



## FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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### Our President, Marie Mattison

Hello to you all! This has been a very busy fall for our branch. Our Book Sale was a huge success. We raised 6,700.00 for the Educational Fund. We could not have done this without Rita Zehr's leadership and expertise.

We have several things coming up in October. The first is **An Evening of Sharing**, 2008 Women's Expo. This event is sponsored by Times Community Publications. It will take place at Glenbrook Square Mall food court at 6:00 p.m. on **October 17, 2008**.

The second event is our own program on **October 23rd** at 6:00 at the main library. The topic will be **Hedge Schools** and will feature Leslie Raymer. Please bring your friends and coworkers! I guarantee a lively program and discussion.

Remember, **Election Day is November 4th**. Get the message to vote out there any way you can. Work at the voting polls, drive people to their polling places, and register people to vote. It is a privilege to vote, and we need to encourage people of all ages, race, gender and ethnicity to vote on election day.

As your president, I want to thank all of you in this organization who believe in our mission and work so hard to get our message out there!!!!

Thank you for your dedication,  
Marie

### 2008-2009 Trust Board Officers

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NEWS FROM AAUW

Save the Date for the AAUW 2009 Convention

The 2009 AAUW Convention in St. Louis is scheduled for June 26-28.

Please remember to plan for the convention in your 2009 budget.

AAUW has been at the forefront of research on issues of women and education for decades. Read more about AAUW's research reports on [Women at Work](#), [Public Perceptions of the Pay Gap](#), and [Behind the Pay Gap](#).

A new study by the Government Accountability Office found that the federal government has failed to adequately scrutinize enforcement of our nation's pay discrimination laws. In the study, the GAO found that the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee and the Department of Labor, both charged with enforcing pay discrimination laws, do not monitor gender pay performance in a comprehensive method, leaving many employees vulnerable to pay inequity. Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), who requested the study, have reiterated their call for Congress to pass legislation that would toughen pay discrimination laws and take steps to erase pay inequities.



### November Calendar of Events

Creative Arts Study Group Meeting  
 Wed. Nov. 12, 6 p.m.

### CHANGE OF DAY!

Place: Snider HS / Leader: Monette King  
 Project: Canning jar mixes



### December Calendar of Events

Creative Arts Study Group Meeting                      Tues, Dec. 9, 6 p.m.  
 Place: Louise Swihart's home with Louise providing a light supper  
 Leader: Louise/Carol / Project: Beading (purchase a kit from the

Bead Source) & Gift tags

**NOTE: No Creative Arts Study Group Meeting in January 2009**

## Happy 50th Anniversary, AAUW Educational Foundation!

Special congratulations to the AAUW Educational Foundation on its 50th anniversary year and sincere thanks to all the AAUW members across the nation - a community whose generous contributions have enabled the Educational Foundation to continue breaking through barriers for women and girls for 50 years.



In honor of the Educational Foundation's 50th Anniversary, members and friends can help AAUW meet our goal of raising 500 gifts of \$50 in 50 days! Special thanks to all who have already made a gift to this special campaign, your name is now a part of our celebratory website [here](#). To be a part of this list please visit our secure website [here](#) or send in a check (made out to AAUW-EF) to:

**AAUW EF 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
1111 16th St NW; Washington, DC 20036

**NEXT BULLETIN DATA SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Direct materials in word format to  
Bulletin Editor: Dr. Thelma Bowles@ [thelmabowles@hotmail.com](mailto:thelmabowles@hotmail.com)

All donors, individuals and branches who mail or go online to make their contributions by October 15, 2008, will be recognized for their generosity on the online [Educational Foundation 50th Honor Roll](#). You may also use the [Anniversary Scrapbook](#) to leave your own thoughts, memories, and achievements to commemorate this momentous occasion!

Contributions will be used where we have the greatest need and opportunity to educate women for a lifetime of success, research the barriers that harm women and protect the legal rights of those facing discrimination. If you prefer instead to direct your gift to a specific fund or giving circle, please indicate your wishes in the memo line of your check, or include a note with your check. If you are giving online indicate your designation in the special field indicated at the beginning of the form.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating  
**BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS**

For women and girls since 1958!



### THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

by Geraldine Brooks

Hannah Heath, an Australian book expert, is hired to analyze and conserve the famed SARAJEVO HAGGADAH which had been rescued during the Bosnian war. Her discovery of some tiny artifacts in the book's binding leads her to unlock the book's mysteries. Stories within the story show people in different eras who strove to protect the book from destruction. Hanna's investigation plunges her into intrigues of ultra-nationalists, a fine art forgery, and personal betrayals.

Betty Blair

## HEDGE SCHOOLS OCTOBER 23, 2008

Allen County Public Library,  
Main Branch, Room A

6:00 p.m. Welcome  
6:15 p.m. Program: Hedge  
Schools, Leslie Raymer

**Too often in history, those in power have determined who is 'worthy' of an education. Women have routinely been deemed 'unworthy', yet progressive men and women have steadfastly provided underground opportunities for learning - for the enslaved, religious minorities, and women. Come learn about the powerful history of underground and populist education, and be among the first to hear about Fort Wayne's own 'Hedge School' project!**

Chairs: Dorothy Woods & Pat Becker  
for reservations & deadline information,  
contact:

Cathy Huff @ 4329 North Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815  
(make check payable to AAUW)

### Hedge Schools Program

**Food choices:** Order a box lunch,  
bring your own food, or do not eat.

Box Lunches including: sandwich,  
chips, cookie, and drink: \$8.50

#### Choices:

Turkey Club, Ham & Swiss, or  
Veggie Burger

Chips: Regular or BBQ

Cookies: PB or Chocolate Chip

Pepsi, reg or diet; Sprite; H<sub>2</sub>O

When you send your check for the  
box lunch please include your choice  
for each item.

## DECEMBER 6, 2008 HOLIDAY BRUNCH and LAF Silent Auction

Pine Valley Country Club,  
10900 Pine Mills Road

9:00 a.m. Gathering and Legal Advocacy Fund Silent Auction

9:45 a.m. Brunch Buffet

10:15 a.m. Announcements and Presentation

### The Future of the Legal Advocacy Fund,

**Phyllis Thompson, Presenter**

**Program Chairs: Pat Becker & Dorothy Woods**

Let's try to think of something special to bring to the LAF auction this year. Perhaps you could make something or go to one of the many Holiday Boutiques and purchase something. Also you could bring a basket with coffee, cookies, a CD or whatever. Let's see if we can break our record for this auction this year at the Christmas Brunch.

Pat Becker, Programs

Consult the **Reservation Policy** on page 14 of your yearbook for the difference in price depending on the registration dates.



**The Mentoring Program:** We had a wonderful evening out on September 23rd at Casas Southwest with teens and their babies. The teens were all dressed up, did a good job of handling their children in this new situation for them. We all had a great time socializing and enjoying the meal, while sharing tips on good restaurant manners. I send a million thanks to Nancy Andrews and her daughter Christine for orchestrating such a fun, special and educational evening. Also our thespians, Nancy, Marcia Goheen and Dorothy Woods were a big hit a few weeks before, showing teens (and adults) what to do and not to do while eating out with a child in preparation for last night's dinner. I was out of town for the enactment, but I heard it was an absolute hoot. It was great for the teens to see these women really hamming it up while humorously teaching manners. Christine also spoke that evening on what the teens should pack in her baby bag and how to keep the baby entertained and fed while at a restaurant. Christine also distributed items for the teens to pack. We are very fortunate that Nancy recruited Christine to add her expertise and common sense approach.

The second mentee/mentor newsletter developing, a program titled "Morality: Program on Morality, Spirituality and Centeredness," and Thanksgiving (prepared by the teens) will be our events for November. In December the mentors, mentees and their children will have nice holiday interactions, including partying, re-writing life goals and holiday gift giving. This first year has been very successful.

#### NEW MEMBERS

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**Compliments were received from many of our customers on the quality and organization of the sale. Hopefully many of you were able to get some wonderful books on the last day of the sale. Cheers and Thanks to Rita, Scott, Carolyn, Gervaise, Lois and all of the workers who helped make this so successful!!!**



**The book sale had donations of over 7,000 books and twelve individuals worked each day. The sale brought in \$6700 and the leftover books were donated to: Allen County Jail, St. Jude School, Goodwill, Church of God and Senior Citizens' Center. Again, Thanks to all how participated in some way.**

**Rita Zehr, Book Sale Chairperson**