

Bulletin

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

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Thoughts from the President:

By Dr. Bobbie Weikle

When the 19th Amendment was finally ratified, women throughout the country celebrated their achievement. The battle that our 'Foremothers' took on in Indiana was a long and hard-fought victory. We would like to think that the right to vote was gained for **ALL women**. However, as the journey has continued throughout this difficult election year, the rights of some voters are still being suppressed.

'Equal' Suffrage Movements in Indiana:

For years, people of color, Native Americans, and others have continued to be denied their right to vote.

By 1912, 'Equal' suffrage groups were formed by the commendable efforts of women like Carrie Barnes Ross, who was the first president of Branch No. 7 of the 'Equal Suffrage Association' of Indianapolis. This Branch became the first African American organization in Indianapolis with its mission to promote 'equal' voting for ALL.

Suffragettes & the New Tech in Town!

By 1912, the automobile and telephones were the 'new tech' in town. Our savvy Suffragette Foremothers were smart in utilizing these new tools to help 'drive home their mission' (pun intended!) Through utilizing the 'new tech' tools, networking with other women, and raising a 'ruckus', Hoosier women finally got the Indiana Legislature to ratify the 19th Amendment! (Morgan, A., 2020)

Marsha Miller Presents: "From Amanda to Zerelda: Hoosier Suffragettes Who Raised a Ruckus"!

For our continued celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and giving women the right to vote, we are honored to have as our guest speaker, Marsha Miller, our State President of AAUW Indiana. She will be giving her rousing presentation at our AAUW Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction being held on December 12, 2020.



“From Amanda to Zerelda: Hoosier Suffragettes Who Raised a Ruckus” (continued from page 1)

Her presentation titled, ***“From Amanda to Zerelda: Hoosier Suffragettes Who Raised a Ruckus”*** will explore the 69-year chronological history of women’s suffrage in Indiana. Marsha will introduce Hoosier women who helped shape the movement, including Amanda Way (who is considered ‘the mother of Indiana suffrage’), Helen Gougar (a feisty publisher and lawyer based in Lafayette), Zerelda Wallace (one of the founders of *Indiana’s Equal Suffrage Society*), and women who moved into the national suffragist sphere, including May Wright Sewall (educator, and civic organizer), and Ida Husted Harper (a journalist and close friend and biographer of Susan B. Anthony.)

Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction – December 12, 2020

Please plan to hear Marsha’s presentation at our **Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction** being held on **Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 9:00 am** in the **Pine Valley Country Club, 10900 Pine Mills Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.** (See the Registration page to make your reservation as soon as possible.)

Special Thanks to Our State President for Her Expertise and Years of Service:

Besides devoting many years to help AAUW achieve our goal of **‘Advancing EQUITY for Women and Girls’**, Marsha has had a lengthy career coordinating the library social media for Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. In her work, she has taught more than 4,800 information literacy sessions, is an astute historian and continues serving her community to advocate for the rights of women and preserve our right to vote.

We hope you can be present at the Brunch to help thank Marsha for her continued service as our State AAUW President for Indiana and for her outstanding presentation about our Hoosier Foremothers and their heroic efforts to fight for the right to VOTE!



Update on Start Smart & Work Smart Training

"Indiana Tech is continuing to move forward with their **AAUW Start Smart** and **Work Smart** workshops, which are being funded by a grant through our AAUW branch. They currently have seven faculty and staff completing facilitator training in preparation for offering both workshops throughout the Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 semesters. Facilitators include the Dean of the College of Business, faculty, and Indiana Tech Career Center staff. They are currently working on setting the schedule for their workshops, which will be delivered in a virtual-only format and will be conducted with two facilitators at each session."

The **Start Smart** workshop is designed for training college students how to develop the skills needed to negotiate salaries when entering the job market. The **Work Smart** workshop is designed for people who have been in the workforce and want to learn more about ways to increase their salary. Many kudos go to our AAUW member, Kayla Crecelius, for writing the grant that helped fund this progressive project and the purchase of the materials which were designed by National AAUW.

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Invites You to
Celebrate Our 'Right to Vote!'

Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction
 Saturday, December 12, 2020, 9:00 am
 Pine Valley Country Club, 10900 Pine Mills Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Come and bring a guest or two to our AAUW Branch's Annual Holiday Brunch. Enjoy a delicious meal and catch up with your friends. You're sure to enjoy a hearty brunch of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, fresh fruit, and breakfast muffins.

Continuing our celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, we are honored to feature our AAUW Indiana State President and speaker, **Marsha Miller**, who will present ***"From Amanda to Zerelda: Hoosier Suffragettes Who Raised a Ruckus."***

Dressed in period costume, Ms. Miller will depict some of the struggles of key women in Indiana who helped get the Legislature to ratify the 19th Amendment. You will gain a whole new appreciation of the strength and determination of women and the need to protect our **'RIGHT TO VOTE'!**

Our Holiday Brunch is also lots of fun because during our **'Silent Auction'** we get to bid on the wonderful goodies and handmade items of our members. Start your Christmas shopping and prepare to bid on some tempting items. All proceeds benefit the AAUW Fund, which advances AAUW's mission by sustaining our national programs and activities, as well as our local branch. Please contribute a gift basket or individual items to be included in the auction.



