

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

What is the REAL Truth?

As the “House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the US Capitol” gets nearer to sharing the findings of all the mayhem that occurred last year, it seems obvious that we need to prepare ourselves to take a stand to uphold democracy. Change is inevitable and we all have to ask ourselves **what we are willing to do to uphold the constitution?**

Truth in Journalism:

When you consider all the ‘misinformation’ being spread via social media, it might seem prudent for of all us to take a course in ‘journalistic integrity’!

Recently, I was thrilled when Terri Richardson, the assistant managing editor for the features at the Journal Gazette, agreed to be our guest speaker for the AAUW Annual Meeting in March. After listening to, watching, and reading a variety of media resources from throughout the US, we can be very proud that our local newspaper is diligent about presenting a balance of information based on fact rather than practicing a sensationalistic form of journalism.

Ms. Richardson has spent her career investigating and reporting on many of the issues that **women continue to fight for**. She earned her bachelor’s degree in Journalism from Marshall University. Terri began her career at a small newspaper in West Virginia and then worked her way up to editor, becoming the youngest editor in the state at that time. She has been working for the Journal Gazette for 22 years and is currently the assistant managing editor for features for the newspaper.

Through the years as a journalist, Terri has covered everything from police and government scandals (she met her husband while covering a stabbing – true story), including a murder coverup, education, city and county government, to coal mine strikes, natural disasters, and profiles of community leaders. (See page 6 for registration details of the meeting.)

~ Bobbie

Improving the Lives of People for 140 Years!



December is always a great time to celebrate local organizations whose mission is to give back to the community through helping people improve their lives. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is celebrating its **140th anniversary** this year and renewing our commitment to help improve the lives of **ALL** people.

Over the past 140 years, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and work places everywhere. Through bold **research**, **education**, and **advocacy**, we are committed to ensuring that **everyone** gets the same opportunity to **learn, earn, and lead**.

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust

Celebrates its 40th Anniversary!

In addition, our local **AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust is celebrating its 40th Anniversary** of providing grants to organizations and projects throughout our area. As of 2021, a total of 394 grants have been awarded for community projects that help support the mission of the AAUW Fort Wayne Trust.

The Fort Wayne Branch, AAUW Trust, was established when the Branch received a bequest from the estate of R. Hazel Miller, who was both a member of AAUW and a teacher in the Fort Wayne area. Since that time, other bequests, gifts, and memorials have also been received for the Trust. These continuing contributions have enabled the Branch to support additional programs and projects.

The AAUW Trust purpose includes:

1. Encouraging education among members of AAUW and the community.
2. Funding appropriate studies and projects in keeping with the mission of AAUW.
3. Promoting standards of excellence in public schools and higher education.
4. Cooperating with other persons, organizations, trusts, or foundations whose mission is similar to AAUW.

Through the years, the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust has helped provide funding for a broad array of projects benefitting people throughout the state. One of the projects was the Charis House, a Rescue Mission Project. AAUW Trust grant funding helped to provide food for people in the program and shelter.

In another project lasting nearly two years, a group of AAUW members became mentors to the women who were participating in the programs of Whittington Homes and Services for Children and Families which is in Fort Wayne.

Other grants have been used to provide training and education for people. Striving to improve educational and work skills, Dr. Melissa Gruys, professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne and Dr. Staci Lugar-Brettin and Michael Dunne-Stece, professors at Indiana Tech University received grants to provide additional training using AAUW's *"Start Smart"* and *"Work Smart"* training materials. The materials are designed to help people improve their skills for negotiating salaries and for improving their work relationships. Through their efforts, many people have become more aware of AAUW's continued work toward the goal of people receiving "equal pay for equal work."

In our *"Pen Pals 'R' Us"* project, AAUW members became pen pals with 9th grade students to encourage language development through written language activities and foster intergenerational relationships with others.

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust *(continued from page 2)*

A Tribute to AAUW Trust Founding Members

In Celebration of our AAUW Trust Anniversary, please join us in recognizing all Trust grants that have received funding and in celebrating two of our founding AAUW Trust members:



Mrs. Phyllis Thompson



Mrs. Mary Lou Thomas

It is with great pride that we honor and recognize two of our founding AAUW Trust members. Both founders are “life” members of our AAUW Fort Wayne Branch. **Phyllis Thompson** has been a previous Fort Wayne Branch President and held the position of Indiana State President of AAUW along with working on a variety of committees. **Mary Lou Thomas** has held Branch Board offices and worked on committees at the local level. She recently retired from being the Indiana State Treasurer of AAUW.

