

Bulletin

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AAUW Fort Wayne Branch

May Brunch and Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Cost: \$25/person pay by check/mail

Allen County Fairgrounds

2726 Carroll Road Fort Wayne, IN 46818 Administration Building

10:30 Arrive and Network

11:00 Brunch

11:30 Speaker/Program

Stephany has invited Leslee Hill to speak with us.
She had heard Leslee speak about Women’s History at Cinema Center.

As always, guests are welcome to attend. Send in your reservations now!

Your reservation and \$25/person check must be received no later than Friday, April 26, 2024.

2024 May Brunch and Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Your reservation and \$27/person must be **received** no later than **Friday, April 26, 2024**

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 \$ 27 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 # _____

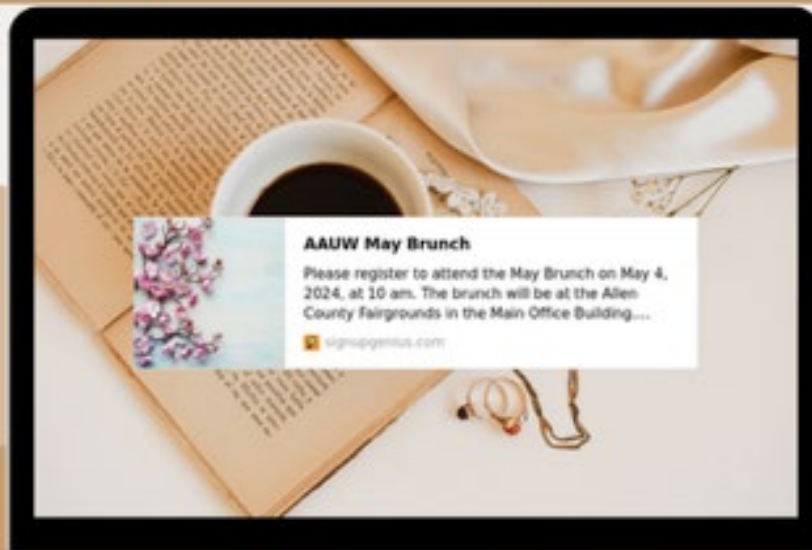
Pay \$27 online at <https://aaufortwayne.org/online-payments/>

MAY BRUNCH

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Go to the link below to register.

bit.ly/AAUWMayBrunch



May 4, 2024, at 10 am at the
Allen County Fairgrounds

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AADAD2FA5FDC52-48604473-aauw#/>



2024-2025 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\$ **25.00** = National \$19.00 + State \$2.00 +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 2024-25 Yearbook? YES NO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Additional Degree(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Pay online at <https://aauwfortwayne.org/online-payments/> or by check by June 15, 2024.

Make your renewal check **Payable to AAUW Fort Wayne Branch**
and **MAIL** it with this **completed form by June 15** 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 and a packet of information.

Monette King edwar94470@aol.com (260) 414-3916



ONLINE REGISTRATION USING SIGN-UP GENIUS

We are excited to share that we are updating our online method of registering and paying for our events! We have been exploring different platforms, and for now, we will be using Sign-Up Genius. It is easy to use on both your phone and computer.

This is an option for members who prefer to pay online. Checks and cash are accepted for those who prefer to register via snail mail!

How to Register using Sign-Up Genius

1. Go to the link listed in the Newsletter. It is case sensitive.
2. Once you're on the sign-up page, you'll see a list of available slots or registrations.
3. Click on "Sign-Up" next to Member Registration to register yourself for the brunch
4. Click on "Sign-Up" next to Guest to register a guest, if you are bringing one. You can register up to 3 guests.
5. Scroll down and click "Save and Continue." On this page, add guest details or any information you want the branch to know about yourself.
6. Click "Sign-Up and Pay Now" to complete your registration at the bottom of the page.
7. You'll then pay and be ready to meet and greet at the next meeting!

Note: Registrations are more online as Sign-Up Genius charges a fee.



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.*

Membership Matters

*By Monette King, Director of Membership
edwar94470@aol.com or (260) 414-3916*

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Our 2023-2024 membership year ends June 30.

Please make sure you have renewed your membership for 2024-2025 by June 15.

You can pay via check/mail or online.

