

# Bulletin

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## Thoughts from the President

By Dr. Bobbie Weikle

### Did You Know?

I know when I report this fact that I will be accused of being nonpartisan. But I've been called worse names before! It's bad enough that there are fewer women elected to offices than men. However, did you know that there has NEVER been a female Democrat elected to the statehouse from Fort Wayne? The closest we have ever gotten to having female representation is our current State Senator Liz Brown (R) and the late Phyllis Pond, an educator, who represented New Haven proudly as the States longest serving female State Representative for 35 years as a Republican! She will be long remembered for crafting **key pieces of legislation to improve the livelihood and education of Hoosier students.**

It's 2022! Isn't it about time we had more women representing our Fort Wayne area at the STATE level?

## Your Voices Were Heard

The following Senate and House Bills Education Issues were passed and your voices were heard by your representatives. (This information was shared by ISTA.)

**SB 2:** Passed a bill ensuring schools receive full funding for virtual days during the pandemic.

**SB 17:** Defeated a book banning bill that would have opened up libraries for prosecution.

**SB 167 and HB 1134:** Defeated two nationally driven bills that would have prevented students' freedom to learn, increased teacher workload and put-up barriers to students' social-emotional health.

**SR 31:** Passed a resolution to highlight the FW Community Schools model and encourage its practices across Indiana.

**SR 41:** Passed a resolution to study the pay and working conditions of Education Support Professionals.

**HB 1072:** Defeated a bill that would have forced districts to share referendum funds with charter schools.

**HB 1130:** Passed a bill that requires school boards to reasonably provide for public comment.

**HB 1182:** Defeated a bill that would have inserted party politics into school board races by requiring candidates to declare a party.

~ Bobbie

## AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Annual Meeting Recognitions

At our March, 2022 Annual Meeting & Brunch, the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch celebrated and presented the following members with awards for their outstanding service to the organization:



### Woman of the Year Award 2022

#### Dr. Bobbie Weikle

Previously serving as the Chair of the AAUW Branch Trust for four years, Bobbie has served as President of the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch from 2018-2022. During her tenure, AAUW membership has been increased with **32 new members**. Our total current membership is **88!** Bobbie challenges everyone to **keep going forward with bringing in New Members!**



### Eleanor Roosevelt Award 2022

#### Eileen Fraser

Eileen Fraser (left) has done an excellent job serving as the current AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Treasurer since 2019. She also helps keep track of all the AAUW branch event reservations, is the Treasurer for the Homestead High School Band, and still manages to keep her sanity!



### AAUW Liaison to Purdue Fort Wayne

#### Dr. Terri Swim

Dr. Swim, Professor at Purdue University, has served as our AAUW College/University Representative since 2018 and worked with our AAUW Branch to help train young women to become strong leaders. With Terri's help, we have continued to send many young women to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (our NCCWSL project.) Terri has also helped to facilitate training sessions which utilized AAUW's Start Smart training materials to help people learn better salary negotiation skills.



### Outstanding New Leader – 2022

#### Stephany Bourne

A former Special Educator and seasoned Principal, Stephany has been serving in the position of Co-Director of Membership since 2019. She was recently elected at the March Annual Meeting to serve in the position of Director of Programs for the 2022-24 fiscal year. Be sure to give her your thoughts for meeting topics and speakers! We would like to tackle some tough issues and bring in some dynamic speakers to help build our membership.

## AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Annual Meeting Election Results

At our Annual AAUW Meeting and Brunch held on March 5, 2022 at the downtown library, an election was held for new executive officers in several positions. **Terms will begin July 1, 2022.** We thank the nominating committee members, Jane Anderson and Ruth Von Deylen and the members for offering to serve our branch.

### Executive Officers for 2022-2024



Co-President – Andrea Tarbet



Co-President – Theresa Brady



Director of Programs – Stephany Bourne



Corresponding Secretary – Cathy Huff Helt

### AAUW Trust Board Trustees for 2022-2024



Nancy McCammon Hansen



Dr. Joanne Alvarez



Carol Patterson

## A Note of Thanks

AAUW received a lovely **Thank You** note from member, Ruth Tyndall Baker. Ruth had previously received a grant from AAUW to help with production costs for her play, “*Women Unbound*”. The acting was superb and the play sold out for a couple of the performances. AAUW received terrific publicity on the cover of the Playbill!

