

# 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

### Seeing From a Different Point of View

Recently Andrea visited a part of the U.S. that was new to her – the Ozark mountains. The mountain scenery and changing leaf color were gorgeous and we saw beautiful rivers, waterfalls, and cave formations. However, she spent the first day rather terrified, riding in the front seat as her Ozark-experienced driver moved through the switchbacks and steep curves in the road at a good clip, which felt rather like a rollercoaster! Once she got used to it, the drives were truly enjoyable, and she could appreciate her new surroundings.

Theresa was in the audience at Arena Dinner Theater recent for a play set during the 1940's that challenged cultural norms – women playing the male parts, a black woman on stage with white actresses, and even the concept of women getting paid to be on stage. The audience was truly challenged to understand the circumstances of being a woman during a war with (most) husbands serving in the military overseas, contributing to a variety of efforts to support the troops, maintaining morale at home and yet, doing something for themselves – participating in a community play.

Isn't AAUW like that, in a way? Hearing from speakers at branch meetings who are just as passionate about the issues as we are, but with a **different viewpoint**. Talking to others in our branch about their workplace experiences as females in their fields. Reading a book describing a fascinating subculture in South Korea where women divers harvesting seafood are the family breadwinners while their husbands care for the children – then discussing it in one of our book groups. These things can all be uncomfortable initially, but quickly enriching.

After all, we experience the most growth when we are outside of our comfort zone. It's worth reflecting – how are you and I pushing ourselves into new areas? What is holding us back from pursuing new friendships, following up on new ideas? ***If there was no fear, what would we dare to do?***

As co-presidents, we are issuing a challenge for all of us. Let's take an action step into the uncomfortable but enriching with a new community project that will benefit others. As Theresa announced at the last meeting, we are taking ideas. It doesn't have to be large scale, and the person suggesting an idea doesn't automatically become the chair of the project! What are needs you've observed, especially regarding women or girls? What help is needed by another organization you belong to? Let us know your thoughts.

We would love to hear from you! Send us your ideas. And buckle up – our ride together may be a little unnerving at first, but it's worth it!

~ Andrea and Theresa

**Please note:** the new President's email address is [presaauwfortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:presaauwfortwayne@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.



## AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 10:30 am

Pine Valley Country Club 10900 Pine Mills Road, Fort Wayne, 46845

Cost: \$20/person



Join us for our annual holiday brunch and Silent Auction. Carroll High School Choir members, under the direction of Jill Juran, will provide a short performance. We will also hear from a member of AVOW (Advancing Voices of Women). AVOW's goals are to promote civility and encourage women to become more engaged in public life.

Please invite a guest and enjoy our branch's annual Holiday Brunch event with a delicious breakfast buffet. You can also kick off your holiday shopping and bid on a variety of items in our silent auction. All proceeds benefit the AAUW Fund, which advances AAUW's mission by sustaining our national programs and activities, as well as our local branch. It is a good place to pick up a holiday or birthday gift for someone in your family or a friend.

Members are encouraged to contribute a gift basket or individual items to be included in the auction. The auction items do not have to be "baskets." A wide variety of items will be available – hand-crafted or specialty homemade food items, gift cards to local restaurants/stores, holiday décor items, and so much more. Get creative and surprise us with what you come up with for us to bid on!

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

**Your reservation and \$20/person must be received no later than Monday, December 5, 2022.**

*Breakfast buffet includes meats, eggs, potatoes, fruit, pastries, coffee, tea, water.*



### Registration for AAUW Fort Wayne Branch 2022 Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 10:30 am

Your reservation and \$20/person **MUST be received by Monday, December 5, 2022**

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

Guest #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Guest #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Guest #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Guest #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 20 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

Ph: 260-432-7719 Email: [eileen.fraser@outlook.com](mailto:eileen.fraser@outlook.com)

Pay online at <https://aaufortwayne.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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## Membership Matters

*By Amy Lehman, Director of Membership*  
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Please send any membership information changes to Theresa Brady at  
[tbrady822@gmail.com](mailto:tbrady822@gmail.com) or call at 262-853-8739.

The 2022-2023 AAUW FW Branch Yearbook will be mailed to members prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you for your patience this year as we work to update our information for you.

## Program – Save the Dates!

*By Stephany Bourne, Director of Program*  
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### **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)  
We are inviting members from other branches to join us.  
It will be a great networking opportunity.

## Branch Board Meetings

**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

**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.

### ***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>.*

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## Tapestry News for AAUW Members:

### Barb Kanning

I am sad to report this information to all of you. Many of you have served with me to help with brochure deliveries, and I have also served on the early Steering Committee. This day of renewal for women will be missed after 20 years!!

I received the following information from the Tapestry Managers:

As you know, Tapestry has been a rich part of the Fort Wayne community for 20 years and has raised more than \$1 million to provide scholarships for hundreds of Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne students.

Because we have not been able to host the event over the last several years, we took the opportunity to rethink the best options moving forward and staying focused on our core goal to provide scholarships to students in a variety of degree programs. After much thought and consideration, Purdue University Fort Wayne and Parkview Health, **the founding partners of Tapestry, have decided to sunset the program and look at new, innovative and collaborative options moving forward.**

We want to thank you and convey just how much we value the community's support over the years. We are deeply appreciative for our sponsors, volunteers, attendees, steering committee, and countless other individuals who have contributed to the Tapestry event. Your investment made over the last 20 years will continue to serve students well into the future through the endowed scholarships.