1. Use the form on page 3 of the newsletter, include any changes to your contact information and mail a check to the address on the form to our Treasurer, Laura McDermott.
2. Pay online on our website <https://aaufortwayne.org/online-payments/>. Be sure to contact Cathy Huff with changes for the 2024-2025 Yearbook.

Branch Board Meetings

Meeting dates for 2023-24 were decided at the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting. Start time is 6:00 pm. Location is Ivy Tech Community College.

Monday, May 13, 2024

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

AAUW Trust

Corrina Weikle, Chair

The Trust Board Members of the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch invite you to attend the upcoming "AAUW Trust Grants Awards Meeting", held on **Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6 pm on the campus of Ivy Tech-Coliseum Campus, Room CC1640**. Every year, several grants are awarded to support projects in the community that will benefit women and the people in our area. In addition, the individuals and organizations who received the previous year's grants will summarize how their projects and the grant funds were used to benefit the people in our region.

Invite your friends. Join us for light refreshments and a joyful and inspiring evening to learn more about the individuals and projects chosen to receive the Trust Grants for 2024!

**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>.



**2024 AAUW
FORT WAYNE BRANCH TRUST
GRANT AWARDS MEETING**

AAUW FORT WAYNE BRANCH TRUST
INVITES YOU TO HEAR PROJECTS FROM
THE 2023 AWARDEES AND MEET OUR
NEW 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS!

APRIL 29, 2024 / 6:00PM

IVY TECH - COLISEUM CAMPUS
3800 N ANTHONY BLVD, ROOM CC1640
FORT WAYNE, IN 46805

2024 AWARDEES:
AAUW NCCWSL
PERIOD POVERTY PROJECT
BRIDGE OF GRACE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HISPANIC LEADERSHIP COALITION
SNIDER HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS PROGRAM
YWCA OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

2024 Annual Meeting Elections

The following members were elected for officer positions for 2024-2026. Terms begin in July.

Director of Programs – Stephany Bourne
Corresponding Secretary – Cathy Huff
President – Andrea Tarbet

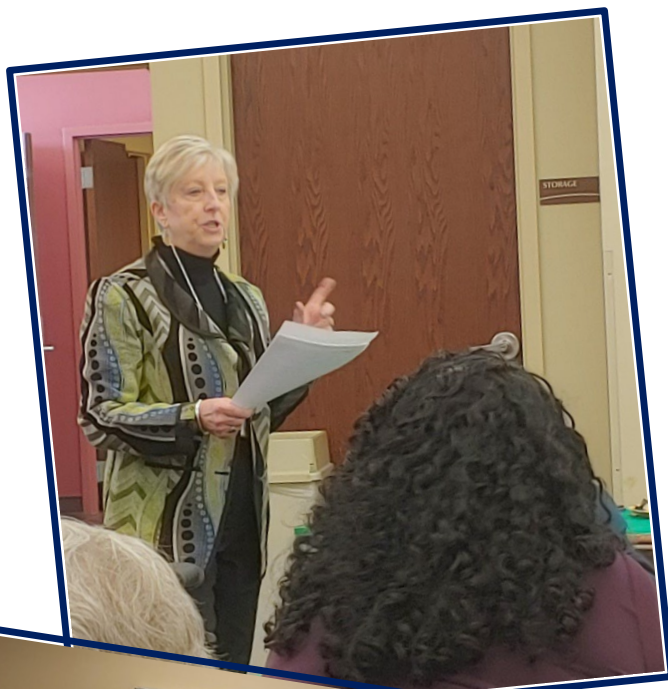
The following members were elected to serve on the Trust Board for 2024-2026. Terms begin in July.

JoAnne Alvarez
Carol Patterson
Rhea Ervin

Thanks to Cheryl Mattews for her work as Nominating Committee Convener.



Lisa Maatz, was our guest speaker via Zoom at the AAUW Fort Wayne Branch 2024 Annual Meeting.



Fort Wayne Branch Honors Given

Barb Kanning, Recognition Chair

On March 2nd at our Branch Recognition, we gave tribute to one group and three individual members. These women show exemplary dedication to our mission and continue to work toward achieving it! **Our Recognition Committee** is: Cathy Huff; Monette King; Cheryl Mathers; Terri Stumpf; and Barb Kanning, chair.



