



## FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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MARIE MATTISON, PRESIDENT

### INTEREST GROUPS

#### May

**Tues., May 5th**                      **Current Lit I** - 6:45 P.M. (time change). The Secret of Lost Things: A Novel by Sheridan Hay. Location: Georgetown branch library. Reviewer: Lynne Colvin. Co-hostess: Andrea Tarbet. Hostess: Linda Manning (493-9620).

**Fri., May 8th**                      **Great Decisions II** - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Program: The Arctic Age (ch. 4). Leader: Ginger Connll. Hostess: Dot Easterly (749-1989).

**Mon., May 11th**                      **Creative Stitchery & Crafts** - 7:00 PM. Project: Planning session. Hostess: Ann McKenna (745-1056).

**Mon., May 18th**                      **Current Lit II** - 7:00 PM. Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich. Reviewer: Midge Wallace. Hostess: Betty Bair (483-2455).

**Thurs., May 21st**                      **Afternoon Lit** - 1:00 PM. The Ten-Year Nap by Meg Wolitzer. Discussion Leader: Marie Siegfried. Hostess: Corinne Toth (637-7660).

**Tues., May 26th**                      **Afternoon Bridge** - 12:30 PM. Hostess: Lorraine Weinswig (486-2267).

**Wed., May 27th**                      **Evening Bridge** - 1:00 PM (time change). Hostess: Kathleen Cummins (485-0166).

#### June

**Tues., June 2nd**                      **Current Lit I** - 7:15 PM. Shattered Dreams: My Life as a Polygamist's Wife. Reviewer: Judy Kuelling. Co-hostess: Sandy Schacht. Hostess: Mary Lou Thomas (672-0803).

**Fri., June 12th**                      **Great Decisions II** - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Program: Egypt: Key Ally in the Middle East (ch. 5). Leader: Carol Durham. Hostess: Patsy Hinkle (426-3291).

**Thurs., June 18th**                      **Afternoon Lit** - 12:00 PM. Program: Book selection. Location: Opus 24. Call Connie LaBrash to reserve your seat (432-1887).

**Wed., June 24th**                      **Evening Bridge** - 1:00 PM (time change). Hostess: Marian Anderson (484-8524).

#### July

**Wed., July 29th**                      **Evening Bridge** - 1:00 PM (time change). Hostess: Patsy Hinkle (426-3291).

*[No meetings for August]*

**AAUW, FORT WAYNE BRANCH  
DUES RENEWAL FORM**

**MEMBER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakdown of payments:**

**REGULAR** Association \$49.00, State \$7.00, Branch \$13.00      **TOTAL \$69.00**

**HONARY LIFE**      **-0-**

**LIFE** State \$7.00, Branch \$13.00      **TOTAL \$20.00**

**STUDENT** Association \$19.00, Branch \$2.00      **TOTAL \$21.00**

**Make check payable to AAUW (dues).** \$46.00 of AAUW dues is deductible as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes as of January 1, 2009.

**Voluntary contributions require separate checks.**

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**Any corrections for the 2009-2010 Yearbook?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes please note the changes below.

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**DUE DATE: JUNE 1, 2009**

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,  
Can't believe our year is coming to an end.  
Just a few reminders:  
**Book Sale will be September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** (please note these corrected dates) at Jefferson Pointe. We will have a space from July through the week after the book sale. Juliette Spears has offered her home as a collection spot for books up until July. Ruby Cain received her Doctorate from Ball State this month. A reception in her honor will be held at The Aston Pointe Clubhouse on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30. Please join Ruby to celebrate this wonderful achievement. National Convention will be held in St. Louis the weekend of June 27<sup>th</sup>. You can still be a part of this very important weekend. F.U.N. Fridays continue at Links Wonderland the first Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. The Hedge School group meets at 12:00 noon at the Downtown Library.  
Thank you all for all of your time and energy,  
Sincerely,  
Marie

## Fort Wayne Hedge School

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

## CONGRATULATIONS DOCTOR CAIN!

Ruby has successfully defended her dissertation and her status is now officially Doctor of Education, Ed.D. She says "This has been quite a long time coming and still hard to believe."

### CORRECTIONS / REVISIONS

*If you have any new information or bulletin corrections forward them to Connie LaBrash at: [clabrash@verizon.net](mailto:clabrash@verizon.net)*

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**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009**  
**SPRING MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH**  
Ft Wayne Country Club,  
5221 Covington Road

### **FORT WAYNE BRANCH, AAUW TRUST**

The Trust has had a successful year climaxed by the public meeting on April 22, 2009. At this meeting, last year's recipients presented their reports detailing how the funds were used and spelling out how the Trust was publicly recognized. Those organizations included AAUW/Whitington Mentoring Program by AAUW Community Outreach, AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Communication Grant, IPFW New Immigrant Literacy Program, Matthew 25 Dental Clinic, Pi Lambda Theta Reading Books for International Students and Ruby Cain Doctoral Research.

