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Interest Group Meetings

January

Afternoon Book Discussion: no meeting

Bridge Group: Jan 27 - 1:00 pm

Hostess : Connie LaBrash (432-1887)

Great Decisions II: no meeting

History Group: no meeting

Evening Bridge Group: no meeting

Creative Arts: no meeting

Creative Stitchery and Crafts: no meeting

Current Lit I: no meeting

Current Lit II: Jan 26 - 7:00 pm

Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortensen
& David Relin,

Hostess: Pat Becker (484-9105),

Reviewer: Cheryl Mathews

Great Decisions: no meeting

February

Afternoon Book Discussion: Feb 19 1 pm

Calling

Hostess: Sharon Tieben (493-7058),

Discussion Leader: Betty Slyby

Bridge Group: Feb 24 - 1:00 pm

Hostess: Mary McDonald (486-3408)

Great Decisions II: Chapter One

Hostess: Carol Durham (485-5859),

Leader: Lorraine Weinswig

History Group: no meeting

Evening Bridge Group: no meeting

Creative Arts: Feb 10 - 6:30 pm

Place /Leader: Carol Isaacs (485-7931),

Program: Embossed Cards

Creative Stitchery and Crafts: Feb 9, 7 pm

Hostess: Margaret Schimmel 747-5078

Project: Candle Decorating,

Instructor: Patti Davis

Current Lit I: Feb 3 - 7:15 pm,

Hostess: Carol Endsley (485-9389),

Co-Hostess, Nancy Andrews,

The Devil in the White City,

Eric Larson, Reviewer, Carol Burgess

Current Lit II: Feb 23 - 7:00 pm,

Home: A Memoir of My Early Years

by Julie Andrews,

Hostess: Marvel Munro 483-3733

Reviewer: Nancy Jenckes

Great Decisions: no information

In Memoriam
Mary Willett

Mary Sherman Willett, age 99, died on Wed., Dec. 17, 2008 in Fort Wayne, IN. She was born in Indiana. She received a BA from Harvard and a Social Work Degree from Case Western. She was a social worker for the Indiana State Division of Family and Children Services retiring in 1979. Mary was a consultant for the State Welfare Department for many years.

Mary joined AAUW in 1984 and was a member of the Investment Group, the Evening Bridge Group, and an early group similar to WOWS. She attended most of the Branch meeting.

Mary is survived by a twin sister, Martha Klinedorf of Texas. She is also survived by niece, Mary LaRocque and other nieces and nephews. Memorials are requested to the Heartland Chamber Chorale.



As of 1/06/09

Dear friends, just thought I'd let all of you know that Julia Oldenkamp has entered into a decline. She was hospitalized last week with a bladder infection which has been brought under control. She is now back at the Townhouse but is in a very weakened condition. Though still somewhat alert and coherent she has almost stopped eating.

The Dir. of Social Services at the Townhouse called me today to ask permission to bring in Hospice. I told them that I would be grateful if they did.

Hospice can help and enhance the care that the Townhouse is providing for her. After evaluating her they will determine what additional measures can be provided to make sure that Julia is comfortable.

Please keep Julia and her husband John in your thoughts and prayers. As I learn more about changes in her condition I will pass it along to you.

Sue Mol



Gender Equity Recommendations for the First Year of the Obama Administration

The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) is a nonprofit organization of approximately 50 groups dedicated to improving educational opportunities for girls and women. Our mission is to provide leadership in and advocate for the development of national education policies that benefit women, girls, and all students. The Coalition works to enforce Title IX, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. Title IX affects all areas of education and promotes equity for both girls and boys.

The following list highlights recommendations for the first year of the Obama Administration in areas in which NCWGE as a coalition has unique expertise. In addition, we support many of the priorities identified by other civil rights organizations and organizations promoting educational quality and improvement.

1. Improve Equity in Athletics

Immediately announce rescission of the 2005 “Additional Clarification of Intercollegiate Athletics Policy: Three-Part Test – Part Three.” The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) should promptly rescind the 2005 Clarification – under which schools can show they are providing equal participation opportunities to women simply by sending an email survey to their female students and counting a failure to respond as evidence of a lack of interest in playing sports. OCR should make clear that the governing standards are those detailed in the 1996 Policy Clarification.

