

Bulletin

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President's Message

By Cathy Huff

Dear Members,

I am writing this message from my Mother's home in Florida. I flew back with her earlier this week after having her home with me for several doctor appointments. Sadly, she has been experiencing the early stages of dementia. However, I see this as a time of new opportunities for learning, challenges and blessings. As women, we are often the ones who face these care-giving challenges and I am very thankful for the sisterhood of AAUW as I travel down this new path.

Speaking of our sisterhood, I hope you all saw the news of the passing of Susan Archibald Stone, a current AAUW member, and Hildreth Ellen Elliott Williams, a former member before her move to Connecticut. If not, please see their obituaries in this newsletter. Both were very accomplished women!

Also, in this April issue, you will find reminders about several upcoming events: Equal Pay Day, the Annual Trust Meeting when we recognize grant recipients, the AAUW Indiana State Convention, the dues renewal reminder, and our May Brunch. Please mark these on your calendar!

Speaking of the May Brunch, the AAUW Trust discussed doing something similar to last year's event where we choose a charity that could benefit from small donations from members who are able to help.

This year the Trust is providing the Franciscan Center's Medicine Chest with a grant. Based on their constant lack of items primarily geared toward mothers and young children—items we often take for granted—we asked them what their immediate needs are. The items they listed are: toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes, baby aspirin, adult pain reliever, bar soap, dish soap, bladder pads, cold medicine, deodorant, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, shaving cream, lotions, trash bags, vitamins, triple antibiotic ointment, Q-tips, diaper sizes for newborns and 6 months. When these mothers visit the Medicine Chest, they are limited to just 3 items. Two rolls of toilet paper count as one item. And the Medicine chest is only open one day a week and items are quickly exhausted. Any donations collected will be delivered by members of the Trust. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

*Board Meetings
are open to all members.*

Branch Board Meetings

April 2, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Business and Technical Conference Room (2nd FL)
Allen County Public Library (ACPL)
900 Library Plaza
(between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne St.)

June 11, 2018 6:30 p.m.

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

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.*

RENEW YOUR membership:

details on page 9

Membership Matters

By Margaret Schimmel and Kris Conner, Membership Co-chairs

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We are always looking to welcome new members. There are many groups to join and get great information. Plus there is much to learn about AAUW and what they are working on to help women out here in the US and abroad. Please contact either of us for membership information.

Welcome New Member:

Jean Joley
5430 Exeter Drive
Fort Wayne, In 46815

Address Change:

Betty Sonnek
C/o Becky Hillyard
9031 Stellhorn Crossing Parkway
Fort Wayne, In. 46815

2017-18 Directory and Membership Records

By Connie LaBrash, Membership Records

labrashc@gmail.com or (260) 432-1887

Please check **everywhere** that your name and information are typed in the 2017-2018 Yearbook. If there is an error or update please contact Connie so that the Branch's records can be corrected.

Equal Pay Day Events

April 17, 2018 LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WAGE GAP

On average, women in Indiana make 75 cents to every one dollar that men make and based on the current rate of progress, it is projected that Indiana will not close the wage gap until 2086. In 2018, YWCA Northeast Indiana will host a three part series to explain why the wage gap exists and the differences between the White, African American and Latina wage gaps.

We hope you will join us for our first event, on April 17th.

April 17, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
1925 S Calhoun,
(next to Calhoun Street Soup, Salad, & Spirits)

August 7, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Urban League, 2135 Hanna St.

November 1, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Location to be announced later)



**Mark your
Calendar!**

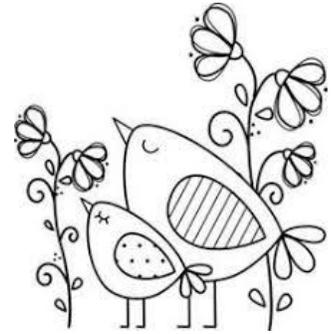
*2016 Numbers from the Institute for Women's Policy Research-the numbers represent Female Earnings as a percentage of White Male Earnings.