*I appreciate so much the grant assistance I received from AAUW, making the production of “Women Unbound” possible. The production is the culmination of more than three year's work of research, drafting, production, a director, space, and crew. I am happy that the story of these strong, Fort Wayne women has been told; and, hopefully, the script can go forward in the future and reach many more audiences. Getting a new script up is rare and difficult, especially when theaters were closed during Covid. I learned so much from this and will continue trying to secure future productions--**all of which will have an AAUW logo in the program.** I am thrilled with the responses about the show and am truly grateful for your support.*

~Playwright & Author, Ruth Tyndall Baker

## AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust

### A message to our Branch members:

**Thank you** so much for your generous support for our Trust Capital Funds. At our March meeting, several members donated funds to help "grow" our Member Contributions. A total of \$185.00 was deposited to our account. Also, in the past two months, Current Literature I has made two memorial donations totaling \$350.00. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Every dollar added will benefit worthy grant recipients each year at distribution time! Please keep our Trust in mind for a variety of gifts --- birthdays, anniversaries, special honors, memorials, etc. Questions? Call or email a Trust board member or Barb Kanning at: 260-432-5228 or [barbkanning@gmail.com](mailto:barbkanning@gmail.com).

### 2022 Grants Awarded

The Trust Board of Directors met in March to review the grant applications. A total of 10 grants were awarded totaling **\$12,500**. A total of 404 Grants have been awarded as of 2022. Through the years, the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Trust has awarded grants to date totaling the amount of **\$461,512.42**. The grants were awarded to the following recipients:

- **Stephany Bourne** – To provide pantry cupboards for replenishing food in local community pantry sites.
- **Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne & Allen County** – To provide support and training for “Journey Beside Mothers” program for new and expectant mothers experiencing depression and/or anxiety.
- **Bashor Children’s Home/United Methodist Church** – To provide interactive Smart Board for classrooms of residential girls recovering from human trafficking trauma.
- **Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society, Inc.** – To provide free museum admission for school students.
- **Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo** – To provide items for science activities for student campers.
- **The Literacy Alliance** – To support costume, props, and production costs for the play “Silent Sky” – A play about women and supporting equity in the work environment.
- **League of Women Voters** – An LWV Vote 411 Education Grant to provide ongoing public information about voting through publicity and media.
- **Fort Wayne Theatre** – To support production costs to provide sensory friendly performances for people with disabilities.
- **Whittington Homes & Services for Children** – To provide educational tutoring supplies for youth whose families are not involved with the IN Department of Child Services.
- **Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana** – To support the Girl Scout STEM Initiative for providing activities to help young women learn about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).

### Spring Meeting and Brunch



Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Fort Wayne Country Club  
5221 Covington Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804



The AAUW Fort Wayne Branch will hold its Spring Meeting and Brunch on May 14, 2022 at the Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Road Fort Wayne, Indiana.

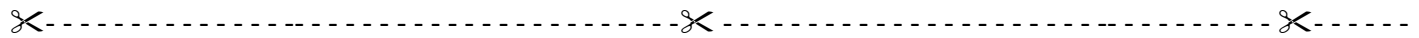
Don't miss hearing our guest speaker, Jessica Fraser, who works for the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute in Indianapolis. Jessica has worked for the organization since 2008 and served as the Director since 2012. Currently serving as co-chair of the Indiana Skills2Compete Coalition, she also sits on the National Skills Coalition's Board of Directors. In 2019, Jessica was named one of the *Indianapolis Business Journal's* '40 under 40'. Having studied and completed research on women's issues, she has been putting her knowledge to work to help make a difference in the lives of women! Her presentation topic will be: **'Women Underserved in Indiana: The Impact of Educational Availability, Wages, and Affordable Child Care'**

A tasty brunch will be served at the beautiful Fort Wayne Country Club. Enjoy a meal of Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Pecan Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Juice.

**Early Bird Registration is \$19.00 per person if received by Saturday, May 7, 2022.**

**On-time Registration is \$21.00 per person if received by Monday, May 9, 2022.**

Your **reservation and check must be received** no later than Monday, May 9, 2022.