Early Bird reservation is \$20 per person if received by Saturday, November 28, 2020

On-time reservation is \$22 per person if received by Monday, December 7, 2020.

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Holiday Brunch & Silent Auction
Saturday, December 12, 2020, 9:00 am
Reservations and checks must be received by Monday, December 7, 2020
 Please indicate if you want your meal to be gluten free.

Member Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest #1 Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest #1 Phone Number & Email: _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ \$ _____ Check for gluten free

Guest #2 Phone Number & Email: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ x \$ _____ each meal = Total Check Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to **"AAUW Fort Wayne Branch"** and send to:
Eileen Fraser, 9726 Silver Shore Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46804
 Phone: 260-432-7719; email: eileen.fraser@outlook.com

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Membership Matters

By Donna McKenzie and Amy Lehman, Co-Directors of Membership

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Please send any membership information changes to Theresa Brady at tbrady822@gmail.com or call at 262-853-8739.

Member Contact Information Changes for the Yearbook

- Andrea Tarbet – remove the landline and only use cell phone
- Ruth Tyndall Baker – correct email is rtbplaywright@frontier.com

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.*

In Memory of Barbara Schroeder

We regret the passing of one of our long-time AAUW Members. Barbara Schroeder was a lovely person who loved people. She was always smiling and was a happy person who never knew a stranger. Barbara graduated from Indiana State University, came to Fort Wayne, and taught at Forest Park Elementary School. She married Bill, her soulmate, on August 17, 1957.

She was a community leader and served as the first female president of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America. She was also a charter member of the Indiana State Alumni Association. Barbara achieved the distinction of being not only a 'life member' of the IU Alumni Association, but also of AAUW. In our local AAUW Fort Wayne Branch she helped with our book sales and attended many programs. She was also active in her church, serving in the Women's Fellowship and in Claudia Circle and as church librarian. I have known and been a friend for many years. Barbara will be greatly missed.

**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://aauwfortwayne.org>.

AAUW Trust

By Barb Kanning, AAUW Trust Chair

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The AAUW Fort Wayne Trust Board of Directors will meet with our financial advisors for our annual discussion on Friday, November 6, 2020.

Since nonprofit boards need time to meet and approve a project for application, the time is **NOW** to get our information to any groups you know that might benefit from our grant money. The range of grant help is between \$500 and \$3,000.

Go to our AAUW website, aauwfortwayne.org, and click on Trust at the top. Read the guidelines to see if your group can meet them. We look forward to another year of providing help to community nonprofits.

Interest Groups

These regular group meetings may not be held due to Coronavirus health precautions.

Please check with your group leader to learn if events will be held.

Current Literature I – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes

November 3 – *Little Fires Everywhere*

Discussion Leader: Barb Kanning

December 1 – *Home for Unwanted Girls*

Discussion Leader: Andrea Tarbet

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at Villas of Heritage Lake Clubhouse at 1:30-3 pm.

October 26 – *Matriarch: Barbara Bush* by Susan Page

Discussion Leader: Eleanor Wallace

Great Decisions will not meet for the rest of this year, due to Covid. Plans for 2021 will be determined after the first of the year.

AAUW INDIANA – Fall 2020 Zoom Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10 am (Indiana Eastern Time)

Please register for our State AAUW of Indiana Zoom meeting which will focus and include the following topics:

- Holding effective ZOOM meetings,
- Recommended Webinars for Branch and State programming, and
- An optional ‘Breakout’ allowing members to discuss topics of their choice. (You will need to provide your topic of interest ahead of time.)

Register at <https://indstate-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcuCqrT4pHNOtjOla56s1IWdpX3MEpdMm>

After registering, you will receive a [confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.](#)

Equal Pay for All Update

Along with many other women who are struggling to make ends meet during this virus, as AAUW members please take note that October 29th was designated as Latinas Equal Pay Day. Many of the Latinas who represent a large proportion of the ‘first responders’ who are helping this nation deal with the pandemic are working two and more jobs to help provide for their families.

Latinas, representing 18% of the nation’s female population, play a pivotal role in the social and economic growth of the United States. Young Latinas entering the labor force are offsetting declines as baby boomers exit. For the first time in a U.S. presidential election, Latinas will represent the largest female minority group, with a projected 16 million eligible voters. But COVID-19 is taking a particularly devastating toll on Latinas, impacting their participation in the labor force, their ability to access quality affordable care, and their capacity to meet the needs of their families.

The Status of Latinas in the U.S. During the Covid-19 Virus

Please join AAUW CEO, Kim Churches and Irasema Garza the former Senior Counselor to U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, to hear more about a new collaboration focused on the status of Latinas and the impact of the pandemic on their economic security and wellbeing. We will discuss AAUW’s actions to address systemic workplace disparities, increase wages, promote paid sick and family leave policies, and make health care available for all. **Watch the AAUW Webinar on 11/17/20 at 2 pm.**

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