

Bulletin

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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President's Message

By Cathy Huff

Dear Members,

In this newsletter, I thought I would take the time to reinforce all the valuable information that is available to us through our National AAUW website and staffing.

If your interest is in working toward equal pay and closing the gender pay gap, advancement of women and girls in STEM, combating sexual harassment in the workplace or at institutions of education, keeping up on the cases being heard at the Supreme Court, making sure there is fairness in the redistricting of our electoral divisions, reducing student debt, AAUW's support of International projects, you can find up-to-date data and research on all of these issues on our www.AAUW.org website. It is a treasure trove of valuable information.

I especially like the video AAUW produced called "You Throw Like a Girl" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjJQBJWYDTs>). It is a title IX video and turns taunts into something to be proud of in sports and schools.

There is also a weekly Friday email blast that goes out that provides an update on Washington DC and all that is happening as it relates to girls and women. I also get the *AAUW in the Statehouse* email. This keeps you "up-to-date" on what is happening across the country. And, finally, I have signed up for the *AAUW Action Network* email. This email lets you know what you can do right now to help push the agenda for women and girls and makes it easy to contact your Representatives and Senators.

You may say that these issues are no longer relevant to your life but I am sure they are for your children, grandchildren, nieces, and girls in your neighborhood. Please pass on the word about AAUW and the resources that are out there to support and advocate for women and girls.

Branch Board Meetings

Start time: 6:30 pm

November 6, 2017

February 5, 2018

Location: Business and Technical Conference Room (2nd FL)
Allen County Public Library (ACPL)
900 Library Plaza (between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne St.)

*Board Meetings
are open to all members.*

Membership

NOW

*is the best time to Recruit
New AAUW Members!*

*Every AAUW member is a
part of the membership
team. Experience tells us
that new members who
are **recruited by our own**
Branch members become
active and **stay** in AAUW.*

Grant Applications accepted

January 1 through February 28.

*The Grant Application Form
and instructions for applying
may be found on the web site
at: <http://aaufortwayne.org>.*

Save the Dates!

Mark your Calendar!

2017-18 Directory and Membership Records

By Connie LaBrash, Membership Records

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Please check **everywhere** that your name and information are typed in the 2017-2018 Yearbook. If there is an error or update please contact Connie so that the Branch's records can be corrected.

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

***Charlotte Trenary is now in Room #307

Page 23 Yearbook Correction: GRANTS FOR 2017

Six grants totaling \$7,320.00 were awarded. This brings the total grants to 375 and the total awarded to date is \$418,162.42. (same as printed)

#370 Lutheran Outdoor Ministries - Summer Reading	\$ 900
#371 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch - Communications Grant (no of)	3,000
#372 Kate's Karts - Books for Hospitalized Children	250
#373 Soarin' Raptor Rehabilitation Program	670
#374 Fort Wayne Unitarian Universalist Church Banner	500
#375 Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL AAUW TRUST GRANTS for 2017	\$7,320

AAUW Trust

By Barb Kanning, AAUW Trust Chair

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Do you know of a non-profit group that would benefit from a small grant?

It is hard to believe, but our grant period to accept applications is coming up soon. We will be **taking applications for 2018 from January 1 until February 28**. Please go to our website: www.aauwfortwayne.org and click on Trust on the top of the homepage. Click on **Guidelines** and see what specifically we are allowed to grant.

Encourage groups especially who share our mission of advocating for education and equity for women and girls. The Trust Board will seriously consider applicants who benefit members of our community.

Branch Programs

By Donna McKenzie, AAUW Trust Chair

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Annual Meeting and Recognition Night

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Goeglein's Homestead, 7311 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne

Spring Brunch

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Road, Fort Wayne

AAUW Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction

December 2, 2017, starting at 9:30 am

Pine Valley Country Club

10900 Pine Mills Road, Fort Wayne

Come and bring a guest or two to our branch’s annual holiday brunch. You will enjoy a delicious meal and have a chance to catch up with your AAUW friends, new and old. This year’s entertainment features fun, upbeat holiday music by the “Tennis Ukes”, members of the Fort Wayne Ukulele Club.

