

## FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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### MEETING & CONVENTION DATES

International Women's Day March 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Annual Meeting March 31<sup>st</sup>  
 State Convention April 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Spring Membership Brunch May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 National Convention June 26-28

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING and RECOGNITION

Marriott Hotel, 305 E. Washington Ctr Rd.  
 St. Joe Room

**Parking:** Use entrance D which is in the back of the building -- lots of parking

5:30 p.m. Gathering and Social Time  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 7:15 p.m. Annual Meeting and Award Presentation

PROGRAM CHAIRS: DOROTHY WOODS & PAT BECKER  
 REGISTRATION CHAIR: CATHY HUFF

### When registering, please indicate your choice of entrée as listed below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Brisket (blue ticket)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken with cherry sauce (yellow ticket)

### Menu

Classic field green salad, rolls, entrée, roasted red potatoes, fresh vegetable medley, and fruit pie for dessert.

### Registration Information:

If received by March 25 cost is \$24.  
 Late registrations, received between March 26 and March 27, cost is \$29.

**No** registrations will be accepted after March 27.

Send check (payable to AAUW) to:

Cathy Huff  
 4329 North Drive  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46815

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **March Interest Group meetings**

**Mon., Mar. 9th**                      **Creative Stitchery & Crafts** - 7:00 PM. Project: Garden Wind Chime.  
Instructor / Hostess: Donna Mitchell (747-4264).

**Tues., Mar. 10th**                      **Creative Arts**  
6:30 PM. Project: Bunny in a Flower Pot.  
Leader / Hostess: Jane Anderson (483-1063).

**Fri., Mar. 13th**                      **Great Decisions II**  
11:30 AM - 1PM. Program: Afghanistan & Pakistan (ch. 2). Leader: Rita Voors. Hostess: Norma Mansfield (485-0253).

**Thurs., Mar. 19th**      **Afternoon Lit**  
1:00 PM. Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation by Cokie Roberts. Discussion Leaders: Henri Goetz / Carolyn Sage. Hostess: Carolyn Sage (459-9153).

**Mon., Mar. 23rd**                      **Current Lit II**  
7:00 PM. No! I Don't Want to Join a Book Club: Diary of a Sixtieth Year by Virginia Ironside. Reviewer: Leslie Sperry. Hostess: Lois Guess (485-7472).

**Tues., Mar. 24th**                      **Afternoon Bridge**  
1:00 PM. Hostess: Ruth Thomas (436-9131).

**No Meeting: Evening Bridge, Current Lit I**

### **April Interest Group meetings**

**Tues., Apr. 7th**                      **Current Lit I** - 7:15 PM. Program: Thumbnail sketches. Co-hostess: Judy Kuelling. Hostess: Barb Kanning (432-5228).

**Fri., Apr. 10th**                      **Great Decisions II**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Program: Energy and the Global Economy (ch. 3). Leader: Dorothy Woods. Hostess: Peggy Eickhoff (434-4090).

**Mon., Apr. 13th**                      **Creative Stitchery & Crafts** - 7:00 PM. Program: Planning Session. Hostess: Ann McKenna (745-1056).

**Tues., Apr. 14th**                      **Creative Arts**  
6:30 PM. Program: Planning for 2009-2010. Location: Hall's Guesthouse, 1313 W. Washington Ctr Rd. Contact: Carol Isaacs (485-7931).

**Thurs., Apr. 16th**      **Afternoon Lit**  
1:00 PM. Shattered Dreams: My Life as a Polygamist's Wife by Irene Spencer. Discussion Leader: Dorothy Woods. Hostess: Cathy Blue (969-7388).

**Mon, Apr. 20th**                      **Current Lit II**  
7:00 PM. Program: Book selection. Hostess: Martha Weatherford (484-6982).

