



2014 - 2015

Fall

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

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**Saturday; October 11, 2014      Women's Voices**  
**IPFW Science Building room 168**

**Elect – Her**

**Brianne Rogers** Office of the Dean of Students, Purdue University; Civic Engagement  
and Leadership Development

**Additional Presenter** A student who has participated in this program

The Programming Committee of AAUW – Fort Wayne is very happy to present this learning experience for college women, as they acquire credentials to gain positions of leadership in the college arena and beyond. It may also be seen as a refresher for AAUW-Fort Wayne members and others. Cosponsor of this event is the IPFW Center for Women and Returning Adults.

8:45am      Refreshments and sign in  
9:15am      Presentation  
10:15am      Questions opportunity  
10:45am      AAUW-FW Summary

This event is open to all women and is consistent AAUW's mission to provide programming designed to advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. There is no charge for this event.

This will be our first opportunity this year to encourage college students to take advantage of the E-Affiliate process whereby there is access to AAUW Updates and other material without cost. This is a win-win for the students as they become more knowledgeable of our society and ways to positively impact their place therein.

**Membership** – 'always a good time to recruit a new member! Half off National membership if the person joins at an event ☺      Co-chairs Barb Kanning and Lynne Colvin

## AAUW FUNDS

Remember - we support AAUW programs by giving to AAUW Funds. Contributions to all funds are tax deductible. Simply write the name or number of the fund on the memo line of your check and give to our Branch Treasurer, Pat Becker

Funds include: Legal Advocacy (3999), AAUW (9110), Public Policy (4337), Educational Opportunities (4336), Eleanor Roosevelt (9170), and Leadership Programs (4339)

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## Interest Groups

(Check with your coordinator for any additional information)

Afternoon Book Discussion: Third Thursday, 12:30pm

9/18 Reviewer Nan Getzin: The Light between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

10/16 Reviewer Marcia Goheen: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Great Decisions II: Second Friday, 11:30am

9/12 Hostess and Leader Marvel Munro: "Food and Climate"

10/10 Hostess Dot Easterly (?); Leader Ginger Connell: "China's Foreign Policy"

Creative Arts: Second Tuesday, times vary

9/9 2-4pm; Hostess Ruth VonDeylen (637-9430); Project-Door Wreath,  
Linda Flatley

10/14 1pm; Hostess Jane Anderson (438-1063); Lunch location TBA

Creative Stitchery and Crafts: First Tuesday, 1:00pm

Current Lit I: 7:15pm unless noted otherwise

10/7; Co-Hostesses Judy Ruoff and Marilyn Hart; Sycamore Row authored by  
John Grisham - Discussion Leader: Joanne Beerbower

11/4; Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks. Discussion Leader: Lynne Colvin,  
Hostess Rosemary Bobish, Co-Hostess Anne Healy

Current Literature II: Fourth Monday September 2014 through May, 2015; 7:00pm

Chair Pat Becker (484-9105), [tonypat41@msn.com](mailto:tonypat41@msn.com)

9/22; The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier; Reviewer Pat Becker,  
Hostess Ruth Von Deylen

10/27; Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver; Reviewer Leslie Sperry,  
Hostess Lorraine Weinswig

Great Decisions I: Third Sunday, 7:00pm

First Meeting will be in November. "The Invisible War" will be viewed  
Potluck prior to the showing

**Board Meetings:** September 15<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the downtown Allen County Public Library in the Business and Technical Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) at 6:30pm (900 Library Plaza).

## President's Message

Welcome to our new programming year in AAUW! As your new President, I'd like to extend an invitation to all of you to support Thelma and her Programming Committee by attending our exciting line-up of branch meetings this year. The team has met several times already this summer and the excitement is growing as we work hard to line up some wonderful programs that will bring AAUW's public policy to the forefront!

In October we will hear from Brianne Rogers from the Office of the Dean of Students, Purdue University; Coordinator, Leadership Development and Civic Engagement as she presents a program called Elect-Her. We will open this meeting to the public and will encourage young women to attend. Those of us attending the annual AAUW Indiana Fall Summit in Schererville, IN on September 13, 2014 will get to hear about this initiative from Brianne firsthand. Register through Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

In December we will again be enjoying the holiday season while raising funds for the ever important Legal Advocacy Fund. Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

On March 10, 2015, we will hold our Annual Meeting at the Brookside (Bass) Mansion. Our business meeting will be topped off with a tour of the beautiful mansion on the grounds of the University of Saint Francis.

In April, two important events will take place. The first is Pay Equity Day and our branch will be making plans to participate. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event is the AAUW Indiana State Convention to be held here in Fort Wayne on April 25<sup>th</sup>. What an honor and a wonderful chance to show off all the great things Fort Wayne has to offer!

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at our Spring Brunch at the Fort Wayne Country Club, our guest speaker will provide valuable information and insight into our river system and what we can do to encourage further education and support of our local rivers and their critical role in the health and well-being of our community.

Finally, we also plan to again support young women on the educational front by providing a scholarship for a local university student to attend NCCWSL next June.

It is going to be a busy year and I look forward to our mutual support of our AAUW mission "that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance."

Cathy Huff, Your AAUW – Fort Wayne President

**AAUW – Fort Wayne Programming committee** has provided varied events for this year. One event has already taken place, August 25<sup>th</sup> we did Silk Flower Arranging at Four Seasons/DIY Florist. Another event is the headline for this Newsletter issue. The balance were mentioned in our President's statement and will be presented in future newsletters. In developing the program, it became painfully obvious that enough money has not been requested and budgeted for, and that programming planning needs more than one year forward to accommodate the necessary deadlines. As this year proceeds, we hope to address those two issues.



**Return Requested**

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New LAF Case Challenges Gender Discrimination at the University of Tennessee

We are proud to announce LAF support of a new case, *Moshak v. University of Tennessee*. The lawsuit was filed in 2012 by Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser, former employees of the U of T's women's athletic department. The plaintiffs allege sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The claim that they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger of the women's and men's athletic departments.

Schlosser and Mason argue in part that they were fired by the university after making internal complaints alleging unequal pay between the women's and men's athletic departments. Moshak claims that she was demoted, marginalized in the department, and then forced to retire. The plaintiffs also say that during the merger the vast majority-86%-of terminated employees were either women or were men in the women's athletic department.

Fort Wayne Branch AAUW Trust accepts grant applications during January and February. The applications received in this time period are reviewed by the Board in March and makes the decision regarding the grants to be awarded and their dollar amounts. The grants are awarded at a public meeting in April. Additional information may be found on the Branch web site.

Barb Bulmahn, Trust chair

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