AAUW members take great pride in continuing to fight for programs aimed at moving **ALL** women and society as a whole forward and that support our goals. Grants are being accepted by the AAUW Fort Wayne Trust from **January 1-February 28, 2022** for this next funding cycle. Individuals and organizations may read information about the criteria for grants being submitted by going to the website: www.aauwfortwayne.org.

A Winning Fund Raiser!

The December 2021 Holiday Brunch Silent Auction was truly a winner! Our thanks to long-time member, Barbara Kanning, for organizing our recent auction fundraiser. Barb has reported that our efforts produced the **largest profit to date!**

“We raised **\$1,062.00** that morning! A HUGE ‘Thank You’ to all of you who brought items to fill the tables AND the bar at the Pine Valley Country Club. The second giant ‘Thank You’ goes to all the very generous attendees who bid up and/or purchased this great selection of items. Many generous members also donated funds to help our Branch and national AAUW.”

The Branch will keep half - **\$531.00** in our local funds, and the other half - \$531.00 has been sent to national AAUW Funds to benefit all the national initiatives to help our mission. Additionally, the funds sent to national were **doubled** by the AAUW Board of Directors matching end-of-year promotion. Once again, thanks for your generosity.” – Barb Kanning, AAUW Funds Chair

An Interview with ACPL Communications Director

Contributed by Stephany Bourne, Membership Co-Chair

On a Friday afternoon, I had the pleasure of speaking with **Ms. Stephanny Smith** about all the exciting things happening with the Allen County Public Library. Community members and library branch personnel met with consultants over the last several months to voice their wants, needs and priorities. For example: Aboite and Dupont branches are landlocked and have no room for growth of the library or the parking lot! There are plans to continue outreach to schools, classrooms as is appropriate and Boys and Girls Clubs. Support for summer reading programs will also continue to be included in the library program. However, the way children and preteens use the library has begun to evolve. Not only do teens use the facility for gaming, but also for quiet times when they are actually reading! There are times that areas need to be reconfigured to accommodate activities of community engagement away from the areas of reading, study and research.

When asked about the budget, Stephanny said the projects will drive the budget, not the other way around. The library's last Bond Issue (\$89 million) has been paid off, so this will NOT be "new monies" charged to the tax payer IF this passes on this November's ballot.

I would encourage everyone to head to the website <https://www.youracpl.org/> for detailed information about the ACPL initiative. There are reports, maps and event dates for final phase spring meetings around the city. The finalized budget and plans will go to the ACPL Board of Trustees for approval before moving to the fall election.



New Hamilton Book for Publication:

*Ruth has finished writing a book about the Hamilton family, titled: **Please Call Me Edith**. The book focuses on the life of Edith Hamilton and Ruth has been busy submitting the book to publishers and trying to get her new work accepted for publication.*

Tickets for Upcoming Play 'Women Unleashed!'

Our AAUW member, Ruth Tyndall Baker, will be holding the 'world' premier performance of her new play **'Women Unleashed'** in **March**. A talented author and playwright, Ruth has been working with Fort Wayne director, Thom Hofrichter and his new production company, Playground 630.

The play, *'Women Unleashed,'* is a wonderful portrayal of the well-known Hamilton family of Fort Wayne. Edith, Alice, and Agnes Hamilton were truly a credit to society and ahead of their time in terms of working at the national level to achieve health standards for food processing, creating standards for better work conditions for ALL people, and helping impoverished women and families to improve their lives. Their parents were at the heart of encouraging their daughters to excel and pursue interests and careers that went beyond anything considered 'normal' for women of that era to accomplish.

The Hamilton ladies will be portrayed by our local talented actresses, Kate Black, as 'Edith Hamilton', Nancy Kartholl as 'Alice' and Robin Delaughter as 'Margaret'. Sarah Hodgkin portrays the part of Doris Reid. The play will be performed at the **'Studio Theatre'** located in Kettler Hall on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The play will be performed **Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2 pm, March 4-6 and 11-13, 2022**. Tickets are \$20.00. For information about tickets, call 260-416-4461.

***Note:** Any AAUW member wanting to help take tickets or be an usher at the play, need to contact Ruth Tyndall Baker at: 260-422-3486.

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.*

Save the Dates!

Register Early!

Mark your Calendar!

