



November/ December 2013 Bulletin

Wednesday, **November 13th** – repeat of **“The Invisible War”**

AAUW Fort Wayne branch is hosting the Community viewing of “The Invisible Way”. AAUW, through our Legal Advocacy Fund is supporting two of the military sexual assault cases featured in the film.

This free, widely publicized event, will be held at the **Allen County Library, main**; auditorium. Gather at 5:30 PM for hors d’oeuvres prior to the showing of this important ninety-minute documentary.

Encourage anyone who knows a woman or a girl to attend this important event.

Legal Advocacy Fund

Phyllis Thompson, co-director, AAUW Funds

In 1978 five female professors brought a class action lawsuit against their employer, Cornell University citing violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Claiming they were denied tenure and passed over for less-qualified candidates, the named plaintiffs were: Donna Zahorik, Jacqueline Livingston, Antonia Glasse, Charlotte Farris and Judith Long-Laws. They numbered five, but they represented a larger group of 11 female professors and coaches who had officially submitted sex discrimination complaints against the university.

When the case first came to court, members of the AAUW Ithaca, New York Branch were concerned that legal costs and loss of professional status would be insurmountable

for the plaintiffs. The group along with former AAUW Presidents, Marjorie Bell Chambers and Mary Grefe started a fund raising group. However, more support and help was needed. So in 1981, in Boston, at the National Convention, the Legal Advocacy Fund was born.

There is still a need today for women to have their rights protected. Women today still face sex discrimination in the work place and especially in academia.

So we thank the AAUW leaders for their vision in seeing the need for the Legal Advocacy Fund. We also thank all members who have contributed to LAF in the past, the present and are planning to do so in the future.

Please remember, Fort Wayne Branch Silent Auction, benefits the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Plan to come, to bring and to buy. You are supporting a great cause for women.

IN MEMORIAM

Three of our members passed from this life recently. We share the families' loss:

Rosalie Hasley died on September 16, 2013 in Fort Wayne. She attended Washington State University and graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN with a Bachelor of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition. Rosalie was a Registered Dietitian and completed her internship at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. She held positions at several hospitals, as well as at Western Hotels in Washington State, and retired as Chief Dietitian of the Fort Wayne VA Hospital in 1974. Rosalie was past president of Northeastern Indiana Dietetic Association, a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, and active in many organizations, including: St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary, The Marians, and St. Francis College Guild. Rosalie is survived by daughters, Rita Voors and Virginia "Ginger" Connell of Fort Wayne (both members of AAUW), son, Dr. John "Jack" (Marilyn) of Maumee, Ohio, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rosalie became a member of AAUW in 1979. She was a member of Landmarks and Great Decisions Interest Groups. Rosalie is missed.

Judy Kuelling died on August 3, 2013 in Fort Wayne. She attended Southern Methodist University's School of Music and graduated from Elmore College with a degree in Sociology. Judy served as Director of Christian Education in the following United Methodist Churches in Fort Wayne: First Wayne Street, Simpson, and St. Joseph. Judy was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and active in Women's Book Group. Judy was a lifelong learner, she loved to read and study piano. She is survived by her husband, Albert, her sons, Chris (Sibyl) and Lars (Patricia), and her grandchildren.

Judy became a member of AAUW in Roanoke, VA where she belonged for 3 years. Judy joined AAUW Fort Wayne in 2006. She belonged to Current Literature I, Community Outreach, and Great Decisions. She was a recipient of a named grant and served as Program Chair for a short time. Judy will be missed.

Phyllis Pond of New Haven died on September 22, 2013. She graduated from Ball State University and Indiana University with a degree in Education. She taught in Eaton, Raleigh, and Plymouth. She, then, taught for 37 years at New Haven Elementary School. Phyllis was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1978, a legislative seat she held for thirty-five years. During her time in elected office she received the state's highest honor – The Sagamore of the Wabash- presented by Governor Robert Orr. Phyllis was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven. She was a Girl Scout Leader, 4-H leader, and Cub Scout den mother. She is survived by her husband, George; her children: Douglas of Indianapolis, Dr. William (Cami) of Fort Wayne and Jean Grasmick of Zionsville; and grandchildren.