AAUW Spring Brunch
Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Fort Wayne Country Club

5221 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804
(260) 432-2581

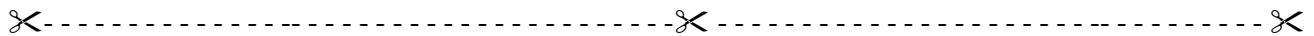


Now that spring is upon us, it is time to gather for our final Branch-wide event of the 2017-2018 year. Bring along your daughter or friend to enjoy a spring (and hopefully sunny) morning at the beautiful Fort Wayne Country Club. We will have a lovely **served brunch** including everyone’s favorite **pecan ice cream ball dessert**.

STEM Education is one of AAUW’s key national programs. We have a long history of opening doors for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), from the classroom to Capitol Hill. The STEM fields are rapidly becoming the most in-demand and lucrative in the world. Despite this demand, at almost every step of the STEM education path women and girls walk away. We will have a quick review of what AAUW is doing to push for gender equity in STEM.

Cost: \$20 per person. **Advanced Reservations are required** and your reservation form and check must be received no later than the **deadline of Friday, April 27**.

For questions, please contact Donna McKenzie at 260-637-0260 or dcmckenzie@comcast.net



AAUW Spring Brunch Reservation Form

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Reservations **and checks** must be received no later than **Friday, April 27**

Member Name: _____ Guest 1: _____

Guest 2: _____ Guest 3: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ x \$20 each meal = Total Check Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to “AAUW of Fort Wayne” to:

Pat Becker 2512 Bosworth Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46805

[Phone 260-484-9105; email tonypat41@msn.com]

Check # _____

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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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1. Come to our important public Trust meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00p.m. in Room B of our downtown library. You will really enjoy the evening with a two-fold purpose. First, we'll distribute checks to **SIX** local nonprofit organizations awarded 2018 grants from our Trust. There were 12 applications, and your Trust Board worked diligently to help the most organizations possible with our limited resources. Secondly, we will hear reports from the **SIX** 2017 grant recipients describing how our funding was used and also submit their final financial reports. It is always rewarding to know that our Trust dollars are helping so many in our own community!

2. Your AAUW Trust Board is working hard to be the best stewards possible of our bequeathed and donated principle investment dollars. During the early part of our fiscal year, we carefully researched investment advisors to find the most beneficial for our needs. **It was unanimously voted to stay with Lake City Band at this time.**

3. Please take a moment to look at the Trust financial report on page 24 of your 2017-2018 Yearbook. If you look at the **total principle** at the top, it would seem that we can only "grow" our principle dollars by Will Bequests. This is NOT true! We are asking you, our Branch members, to consider tax-deductible contributions at any time and at any amount. Have a tax refund? A little extra cash? Your Board would like to enlarge our principle in order to fund more community needs that agree with and support our AAUW mission. Also, if you have not already done so, please include AAUW Fort Wayne in your will.

Thank you so much for reading our news and supporting our work.

Public Policy

By Judy Gillman, Public Policy Chair
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Roni Embry is AAUW's State of Indiana Public Policy Director. Roni is also a lobbyist, and has been extremely active in our state, and is fairly new to AAUW.

Alongside many of you, I'm discovering it's also my role to ensure we are making advocacy part of all communications and that we are consistent in our actions. Below is a list of my discoveries to date. There is so much more, but this is a starting point for your AAUW Fort Wayne PPChair:

- **The Government Relations Department** has a "listserv" for branch public policy chairs. I believe I will automatically be added now that our IN Director is in place, assuring that conference calls webinars, and resources on public policy issues. As I receive any information I will disseminate to the board and members to keep you posted on concrete issues.
- There's also a **Two-Minute Activist** tool entitled "SALSA" that enables anyone to make external contact with our federal elected leaders. We should use this tool collectively once our officers have passed information to the members (team effort!). Reading about SALSA indicates it's a great way to share calls to action and advocacy information with large audiences (making our voices heard expediently and for the same goal...driving the message home!). If you already have this link in place, please let me know: If you're actively using it; Discuss any feedback you've received; Communicate how easy the tool is to use, etc. If it's not in place, I will ask about adding this to our website for all of you to download.
- Feel free to **check out our Facebook page** (I don't tweet, but that's another good tool mentioned) and see what is listed.

