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Summer 2013

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

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**AAUW FORT WAYNE BRANCH  
Elected Officers 2012-2015**

**Co-Presidents 2012- 2014:**

**Pat Becker  
Dorothy Woods**

**Director of Programs: Thelma Bowles  
(to fill balance of 2012-2014 term)**

**Co-Directors for Membership 2013-2015:**

**Lynn Colvin  
Barbara Kanning**

**Recording Secretary 2013-2015:**

**Martha Weatherford**

**Corresponding Secretary 2012-2014:**

**Judy Gillman**

**Director of Finance 2013-2015:**

**Cathleen Huff**

**Trust Chair 2013-2015:**

**Eleanor Wallace**

**Trustees**

**2012-2014:**

**Barbara Bulmahn  
Miles Edwards  
Anne Healy**

**2013-2015:**

**Joanne Beerbower  
Carolyn Vance**

**OBITUARY – RUTH THOMAS**

We were saddened at the loss of one of our members, Ruth Thomas, on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ruth's loss of most of her vision caused by macular degeneration forced her to curtail many of her activities in AAUW interest groups. The death of her husband, Al, in the fall of 2012 made things more difficult for Ruth.

Ruth loved to play bridge and had belonged to the Afternoon Bridge Group until she was no longer able to participate. She remained a faithful member of the Afternoon Book Group until the last few months and would participate when she was able to get the audio tapes of the book being reviewed.

Ruth was often teased by her friends, as one who did things backwards! She was the only one we knew who had retired from Florida to Indiana. Her dry wit and quick grasp of topics being discussed were appreciated by all of us. She will be missed.

Submitted by Connie LaBrash

**Interest Group Calendar**

**June**

**Fri., June 14th**      **Great Decisions II** - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Program: Humanitarian Intervention.  
Leader: Dorothy Woods. Hostess: Patsy Hinkle (426-3291).

**Thurs., June 20th**      **Afternoon Lit** – see below / contact Connie LaBrash for further details (432-1887).

*[No meetings for July & August]*

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

Afternoon Book Discussion/ Lit (see above) - Are you interested in joining a Book Group that meets in the daytime? We'd love to have some of you to join us. We meet the third Thursday of the month at Hall's Gas House for lunch at 12:30 and then discussion. Meetings go through the summer months and drop meetings in the months when the weather is normally bad. In June we will be choosing books for the coming year.

### **Awardees recognized at our 2013 Brunch:**

#### **Study Group: Great Decisions I**

This group, chaired by Martha Weatherford and Phyllis Thompson, has been in existence for at least twenty-eight years. Some of the original members were: Alda Jane Carson, Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Beverly Dildine, Karen Conrad, Alfrieda Mackel, Helen Blackledge, and Terri Stumpf. This group includes their husbands as well as AAUW ladies. Martha remembers Celia and Bob Fay helped organize the original group of which they were part. "Discussions were informative and educational. It was a learning experience," Phyllis said.

#### **Emerging Member: Judy Gillman**

Judy is Branch Corresponding Secretary and a member of Great Decisions I Study Group. She helped with the Book Sale, was a Book Nook volunteer and contributor to the Legal Aid Fund.

After earning her BS from Purdue University and with certification in USAF Government Contract Management in hand, Judy contributed to the work force in positions of Defense Industry Contract Manager, GTE Contract Administrator, and Verizon/Frontier Network Operations Administrator. She has also served as Assistant to the VP at National City Bank, Interim Director to IPFW Alumni, and Executive Assistant to the IPFW Chancellor. Other credentials include licensed health and sickness insurance manager and general products division assistant to the general manager at Tokheim corp. An active member of Taylor Chapel, Judy Gillman serves the Fort Wayne community as member of Ice Skating and Literacy Alliance Boards.

#### **Eleanor Roosevelt Award: Linda Balthaser**

Linda has served AAUW well as Trust Historian, College and University Representative, and 'Madame China Kai-shek' in the Eleanor Roosevelt Players. A key player in the establishment of the Book Nook and installment and updating of the electronic file for grants awarded by the Trust; Linda is a faithful volunteer in many capacities. This is the second time Linda has received this prestigious award.

Retired from IPFW in 2002, as Assistant Dean Emerita of the School of Arts and Sciences, Linda currently volunteers for Cancer Services, Project Linus, and IPFW Archives. As a member of Plymouth Congregational she has been financial secretary for Memorial Gifts, member of the choir, 'behind the scenes' volunteer for other church activities.