**Tues., Apr. 28th**                      **Afternoon Bridge** -  
1:00 PM. Hostess: Midge Wallace (637-7164).

**Wed., Apr. 29th**                      **Evening Bridge** -  
7:30 PM. Hostess: Marvel Munro (483-3733).

### **50 YEAR AAUW MEMBERS IN 2009**

Martha Dawson

Esther Deal

Phyllis Pond

Betty Sonnek

Phyllis Thompson

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** is being reorganized in Fort Wayne.

The March meeting will be Thursday, the 26th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the downtown branch of the Allen County Public Library. No meeting is set for April at this time due to a lack of meeting room space available at the ACPL. However, we hope to find another location soon and to provide that information for you in March.

Two meetings have been held thus far— the first with state level officers to get an overview of how a League operates and what needs to be done to get a local branch up and running and the second meeting to discuss what sorts of topics the national and state level are discussing and how they pertain to our local area.

If you would like to be included on a list for further information and meeting notices, please send an email to Nancy McCammon-Hansen at [nmccammonhansen@verizon.net](mailto:nmccammonhansen@verizon.net). Nancy can be reached at 494.8209.

The state league web address: [www.lwvin.org](http://www.lwvin.org) and the national web site is [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

**"If we fail to dare, if we do not try, the next generation will harvest the fruit of our indifference; a world we did not want--a world we did not choose--but a world we could have made better, by caring more for the results of our labors. And we shall be left only with the low apology of T.S. Eliot: 'That is not what I meant at all. That is not it, at all.' "**

**Robert F. Kennedy**

Nancy McCammon-Hansen

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2009 4:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Julia Oldenkamp

Dear Friends,  
Julia Oldenkamp passed away this morning. Hospice and the Towne House did a wonderful job of making her as comfortable as possible in her final weeks and she passed peacefully. A memorial service will be planned at the Unitarian Church but the date and time has not yet been determined. As that information becomes available I will forward it to all of you.

Susan

[www.IWDEvents.com](http://www.IWDEvents.com) Check it out!

### **Fort Wayne Hedge School**

The Fort Wayne Hedge School has been meeting for some months. This is a group of women from various organizations or partners in the city such as: The Women's Bureau, YWCA, Sophia's Portico, Planned Parenthood, Women against Violence, AAUW, IPFW, Fort Wayne Feminists, ACPL, League of Women Voters. It is the dream of these women to establish a women's center. This center would have a museum to preserve the history of women's activities and a library of important women's literature. This dream began with a vision of *seeking progressive, feminist action which supports diversity, equality, and empowerment of women*. The meetings are scheduled at noon on the first Friday of each month at the downtown public library. For more information visit the blog at <http://fwhedgeschool.wordpress.com>. For any questions or for further information please contact: Pat Becker at 484-9105, [tonypat41@msn.com](mailto:tonypat41@msn.com) or Marie Mattison at 625-6967, [dmattis1@comcast.net](mailto:dmattis1@comcast.net).  
submitted by Pat Becker

## *From our President*

A reminder – International Women's Day. It will be held at the Fort Wayne Art Museum on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

This year we are featuring a style show reflecting clothing worn by women from all over the world. Remember, this is a wonderful opportunity to network in the community. Mark your calendar and bring your business cards.

International Women's Day website:  
[www.IWDEvents.com](http://www.IWDEvents.com)

In April, we will be joining the Fort Wayne Feminist/Hedge School group on Equal Pay Day. We are working to also find a building that could be an information center for women's groups throughout our area. We envision it to be a museum/information center. This is our dream. If you have any suggestions, please contact me.

Congratulations to Phyllis Thompson for organizing such a successful LAF auction. It is my understanding that 1600dollars were raised. Thanks to all of you who participated.

I would also like to put out an invitation to all of our members who would like to serve on our board to contact me. We meet five times a year at the downtown public library. Our meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and usually last one hour. It is a great opportunity to get involved in this organization and make a difference. There will be many changes after our June convention and we will have to be flexible. This is a great time for our organization. **You can be the change.** Please think about this and give me a call. I would love to talk to you and share your ideas.

