



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This past June I had the honor of attending the AAUW 2015 National Convention in San Diego. I can honestly say that it was the best conference I have ever attended! What an inspiration. Barb Kanning, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson and I attended some wonderful workshops and listened to excellent speakers. I thank the branch for sending me to such a valuable conference.

Voting for the 2015 Election also wrapped up while we were in San Diego. Here is a brief recap of the election results (you can also find this on the website: <http://www.aauw.org/national-election/>).

Our national AAUW Board of Directors are:

Board Chair: Patricia Fae Ho, **Board Vice Chair:** Alicia Hetman, **Board Finance Vice Chair:** Janet Bunger (appointed), **Board Secretary:** Eileen S. Hartmann, **Directors:** Joanna Amberger (appointed), Susan Barley, Malinda Gaul, Anthony J. Hill (appointed), Ellie Hill, Traci Jensen, Melissa Johnsen, Dot McLane, Rebecca Norlander, Glenda D. Price, and Pam Thiel.

Voting was at 12% overall and our Indiana voting percentage came in at 8.45% (which means only 85 of our 1,006 members voted).

All the Bylaws passed except for the one which proposed eliminating the degree requirement. Those that passed were: filling board vacancies, changing leadership titles, the vice president term, and committee member terms. The four

that passed did so with more than 80% of the vote. The proposal to eliminate the degree requirement saw the following results: Yes to eliminate at 40.91%, No to eliminate at 55.51% with 3.58% not voting on the issue.

Twelve Public Policy initiatives were up for vote and all passed. A brief description of the topics voted upon are: 1) Women and other underrepresented populations, 2) High-quality public education free from sexual assault, 3) Safe housing; reproductive health care, 4) Campaign finance reform; fair elections, 5) Diversity and inclusion, 6) Placement of ERA and campaign finance reform language, 7) Arts and humanities, 8) Ratification of CEDAW, 9) National priorities, 10) Title IX enforcement, 11) Health care access, and 12) Passage of ERA.

I am looking forward to a great year which starts with our first event to be held on August 26th – the 95th anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment: **Women's Right to Vote!** This event will be held at the YWCA and our branch is joining with the YWCA, Women's Bureau and the League of Women Voters to show the screening of the documentary, Iron Jawed Angels. The movie will start at 6pm and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30pm. If interested, RSVP to Sue Hiatt at (260) 424-4908. I hope to see you there and all the other upcoming programs. We really need your attendance this year!

Women's Equality Day

You're invited to join YWCA Northeast Indiana for a celebration of Women's Equality Day and the 95th anniversary of the 19th amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

What: We will be celebrating Women's Equality Day with a screening of the documentary Iron Jawed Angels

When: Wednesday, August 26th refreshments will begin at 5:30pm and the movie screening will start at 6pm.

Where: YWCA Northeast Indiana 1610 Spy Run Avenue

RSVP: to YWCA@ywcaerew.org or to Sue Hiatt at (260)424-4908 ext. 254



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The AAUW Fund is the greatest opportunity for all of us and has the greatest need. The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all of our programs and activities.

Our unrestricted gift to the AAUW Fund helps incubate and disseminate programs that

- above all advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW's role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission

The AAUW Fund gets results for women and girls. That is AAUW's top priority now and in the future. Remember your gift to the AAUW Fund helps support AAUW Advocacy, NCCWSL, Outlook, Member Leader Programs, LAF, Tech Savvy, Start Smart, SAC, CAP Grants, Elect Her, CU Partners Tech Trek, and so much more.

As you plan to give, please remember AAUW now has ONE FUND. Your gift to the AAUW Fund helps so much.

Phyllis S. Thompson,

Fort Wayne AAUW Fund Director

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch **Membership**

Please take a moment to think about these questions: Is AAUW important to you? Do you see us as working to fulfill our mission? Do you talk about what we do? Are we "growing" our Branch?

Now, the opportunities to "share" AAUW are being planned by Thelma Bowles and her program committee. Mark your calendars – **Come** – Bring a friend and/or family member with you. Two important events are coming very soon to "showcase" our mission:

ONE: Women's Equality Day observance on August 26th at the YWCA. We are collaborating with three other groups – see the information in this bulletin and online. Take note of the details and COME!