Silent Auction: Kick off your Christmas shopping by bidding on a variety of tempting items in our silent auction. All proceeds benefit the AAUW Fund, which advances AAUW’s mission by sustaining our national programs and activities. We encourage everyone to contribute a gift basket or individual items to be included in the auction.

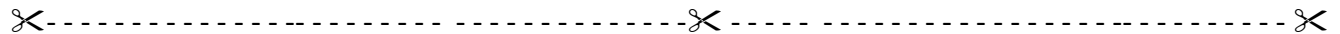
Food, fun and no-stress shopping—all for a good cause! Send in your reservations now!

Cost: \$14.00 per person

Advance Reservations Required:

Your reservation and check must be received no later than **Wednesday, November 22, 2017.**

Questions: Contact Donna McKenzie 260-637-0260



AAUW Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction Reservation Form

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Reservations – and checks – must be received by Wednesday, **November 22**

Name: _____ Phone _____

Number attending: _____ X \$14.00/person = Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to “AAUW of Fort Wayne” to:

Pat Becker 2512 Bosworth Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46805

[Phone 260-484-9105; email tonypat41@msn.com]

Check # _____ Total Included: _____

Silent Auction Fund Raiser

The Silent Auction at our December event at Pine Valley **supports our National AAUW Fund** to advance our mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Our unrestricted gifts to the AAUW Fund help 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, CAP Grants, Elect Her, Younger Women's Task Force, C/U Partners, Tech Trek, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and more.

The auction items do **not** have to be "baskets". Some contributions are hand-crafted or specialty homemade food items. Some items are gift certificates for hotel overnights or for local events. Get creative and plan to bring something.

There is usually wide variety of items available. It is a good place to pick up a holiday or birthday gift for someone in your family or a friend.

This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past and we thank Phyllis Thompson for organizing it.

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Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Discussion – Meets the third Thursday of the month at Halls Gas House at 12:30 pm.

November 16 – *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman

March 15 – *The Alexander Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs

April 19 – *A Long Way Home (Lion)* by Saroo Brierley

Creative Arts and Service – Meets at various locations, dates, times

Tuesday, November 21 – Brentwood Elementary School, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., serve Thanksgiving Meal

Tuesday, December 12 – DYI Floral, Hillegas Rd., 1 p.m., Holiday Centerpiece

Tuesday, January 16 – Lunch at Baker Street Restaurant, time TBA

Tuesday, February 20 – Cancer Services of NE Indiana, time TBA

Current Literature I – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes at 7:15 pm.

November 7 – *The Rent Collector* by Camron Wright

December 5 – *My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me* by Jennifer Teege

January 4 – *Lunch Out*

February 6 – *The Life We Bury* by Allen Esken

March – no meeting

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at group member homes at 7 pm.

November 27 – *The Little Book of Hygge Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking

January 15 – *The Whistler* by John Grisham

February 26 – *Trouble I've Seen: Changing The Way...* by Drew Hart

March 26 - *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

Creative Stitchery and Crafts – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at a group member's home at 1 pm.

November 7 – Folded Fabric Star and Cookie Exchange

February 6 – Unfinished Objects (UFO)

March 6 – Fabric Feminine Pads

Great Decisions I – Meets at UMMH Community Villas of Heritage Lakes Clubhouse, 8220 St. Joe Road, FW at 7 pm

No additional information available

If you have questions, please contact Phyllis Thompson @436-5546 or Martha Weatherford @414-0167.

Great Decisions II – Meets the second Friday of the month (except Dec., January, July and August) at 11:30

November 10 – Nuclear Security: The enduring challenge of nuclear weapons. Hostesses: Pat Becker and Carolyn Pelz, Leader: Rita Voors

Next meeting February 9

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AAUW Funds: Phyllis Thompson

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