



Bulletin  
2012 – 2013

November/ December  
2012

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**

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## **December 1, 2012 Holiday Brunch and LAF Silent Auction**

**Pine Valley Country Club, 10900 Pine Mills Drive**

**9:30 a.m. Gathering / LAF Silent Auction (Phyllis Thompson)**

**9:45 a.m. Brunch Buffet**

**10:45 a.m. Presentation: Future of the Legal Advocacy Fund, Phyllis Thompson**

**11:00 a.m. Towns of Harmony Chorale Group**

*Guests and prospective new members are welcome (you are encouraged to call members who may need a ride!)*

### **Legal Advocacy Fund Silent Auction**

Baskets! Baskets! Let's Do Baskets!

Let's have some fun with the auction this year. Create a "theme basket" filled with enticing items. Create your own "theme basket" or go together to create something spectacular.

Some suggestions:

- Holiday basket filled with ornaments, decorative items, holiday edibles
- Coffee or tea with mugs, coffee, tea, a gift certificate to the local coffee shop
- Entertainment basket with theatre tickets, popcorn and chips
- Ethnic basket filled with exotic foods and seasonings
- Fashionista Baskets filled with scarves, earrings, and other fun adornments
- Vacation/Travel Baskets
- Chocolate Basket!!!

### **'Get the idea???**

Don't forget to include gift certificates to fun places. As always there will be a table for your homemade cookies, candies, nuts, etcetera. *Sorry...No used books or antiques this year*

### **Payment by check preferred – Your donation to AAUW LAF is tax deductible**

#### **Registration Information**

If postmarked by Monday, November 26, 2012 cost is \$15.

If postmarked by Tuesday, November 27, 2012 cost is \$18.75

No late registrations after Thursday, November 29, 2012 due to catering deadlines

*If you have any special dietary needs please call Jean Powers @ 484-3674*

Send appropriate amount by check payable to AAUW to:

Charlotte Trenary

5306 Indiana Ave.

Fort Wayne, IN 46807

## Interest Group Calendar

### Nov.

**Tues., Nov. 6th Current Lit I** - 7:15 P.M. Soldier's Wife by Margaret Leroy. Reviewer: Mary Jane Smith. Co-hostess: Anne Healy. Hostess: Carol Burgess (602-9336).

**Fri., Nov. 9th Great Decisions II** - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Topic: Energy Geopolitics. Leader: Rita Voors. Hostess: Marvel Munro (483-3733).

**Tues., Nov. 12th Creative Stitchery & Crafts** - 6:30 PM. Project: Jewelry Button Flowers for a Container. Instructor & Hostess: Carolyn Hurley (484-8380). Dessert: Lois Guess.

**Mon., Nov. 13 Creative Arts** - 6:30 p.m. Place: Club Soda- dinner. Hostess: Carol Isaacs 8th - (485-7931).

**Thurs., Nov. 15th Afternoon Book Discussion** - 1:00 PM. Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman. Reviewer: Linda Flatley. Hostess: Carolyn Hurley (484-8380).

**Mon., Nov. 26th Current Lit II** - 7:00 PM. Abigail Adams by Woody Holton, or any biography on Abigail Adams. Reviewer: Michelle Hittie. Hostess: Jan Rison (483-5829).

### Dec.

**Tues., Dec. 4th Current Lit I** - 7:15 PM. Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother by Xinran. Reviewer: Sandy Schact. Co-hostess: Betty Baker. Hostess: Martha Dawson (637-6402).

**Tues., Dec. 11th Creative Arts** - 6:00 PM (time change). Dinner at Louise's home and Evergreen Centerpiece. Hostess: Louise Swihart (432-7387).

No meeting: Creative Stitchery & Crafts  
Current Lit II  
Afternoon Book Discussion  
Great Decisions II

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

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### **Message from your Co-Presidents**

Fall is definitely in the air as we feel by the cooler temperatures and also in the change of colors of the leaves. And with Fall, Winter comes soon after with our December LAF Brunch at Pine Valley Country Club on December 1<sup>st</sup>. It is time to start thinking about what kind of basket you will bring for our auction.