For those who do not utilize email, information will be shared in our Newsletter at a minimum. Most likely, timely information will require another source of action. For those without email, if plan to be a part of communications to our State and Local leaders, DO contact me. I will be more than pleased to include you in timely actions we may take regarding Public Policy issues. If I DO NOT receive a response, you will receive the information via our Newsletter to keep you up-to-date on what your branch is/has been doing.

AAUW-IN 2018 State Convention

Resilient Leadership, Take Two

April 28, 2018 9:30am-3:00pm, Central Standard Time

Valparaiso Ivy Tech Auditorium and Atrium

3100 Ivy Tech Drive, Valparaiso IN 46324

Look for the registration form on the AAUW State or in the State newsletter that was mailed the last week of March.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Welcome and Introductions – Marsha Miller, President, AAUW-IN,
Ann Ruggaber, Valparaiso Branch President

Welcome from Ivy Tech’s Provost

Business Meeting/Board Member Reports

Keynote Speaker, Gloria Blackwell, Senior Vice President of Fellowship and Programs, AAUW National Office (*note: Gloria will come with a presentation, but will also be available to hear your thoughts and concerns*)

NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

State Public Policy Chair, Veronica (“Roni”) Embry—legislative update and a view from the Statehouse

Panel Discussion—Strategic Direction of Indiana AAUW (Prez Marsha expects a spirited discussion!)

State Membership Chair Sharon Langlotz will discuss changes in national dues and AAUW’s participation in the statewide **SheVotes 2020** a statewide celebration of the 100th anniversary of our winning the right to vote.

State Program Chair Nancy Waltz-Stern will provide information on 2019 and 2020 state conventions.

Installation of Officers and Closing Remarks

Ann Ruggaber, Valparaiso Branch president, notes: *“The campus is easily accessible off Rt. 30, and parking is ample. Some of our members are on the faculty there. The college women from our sister chapter at VU have offered to work with us. We have co-sponsored some events with Ivy Tech and they are eager to do more with us.”*

Friday evening Board dinner and brief meeting will be held at the **Porter County Community Foundation**

Convention Registration Cost: \$40 STUDENT AFFILIATES: REGISTER FOR \$10

Special Rate for Multiple Branch Members: Special Discount—if four or more members send in registrations together (in same envelope) they may register for \$30.00 each

Should you care to stay overnight a block of 20 hotel rooms has been set aside at **Hampton Inn & Suites Valparaiso, 1451 Silhavy Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46383 – CALL 855-516-1090**

For UPDATES including final schedule: <http://www2.indstate.edu/aauw-in/stateconvention.html>

In Memoriam

Susan Archibald Stone

August 24, 1932 - February 21, 2018

Susan Archibald Stone, 85, died on February 21, 2018, at Saint Anne Home. Born August 24, 1932, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Robert Kenneth Archibald and Velma June (Harrod). A graduate of Central High School and Franklin College, she was a teacher, social worker, and journalist, and was retired from The News-Sentinel. For many years she served as a reporter, feature writer, and food editor. She took a deep interest in news, reading newspapers and "Time" magazine cover to cover, and remained intellectually vibrant to the end of her life. She belonged to Fort Wayne Baptist Church, the American Association of University Women, and Psi Iota Xi, Pi Chapter.

