



HOLIDAY BRUNCH and AUCTION

December 5, 2015 beginning at 9:30 AM

Pine Valley Country Club 10900 Pine Mills Rd; Fort Wayne

- 9:30 AM Gathering with bidding on auction items
- 10:00 AM Buffet (bidding continues)
- 10:30 AM Business meeting
- 11:00 AM Entertainment: Music of the season presented by Heartland Sings
- 12:00 noon Conclusion of the auction

Reservation information: In our continued efforts designed to effect timely reservations and the inviting of guests, the following pertain to costs and times for your attention:

Member cost for this event, if reserved and paid by Friday, November 23rd: \$15. per person. This is the stated 25% discount for timely planning.

Member cost for reservation received after the established early date is \$20. per person. Reservations close December 1st.

Guests will be at the \$15. per person rate through December 1st.

Your reservation information should be submitted to Charlotte Trenary at:

5306 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne Indiana 46807-3030

Name(s):

Member Reservation _____ Guest Reservation _____

Total amount _____ Check number _____ (ct: date rec'd_____)

Additions and Corrections for your Directory:

Our apologies to several people whose information was inadvertently omitted from the yearbook:

- Add Betty Sonnek to the list of Honorary Life Members
- Carolyn Plez St. Francis, BS Edu. 1124 Kenwood, 05 (260)755-0224
carolynlottpelz@gmail.com (Note: this is a change of address from last year's directory)
- Dorothy Woods 7018 Tullamore Ct, 35 (260)418-5497
- Nan Getzin address as of 11/1/2015 3403 E. Main St. Unit 2108; Mesa AZ 85213

Please check your information listed anywhere in the directory. If there is an error please let me know.

Connie LaBrash, Membership Records labrash_cornelia_3013@comcast.net (spaces are underscores)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Fort Wayne Branch welcomes **Carol Shattuck**.

Please add her contact information to your yearbook.

Carol J. Shattuck; 1917 Majestic Lane; Fort Wayne, IN 46815 (260)748-0631

carol.shattuck@frontier.com Carol has a dual educational background – Nursing and Education from Parkview / St. Francis / Indiana U. / Indiana Wesleyan U.

PROGRAMS

“Restoring the Valley Habitat” was presented on Saturday October 17th with Liz Hincks, Education Coordinator for the Little River Wetlands Projects, giving a very thorough presentation of “then and now” of the wetlands. Boots are available for you to walk the marsh☺

Our next program will be the December 5th Meeting and Legal Advocacy Fund (we are One AAUW) Basket Auction with breakfast. The Heartland Singers will entertain at this event (event information and reservation form are on previous page).

March 15th 2016 (plan ahead) is the date for our Annual Meeting and Recognition. The Program addresses Women's Health and will feature Gynecologist Dr. Christina Francis, who worked in Africa to enhance female medical survival; and Family Dentist Dr. Valerie Lake who was one of the founders of the Matthew 25 dental health clinic in Fort Wayne. Both have valuable information to share.

April 12th 2016 Pay Equity Day in collaboration with the YWCA and LWV. YWCA will provide updates.

May 14th 2016 we round out our Programming calendar with Bitia Zakeri, AAUW American Fellow, a recognition presented by stellar scholarships in areas of significant women advancement. She has accepted our invitation to come to us from IU where she is an ABD PhD with the focus on Iranian immigrant women and the US environment. Mark your calendars and plan to attend and hear this nationally recognized scholar.

FINANCE – 2015/2016 Budget

Membership dues 2015/16	\$4959	Meetings/Meals	\$1800
New Member Dues	138	LAF Silent Auction	1000
Total Income:			\$7897.00
Assn Dues 2015/16	\$3479	Meetings/meals	\$1800
State Dues 2015/16	518	Recognition	90
Fund Donations (9170/4339)	1000	Membership	150
LAF Donations	1000	Convention/travelships	300
Liability Insurance	170	Memorials	50
Postage/office supplies	250	President	40
Printing	1000	Checking Account (checks)	18.50
Website Maintenance	540	Miscellaneous	500
Community Program Support	200	Public Policy	0
Programs	500	Total Expenses:	\$11,606.50

Year to date financial balance: -\$3,708.50

Reported to the board by Pat Becker, Treasurer (11/2/2015)

MEMBERSHIP:

Be sure to plan, now, to attend our Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 5th. Details are given in this newsletter. Bring a friend and/or family members. With the fun of our silent auction, a delicious meal, and time to visit and make new acquaintances, it is a super time to “showcase” who we are as AAUW to prospective members.

Joining AAUW national, state, and branch on January 1st means half-price for the second half of our fiscal year (= \$34.50). I will have membership materials there.

Do you know of college woman graduating this year? You can give her a FREE national membership! Give her a great networking opportunity as she begins her career.

Membership co-chairs: Barb Kanning (260) 432-5228 Kanning4@frontier.com and
Margy Schimmel (260)747-5078 Margy.schimmel@yahoo.com

TAPESTRY

A wonderful day of renewal for women will be held at the Memorial Coliseum on Friday, April 29th, 2016. Last year \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded to nontraditional women! Since its inception in 2002, Tapestry has raised over \$750,000 for this scholarship effort partnered by IPFW and Parkview Health, with AAUW Fort Wayne partnering to distribute the brochures to sponsors/partners in February.

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

IN MEMORIAM

An AAUW member for more than 50 years, Marilyn Hart passed away in May of this year. She was a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, spending her summers at her Adams Lake cottage.

Marilyn graduated from North Side High School, earned her B.S. in Education from Ball State Teachers' College and an M.S. in Education from Indiana University, and taught for Fort Wayne Community Schools for 39 years. She retired in 1997.