This year we have lost several generously spirited members who gave of themselves tirelessly to this organization. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the meaning of this holiday. My best to each and every one of you,

Marie

Dear Friends,

This is an attempt to create an email message that will circle the globe and generate at least 1,000 "Wishes for Women" in support of International Women's Day and the International Women's Day Celebration in Fort Wayne, Indiana (USA).

**What would you ask for if you could grant ONE wish to improve the lives of the women of the world?**



The wishes will be part of an arts project to be displayed at the IWD Celebration on **Thursday, March 5, 2009**. Here are some examples:

I wish that every woman would be free from fear of violence in our homes, our nations and our world. I also hope for the education and literacy of every woman in the world.

I wish the world would not be so complicated.

I wish females of all ages all over the world were truly SAFE from human trafficking, physical, and sexual abuse.

I wish women, who are usually underpaid, did not have to pay more than men for their haircuts, dry cleaning, clothes, etc.

Please send your Wish for Women to [IWDEvents@gmail.com](mailto:IWDEvents@gmail.com).

Check out the upcoming IWD Celebration, watch videos and view photos from last year's Celebration at [www.IWDEvents.com](http://www.IWDEvents.com).

"...The education of each child is compulsory. If there is not money enough in a family to educate both the girl and the boy the money must be dedicated to the girl's education, for she is the potential mother." - Abdu'l-Baha

Imagine what the world would be like for women and their families if our Wishes for Women really came true! Be one of the 1000 Wishes!

Thank you!

Carol,  
International Women's Day  
Planning Committee

P.S. If you've already responded, Thank You!



**NOTE:**

The schedule for the [2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis](#), June 26-28, is now available online. Please remember to plan for convention in your 2009 budget, put it on your calendar, and join us in St. Louis!

Barb Kanning, IN AAUW Pres.  
([kanning4@aol.com](mailto:kanning4@aol.com) or 260-432-5228)

## **MENTORING PROGRAM EXTENDED**

The AAUW/Whittington Mentoring program kicked off its second year in February 2009. Originally scheduled and funded as a one-year program, it has been extended at least through the end of the school year. The eleven Whittington teen participants emphatically did not want the program to end and the twenty mentors were committed to a person to extend their commitment of time and heart. To seal the deal, we still had program money in the coffers. The second installment from the AAUW Community Action Grant arrived in early 2009 and we were able to stretch the dollars that were contributed by other generous sources last year. We've learned that the most important facet of the program is not the bells and whistles, but simply our time with the teens--caring, listening, sharing, guiding, learning and having fun.

On a cold and snowy January evening, mentors and volunteers made their way to the inviting home of Karen Thompson Pequignot. It was time for celebrating, sharing perspectives and setting direction for the next months. Survey results from mentors, staff and teens were shared and formed the basis for planning the next months' programming.

The program's format will continue with group gatherings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Carol Durham will continue to facilitate discussions with the teens on building resiliency skills on the second Tuesday and will strengthen the emphasis on journaling. Fun programs such as the upcoming "Beach Party" will be coordinated by mentors and volunteers on the fourth Tuesdays. We will continue with creative Saturdays once a month including Easter egg dyeing, jewelry making, sewing/mending and the ever popular scrap booking. The third issue of the newsletter will be published in May. A sub-set of mentors will continue to provide tutoring on the first,

third, and fifth Tuesdays of the month. Finally, a few mentors will explore possible campus visits and a day trip.

It goes without saying that the local AAUW chapter has made this all possible. Thanks to all the membership for providing support through local grant money, extraordinary volunteer participation in the program, and ongoing encouragement by those members not directly involved. Our chapter continues to make a difference.