Survivors include her daughter, Amy (John) Beatty of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Robert and Julia of Fort Wayne; and goddaughter, Martha May (Marshall) Gentry. Preferred memorials to Saint Anne Home or the Trinity Episcopal Spiritual Wreath Fund.

Susan Stone remained active in our Branch until very recently. She would have been honored in March as a 50 year member at our Annual Meeting.

Hildreth Ellen Elliott Williams

January, 28, 1919 – February 15, 2018

Hildreth Ellen Elliot Williams died in Manchester, Conn., where she had spent her final eight years at the Arbors of Hop Brook, close to her son John and his wife Jo-Anne, who became her staunch helpers, companions, holiday hosts and caretakers to her final hour.

She was the daughter of Belva Ellen Royse Elliott and Asbury Elliot. Hildreth spent most of her childhood and teens in Bloomington, Ind., where, after high school, she studied in the Classics Department of Indiana University, earning her Bachelor of Arts in 1939. In 1941 she married Ernest Eden Williams and soon moved to his home city, Fort Wayne, Ind. Hildreth raised five children with Ernest while he worked at the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, retiring as its editor in 1982.

Hildreth was a member of American Association of University Women where she joined several book groups devoted to women's writing. She read widely and enthusiastically all her life and never stopped being interested in just about everything. Hildreth had a long and full life. She will be missed by her family and friends very much. Her brother, William Asbury Elliott, died in 1980. Her son, Mark Elliott Williams, died in 1997. She is survived by her remaining children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: sons, Timothy Royse Williams of Denver, Colo. and John Krueger (Jo-Anne Rankin) Williams of Tolland, Conn.; and daughters, Ellen Anne (Wilfred) Blais of Mansfield, Pa. and Elizabeth Eden (Kate Hyde) Williams of Lindley, N.Y.; grandchildren, Andrew (Elana Borst) Blais, O'rya (Tom Humphreys) Hyde-Keller, Adrienne (Chip Masters) Craig-Williams, Helen Craig-Williams, Claire Williams and Todd Williams; and great-grandchildren, Benjamin Blais, Zooey Craig-Williams Brooks and Violet Blais. "Special thanks are owed to the staff at the Arbors for their many kindnesses to Hildreth and to the staff at Manchester Manor for their excellent care." In accordance with Hildreth's wishes, a memorial service was held on Monday, March 12, 2018, in the chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Hildreth Williams moved to CT 8 years ago because of declining health, but had been a very active Branch member until that time. She was 98 when she died.

AAUW FORT WAYNE BRANCH 2018-19 DUES RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____

Please select your dues category:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR | \$ 79.00 = National AAUW \$59.00 + State \$7.00 + Branch \$13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAID LIFE MEMBER | \$ 20.00 = State \$7.00 + Branch \$13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT | \$ 21.00 = National \$19.00 + Branch \$ 2.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2018-19 Yearbook? YES NO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Additional Degree(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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

Joanne Beerbower, Treasurer
16015 Bayview Boulevard
Grabill, IN 46741

DUE DATE FOR DUES RENEWAL IS: JUNE 15, 2018

Membership dues need to be paid either by mail to Joanne, OR
you may **bring your dues check to the Brunch** at the Fort Wayne Country Club on Saturday, May 5.

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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Margy Schimmel	margy.schimmel@yahoo.com	260-747-5078

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Interest Groups

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

April 19 – A Long Way Home (Lion) by Saroo Brierley

May 17 – The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

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

Tuesday, April 17 – Planning meeting for 2018-19. Location TBA. Contact Carol Isaacs

Tuesday, May 15 – Felted wool project at JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 1 p.m. Contact Linda Flatley

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

April 3 – Select Books for 2018-19

May 1 – Hidden Figures by Margaret Lee Shetterly

June 5 – Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at group member homes at 7 p.m.

April 23 – Select Books for 2018-19

May 21 – Hidden Figures by Margaret Lee Shetterly (Monday)

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

April 3 – Canvas Shopping Bags

May 1 – Planning Meeting

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