna McKenzie

Director of Finance: Eileen Fraser

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Mathews

Trust Members:

Barb Kanning, Andrea Tarbet, Cathy Huff Helt

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AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Committees

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