

Bulletin

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

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2023 October Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:15 am

Ivy Tech Community College 3800 N. Anthony BLVD

Speaker: Melissa Fisher

Cost: \$25.00

Speaker Melissa Fisher will tell how she became a lifelong friend of Sara Rudolph who survived the Birmingham, AL church bombing. She is speaking here on Sept 9 at South Side High School. Also she and her partner will tell the story of how they started the New Wave Wellness Clinic in Fort Wayne.

Please plan to arrive by 10:15 to check-in and mingle. Our brunch, catered by Maple Hill, will start promptly at 10:30 so our speaker will begin at 11:00am. You don't want to miss a minute of fun and fellowship with our members and their guests. As always, guests are welcome to attend. Send in your

Your reservation and \$25/person must be received no later than Saturday, September 30, 2023.

2023 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch October Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:15 am

Your reservation and \$25/person **MUST be received by Saturday, September 30, 2023.**

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 \$ 25 each meal = Total Check Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to: "AAUW Fort Wayne Branch"

To: Rhea Ervin, 4150 Hexhill CT, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Ph: 260-43 8-9318 Email: raervin07@gmail.com

Check # _____

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



2023-2024 Dues Renewal Form

Member Name: _____

Please select your renewal dues category:

- REGULAR\$ **99.00** = National AAUW \$72.00 + State \$7.00 + Branch \$20.00
- PAID LIFE MEMBER.....\$ **27.00** = State \$7.00 + Branch \$20.00
- STUDENT\$ **23.00** = National \$19.00 + Branch \$ 4.00
- HONORARY LIFE\$ **0** ****Please consider a donation for Branch expenditures.**

(Note that \$69 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 2023-24 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 ASAP** to:

Laura McDermot 2406 Foxchase Run Fort Wayne, IN 46825

We always WELCOME new members to AAUW!

If you know of perspective members, please contact our membership director to send an application form along with a packet of information.

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Membership Matters

By Monette King edward94470@aol.com

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.*

It's not too late to renew your membership! Use the form included in the Bulletin ASAP. Or renew online at <https://aaufortwayne.org/membership/>.

If you don't renew by the end of September, this will be your final AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Bulletin.

The 2023-2024 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Yearbook is in production!

If you have any changes to your contact information, please contact Cathy Huff cathleenhuff@comcast.net or 403-7074.

Branch Board Meetings

Meeting dates for 2023-24 were decided at the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting. Start time is 6:00 pm. Location will be at Ivy Tech Community College
October 9 January 8 March 11 May 13

Watch your email prior to each board meeting for the agenda and additional details from presaaufortwayne@gmail.com.

AAUW Trust

By Corrina Weilke

On April 24, 2023 the Trust Board invited the public to the highly-anticipated Grants Presentation Meeting held at Ivy Tech. We heard updates and immense enthusiasm from nine grant awardees from 2022. We also met and listened to inspiring goals from the six 2023 grant awardees. Before the meeting began, with a cookie in my hand, I surveyed the crowd and was so gratified that our local branch brought together all these humble, selfless individuals. They engaged with each other. They wished each other the best for their efforts. They represented some of the greatest non-profits in our area...Fort Wayne can hold her head high!

2023-24 Grants were awarded to

- Women's Fund of Greater Fort Wayne
- Wellspring Interfaith Social Services
- St. Joseph Missions
- Solid Foundation Learning Center
- McMillen Health Center
- Amani Family Services

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>.

From the July AAUW Mission & Action

By Gloria Blackwell

In June we experienced staggering setbacks in the fight for gender and racial equity. The Supreme Court's decision striking down student loan debt relief dealt a devastating blow to millions of women—particularly Black and brown women, who are disproportionately impacted by student loan debt. The court's misguided ruling eliminating affirmative action in admissions decisions threatens to undo decades of hard-fought progress toward equal opportunity in higher education. In the midst of these enormous setbacks, AAUW remains steadfastly committed to fighting for equal access to higher education. Read my statements on these rulings: [student debt relief](#); [affirmative action](#) (AAUW Website Press Release section).

These setbacks make it even more necessary to fund women scholars. I'm proud to announce AAUW awarding **\$6.3 million in funding to 285 individuals through our Fellowships and Grants program – a new record!** Submit applications for the 2024-25 award year by November 15. [Please spread the word about this incredible opportunity!](#)

Thoughts from your Co-Presidents

By Andrea Tarbet and Theresa Brady

Where has the summer gone? There has been a lot of heat, humidity and surprises this summer. We are ready for things to settle down and for cooler weather.

Our first meeting this fall is in October. Stephany has lined up a wonderful speaker for us. And then in December we will have our traditional brunch at Pine Valley. Start planning your items to donate for the auction now!

What do you look forward to in autumn? Many people think of spring as a time of renewal, but the cooler months can be as well. Some of us are settling into a different routine – kids heading back to school, maybe a new home, teenagers moving to college or just moving out, caring for aging parents, and changes in our jobs. Let's take a deep breath as settle into the "BER" months and look toward holiday celebrations.

Make today count for AAUW,

~ Andrea and Theresa

Please note: The new President's email address is 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.

Interest Groups

Please share updated meeting dates/times locations for 2023-2024 to presaaufortwayne@gmail.com.

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.

October 3 – The Girl in His Shadow by Audrey Brooks

November 7 – Lady Tan’s Circle of Women by Lisa See

December 5 – A Woman is No Man

Group Leader: Open

Discussion Leader Theresa Brady

Discussion Leader TBD

Discussion Leader TBD

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.

Monday, September 25 – The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley

Monday, October 23 – A Boy and A Dog by Seishu Hase

Monday, November 27 – Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Reviewer: Linda

Reviewer: Jane

Reviewer: Lois

Hostess: Martha

Hostess: Leslie

Hostess: Jane

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.

Friday, September 8 – Political Trends in Latin America

Friday, October 13 – China and America: Back to the Future?

Friday, November 10 – Iran at a Crossroads

Group Leaders: Donna McKenzie

Discussion Leader: Donna McKenzie

Discussion Leader: Rita Voors

Discussion Leader: Jane Anderson

Creative Arts & Service

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

September 19 – The Parker Grace Teahouse

October 17 – Sapphoro

November 21 – Granite City

December 12 – Baker Street **second Tuesday

Group Leader: Monette King

Hostess: Cheryl Strader

Hostess: Linda Flatley

Hostess: Carol Isaacs

Hostess: Jeanne Sheridan

AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Board of Directors

Co-Presidents: Andrea Tarbet/Theresa Brady

Director of Programs: Stephany Bourne

Director of Membership: Monette King

Recording Secretary: Terri Stumpf

Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Huff

Director of Finance: Laura McDermot

Chair of AAUW Trust: Corrina Weikle

AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Committees

Director of Communications/Media Publicity: Open

Director of Diversity and International Relations: Open

Director of Public Policy: Open

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

College/University Liaison (IVY Tech): Joanne Alvarez

Recognition Chair: Barb Kanning

Nominating Committee Convener: Open

AAUW Funds: Barb Kanning

Bulletin Editor: Open

Reservations: Rhea Ervin

Member Records: Brian Johnson

Historian: Jane Anderson