In addition, checks were distributed to a number of organizations to be used in the year to come. These included Common Ground, Somali Bantu teaching materials; Fort Wayne Areas Youth for Christ, mentoring program inner-city girls; Fort Wayne History Center, children's visitation; Fort Wayne Urban League, Early Development curriculum; and Imagine Master Academy for teaching materials. It is noteworthy to recognize that these grants were made even in these difficult economic times. We are very fortunate to have this resource available.

Nancy Andrews  
Chair, Fort Wayne Branch AAUW Trust

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION**  
**DEADLINE: AUGUST 15th,**  
[thelmabowles@hotmail.com](mailto:thelmabowles@hotmail.com)

### **MENTORING PROGRAM**

The AAUW/Whitington Mentoring program has been in progress since February 2008. To date, 27 young women residents of Whitington Homes & Services have benefited from the care and attention of 20 mentors, most of whom are members of our own Fort Wayne chapter of AAUW. These women have dedicated countless hours to the teens, participating in three group mentoring programs a month at the Whitington facility, numerous group outings, and personal visits as well as notes of support to the teens. Additional Fort Wayne chapter members have contributed as volunteers helping with special events, craft Saturdays, the publishing of the mentoring program newsletters, holiday dinners, day trips, etc. Thanks to everyone in the chapter who has given so generously to this program.

The program, which was originally designed for a year in length, was extended for an additional four months through May 2009. Discussions are currently underway concerning whether the program will continue in September 2009 and, if so, in what format.

Everyone who has contributed in some fashion to the program to date should feel proud of the difference they have made in the lives of these very special young women.

Mary McDonald, Program Director

**COME TO AAUW'S 2009  
NATIONAL CONVENTION  
JUNE 26-28th**

2009 AAUW National Convention

# Breaking through Barriers

June 26-28, 2009  
St. Louis



**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER**

**JOIN US in St. Louis!**

I want to personally invite all Fort Wayne Branch members register and make hotel reservations NOW. There is still time and room in a carpool from Fort Wayne. It is so important that we have a great representation at our AAUW National Convention this year, as the proposed Bylaws will be discussed, maybe changed, and voted on. AAUW could be making major changes, not only in the way we operate, but also our individual membership and also our corporate members.

We do want each member to have a part in that decision-making process. Do you have any Questions or Comments? Would you like to ride along with us? Call either Pat Becker or Dorothy Woods to "get a seat" to go. We will gather Indiana Branch opinions in Warsaw at the IN AAUW Convention to help us in our voting in June, also. Be sure to be involved.

Barb Kanning, IN AAUW President

**50 YEAR AAUW MEMBERS IN 2009**

Martha Dawson  
Esther Deal  
Phyllis Pond

Betty Sonnek  
Phyllis Thompson

**CONGRATULATIONS !!**



**THE METROPOLITAN OPERA**

**Will simulcast in high definition Gioacchino Rossini's La Cenerentola (Cinderella)  
Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Coldwater Crossing Regal theatre.**

**Juliette Spears**

Fort Wayne Branch AAUW  
Woman of the Year  
2009

The Woman of the Year Recognition Award was instituted by the Fort Wayne branch in 1949 for the purpose of honoring members who have given outstanding service to AAUW or the community.

Woman of the Year is the perfect title and award for this year's recipient. She took on two major tasks for the Fort Wayne Branch and handled them simultaneously with skill and grace.

Her education began at Indiana University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She later earned a Master of Science in Management at Indiana Wesleyan. Her work experience includes Staff Nurse, Private Scrub and Office Nurse, Instructor of Nursing, Clinical Specialist, Clinical Coordinator, and Director of Medical Nursing and Diabetes Center. She retired from Division Director of Medical Surgical Patient Care at Parkview Hospital.

She has been active in many community and civic activities including several organizations in the medical field such as the American Diabetes Association Board for Allen County, Oncology Nursing Society, American Cancer Society, and Aids Task Force. She is a member of the Indiana organization of Nursing Executives. She also has been a volunteer at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, treasurer for Kappa Delta Sorority Alumnae Assoc., and a member of Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc. She currently sings in the Wesleyan Choir at Aldersgate Methodist Church.

She is a member of several Honor Societies and was recipient of the Outstanding Professional Award at Indiana Wesleyan.

In AAUW she has been a board member in Lima, Ohio, Director of Finance for the Fort Wayne Branch, Treasurer and Vice Chairman of the Fort Wayne Branch Trust. This year she has been the event coordinator for the Whittington Homes Mentoring Program. She is also the Chair of the Fort Wayne Branch Trust during a period of changing laws regarding the operation of trusts and foundations and decreasing income for grants.

Her family consists of her husband Bob, her daughter Christine, son Hugh, twin grandsons Luke and Jacob, and an Australian Shepherd named Mattie.