Central to our accomplishments is the strength of our volunteers. Without you, Tapestry would not have risen to the level that it did. **You have made a difference in our community and that will not be forgotten.** We greatly appreciate your support and the relationship that we have developed over the years.

Sincerely,

Kim Boyce  
Tapestry Project Manager

Julie Davis  
Assistant Tapestry Project Manager

## *Into the Breeches*

Reviewed by Gloria Minnich and Theresa Brady

As mentioned on page one, this is a play set in the 1940's during WWII and tackles a lot of topics important to those of us in AAUW. (Equal pay, racial and sexual equality, and much more). The publisher's description reads as:

Oberon Playhouse's director and leading men are off at war with the Axis. Determined to press on, the director's wife sets out to produce an all-female version of Shakespeare's *Henriad*, assembling an increasingly unexpected team united in desire, if not actual theatre experience. Together they deliver a delightful celebration of collaboration and persistence when the show must go on!

We learn from these women about their lives in the 1940's – taking care of children, supporting scrap metal drives, knitting socks, selling war bonds, and many other efforts. It's funny, poignant, and features some familiar faces. Gloria Minnich, an AAUW member, along with Kate Black, who appeared last season in the AAUW sponsored show, *Women Unbound*. You'll also see Bella Hadley, who was in *Silent Sky* this summer, also an AAUW sponsored show. We have been having a marvelous time and we think it is a wonderful show!

The show runs now through Saturday, November 12, with a matinee on Sunday, November 6. More information about tickets can be found at this link: [ArtsTix Community Box Office | Upcoming Events](#).

*At the current rate of progress, it will take 132 years to reach full parity. According to trends leading up to 2020, the gender gap was set to close within 100 years.<sup>1</sup> For every dollar a man earns, a woman earns 82 cents.<sup>2</sup>*

## Girl Scouts Supports Fair Play, Equal Pay

Girl Scouts launched the Fair Play, Equal Pay® Gender Parity Initiative to engage organizations to take action now to help build a more equitable future for women and girls. Girl Scouts believe gender should not be a barrier to equal opportunities for leadership and success.

The Gender Parity Initiative is intended to be a powerful catalyst towards parity in the workplace. Girl Scouts has set a bold goal for organizations to ensure diverse women hold 30% of leadership roles and earn equal pay for equal work by 2030.

WTW (formerly Willis Towers Watson), a multinational insurance company, has completed the Girl Scouts' Fair Play, Equal Pay® Gender Parity Certification, showing an impressive commitment to inclusion and diversity goals, and reinforcing their dedication to creating an inclusive work environment.

**How can you make a difference?** Encourage your company to sign the Girl Scouts' Fair Play, Equal Pay® Gender Parity pledge, complete the assessment, and partner with Girl Scouts to build a more equitable future for girls.

Ensure gender parity in your organization by joining the Fair Play, Equal Pay® Initiative. Complete an assessment of your gender parity status to earn the Girl Scouts' Gender Parity Certification. Submit the form to be contacted and learn more. <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/support-us/advocacy/fairplayequalpay.html>

## Interest Groups

### Current Literature I

Group meets at 6:30-8:45 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Globe Room at the ACPL Main Branch.

December 6 – *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan

\*January Lunch – TBD

February 7, 2023 – *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers

\*No meeting in March

April 4 – *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

**Group Leader: Andrea Tarbet**

Discussion Leader: Linda Manning

Discussion Leader: Joanne Beerbower

Discussion Leader: Lynne Colvin

### Current Literature II

Group meets at 1-2:30 pm on the fourth Monday of the month at the Community Villas of Heritage Lakes Club House at 8220 St. Joe Road, FW. (\*third Monday in November)

\*November 21 – *The Recruiter: Spying and The Lost Art of American Intelligence* Reviewer: Mary Hostess: Linda

February 27, 2023 – *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeline Albright

Reviewer: Lois Hostess: Mary

March 27 – *Run, Rose, Run* by James Patterson and Dolly Parton

Reviewer: Martha Hostess: Ruth

### Great Decisions

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.

November 11 – **Biden Foreign Policy in an Age of Strategic Competition**

Group Discussion

Also discuss topics and books for next year.

December 9 – Possible Christmas lunch together? At Halls downtown or Hall's Factory?

### Creative Arts & Service

The group meets mostly third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am.

December 13 (**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**) – DIY Florist – **Time is TBD**

February 21, 2023 – The Clyde (Bluffton Road, off Broadway)

March 21 – Cork & Cleaver (221 E Washington Center Rd)

**Group Leader: Monette King**

Hostess: Donna McKenzie

Hostess: Linda Flatley

Hostess: Ruth Von Deylon

## 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

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**Director of Finance:** Eileen Fraser

**Chair of AAUW Trust:** Corrina 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

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

**Recognition Chair:** Barb Kanning

**Nominating Committee Convener:** Jane Anderson

**AAUW Funds:** Barb Kanning

**Bulletin Editor:** Open

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**Member Records:** Brian Johnson

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