Phyllis joined the Plymouth Branch of AAUW in 1958 and served as President. She joined Fort Wayne branch of AAUW in 1962 until she died. Phyllis was an Honorary Life member of AAUW and a recipient of a named grant in 1991-92. Phyllis will be missed.

Interest Group Calendar

Dec.

Tues., Dec. 3rd **Current Lit I** - 7:15 PM.
The Racketeer by John Grisham. Reviewer:
Betty Baker. Co-hostess: Phyllis Thompson.
Hostess: Martha Dawson (637-6402).

Tues., Dec. 10th **Creative Arts** - 6:30.
Holiday supper at Louise's home. Hostess:
Louise Swihart (432-7387).

Jan. 2014

Tues., Jan. 7th **Current Lit I**

Lunch out. Contact Martha Dawson for details
(637-6402).

Mon., Jan. 27th **Current Lit II – 7:00 PM**

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachael
Joyce. Reviewer: Martha Weatherford.
Hostess: Marvel Munro (483-3733).

No meeting: Creative Stitchery & Crafts,
 Creative Arts, Afternoon Book,
 Discussion Great Decisions II,
 Evening Bridge

Feb. 2014

Tues., Feb. 4th **Creative Stitchery & Crafts** –
1:00 PM. Project: Valentine Wreath. Instructor:
Patty Davis. Hostess: Carolyn Vanice (485-3878)

Tues., Feb. 4th **Current Lit I – 7:15 PM.** The
Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier. Discussion
leader: Carol Endsley. Co-hostess: Deb Cosbey.
Hostess: Carol Burgess (602-9336).

Tues., Feb. 11th **Creative Arts – 6:30 PM.**
Project: Dried Flower wall hanging. Hostess &
Instructor: Jane Anderson (483-1063). Location:
Jane Anderson's home.

Feb. 2014

Fri., Feb. 14th **Great Decisions II** – 11:30AM –
1:00PM. Location & topic unavailable at press
Time - Contact Dot Easterly (749-1989).

Mon., Feb. 24th **Current Lit II – 7:00PM.** Out of
Order: Stories from the History of the Supreme
Court by Sandra Day O'Connor. Reviewer: Pat
Becker. Hostess: Jan Rison (483-5829).

No meeting: **Afternoon Lit**

Call Andrea Tarbet (482-4368) to get your
interest group information in the newsletter!

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Deceased Members:

Judy Kuelling, Rosalie Hasley, Phyllis Pond

Submitted by: Connie LaBrash, Membership
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Holiday Brunch and LAF Silent Auction

Saturday, December 7th, 2013

Pine Valley Country Club; 10900 Pine Mills Road

- 9:00 AM** **Gathering Time**
- 9:45** **Brunch Buffet**
- 10:15** **Announcements regarding AAUW Funds (Barbara Kanning)**
- 10:30** **Entertainment: Holiday Bells – Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Cost by Postmark: by Thursday; Nov. 21st - \$14.00;
 November 22nd – 27th - \$18.00.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 27th.

Send the appropriate amount (check payable to AAUW) to:

Charlotte Trenary
5306 Indiana Avenue
Fort Wayne, IN 46807

Michelle Hittie spoke with Lorraine Weinswig late October. She, Lorraine, was changing Rehab facilities. She was moving to Ashton Creek; 4111 Park Place Drive; Fort Wayne, IN 46835. This location is right off Diebold by Parkview North Hospital.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION; submitted by Barb Kanning Co-Director, Membership

Welcome to our new members.

To other members, please review our new members' information in this newsletter from Connie and add it to your yearbook. Do they live close to you? How about bringing them to our showing of "The Invisible War" at the library on Wednesday, **Nov. 13th**? Also, ask them to come with you to the Holiday Brunch on **Dec. 7th**! Members who get involved STAY involved.

YOU are also a member of the membership team with Lynne and me. Are you ready to promote AAUW to other women you know or are related to? I have info. I can send you online or on paper to "toot our horn" about who we are and what we do, both here in Fort Wayne and nationally, too. We will have membership brochures at all meetings and events in which we partner. Pick one up and keep it handy! AAUW women accomplish much, have more work to do, and have fun and fellowship along the way!