Support the introduction of legislation that requires high schools to report the gender breakdown of their athletics programs. This legislation, versions of which were introduced in the 110th Congress, would require that high schools report information on the gender breakdown of their athletics programs. Currently, only colleges are required to report this information. Access to such data will enhance compliance with Title IX and aid in the continued expansion of athletic opportunities for girls at the high school level. The Department of Education may be able to impose these reporting requirements by regulation in lieu of legislation.

2. Restore Safeguards in Single-Sex Education

Rescind the 2006 single-sex regulations. The Department of Education should, through notice and comment rulemaking, rescind the final regulations issued in 2006 which revised longstanding rules to permit more single-sex educational programs. The 2006 regulatory changes roll back the safeguards against sex discrimination and segregation in the U.S. Constitution and Title IX and have resulted in increased sex discrimination and stereotyping.

Issue guidance clarifying the extent to which single-sex public school programs are permissible in light of the rescission of the 2006 regulations, and offer technical assistance to schools to ensure compliance.

3. Enhance Enforcement of Title IX

Conduct systematic reviews of institutions’ compliance with Title IX in areas including: athletics; career and technical education; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education; and the treatment of pregnant and parenting students.

Issue guidance and provide technical assistance to federal funding recipients clarifying the protections provided to pregnant and parenting students under Title IX.

Ensure that all federal agencies that provide funding for education programs or activities, including the Department of Energy, NASA, and NIH, monitor compliance with Title IX and that they fully enforce their own rules. The Administration also should issue guidance on how to recognize and address barriers to women's participation in STEM fields and encourage participation in non-traditional occupations.

Issue updated guidance on new case law developments with respect to the detection, prevention, and handling of sexual harassment in schools.

Make gender equity a priority at the Department of Education, including providing for adequate staffing and budget for offices such as OCR, and restore funding for regional, state and local gender equity initiatives.

4. Support Equity in Education for Women and Girls

Include enhanced data collection requirements for subgroup performance – including disaggregating graduation rate data by gender and by status as a pregnant or parenting student – in NCLB reauthorization. All data should be maintained in a format that can be cross-tabulated by race/ethnicity and gender, to enable stakeholders to compare the performance of specific subgroups of students (e.g. Hispanic girls and Hispanic boys). The Department of Education may be able to establish many of these requirements by regulation in lieu of legislation.

Target dropout prevention programs to meet the needs of both boys and girls, including pregnant and parenting students. Among other things, the Administration should support gender-based research into dropout prevention strategies; require comprehensive sexuality education; direct schools to track the academic progress of pregnant

and parenting students; and fund programs that would provide enhanced supports for these students, such as on-site child care.

Include in the Administration's first budget funding to improve access for all to higher education. The budget should include increased funding for programs that decrease the cost of post-secondary education and support students in their efforts to succeed, such as Pell grants, Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, the Women's Educational Equity Act and Patsy Mink fellowships, which support women and minority students interested in becoming professors and require recipients to engage in teaching activities.

Support passage of the Civil Rights Act of 2009, which includes a provision that would restore adequate protections from sexual harassment in school (undermined by the Supreme Court in a pair of 5-4 decisions) by creating for students the same legal protections against harassment that apply to employees in the workplace.

Reinstate and fund a White House Office on Women's Initiatives and President's Interagency Council on Women.

The **NO NAME** Tuesday afternoon Bridge Club was started two years ago by Diane Sevfert. Members, who are from both north and south Fort Wayne, meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month September through May.

Eight members play rounds of four hands each between one and three thirty. There is a substitute list. If you would like more information about **NO NAME** you may call Nancy Jenckes at 424-8305 or Ruth Thomas at 436-9131.