2021-2022 Yearbook Membership Information Changes / Corrections

p. 12 – Branch Interest Groups

Create Arts & Services has a new Chair: Monette King. The group meets on the THIRD Tuesday of the month; TIMES vary.

Great Decisions has a new meeting time – 1:00-3:00 pm

p. 31 – **Carolyn Pelz** has a new email address: carolynlottpelz@gmail.com

p. 32 – **Sandra Schacht** has a new address:

Wellbrooke of Wabash
20 John Kissinger Drive
Wabash, IN 46992

cell phone is same:
260-433-0245

Please contact Theresa Brady (tbrady822@gmail.com or 262-853-8739) when your information changes and we will print in the next newsletter.

Branch Board Meetings

All Board meetings will be at the Allen County Public Library, Room A, 900 Library Plaza FW at 6:00 pm.

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday, June 6, 2022

Branch Programs

Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Allen County Public Library (ACPL) Main Location, Meeting Rooms A, B, C
900 Library Plaza (between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne Street)

We will elect our new officers and recognize outstanding contributions of individuals and groups. Our guest speaker will be Terri Richardson, the current Assistant Managing Editor for Features at the Journal Gazette. Box lunch from Goeglein's. See next page for details and registration form.

Spring Brunch

Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 9:30 am

Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Our speaker is Jessica Fraser, Indiana Institute for Working Families. Jessica will speak about the role of women in our current economic situation. Look for more information in the next Bulletin.

AAUW Fort Wayne Branch

Annual Meeting and Member Recognition

Saturday, March 5, 2022 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Allen County Public Library, Rooms A, B, C
900 Library Plaza Fort Wayne, IN 46802

The AAUW Fort Wayne Branch will hold its annual meeting and **election of officers** on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Our guest speaker will be Terri Richardson, the current Assistant Managing Editor for Features at the Journal Gazette. Don't miss hearing her speak about the current important topic of, **"To Tell the Truth: The Importance of Honest Journalistic Reporting"**. Ms. Richardson is an award-winning journalist with 30 years of writing and editing experience in the newspaper industry.

Terri is also the author of her new book, **100 Things to Do in Fort Wayne Before You Die**, published by Reedy Press. Don't miss the fun of having her autograph a copy of her book and learning about things to do in our city that you never knew about!

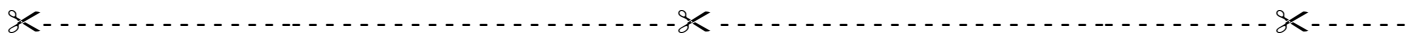
A box lunch will be provided by Goeglein's catering service. A variety of sandwich wraps will be offered along with a fruit cup, carrot cake, and bottled water or pop.

Early Bird reservation is \$12 per person if received by Friday, February 25, 2022.

On-time reservation is \$14 per person if received by Friday, February 28, 2022.

Your **reservation and check – must be received** no later than Monday, February 28.

2022-2024 Elections:
Co-Presidents:
 Andrea Tarbet, Theresa Brady
Director of Programs:
 Stephanie Bourne
Corresponding Secretary:
 Cathy Huff Helt
Trust Board Trustees:
 Nancy McCammon-Hansen,
 Carol Patterson,
 Dr. Joanne Alvarez



2022 AAUW FW Branch Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 10:30 am

Reservations and checks – **must be received by Monday, February 28, 2022.**

Member Name: _____	Phone Number _____	Enter number of sandwich wrap choices needed: ___ Ham ___ Turkey ___ Chicken ___ Vegetarian
Guest #1 Name: _____		
Guest #1 Phone number/email: _____		
Guest #2 Name: _____		
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" to:

Eileen Fraser 9726 Silver Shore CT Fort Wayne, IN 46804
 [Phone 260-432-7719; email eileen.fraser@outlook.com]

Pay online at <https://aauwfortwayne.org/online-payments/>

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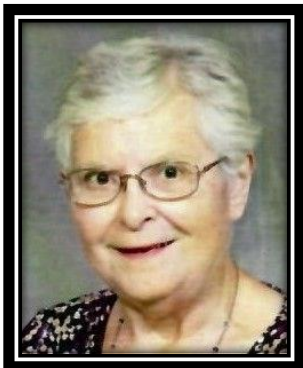
In Memoriam

Our AAUW Fort Wayne Branch lost two of our long-time 50 year honorary members this year. Carol Endsley passed away in December 2021 and Esther Deal passed away on January 10, 2022. Both ladies were very active members and will be missed.