TWO: AAUW Indiana Fall Summit at Warsaw on September 12th. Let's carpool and bring others also to hear this important message. Learn about the media and its power. How can we in our AAUW Fort Wayne branch use this valuable resource to gain much more visibility in our community? Specific details coming in your IN Bulletin with the registration form.

EVERY AAUW member is a valuable part of the membership committee! Margy and I will help. We have packets to send or give out in person to help explain how vital the work is that we do to help women and girls. Be sure to keep us informed about potential member candidates.

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PROGRAMS

As per Branch Policies all reservations for which there is a charge are expected to be paid even if the member is unable to attend. Members registering and paying for the early deadline will receive a 25% discount.

What follows is the initial schedule. Please check further bulletins for more timely information.

Programming Committee, Thelma Bowles, chair

Aug. 26th 2015 Women's Equality Day
(information is on page two of this bulletin)

Sept. 12th 2015 AAUW Indiana Fall Summit
(complete information and registration form in this bulletin)

Oct. 17th 2015 The Environmental Stability –
Boy Scouts Headquarters; time TBD

Dec. 5th 2015 Holiday Breakfast and Silent
Auction – 9:30am @ Pine Valley Country Club

Mar. 15th 2016 Annual Meeting and
Recognitions – “Women's Health” 5:30pm
location TBD

Apr. 12th 2016 Pay Equity Day Demonstration
in conjunction with League of Women Voters
and YWCA – 9:30am Spy Run Y location

April 23rd 2016 AAUW Indiana State convention
all day @ location TBD

May 14th 2016 “Know Your 2016 AAUW” –
9:30am @ Fort Wayne Country Club

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 14th at ACPL in the
Business and Technical Conference Room at
6:30pm.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened by the loss of two of our
members this year:

Dorothy Helen “Dot” Easterly passed away on
Thursday, April 2, 2015. The daughter of the
late Albert and Hellen Burdick, she was a
member of First Presbyterian Church, Fort
Wayne. Dot was a teacher for the New Haven
Public Schools for ten years. Her memberships
included the New Haven Women's Club and the
American Association of University Women.
She is survived by her husband of 56 years,
William; son Ray (Heidi) Easterly and
granddaughter Gabrielle of Leo.

Henrietta Goetz “Henri”, a very gracious lady,
was memorialized on Sunday, May 17th 2015
with several members of our Branch in
attendance.

In the year 1999-2000 Henri was chosen by the
Branch as Women of the Year and on two other
occasions (1986-87 & 1992-93) she was a
Named Grant Honoree. She initiated the idea
of printed name tags for each member
attending an event.

Henri was a member of the Afternoon Book
Discussion Group and played bridge with an
afternoon bridge group.

She was loved by those who knew her and we
will miss her presence.

AAUW INDIANA FALL SUMMIT

“Advocating for Change —Empowering, not Polarizing”

September 12, 2015

Russell Center, Grace College

1003 Presidential Drive

Winona Lake, IN 46590

All times given are for the Eastern Time Zone

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| 9:30 - 10:00 | Registration and Breakfast |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Welcome |
| 10:15 - 12:00 | “Seeking Truth in Journalism” John Krull, Director of the Pulliam School of Journalism, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, Publisher of TheStateHouseFile.com , and host of “No Limits” WFYI 90.1 Indianapolis Public Radio and Julie Beer, Reporter, Goshen News |
| 12:00 - 12:15 | Break |
| 12:15 - 1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15 - 2:00 | Increasing our Legislative Strength with Alice Bennett, State Public Policy Director |
| 2:00 - 2:45 | Panel Report on the National Convention in San Diego, CA |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | Wrap-Up and Evaluation |

AAUW – IN 2015 FALL SUMMIT Registration

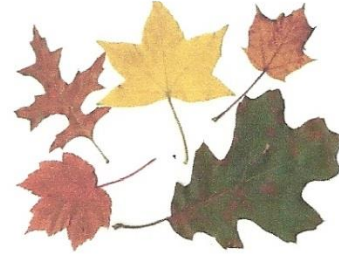
Advocating for Change: Empowering, not Polarizing

