

# Bulletin

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

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## Thoughts from the Co-Presidents:

By Andrea Tarbet and Theresa Brady

We are excited to start our co-presidency and step into a new role in AAUW. Reflecting on where our AAUW branch is headed in the future, several things come to mind.

As a branch, we are diverse. It's truly amazing that we have scientists, community leaders, educators, managers, and much more. We have men in our group, supporting our mission for women and girls; they know that when progress happens for females, it benefits males, too. And I'm talking about just our branch alone!

However different, we are united in mission – to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Like the separate threads in a rope, we are wound together in that mission and it makes us much stronger. Our different skills and experiences benefit AAUW in so many ways, complementing each other. As co-presidents, we are finding this out as we work together!

Our branch needs all of us to be the best it can be. There are so many ways to be involved. We are discovering new ways, in addition to existing roles, to be beneficial to the branch. We will be communicating more on that in the future. If you are feeling a pull to work in a different way than you currently are, contact either one of us! We would love to talk with you and dig deeper into how you want to be involved.

AAUW is about empowerment, and we are excited to promote that in our branch. Our multi-talented members have much to offer and we are looking forward to helping each of us use those talents for our mission.

There is much work still to do to achieve equity for women and girls, but we are in a great position to do our part as a branch. We are excited for our future, and what we can achieve together!

Let's gear up for a great fall!

~ Andrea and Theresa

**Please note:** the new President's email address is [presaaufortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:presaaufortwayne@gmail.com). Both of us have access to the email address to answer your questions. The Bulletin will be emailed from that address – be sure to check your junk/spam folder and mark the address as "safe" so that you get the Bulletin and other important messages.

## 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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## Membership Matters

*By Amy Lehman, Director of Membership*  
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### A Big Thank You

To all of you who renewed your membership, thank you for continuing to support the mission of AAUW. Our organization truly works to improve the lives of ALL women! Our work is critical to lives of everyone!

Please send any membership information changes to Theresa Brady at [tbrady822@gmail.com](mailto:tbrady822@gmail.com) or call at 262-853-8739.

## Branch Board Meetings

**September 12, 6:00 pm** – Downtown Library,  
Business, Science and Technology Meeting Room

**November 7, 6:00 pm** – Downtown Library,  
Business, Science and Technology Meeting Room

**February 6, 2023** – TBD

**April 3, 2023** – TBD

**June 6, 2023** – TBD

## AAUW Trust

The 2022-2023 AAUW Trust met in June and confirmed new officers.

Chair - Corrina Weikle  
Vice-Chair - Joanne Alvarez  
Treasurer - Kelli Wack  
Secretary - Nancy McCammon-Hansen  
Historian - Carol Patterson  
Trustee - Staci Lugar Brettin  
Parliamentarian - Andrea Tarbet

The 2021-2022 Trust members were thanked for their service.

**Save the Date!** Public Meeting to award grants for the following year and hear reports on 2022-23 grants is Monday, April 24 at 6pm at ACPL downtown.

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### **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>.*

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## Program – Save the Dates!

By *Stephany Bourne, Director of Program*  
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### Fall Meeting

**When:** Saturday, October 15, 2022

**Where:** Ivy Tech Community College 3800 N. Anthony  
(enter parking lot from Anthony ONLY)

**Speaker:** Sister Elise Kriss, St. Francis University

**Cost:** TBD

Please plan to fall together with old friends and new for a delightful brunch at Ivy Tech. Our guest will share her new role with community outreach. Our meal will be prepared by the Ivy Tech culinary students. More details will be available in the September Newsletter/Online.

### Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, December 10  
Pine Valley Country Club

### Spring/Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 18, 2023  
Anthony Wayne Services

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

Bus Trip to Angola to see the Sojourner Truth statue  
Pokagon State Park's Potawatomi Inn (brunch)

## Interest Groups

### **Attention Group Leaders!**

Please email your current group information to Theresa Brady at [tbrady822@gmail.com](mailto:tbrady822@gmail.com) by Wednesday, August 20. We want to advertise your meeting details in our newsletter AND make sure we have the current group leader/meeting date/time/location listed in the 2022-2023 Yearbook.

### **Please email for the Yearbook:**

Name of Group, "usual" meeting day, time, Location (if standard) Name of Chair/Co-Chairs and phone numbers.

### **If you have information for upcoming meetings, please email for the Newsletters:**

Group Name: Day, Date, Location if needed, Topic or Book to be read, Hostess or Discussion Leader.