#### **Woman of the Year: Eleanor 'Midge' Wallace**

Midge is currently AAUW Fort Wayne Trust Chair and has been a participant in the Investment Club, Current Lit II, Travel Club, and Great Decisions. She has been our Corresponding Secretary.

Eleanor relocated from Washington, D.C. where she was an interpreter for OAS, docent at the National Gallery of Art. Now she continues that interest in the arts in Fort Wayne through volunteerism with the Museum of Art and the Children's Zoo. At the zoo she is a paid instructor for summer camp and overnights.

Eleanor 'Midge' Wallace earned a BA in English and Spanish Literature from Marietta College; acquired teaching credentials from IPFW and her MLS from Indiana University. She was an interpreter at the New York World's Fair and has studied abroad.

#### **The Fort Wayne Trust, AAUW 2013 Grants:**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: \$900; Hear Care Connection, Inc.: \$1,900; Scan: \$2,817; AAUW, Fort Wayne Branch Communications: \$3,000; AAUW, Fort Wayne Branch Convention: \$1345. Eleanor Wallace, Trust Chair

## AAUW, FORT WAYNE BRANCH DUES RENEWAL

Member's name & address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

### payment:

**Regular: \$69.00; Life member: \$20.00; Student: \$21.00**

**Make check payable to AAUW (dues).** (\$46.00 of AAUW regular dues is tax deductible)

**Mail to: Cathy Huff**

**4329 North Dr.**

**Fort Wayne, IN 46815**

**DUE DATE: JUNE 15, 2013**

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We are always ready to welcome new members into AAUW. If you have any contacts to which you would like literature sent, please contact Barb Kanning for a packet of membership materials.

### **Directory changes:**

#### Returning Members:

Patricia Davis  
6421 Squires Pl., 35  
492-4395

Donna McKenzie  
1217 Obsidian Ln., 45  
637-0260

#### New Member:

Kay Baughman  
1632 Lake Ave., 05  
414-7469

#### New Address:

Judy Gillman  
6021 Lineage Way,  
35

Linda Flatley – email: [flashdance2@comcast.net](mailto:flashdance2@comcast.net)

Kris Connors – email: [sticheratherart2@gmail.com](mailto:sticheratherart2@gmail.com)

Corinne Toth – email: [corinnetoth@msn.com](mailto:corinnetoth@msn.com)

I would appreciate your letting me know if you have any changes or corrections for our records.

Connie LaBrash, Membership Records

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

1. Reminder: Have you paid your 2013-2014 dues? If not, please send your \$69 your check to Cathy Huff (see form in this newsletter). Can't remember if you paid? Call her at: 485-5290.
2. **WHY** should you continue to pay your AAUW dues?
  - a. **Every dollar is well spent and carefully allocated at the national-, state-, and local-levels**
  - b. **Do women and girls still need our help??? Yes! For 130 years AAUW has led the way, and we seem to be needed today more than ever!**
    - i. **We still need pay equity (especially here in Indiana!)**
    - ii. **School children need harassment-free schools in which to reach their potential.**
    - iii. **Women need help and encouragement to complete degrees and apply for fellowships and grants from AAUW (\$4.3 million granted in 2012!).**

AAUW Indiana is working hard to insure all our Branches get the support they need. AAUW Fort Wayne has a dedicated Board of Directors to plan and execute great programs and partnerships with local groups who share our mission.

3. It's time for each and every AAUW member to actively recruit new members for AAUW! Do you still believe in our mission? "AAUW advances equity for ALL women and girls through **advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**" Now is the time to SHARE this with your family, friends, neighbors, any woman sitting next to you for a few minutes, etc.! Each of the four 'arms' of our mission is equally important, isn't it?
4. Do you have names and addresses of women who seem to be ones who would join us in our work? Send that information to me at: [kanning4@frontier.com](mailto:kanning4@frontier.com) or 9227 Starland Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Every effort is appreciated. Thanks, Barb Kanning, Co-Membership Director



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**Return Requested**

Save the Date: Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

AAUW Indiana will have a supper summer gathering at the University of Indianapolis.  
Details in the AAUW IN Bulletin out soon // carpooling available through Pat and Dorothy  
Submitted by Barb Kanning

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Indiana Division <http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/home#indiana>  
AAUW National <http://www.aauw.org>

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