Carol Endsley passed away on December 17, 2021 at the age of 92. Her complete obituary can be found at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-wayne-in/carol-endsley-10493799>

Carol was a wonderful, fun-loving person. We had many good times together. For a number of years we played bridge together. Neither of us was especially good but we certainly laughed a lot at our mistakes....when we were wise enough to know we made them. I always enjoyed lunches at her place and looked forward to having dessert in her beautiful, ruby compotes. In later years, I would pick her up to go to bridge or meetings. (AAUW or Retired Teachers). She was special and has already been missed, I'm sure, by many. – Carol Terwilliger



Esther Deal passed away on January 10, 2022 at the age of 90. Her complete obituary can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/elkharttruth/name/esther-deal-obituary?id=32206537>.

Esther was a true advocate of the mission of AAUW and an active member until her health prohibited it. An educator in many arenas, Esther came to Fort Wayne in 1973 and joined the Fort Wayne Branch. She immediately became a very active member and took on multiple tasks when asked and volunteered for many others. She moved to Goshen in 2007 but kept in touch with longtime friends in our Branch.

Two of her lasting accomplishments in AAUW while here were: designing and quilting an AAUW Indiana huge banner when we hosted a regional conference in Fort Wayne; and researching and creating a booklet about important Hoosier women in history that furthered equity and education for females.

Many longtime members remember her love, energy, and accomplishments for AAUW that she shared with us. Esther became a 50 year honorary member while a member here in Fort Wayne. She became a member of the Goshen Branch after moving. We were always energized by her ideas and work ethic! She will be missed. – Barb Kanning



Update from the League of Women Voters

One of our AAUW members, Nancy McCammon-Hansen, also works with the League of Women Voters and would like to pass along some information that will be taking place in 2022. Keep in mind, this is an election year that will be very important to all of us.

Once again, the League will be sponsoring Vote411.org, a website where candidates for office respond to questions that are drafted by League of Women Voter members. The candidates enter their own information, so there is no editing on the 'Leagues' part. If a candidate does not respond to the Leagues request to participate, that is also noted.

Most of the elections this year will focus on local offices. In the view of Andy Downs, who directs the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics, **voters should focus on the elections that affect most of them**. In most cases, those elections are local.

The League is in the process of finalizing their calendar for the election cycle. You can keep up to date on this work and learn about membership to join the League at www.lwvfw.org and their Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Please feel free to share this information with others.

Need for Poll Workers for Upcoming Election

Bobbie Weikle would like to remind people to pass along the need for people to work at the polls on election day. If you have ever helped to find individuals to fulfill the duties as poll workers on election day, you may have realized the tremendous need for dedicated people to fill these positions on election day. However, over time, the same people who have previously been relied upon are now 'aging' out of the job and unable to work due to health reasons, etc. on election day.

If you or friends, relatives, or anyone you know would like to learn more about being a poll worker for election day, please contact your local party and let them know you are interested in working. It is a paid position, and you receive training for working at the polls. Please note that you will probably need to leave a message, and someone will return your call. Leave a message that you would like to be contacted regarding working as a poll worker on election day. **Please speak clearly, spell your name, and give a phone number or email address where you can be reached. Also, give a day and time when you will be available to take a phone call.** All poll workers must be 'vetted' to determine if they are legal residents, registered to vote, and are at least eighteen years of age before they can become a poll worker. You may leave a message for the party of your choice at the following phone numbers:

Allen County Democratic Party: 260-478-8239

Allen County Republican Party: 260-422-1554

It Makes “Cents”

Contributed by Linda Manning

Money is used daily all over the world. But do people really look at the bills and coins they are using? Have they noticed the **lack of women represented on United States currency**? Martha Washington was on the \$1 silver certificate in 1886, 1891, and 1896. Pocahontas appeared on the backside of the \$20 bill in the 1860s. Susan B. Anthony was the first woman whose likeness appeared on a circulating U. S. coin from 1978-1981 followed by Sacagawea in 1999. Helen Keller’s likeness was on the reverse of the 2003 Alabama state quarter.

This year there will be a change with the start of the **American Women Quarters Program**. This program will run from 2022-2025 honoring historic contributions of twenty American female trailblazers. According to the U. S. Mint, “The groundbreaking program is an excellent way to remind future generations what can be accomplished with vision, determination, and a desire to improve opportunities for all.”