Last December the "Basket Auction" was very successful so, let's see if we can do it again this year! A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can anything be worse than losing eye sight?" St. Anthony replied: "Yes, losing your vision." Let's not lose the vision of AAUW and the good that is accomplished through LAF.

'Have a beautiful 'Fall.'  
Pat Becker and Dorothy Woods

## **AAUW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Are you aware that AAUW offers a wide variety of tangible and intangible benefits to its members? Consider, as a member you have a strong voice in making a difference on critical women issues. You also belong to a community of friends and professional contacts that are available to you no matter where you go or live. AND, through our magazine “AAUW Outlook” you can keep up on issues affecting women and girls. Wow! What great benefits, but, that’s not all!

Other AAUW benefits are access to discounted goods and services. New – a prescription discount card, home and auto, insurance, a shopping portal for women-owned business, and more! Visit Member Benefits for updates. **EVERY TIME YOU USE ONE OF THESE BENEFITS, YOU ARE SUPPORTING AAUW’S MISSION!**

We are always ready to welcome new members into AAUW. If you have and contacts to whom you would like literature sent, please notify Lyn Colvin at [larry.colvin@comcast.net](mailto:larry.colvin@comcast.net) for a packet of membership materials.

## **AAUW FUNDS**

Isn’t it great we can support AAUW programs by giving to AAUW Funds. Fort Wayne is so great in promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW’s crucial work. Contributions to all funds are tax deductible. You may simply write the name or number of the fund on the memo line of your check and give to our Branch Treasurer, Cathleen Huff, 4329 North Dr 46815.

Funds include: Legal Advocacy (3999), AAUW (9110), Public Policy (4337), Educational Opportunities (4336), Eleanor Roosevelt (9170), and Leadership Programs (4339)

Phyllis Thompson [past40@frontier.com](mailto:past40@frontier.com) , Mary Lou Thomas (11708 Redding Dr, 46814)



I just found this picture from August 27, 2012. This picture is of the AAUW members who attended the Women’s Equality Day event on that day at the Allen County Public Library. The event was hosted by: AAUW, League of Women Voters, Fort Wayne Women’s Bureau, and the YWCA. Panelists at the event were Dr. Ruby Cain, Dr. Susan Hannah of IPFW, and Harriet Miller, a founding member of the Women’s Bureau. Pat Becker

## AAUW IN NEWS

Please watch your mail for the Fall issue of the State newsletter. If it has not arrived by this printing, it will be coming very soon.

Be sure to contact any of the AAUW IN board members with questions or ideas you might have. Fort Wayne's Branch Consultant is Jean Amman, who is very willing to be of service to us.

Mark your calendars for the Spring dates for Indiana Convention in South Bend AND AAUW National Convention in New Orleans.

1. **SAVE THE DATE NOW!** Our **AAUW IN Convention** will be held in South Bend on the IU Campus there on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Specific program info. Will come later, but get this date on your calendar. South Bend, Elkhart, and Goshen Branches will host the day.
2. **AAUW National Convention** will be held June 9-12, 2013 in New Orleans! Start saving your money to attend for a wonderful experience.
3. AAUW IN Board meeting will be held in Fort Wayne on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at Thomas' NAPA office on Illinois Road. Any AAUW member is always welcome to join us that day, so come if you want to have input in AAUW IN decisions. We will be drafting a new proposal for AAUW IN Public Policy for 2013-15 and ideas for forward to national.

Barb Kanning, AAUW IN Public Policy Director

### In Memoriam

#### **Donna Mitchell**

Donna Mitchell died on June 14, 2012. As a professional, Donna taught at Indian Village School, retiring in 1983. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of St. Francis and was a member of Waynedale United Methodist Church for 60+ years.