A longtime member of Forest Park United Methodist Church, Marilyn was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary for women educators, and Alpha Omicron Pi Alumni group.

Marilyn's journey with AAUW began when she joined the Recent Grads Study Group. Her love of books and literature led her to join a literature-book group. She helped with many AAUW book sales and attended general meetings and dinners.

She is survived by a sister, brother-in-law, two nieces, four nephews, and sixteen great-nieces and – nephews.

Her warm personality and outgoing smile will long be remembered by her many friends, especially those of the Lit. Group 1 and AAUW.

Submitted by Martha Dawson

ONE AAUW. ONE MISSION. ONE FUND.

How exciting!! Our December meeting will soon be here and once again we will have our SILENT AUCTION. The SILENT AUCTION this year will be designated to the AAUW Fund.

The AAUW FUND advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Our unrestricted gifts to the AAUW Fund helps incubate and disseminate programs that get results for women and girls.

Our gift to the AAUW Fund helps support: AAUW Advocacy, NCCWSL, Member Leader Programs, LAF, Tech Savvy, Student Advisory Council, Start Smart, and CAP Grants, Elect Her, Younger Women's Task Force, C/U Partners, Tech Trek, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and so much more!!!

So plan now to bring for our Silent Auction and come prepared to buy. We are going to have a blast on December 5, at our Christmas Brunch.

Set-up will begin at 9:00 AM and bidding starts at 9:30.

Questions???? Contact Phyllis Thompson.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!! Phyllis S. Thompson, Fort Wayne AAUW Fund Director

The **RECOGNITION COMMITTEE** will meet in January to select this year's honorees. We need your input. Please send your suggestions for the Eleanor Roosevelt Award, Woman of the Year and Member Leader to Mary Loy Thomas (redning11@aol.com) or (260)672-0803.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our right to vote is one of our most precious rights, one that is an essential component to ensuring an effective democracy. As Fort Wayne Branch continues to partner with local organizations to promote women's issues, we have been asked by Nancy McCammon-Hansen, AAUW and League of Women Voters member, to join the LWV Observer Program to ensure transparency in local government. Requirements: attend governmental meetings, take notes and report back to the League and the community. AAUW Fort Wayne Branch board has elected to endorse our involvement in this program. For more information contact Nancy at nmccammonhansen@gmail.com or get in touch with me.

Cathy Huff

Board meetings are open to all members and are held at the Main Allen County Public Library Business and Technical Conference Room (second floor). Meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

Future Branch Board Meetings: February 8th 2016 April 11th 2016

INTEREST GROUPS

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 19 – Churchill Factor by Boris Johnson: Leader Nancy Kelley

Mar. 17 – God Help the Child by Toni Morrison: Leader Shirley Deschler

CREATIVE ARTS AND SERVICE

Nov. 24 – Service: serving lunch at Brentwood School – Linda Flatley

Dec. 15 – Craft: Origami Gift Card/money holder – @ Carol Isaacs'

Jan. 19 – Lunch. Location tbd – Jane Anderson

Feb. 16 – Service: Thank You cards at Cancer Services of NE Indiana – Monette King

CURRENT LITERATURE II

Nov. 23 – Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini: Reviewer Sandy Tucker,

Hostess tbd

Jan. 25 – I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

by Malala Yousafzai: Reviewer Cheryl Mathews, Hostess Marvel Munro

Feb. 22 – Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline: Reviewer Susan Stone,

Hostess Pat Becker

GREAT DECISIONS II

Nov. 13 – Brazil's Metamorphosis: Leader Susan Stone, Hostess Pat Becker

CREATIVE STITCHERY AND CRAFTS

Nov. 3 - Sequined Cap and Cookie Exchange: Rita Zehr

Feb. 2 - Arm Knitted Scarf: Patty Davis

Mar.1 – Casserole Tote: Instructor Ann McKenna/ Hostess and Dessert Carolyn Vanice

INTEREST GROUPS continued

CURRENT LITERATURE I

Nov. 3 – Deep Down Dark by Hector Tobar: Leader Anne Healy, Hostesses Judy Ruoff
and Mary Lou Thomas

Dec. 1 – Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd: Leader Mary Jane Smith,
Hostesses Martha Dawson and Barb Kanning

Jan. 5 – Lunch at location tbd

Feb. 2 – Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline: Leader Nancy Andrews,
Hostesses Phyllis Thompson and Carol Endsley

March – no meeting

DATE CHANGE from our new yearbook: Indianapolis will be hosting our state convention and had to move the date one week later to avoid a huge convention being held there. Mark the correct date: **Saturday, April 30, 2016.** Carpool with us for the day and enjoy collaborating with members from around the state and an AAUW national guest.

BASKETS BASKETS

A reminder for you to begin planning, about the basket or baskets you will bring for the Silent Auction at our December meeting. We always look forward to having a variety and this year is no exception.

Phyllis

We are always looking for ways to partner with our sister agencies that work hard for the rights of women and girls and for the health of our communities. If you are aware of opportunities, please bring them to the attention of the board. Cathy

TRUST

The Trust Board met on Wednesday November 4th 2015. The discussions centered around the need to ensure accuracy of documents and the website (Bobbie, Thelma and Jane Anderson will need to review the parameters for maintaining an accurate website with the webmaster); notification of time parameters for applying for future grants; and the requirement that grant recipients acknowledge receipt of AAUW 's financial contribution to their project in print and media public awareness of said projects. The Trust is sound as is the management thereof. Information of funds available for grant distribution will be provided by the investment administrators early in 2016.



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Return Requested

Websites: www.aauwfortwayne.org www.indstate.edu/aauw-in www.aauw.org

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