The first honoree in 2022 will be **Maya Angelou** (1928-2014). Maya Angelou was a writer, performer, and social activist. She was the first African American woman to write and present a poem at a presidential inauguration. This was at the inauguration of Bill Clinton in 1992.

The second 2022 honoree will be **Dr. Sally Ride** (1951-2012). Ride was the first American woman traveling into space when she was a crew member of the Space Shuttle Challenger in June 1983. Her second flight was also historic as she was part of a mission with two female crew members. Ride started an education company focusing on STEM.

The third quarter will honor **Wilma Mankiller** (1945-2010). Mankiller was an activist for Native American and women’s rights. In 1987 she became the first woman elected principal chief of the Cherokee Nation. Among other honors, Wilma Mankiller was named AAUW Woman of Distinction at the 1990 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. She received the AAUW Achievement Award in 1993, AAUW’s highest honor.

2022’s fourth quarter will honor **Nina Otero-Warren** (1881-1965). Otero-Warren was a leader in New Mexico’s suffrage movement, spearheading a lobbying effort to ratify the 19th Amendment in New Mexico. Additionally, she worked to advance bicultural education and preserve cultural practices in the Hispanic and Native American communities of New Mexico.

The final quarter of 2022 will honor **Anna May Wong** (1905-1961). Wong was the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood with roles in silent films, television, and stage. She appeared in more than sixty movies during her career and had a role in one of the first movies made in Technicolor. She was able to succeed while encountering racism and discrimination.

The U. S. Mint has not released the names of the other fifteen honorees in the American Women Quarters Program but says, “...future honorees from a variety of fields including women’s suffrage, civil rights, abolition, humanities, science, and the arts.” will be chosen. Who would you like to see honored?

**Mark Your
Calendars!!!**

AAUW Indiana State Conference

The date for our AAUW Indiana State Conference has been set for **April 30, 2022**. The “pending” location is the beautiful Indianapolis Propylaeum, located at 1410 N. Delaware Street, in Indianapolis. (We say “pending” because the in-person conference versus holding a Zoom conference depends upon the virus.) They will wait till March to make a decision about which direction to go with holding the Conference and we’ll keep you informed.

Guest Speaker for Conference: One of the guest speakers for the State Conference will be Lisa Maatz, the former long-time Policy Director for the national AAUW. Lisa is the current consultant and speaker on Public Policy issues, particularly those affecting women and girls. Don’t miss hearing her speak!

Interest Groups

*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

Group meets at 6-8 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Globe Room at the ACPL Main Branch.

February 1 - A Life Without Water - Marci Bolden

April 5 – *Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

Group Leader: Andrea Tarbet

Discussion Leader: Nancy Andrews

Discussion Leader: Carol Burgess

Current Literature II

Group meets at 1:30-3:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Community Villas of Heritage Lakes Club House at 8220 St. Joe Road, FW.

February 22 – The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray

March 22 – The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks

April 26 – CHOOSE BOOKS

Group Leader: Cheryl Mathews

Reviewer: Linda

Reviewer: Leslie

Hostess: Lois

Great Decisions NEW TIME

Group meets at 1:00-3:00 pm on the second Friday of the month at the Community Villas of Heritage Lakes Club House at 8220 St. Joe Road, FW.

February 11 – Changing Demographics in the World

March 11 – Outer Space Policy

April 8 – The Renewed Climate Change Agenda

Group Leaders: Donna McKenzie and Rita Voors

Leader: Linda Flatley

Leaders: Judy Gillman & Carolyn Pelz

Leader: Donna McKenzie

First Impressions

Meeting times and locations vary.

Group Leader: Cheryl Mathews

Creative Arts & Service

The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Group Leader: Monette King

Creative Stitchery and Service Projects

The group meets on the First Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm.

Group Leader: Patti Davis

AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch 2021-22 Board of Directors

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Director of Program: Stephany Bourne

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Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Brady

Director of Finance: Eileen Fraser

Chair of AAUW Trust: Margy Schimmel

AAUW Fort Wayne IN 2021-22 Branch Committees

Director of Communications/Media Publicity: Jane Anderson

Director of Diversity and International Relations: Open

Director of Public Policy: Open

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College/University Liaison: Dr. Gloria Shamanoff

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AAUW Funds: Barb Kanning

Bulletin Editor: Theresa Brady

Interest Groups: Cathy Huff Helt

Reservations: Eileen Fraser

Member Records: Theresa Brady

Historian: Jane Anderson