The Mentoring Program: We had such a lovely ending to the 2008 mentoring program with our Christmas party. Many thanks to Judy Kuelling and Anne Martin who provided Christmas music on keyboard and a hand-made viola de gamba, respectively, to Nancy Andrews who did a holiday reading, Suzie Miller who provided yuletide decorations, and a number of mentors who brought lots of wonderful homemade Christmas cookies. There was caroling, gift exchanges, and teens sharing special Christmas memories and traditions. Also, the second edition of the mentoring newsletter written by teens and mentors and coordinated by Sharon Tieben was distributed. The evening closed with the reading of a series of inspiring quotes on paper Christmas ornaments--put together by Sue Mol--which were then hung on the Christmas tree. A special thanks to Nancy Andrews and Judy Kuelling for orchestrating this final gathering of the year and to Nancy for emceeing.

From our President

Hello to you all

As we look back on this past year, we see how far we've come in this branch. We now have a website that is being used by local, state and national aauw members and non-members. Unfortunately because we were so successful, our newsletter

news is dwindling. I would like to call on all of our members to submit information to Thelma Bowles, our newsletter chair, about your interest groups, interesting stories etc. to be used in the newsletter.

Information on public policy, ef and laf are all located on our national website. We are in limbo this year in all areas because of changes that will be happening at our National convention in St. Louis at the end of June. We will be voting on several recommended changes as to how we do business in AAUW. Please consider going to this convention as it is your vote that will make the difference in the future.

In March, we will once again be celebrating International Women's Day. It will be held at the Fort Wayne Art Museum on Thursday, March 5th. 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.

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.

I would like to congratulate Phyllis Thompson for organizing such a successful LAF auction. It is my understanding that 1600.00 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. Once again, there will be many changes made after our June convention and we will have to be flexible. This is a great time or 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.

I want to wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy holiday. 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

Registration Information:

If received by March 25 cost is \$24.00.

For late registrations received between March 26 and March 27 cost is \$29.00.

No registrations accepted after March 27.

Send the appropriate amount (check payable to AAUW) to: Cathy Huff at
4329 North Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Please note:

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009
RECOGNITION NIGHT AND ANNUAL MEETING**

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

Parking: Use entrance D which is in the back of the building, there is 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 and Pat Becker

Registration Chair: Cathy Huff

When you register...Please indicate your choice of entrée as listed below:

_____ Beef Brisket (blue ticket)

_____ Chicken w cherry sauce (yellow ticket)

The meal includes classic field green salad with rolls, the entrée you choose, roasted red potatoes, fresh vegetable medley, and fruit pie for dessert.

This is an FYI



**GREAT LAKES
GIRLS**

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

**INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS
IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM)**

The Programs for Educational Opportunity (PEO-UM) at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor was recently awarded a three-year replication grant by the Puget Sound Center's National Girls Collaborative Project (2008-2011). The project at the University of Michigan is called the Great Lakes Girls Collaborative Project (GLGCP) and

includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. This project is supported by NSF funds.

GOAL

Consistent with the goal of the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP), the goal of the Great Lakes Girls Collaborative is to increase gender equity in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through supporting collaboration between girls-serving STEM programs and organizations and promoting research based strategies in informal learning environments or evaluation, assessment.

METHOD

The Great Lakes Girls Collaborative Project will use the NGCP Program Directory, mini-grants, and periodic events to implement its program. Each of these components are described below:

Program Directory

The GLGCP encourages programs and organizations in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin that focus on motivating girls to pursue careers in STEM to add their information to the Program Directory on the NGCP home page. This Program Directory lists organizations and programs that focus on motivating girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this Directory is to help organizations and individuals network, share resources, and collaborate on STEM-related projects for girls. It can be accessed at <http://www.psctl.org/ngcp/index.html>

The Directory contains program descriptions, resources available within each organization, program or organization needs, and contact information. Submitted entries undergo review and verification prior to publication. From links on the Program Directory page one is able to use the Directory to get an alphabetical listing of programs within the Directory or find a particular programs within the Directory based on criteria such as name, location, needs, etc. This is the initial phase of the project.