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Russell Center of Grace College

1003 Presidential Drive

Winona Lake, IN 46590



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Branch _____

Accessibility needs: _____

Special dietary needs: vegetarian _____ vegan _____ other _____

Breakfast: pastries, bagels, fresh fruit, assorted yogurt cups, coffee, tea, juice

Lunch: chicken salad croissant sandwiches, Asian salad, fresh pineapple, mixed-berry pie, coffee & tea

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, and all materials

Cost: \$25.00 until August 27; \$30.00 thereafter

Early Bird Registration deadline – Thursday August 27, 2015 (\$25.00)

Registration deadline - Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 (\$30.00)

Registration is not guaranteed after the postmark date of September 1, 2015; but in case you miss the cutoff please call Marcy Stemp (219-932-2010) to learn if spots might still be open or if you may take the place of someone who has canceled.

Mail to: Marcy Stemp, 7223 Jarnecke Ave, Hammond, IN 46324; checks payable to AAUW – IN

Directions to Grace College, Winona Lake, IN

From US 30 in Warsaw, turn south on 250 East and go to the 4-way Stop. Turn right and go .8 mile until you see a stone, lighted marquee with a “Welcome A.A.U.W.” message. Turn left at the signboard onto Presidential Drive. You will wind a short distance through a wooded area. Look for the signs to point you to the Russell Center. Parking is located behind the Russell Center. Check out www.koscvb.org for information on Warsaw and Kosciusko County.

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION:

Aug. 20 – All the Light We Cannot See by A. Doerr – Discussion leader TBD

Sept. 17 – George Washington’s Secret Six by Brian Kilmeade – Discussion leader Linda Flatley

Oct. 15 – Go Set a Watchman by Lee Harper – Discussion leader Connie LaBrash

Nov. 19 – Churchill Factor by Boris Johnson – Discussion leader Nancy Kelley

2015-16 CREATIVE ARTS AND SERVICE:

Sept. 15 – Service: thank you cards at Cancer Services of NE IN – Monette King

Oct. 20 – Craft: wreath at JoAnn Fabrics – Donna McKenzie

Nov. 24 – Service: serving lunch at Brentwood School – Linda Flatley

CURRENT LITERATURE II:

Sept. 28 – A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power by Jimmy Carter – Hostess is Ruth VinDeylen, Reviewer is Thelma Bowles

Oct. 26 – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr – Hostess is Lois Guess, Reviewer is Leslie Sperry

Nov. 23 – Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini – Hostess TBD, Reviewer is Sandy Tucker

GREAT DECISIONS II:

Sept. 11 – “Syria’s Refugee Crisis” – Hostess is Dorothy Woods, Leader is Carol Patterson

Oct. 9 – “Human Trafficking in the 21st Century” – Hostess is Marvel Munro, Leader is Rita Voors

Nov. 13 – “Brazil’s Metamorphosis” – Hostess is Pat Becker, Leader is Susan Stone

2015-16 CREATIVE STITCHERY AND CRAFTS:

Sept. 1 – Dying a Silk Scarf – Hostess/Instructor is Nan Getzin, Dessert by Margy Schimmel

Oct. 6 – Dried Flower Illuminary Instructor/Hostess/Dessert by Gervaise Bastian

Nov. 3 – Sequined Cap Cookie Exchange – Instructor/Hostess/Dessert by Rita Zehr

CURRENT LITERATURE I

Sept. 1 – Songs of Willow Frost by Jamie Ford – Hostess is JoAnn Beerbower, Leader is Andrea Tarbet

Oct. 6 – Plum Tree by Ellen Marie Wiseman – Hostess is Carol Burgess and Martha Dawson, Leader is Rosemary Bobish

Nov. 3 – Deep Down Dark by Hector Tobar – Hostess is Judy Ruoff and Mary Lou Thomas, Leader is Anne Healy



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Return Requested

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Websites: www.aauwfortwayne.org www.indstate.edu/aauw-in www.aauw.org

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