During her 26 year membership of AAUW, Donna served in numerous capacities: member of the Trust Board and the Membership, Recognition, and Nominating Committees. She was a grant winner on two occasions. Donna, who was a member of the Afternoon Book Group and the Creative Stitchery and Crafts Group, was an active member in AAUW and will be missed.

Donna leaves behind son Rev. James S (Marilyn) Mitchell, daughter Margaret (Fred III) Schimmel, another son Gordon (Christy) Mitchell, and a large extended family.



No matter your venture, your goal, your drive to excel..... there always are changes, right? You can count on it! AND,... when changes occur, would you please let me know? I'll update your Yearbook data in our database to ensure your information is current for next year's Yearbook, or future mailings.

PS -- Look for an "Update" form at the May Brunch, as well, where you can identify any change(s) to be sure your information is perfect..... just like you! :) THANK YOU !!!

Also – a HUGE THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Yearbook as accurate as possible!

Judy Gillman (You can call me or email me with updates, too!) –  
(433-0886); ([judygillman@frontier.com](mailto:judygillman@frontier.com))

#### **AAUW TRUST**

Please keep the **AAUW Trust** in mind and remind possible grantees to send in their applications for grants from January through February. It's simple to complete the form online!

Eleanor Wallace, Trust Chair 2012-2013

**Fort Wayne American Association of University Women is honored to bestow upon some of its own the following awards for the year 2012: Emerging Leader, Branch Honoree/Interest Group, Eleanor Roosevelt Award and the Woman of the Year.**

**We are thrilled to recognize this year's honorees.**

#### **Emerging Leader**

#### **Jean Powers**

Jean joined AAUW in 2010 and quickly became actively involved with AAUW, Fort Wayne Branch. Notably, Jean Powers served as a member of the Program Committee and contributed to the programs development and presentation. We truly see her as an emerging leader.

## **Branch Interest Group Honoree      Creative Arts Study Group**

This interest group has seven members (down from 25 in prior years), including Roberta Werking, an original member. Roberta is still on the roster, even though she winters in Florida. Joan Gotschall, an active member for many years, is remembered by current participants for her love of ladybugs and that she had lots of fun at the meetings.

Jane Anderson, is another long standing member of the group. In addition to creative arts, Jane has held branch offices and has been given many awards by Fort Wayne AAUW. Along with Jane as a long time member of Creative Arts is Monette King, a member since 1984.

Monette was Co-Chair of the AAUW Regional Convention in 1994; on the Trust Board, serving as Chair of the Trust in 2012; and has received Branch honors. The current Chair of the Creative Arts Interest Group is Carol Isaacs. Carol served with Monette as Co-Chair of the 1994 Regional Convention. Carol also finds time to be secretary of the Trust and has been recognized for her many efforts with Branch honors.

Active with this study for many years was Lela Smith. She delighted the group with her collection of clowns and with her stories of world travels. Lela has died.

**CONGRATULATIONS, CREATIVE ARTS!!! ‘keep up the good work.**

## **Eleanor Roosevelt Award Recipient      Dorothy Easterly**

Dorothy (Dot) has been an AAUW member for 56 years and is an honorary Life Member. Dot received a named grant in 1980 and was selected to be Woman of the Year in 1973. She is currently Chair of the Great Decisions II Group.

## **Woman of the Year      Kathleen (Cathy) Huff**

In her short 6 years with AAUW, Cathy has been Reservations Chair (2007-09), Co-Director of Membership (2009-11), and is our current Branch Treasurer (2011 to the present). She received the Emerging Leader Award in 2009. Cathy belonged to the Women’s History Interest Group.



Happy Birthday, SS.

Is she 55 \_\_\_\_\_

65 \_\_\_\_\_

75 \_\_\_\_\_

85 \_\_\_\_\_

None of the above \_\_\_\_\_





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