Mini-grants

The GLGCP will award mini-grants to eligible applicants. Mini-grants are awarded to girl-serving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

(STEM) focused programs to support collaboration, address gaps and overlaps in service, and share promising practices. Mini-grant projects must relate to either informal learning or evaluation and assessment. Mini-grants are a small amount of seed funding and are not intended to fully fund entire projects. The maximum mini-grant award is \$1000.

Numerous organizations provide valuable but uncoordinated activities and support services related to motivating and supporting girls' interest in STEM careers. These mini-grants are designed to build collaboration between existing programs and organizations in order to encourage girls to pursue STEM-related educational programs and careers.

Programs or organizations must be registered in the Program Directory to begin a Mini-Grant Application.

Events

The GLGCP plans to host a variety of events for girl-serving organizations, educators, and business professionals in their areas. The project will begin with a kick-off conference to announce the project and begin networking among the participants. The conference is followed by two topic forums that provide professional development activities, highlight local programs, and continue the valuable networking experience. During this time, mini-grants are being awarded and carried out by local programs. A final conference is held after the mini-grants are complete that allows the grantees an opportunity to present their projects to a large group. More professional development and networking activities are also offered at this event. The Program Directory will be a resource for notifying interested participants of these events.

Resources

The National Girls Collaborative Project newsletter seeks to support efforts in gender and diversity related issues surrounding STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Members of the NGCP listserv receive information about the NGCP as well as information from other resources that may be valuable for STEM-related programs, including funding opportunities, resources, and upcoming events. Interested individuals, programs, or organizations may register to be on the list serve at the NGCP website.

PEOPLE

The success of the GLGCP depends on the people who are part of it. The people staffing the GLGCP include a Champion's Board, the Project Leadership Team, and Project Staff.

Regional Champions Board

The purpose of the board is to champion the GLGCP in each Board member's realm of influence, to disseminate grant project information and goals, and to inform project team leaders of strategic connections, linkages, and opportunities for the project. Board members are selected to give the project a balance of desirable expertise and regional representation, including industry representatives, informal learning educators, gender equity experts, science and mathematics education representatives, and educational policy experts. The Board will meet 3 times during the three-year grant cycle.

Project Leadership Team

Team members are selected to bring STEM and program management expertise and regional representation to the Collaborative's work. The team is still being formed and is to include two gender equity advocates from each of the five states

Project Staff

Percy Bates, Ph.D., PEO-UM, Project Director

Marta Larson, PEO-UM, Project Manager and Liaison to Wisconsin and Michigan

Elizabeth Mimms, PEO-UM, Liaison to Indiana

Tasha Lebow, PEO-UM, Liaison to Illinois and Ohio

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED – FIRST STEPS

1. Tell your colleagues about this opportunity.
2. Register your existing girls-serving STEM program, project, or organization in the Program Directory at <http://www.psctl.org/ngcp/directory/index.cfm>.
3. Provide the GLGCP with contact information for other girls-serving programs, projects, or organizations that we should contact about this collaborative.

4. Nominate yourself or another advocate for gender equity in STEM fields for the regional Champions Board.
5. Collaborate with another programs, projects, or organizations to write for a mini grant using the format at < <http://www.psctl.org/ngcp/mini-grant/index.cfm>>.

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GREAT LAKES

GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM)

Kickoff Event

Purpose:	Information, Networking, Facilitation of mini-grant application process
Audience:	Organizations or agencies interested in increasing their capacity to involve girls in STEM through collaboration with others
Date:	February 21, 2009
Time:	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place:	IUPUI-Indianapolis, Campus Center – Room CE 309, 420 University, Indianapolis, IN 46202 (S.W. corner)

of Michigan St. & University Blvd, phone 317-278-8511). Parking garage: 1004 W. Vermont, one block away.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- ✚ Registration and Ice Breaker Activity
- ✚ Welcome from Great Lakes Girls Collaborative Project and National Girls Collaborative Project Representatives
- ✚ Keynote Speech
- ✚ Participants showcase their organizations and programs
- ✚ Mini-grant application process and timelines
- ✚ Lunch
- ✚ Facilitated networking
- ✚ Planning Time for Newly Found Collaboration Partners
- ✚ Report out and Wrap up

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THIS DAY

READ about the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP) at www.ngcproject.com and the Great Lakes Girls Collaborative Project (GLGCP) at www.ngcproject.com/greatlakes/index.html

READ about the mini grant process at www.ngcproject.com/mini-grant/index.cfm

ENTER your program in the NGCP Program Directory at www.ngcproject.com/directory/index.cfm

Legal Advocacy Fund

WOW! WOW! WOW!