### 2022 AAUW FW Branch Spring Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10:30 am

Reservations and checks – **must be received by Monday, May 9, 2022.**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:eileen.fraser@outlook.com)]

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

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership

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### **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.*

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***Mark your  
Calendar!***

***Register Early!***

## 2021-2022 Yearbook Membership Information Changes / Corrections

p. 33 – **Mary Lou Thomas** has moved and has a new email address:  
1516 Tallgrass Trail  
Fort Wayne IN 46804  
[mlthomas@ridgecompany.com](mailto:mlthomas@ridgecompany.com)

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

### Update your Membership Information!

The AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Yearbook will be revised soon. Did you move since the 2021-22 version was printed? Get a new email or phone number? Help us make sure the document accurate. Use the Membership Renewal form to tell us your changes or email

### 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, April 4, 2022**

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

\*Note: Newly elected AAUW Branch Board members are invited to attend the June meeting. More detail will follow via email.

### Trust Grant Meeting – open to all members

Our AAUW Trust Public Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00pm** at the downtown library - Room C. Grant recipients from 2021 will report about their projects and how the grant money was used. This year's 2022 new recipients will receive their checks and will be available if anyone has questions.

### Branch Programs

#### Spring Brunch

Saturday, May 14, 2022 at 10:30 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 the registration form on page 5.

### Volunteer Opportunities

July marks the beginning of a new membership year! There are many opportunities to volunteer for within the branch. We are looking for people who like to manage projects, use computer skills, assist with programs, and so much more. How would you like to volunteer? Contact Andrea Tarbet [tarbeta@gmail.com](mailto:tarbeta@gmail.com) or Theresa Brady [tbrady822@gmail.com](mailto:tbrady822@gmail.com).



### 2022-2023 Dues Renewal Form

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your renewal dues category:

- REGULAR..... \$ **92.00** = National AAUW \$67.00 + State \$7.00 + Branch \$18.00
- PAID LIFE MEMBER .... \$ **25.00** = State \$7.00 + Branch \$18.00
- STUDENT..... \$ **21.00** = National \$19.00 + Branch \$ 2.00
- HONORARY LIFE ..... \$ **0** **\*\*Please consider a donation for Branch expenditures.**

*(Note that \$64 of national dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.)*

I am also enclosing a National AAUW Fund Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donations require separate checks.

*Please write the fund name on the memo line. Examples are: AAUW Funds or AAUW LAF*

Do you have corrections/changes for the 2022-23 Yearbook?     YES     NO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your renewal check **Payable to AAUW Fort Wayne Branch**  
and **MAIL** it with this **completed form** to:

Eileen Fraser 9726 Silver Shore CT Fort Wayne, IN 46804

### We always WELCOME new members to AAUW!

If you know of perspective members, please contact our membership directors to send a packet of information.

Amy Lehman

amylynnl@comcast.net

(260) 705-6155

## 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.

April 5 – *Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline

May 3 - *Sooley* by John Grisham

June 7- *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis

*We will choose books for 2022-2023 in September.*

**Group Leader: Andrea Tarbet**

Discussion Leader: Carol Burgess

Discussion Leader: Martha Dawson

Discussion Leader: Andrea Tarbet

### 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.

April 26 – CHOOSE BOOKS

May 24 – *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

June 28 – *Kiss the Ground: How the Food You Eat Can Reverse Climate Change, Heal Your Body & Ultimately Save Our World* By Joshua Tickell

**Group Leader: Cheryl Mathews**

Hostess: Lois

Reviewer: Ruth

Reviewer: Juliette

### Great Decisions **NEW TIME**

**Group Leaders: Donna McKenzie and Rita Voors**

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*

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

**President:** Dr. Bobbie Weikle

**Director of Program:** Stephany Bourne

**Co-Directors of Membership:** Amy Lehman

**Recording Secretary:** Terri Stumpf

**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

**College/University Representative (PFW):** Dr. Terri Swim

**College/University Liaison:** Dr. Gloria Shamanoff

**Recognition Chair:** Mary Lou Thomas

**Nominating Committee Convener:** Jane Anderson, Ruth Von Deylen

**AAUW Funds:** Barb Kanning

**Bulletin Editor:** Theresa Brady

**Interest Groups:** Cathy Huff Helt

**Reservations:** Eileen Fraser

**Member Records:** Theresa Brady

**Historian:** Jane Anderson