We will suggest the best member "deal" depending on when the prospective member joins. **Give a Grad a Gift** membership to national **AAUW! It's FREE. Check it out!!!**

AAUW Trust, Fort Wayne Branch

The AAUW Trusts opens Grant Applications in January. If you know of a group interested in obtaining funding from us please remind them that they can go to www.aauwfortwayne.org to apply for a grant. If they wish to apply but do not have a computer the applicants can write to:

Fort Wayne Branch, AAUW Trust

P.O. Box 10993

Fort Wayne, IN 46855

NEWS FROM AAUW INDIANA:

Your AAUW Indiana Board is working hard to be a helpful liaison to Branches. Our Branch Consultant is Sharon Langlotz who is also our AAUW IN President. She will be coming to our May Brunch on May 3, 2014. Be sure to be there, as she has much to share about women in Indiana.

The IN Board met on Oct. 26th here in Fort Wayne. Plans are going ahead for our 2014 (yes, it's coming soon!) meetings. As you begin to mark dates on your 2014 calendar, write in these two:

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 - AAUW Indiana Convention in Noblesville. Their branch and our co-program directors are working already to plan a great day. Also, you might want to plan to come on Friday -- lots of fun things to do in the area. Phyllis, Mary Lou and I invite you to go with us if you like.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014 - AAUW Indiana Fall Meeting in the Calumet Area. Program and specific locations are already "in the works." It's be a worthwhile day for all members.

I know, I know this is way far away.....but we will need your help on this first one. Fort Wayne will be hosting the AAUW Indiana convention on APRIL 25, 2015. Have ideas for a great place for it? Share your thoughts.

Also, save your money. JUNE 18 TO JUNE 21, 2015 is the next AAUW national convention in San Diego! If you've never been to a national convention before, this would be a wonderful one to attend. Maybe an attached vacation would be a possibility? We also have some help available from our AAUW Trust Travelships. Share this information in your interest groups and especially with our new members.

Barb Kanning, Co-Director of AAUW Funds/Past President

Free Movie Viewing!

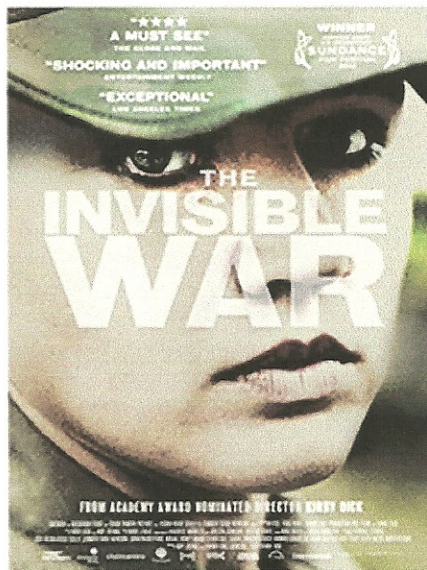
Join fellow community members and AAUW-Fort Wayne (American Association of University Women)

in seeing this important and timely documentary film.

Date: November 13, 2013 Time: 5:45PM at the Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Square in the auditorium

FREE SNACKS provided!

****Caution: This movie is best viewed by people over 18 yrs. of age. (Language and subject content.) See details below.**



From Oscar®-and Emmy®-nominated filmmaker Kirby Dick (This Film Is Not Yet Rated; Twis of Faith) comes *The Invisible War*, a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of America's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. The film paints a startling picture of the extent of the problem—today, a female soldier in combat zones is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. The Department of Defense estimates there were a staggering 22,800 violent sex crimes in the military in 2011. Twenty percent of all active-duty female soldiers are sexually assaulted. Female soldiers aged 18 to 21 accounted for more than half of the victims.

Focusing on the powerfully emotional stories of rape victims, *The Invisible War* is a moving indictment of the systemic cover-up of military sex crimes, chronicling the women's struggles to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. It also features hard-hitting interviews with high-ranking military officials and members of Congress that reveal the perfect storm of conditions that exist for rape in the military, its long-hidden history, and what can be done to bring about much-needed change.

The Invisible War is a call for our civilian and military leadership to listen. And to act.



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Indiana State <http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/home#indiana>

AAUW National www.aauw.org

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