What a great day the Fort Wayne Branch had at its annual silent auction, for LAF, at the Fort Wayne Country Club. Members brought, bought and shared and as a result we made a grand total of \$1519.50. Many thanks to Lauran Tarbet, Andrea Tarbet and Sarah Kanning for

PREPARE a brief handout about your organization or program to share with others. Be sure to include contact information and such information as program mission or purpose, current activities, needs, resources, successes, etc. Please bring 15-20 copies.

DIRECT questions to Elizabeth Mimms at emimms@umich.edu or 734-763-9910.

REGISTER for this GLGCP Kickoff event at www.ngcproject.com/events/conferences.cfm

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA High Definition Enjoy the opera LIVE at the Regal (Coldwater Crossing Stadium 14)

Jan 10 Puccini La Rondine

Jan 24 Gluck Orfeo Ed Euridice

Feb 7 Donizetti Lucia Di Lammermoor

Mar 7 Puccini Madama Butterfly

Mar 21 Bellini La Sonnambula

May 9 Rossini La Cenerentol

For show times: (260) 4830017

participating in the program about Mother Goose and LAF. Also, many thanks to Barbara Kanning, Sue Mol and Janet Shupe for helping to check out everyone so efficiently. Also many thanks to our Fort Wayne Program Chairs, Pat Becker and Dorothy Woods for running the program so well. Most of all thanks to the Fort Wayne Branch members as well as the Warsaw Branch members for participating so joyfully. It

was truly an awesome day. Next year plan to be there.

Phyllis S. Thompson,
Indiana AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison
and Fort Wayne Branch Member

Fort Wayne Branch, AAUW Trust

The annual grant application period for the Fort Wayne Branch AAUW Trust will open January 1, 2009 and close February 28, 2009. Those interested in applying may contact me directly or write to the trust at P.O. Box 10993, Fort Wayne, IN for grant information and grant forms. Grants will be given in April 2009. Due to the economic situation, grants awarded will be of a limited nature.

Our mission this year is to transfer the grant application process to the web site which will increase our visibility and facilitate all steps of the grant processes in future grant periods. The trustees are also reviewing current policies and operational materials for updating and clarifying current practice.

Nancy Andrews, Chair

save for hotel and food expenses. All you need to do now is get REGISTERED online by Jan 15th for the lowest price. If you are not online, contact one of our Branch's officers to help you get registered.

One last thought; if your Branch's delegation gets "filled" (a delegate for each 25 members), we can use your help as an Indiana delegate. We want EACH eligible vote to count!

NOTE:

AAUW Convention Best Value Registration Closes Jan. 15

[Best Value Registration](#) for convention is now open, and is available until Jan. 15. 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 or 260-432-5228)

MAKE THE AAUW CONVENTION A TOP PRIORITY in 2009!

Time to make plans and REGISTER!

June 26th to June 28th

Carpools running from Fort Wayne to St. Louis, MO

To all Fort Wayne Branch Members: We need you to come with us to St. Louis for AAUW's 2009 national convention! Major changes are being proposed, and the new AAUW Bylaws will be discussed, altered, etc. The entire document must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote to be implemented. So.....you have time to

OTHER NEWS

BARB KANNING HAD SURGERY OF THE 18TH OF DECEMBER TO CORRECT PROBLEMS FROM PREVIOUS STOMACH SURGERY.

Esther Deal is both recovering from a recent fall and celebrating her 50th year of AAUW membership in 2009. If you wish to send her a note, she can be contacted at:

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