## ***Thoughts from our Outgoing President:***

*By Bobbie Weikle*

As I write my last column as the President of the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch, I had hoped to write about seeing a light at the end of the tunnel for women! However, with the recent hearings and setbacks for the rights of women, it is a painful reminder of how fast the clock can be turned backward. I've been talking with some members who attended the rally downtown last Saturday and they had told their children that it reminded them of the rallies they marched in during the 1970's!

### **Facing the Child Care Issue:**

One of our goals has always been to improve the rights of **ALL women**. I thought of that when I was at a local fast-food restaurant where a young child's mother has worked steadily for several years. Over time, I have gotten to know this young woman. She is a single mom with two young kids. On a recent day when I spoke to her, her young child was in a highchair while she worked. She faced what many women must face on a daily basis. She had **NO CHILD CARE!**

### **We Have to Do Better Than This for Our Kids!!!**

She is the sole breadwinner and does not have a choice about **NOT working**. Rather than risk losing her job, she chose to bring the child to work with her. It brought tears to my eyes when I saw the little boy sitting there in the highchair with a few toys and playing with some plastic spoons.

To credit her employer, at least she was allowed to bring the child to work with her so she could get paid for the day's work. She is a kind, hardworking, decent person who is trying to make a living and support her kids. There are far too many moms out there who are in the same boat - trying to keep decent childcare so they can support their families and keep "floating."

### **Please Support our Kids:**

Take a moment to share this story with our state and national elected representatives. Tell them you support early childhood care and early childhood education. I also hope that AAUW members can create a new project to help young Moms who are struggling with childcare issues. We must help protect the futures of **ALL children**.

I feel blessed to have shared the past four years with all of you. I can only hope that you have gained as much as I have through our meetings and experiences together. Here's to a wonderful future for the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch!

~Dr. Bobbie Weikle, President

## Silent Sky

Play Review by Theresa Brady

Andrea and I attended the production of *Silent Sky* at Arena Dinner Theatre in July. AAUW provided a 2022 grant to The Literacy Alliance to support the production. The play was a joint production between Arena Dinner Theatre and The Literacy Alliance.



The play was expertly directed by Gloria Minnich. The performance brought Henrietta Leavitt to life for us. Henrietta graduated from Radcliffe College and worked at the Harvard College Observatory as a “computer.” But she had bigger ambitions! She wanted to use the telescopes, but women were not permitted anywhere near them. Women were employed to examine the photographic plates to measure and catalog the brightness of stars. They were not expected to analyze the data they collected, but Henrietta did. She worked diligently on her own time to determine the relationships of the stars she was measuring.

Henrietta discovered the methods that are still used today to determine the luminosity of stars to measure the distance to faraway galaxies – creating the “standard candle.” Before Leavitt’s work, astronomers could only measure distances up to hundreds of light years. Now, they could calculate distances up to 20 million light years – basically discovering the context of our galaxy.

As I was verifying some of these details online, I discovered that Henrietta was a member of AAUW!

You can find more information about Henrietta online [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henrietta\\_Swan\\_Leavitt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henrietta_Swan_Leavitt)

### Henrietta Swan Leavitt

Born	July 4, 1868 in Lancaster, Massachusetts, U.S.
Died	December 12, 1921 (aged 53) in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.
Education	Oberlin College, Harvard University (BS)
Known for	Leavitt's law: the period-luminosity relationship for Cepheid variables Scientific career
Fields	Astronomy
Institutions	Harvard University

## AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Board of Directors

**Co-Presidents:** Andrea Tarbet/Theresa Brady

**Director of Programs:** Stephany Bourne

**Directors of Membership:** Amy Lehman

**Recording Secretary:** Terri Stumpf

**Corresponding Secretary:** Cathy Huff

**Director of Finance:** Eileen Fraser

**Chair of AAUW Trust:** Corinna Weikle

## AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Committees

**Director of Communications/Media Publicity:** Jane Anderson

**Director of Diversity and International Relations:** Open

**Director of Public Policy:** Open

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

**College/University Liaison (IVY Tech):**

**Recognition Chair:** Barb Kanning

**Nominating Committee Convener:** Jane Anderson

**AAUW Funds:** Barb Kanning

**Bulletin Editor:** Open

**Reservations:** Eileen Fraser

**Member Records:** Brian Johnson

**Historian:** Jane Anderson