Mary McDonald

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

### **Fort Wayne Museum of Art**

**Thursday, March 5, 2009**

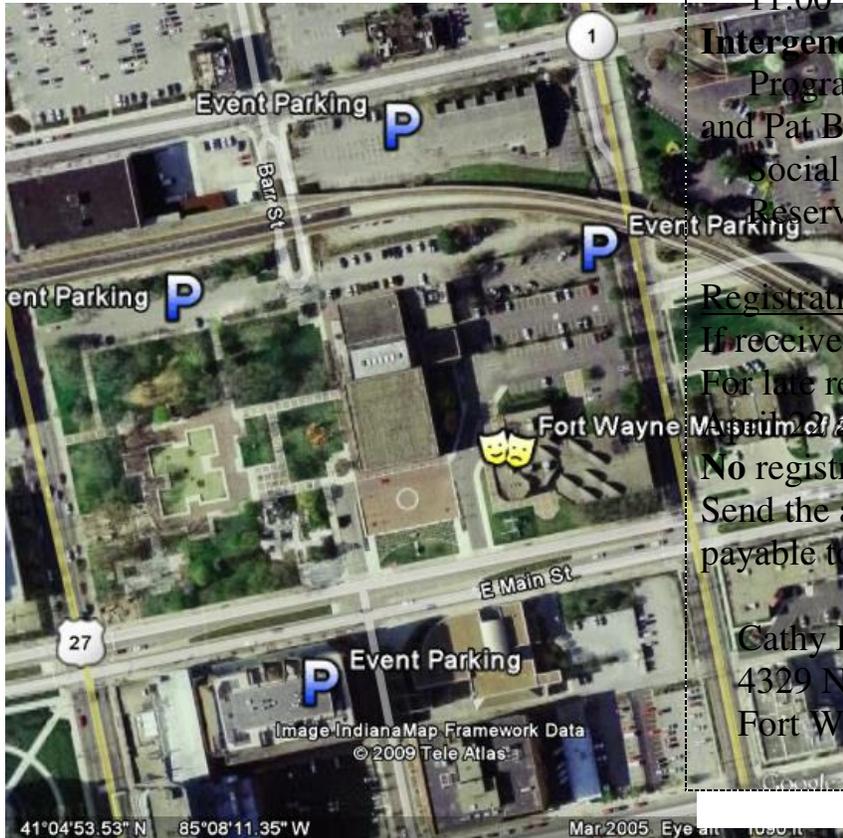
**5:00 PM – 9PM**

**FREE Admission**

Women, men, and children of Fort Wayne have been making their way to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art on the first Thursday of March for the annual International Women's Day Celebration. They will be making their way there again this year for the fifth Annual IWD Celebration—Thursday, March 6, 2009—for another chance to catch up with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy a delicious spread catered by Club Soda, and feast their senses on an evening that is inspirational, entertaining and just fun!

Every year the atrium space of the FWMoA is filled with a diverse group of people representing every age, culture, religious background, stage of life, and profession. They patiently wait in line to have a chair massage or soothing hand massage, or spend time taking in the gallery exhibits. It is a great evening and always free to everyone who wants to come.

Highlights of the IWD Celebration include: "The Vera Bradley Story" by Melissa Cordial, a fashion show designed by Patricia Bramley, silent auction in the atrium, chair and hand massages, tote bags with this year's logo designed by Julia Meek, and exceptional food and cash bar by Club Soda.



**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009  
SPRING MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH**

Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221  
Covington Road

9:30 a.m. Social and Dues

Payment

10:15 a.m. Brunch

11:00 a.m. Program:

**Intergenerational Presentations**

Program Chairs: Dorothy Woods  
and Pat Becker

Social Chair: Carolyn Sage

Reservations: Cathy Huff

Registration Information:

If received by April 21 cost is \$17.00.

For late registrations received between  
April 22 and April 23 cost is \$21.25.

No registrations accepted after April 23.

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

Cathy Huff

4329 North Drive

Fort Wayne, IN 46815

**Recognition Committee**

The recognition committee met to select members to be honored at the Annual Meeting and Recognition Night dinner. Awards will include Woman of the Year, Eleanor Roosevelt Award, and Emerging Leader. A new category of awards will be unveiled during the program. Branch contributions to the AAUW Educational Foundation will be given in recognition of these honored branch members.