An interesting fact you may not know is that she sat for the first national Diabetes Educators Certification.

### Praise of Women

For, this ye know well,  
tho' I wouldin lie,

In women is all truth  
and steadfastness;

For, in good faith, I  
never of them sic

But much worship,  
bounty, and gentleness,

Right coming, fair, and  
full of meekness;

Good, and glad, and  
lowly, I you ensure,

Is this goodly and  
angelic creature.

And if it hap a man be  
in disease,

She doth her business  
and her full pain

With all her might him  
to comfort and please,

If fro his disease him  
she might restrain:

In word ne heed, I wis,  
she woll not faine;

With all her might she  
doth her business

To bringen him out of  
his heaviness.

Lo, here what gentleness  
these women have,

If we could know it for  
our rudeness!

How busy they be us to  
keep and save

Toth in hele and also in  
sickness,

And always right sorry  
for our distress!

In every manere thus  
shew they ruth,

That in them is all  
goodness and all truth.

Chaucer

Fort Wayne Branch AAUW  
Eleanor Roosevelt Honoree  
2009

Inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt's vision of a more equitable world, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund's goal is to implement systematic social changes that will provide a better environment for girls and women. This award goes to women who have helped to achieve this goal. The Fort Wayne Branch of AAUW has been recognizing an Eleanor Roosevelt honoree since 1992.

This year's Honoree received her BS degree from American College. She also has a Master's Degree in Economics and studied at the Wharton School of Business. She received a Master's Degree in Theology from Bethany Theological Seminary. Early in her career she was part of a group of women who worked on Wall Street.

She has been owner and President of Romary Financial Services for 29 years offering investment planning, estate planning and other financial services.

Her community activities include Northern Indiana Women's CEO Leadership Council and the President's Leadership Council of Manchester College. She is a member of Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren.

In AAUW she has been Membership Chair and President of the Fort Wayne Branch. She is chair of the Women's History Group and is currently Program Director for Indiana AAUW.

She is a strong admirer of Eleanor Roosevelt and wrote the script for the branch's Eleanor Roosevelt birthday celebration. She often uses quotes from Mrs. Roosevelt. Her personal efforts to provide a better environment for girls and women are focused on teaching them how to manage their finances and investments.

In her spare time she loves to travel. Her favorite trips have been to Istanbul and Croatia.

Fort Wayne Branch AAUW  
Emerging Leader  
2009

An Emerging Leader is a newer member of AAUW who has shown enthusiasm and skill in supporting the Mission and programs of AAUW. She has the potential to be a branch leader.

Our emerging leader received an A.S. degree in Commercial Art , a B.A. degree in Fine Art, and a B.A. degree in Anthropology from IPFW.

By November 2009 she will have worked for thirty years for Walker Information, a marketing research/consulting firm in Indianapolis.

Her many community activities include: Member of Artlink, Participant in photography and art exhibits, Chapter President, Chair of Publishing, Vice-President/ President Elect, Secretary and Chapter Advisor of Executive Women International.

Shortly after joining AAUW she took the job of handling reservations and name tags for all Branch events. She has accepted a position as Co-Chair for membership.

An interesting fact you may not know about her is that she is a "handy woman". She has built a brick patio, installed attic fans, insulated her attic and crawl space, installed crown molding, run cable and speaker wiring throughout the house, repaired and repaved an asphalt driveway, and painted the entire exterior of her house by herself. In her spare time she is currently learning Morse Code.

Cathy Huff is our Branch Emerging Leader and our nominee for State Emerging Leader.

Fort Wayne Branch AAUW  
Interest Group Recognition  
2009

The Recognition Committee is adding a new award this year. We want to recognize one of the Interest Groups or Study Groups as they were once called. This year's award in this category goes to the Wednesday Evening Forum.

The Wednesday Evening Forum was first listed in the Fort Wayne Branch Yearbook in 1972-73. Mrs. Harvey Koons (Mary) was its first chairman.

Many of the members had been in a Child Study Group together and there had been other Forum groups such as Tuesday Evening Forum dating back to 1944-45 and Monday Evening Forum 1951-52.

The Wednesday Evening Forum became The Wednesday Forum when they decided to meet in the daytime beginning in 1995-96. The group has not been a formal interest group since 2003, but several members still meet when they can.

The group had a variety of programs centered around the AAUW Topics. They presented book reviews, studied current articles on the issues, and held lively discussions. They enjoyed each other's company and attended Branch functions as a group. They also liked to work together on decorations for Branch dinners.

Marvel Munro and Marian Anderson both served as Chairman of Wednesday Evening Forum and continue their AAUW interests and support. They meet when possible with their group members Martha McIntosh, Betty Rose and Genevieve Sinish.

The Fort Wayne Branch of AAUW applauds your long and enthusiastic support of the AAUW mission.



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