The first honor was given to a small but hardworking group who make each and every Branch meeting welcoming to all AND beautiful to see! They have set the bar high for the rest of us. The **Branch Program Committee** was honored: Staphany Bourne, Susan Holleran, Betty McCrory, and Sandy Sunderland-Willis.

Our second honoree was our Branch's **Emerging Leader: Rhea Ervin** - a relatively new member who has "stepped up to the plate," taking on the office of Registrar AND was elected to the Branch Trust at this meeting. She is an "education treasure" teaching and now an administrator with a focus on autism.



Our **Eleanor Roosevelt honoree was Theresa Brady**. This award is given to a woman who promotes the ideals of Eleanor Roosevelt in our community. Theresa has served as our Branch's co-president, corresponding secretary, and continues as Bulletin editor. She is employed by the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana as Executive Office Manager, previously serving four other councils, totaling 29 years. She is also an active volunteer in many local organizations.

Our final honoree was awarded the **Woman of the Year honor: Martha Weatherford**. This award began in 1949, honoring a member for outstanding service to AAUW and our community. Martha is an honorary 50 plus year member who has served in so many capacities. A few are: membership chair/registrar which originally was a combined office; mentor at Whittington House Project; several terms as Branch recording secretary; and several terms as AAUW Trust secretary. She promotes our mission in whatever she does, including tutoring with FWCS Study Connection for the past eight years. When you see her, ask her to show you the great picture of her that was featured in the Journal Gazette when she played Eleanor Roosevelt in our branch 2004 skit.



CONGRATULATIONS to all of these AAUW members who live and practice our mission as **advocates** for Education and Equity for women and girls.

Thoughts from your Co-Presidents

By Andrea Tarbet and Theresa Brady

Recently Stephany Bourne, our Branch Director of Programs, announced a new initiative to fight “period poverty.” This was a new concept for both of us as it probably was for some of you. Neither of us ever had a problem having supplies for our period; as a teen our mothers bought them for us, and as an adult we had the income to buy them ourselves. The thought never occurred to either of us that others would have this problem, since it was outside of our personal experience and that of the people we knew. What we know now is that not all parents supply teen girls with feminine products. Now we know that if you are living in poverty, food stamps doesn’t pay for things like tampons or toothpaste or deodorant, which are important things to have to interview for a job (in order to get out of poverty-!).

Awareness is a funny thing. When people think about learning, the initial stage of learning is that you don’t know what you don’t know. When you learned a new job, for example, remember the day when you realized how much you had to learn? That was the second stage, when you find out what you don’t know, or awareness.

In these days of social media consumption as primary sources, we can easily exist in an echo chamber, hearing only the voices of like-minded people. In that environment, how do we find out what we don’t know? One way is to read the voices of those who are different from you- in newspapers, on the news of a radio station different from the one we usually listen to, on a different website with a good general reputation for accuracy. We in AAUW are good at listening to voices other than our own.

And once we are aware of a problem, what is the call to action? For period poverty, Stephany has a project plan that we can all participate in. She is establishing who the neediest women and girls are and reaching out to partner with other groups. As we learned from Lisa Maatz at our last branch meeting, coalitions of like-minded people are stronger, and multiple voices together speak stronger. All that is left is to dive in and participate!

Keeping our ears open for different voices and our eyes open for new opportunities with you,

~ Andrea and Theresa

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.

May 7 – The Scent Keeper by Erica Bauermeister

June 6 – The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

September – Choose Books for 2024-2025

Group Leader: Open

Discussion Leader: Cathy Huff

Discussion Leader: Martha Dawson

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.

April 22 – Choose Books for 2024-2025

May TBD – Hang the Moon by Jeanette Walls

Group Leader: Cheryl Mathews

Hostess: Ruth

Reviewer: Midge

Hostess: TBD

Great Decisions – disbanded 12/2023

Creative Arts & Service

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

No details at press time.

Group Leader: Monette King

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: Cheryl Mathews

AAUW Funds: Barb Kanning

Bulletin Editor: Open

Reservations: Rhea Ervin

Member Records: Brian Johnson

Historian: Jane Anderson



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