**THE METROPOLITAN OPERA**

**High Definition**

**Enjoy the opera LIVE at the Regal  
(Coldwater Crossing Stadium 14)**

Mar 7 Puccini Madama Butterfly

Mar 21 Bellini La Sonnambula

May 9 Rossini La Cenerentol

**FOR SHOW TIMES: 483-0027**

**COME TO AAUW'S 2009  
CONVENTION  
JUNE 26-28th  
REGISTER NOW!**

Consider joining our Fort Wayne Board of Directors as a Branch Delegate in St. Louis. If you have trouble or are not connected online, call Pat Becker or Dorothy Woods to help. We need YOU to come with us to this VERY important Convention. The restructuring process of AAUW on the national level will be a priority as we discuss and debate the proposed Bylaws. What get decided will have a direct impact on all of us at the state and local Branch levels.

Please take the time to go to: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and do some reading. Pat and Dorothy also have paper copies of these Bylaws and explanations to share with you. There are several areas of controversy.....one involves membership in AAUW. We need your input! There will be several carpools going to St. Louis on Thursday, June 25th, so your expense will be registration and hotel.

Your IN AAUW Board of Directors will be there to also lend our votes and want to represent YOUR opinions! Keep up with the issues and let us know your feelings even if you are unable to attend.

Barb Kanning, Indiana AAUW  
President

**COME TO TAPESTRY 2009**

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

MEMORIAL COLISEUM -- Doors open at 8:00am

Once again, our Fort Wayne Branch is a Partner in this **8th** annual day of renewal for women which has grown from 350 to 1,400 female attendees last year! What a superb way for **AAUW** to be **visible** to so many prospective members .....and our booth space is FREE! We do volunteer our services by advertising the event, encouraging our members to go for a great day of fun and learning, and delivering about 18,000 brochures to Partners (non-profits) and Sponsors (businesses).

This year Dr. Elliot Engel will be back as the morning keynote (on Robert and Elizabeth B. Browning).....which will please many women attending in the past. Our Luncheon Keynote will be Clinton Kelly, a TV makeover host.....speaking on "7 Steps to Developing Healthy Style-Esteem." Also, the Dedication Award this year will be presented to Patty Martone, known by many of you. There will be 14 Break-Out Sessions to choose from, more than ever. Topics range from a fashion show and dance to healthy feet/legs, helping migraines, heart-healthy families, etc. The first 1,000 to register are eligible to win one of two diamond pendants from Bradley Gough Diamonds. Online, go to: [www.ipfw.edu/tapestry](http://www.ipfw.edu/tapestry) a wonderful site to give you the day's schedule, all sessions and leaders, boutiques info, etc. Registration online begins February 27th or get a brochure from me to register by mail. Don't forget the great shopping at so many women artisan's booths!! See you there on the 24th.and then in Warsaw on the 25th. We CAN do both!:)

Barb Kanning, Tapestry Partner Chair  
for AAUW

**INDIANA AAUW  
STATE CONVENTION**

**Saturday, April 25, 2009  
Ramada Inn  
2517 E. Center Street  
Warsaw, IN 46580**

**Theme: Transitions Abound—Hope-  
filled Future**

Are you overwhelmed by a world moving at a rapid pace? Afraid and uncertain, as new technology develops, of what the future will bring? Master the psychological, emotional, and physical challenges we all are facing. Reshape your psyche.

10:00 a.m. (ET)	Registration
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon	AAUW
Transitions	
12 noon	Lunch
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	State AAUW
Transitions	

Hotel for overnight accommodations: Ramada Inn, 2517 E. Center Street, Warsaw, IN 46580, 1-574-267-8041. \$95 per night, AAUW group rate.

**Please call 1-574-267-8041 by 4-1-2009.**

**Registration Form  
Indiana AAUW State Convention  
April 25, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special – Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$40.00, Check payable to AAUW  
Mail to: Susan Trout, 8700 W. Tulip Tree  
Drive, Muncie, IN 47304

**Registration due April 1, 2009**

***CORRECTIONS / REVISIONS***

*If you have any new information  
or bulletin corrections forward  
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