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2024 October Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 10:00 am

Ivy Tech Community College 3800 N. Anthony BLVD

Cost: \$25.00

We will be inviting the director of the ACPL to speak at the first meeting of the year in October to learn more about The Dolly Parton Book Project and the fundraising efforts of the Allen County Library. We will learn more about the NCCWSL Conference from the two grant recipients funded in part by our branch.

Please plan to arrive by 9:45 to check-in and mingle. 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. Meal will include a gluten free entrée.

Send in your reservations now!

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Your reservation and \$25/person must be received no later than Monday, September 30, 2024.

2024 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch October Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 10:00 am

Your reservation and \$25/person **MUST be received by Saturday, September 30, 2024.**

Member Name: _____ Dietary needs: _____

Guest #1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email of Guest #1: _____ Dietary needs: _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email of Guest #2: _____ Dietary needs: _____

Guest #3 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email of Guest #3: _____ Dietary needs: _____

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 # _____



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 edward94470@aol.com

Please let me know the names of any guests that you plan to bring to our Branch meetings. I will prepare a packet of information to give to them at the meeting.

Cheryl Skiba-Jones has a new email address: citizenice852@gmail.com. And our branch treasurer, Laura McDermott has a new address: 2318 E 300 S Albion, IN 46701.

Thank you to all of you who renewed your AAUW membership this summer.

Please welcome our **2 newest members**: Joyce Baker and Michelle Casiano.

The 2024-2025 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Yearbook is in production!

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

AAUW FW Branch Board Meetings for 2024-2025

Location will be at Ivy Tech Community College

Start time is 6:00 pm.

2024: August 12 October 14 **2025:** January 13 March 10 May 12

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 29, 2024 the Trust Board invited the public to the highly-anticipated Grants Presentation Meeting held at Ivy Tech. We heard updates and immense enthusiasm from the six 2023 grant awardees. We also met and listened to inspiring goals from the seven 2024 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!

2024-2025 Grants were awarded to

- Period Poverty Project (Stephany Bourne)
- Bridge of Grace
- Catholic Charities
- Hispanic Leadership Coalition
- Snider High School Robotics Team
- YWCA of Northeast Indiana
- AAUW Fort Wayne Branch for NCCWSL transportation

**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>.

2024-2025 Program Dates

By Stephany Bourne

Mark your calendars for our Branch Board meetings.

Saturday, October 5, 2024 – 10:00 – Ivy Tech meeting room.

Saturday, December 7, 2024 – 10:00 – Pine Valley Country Club

Saturday, March 15, 2025 – 10:00 – Northern Indiana-Michiana Girl Scout Office

Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Northrop H.S. cafeteria – (tentative location for Indiana state AAUW Conference.)

Thoughts from your President

By Andrea Tarbet

A good friend recently shared an experience she had at work. Her small company had a work from home policy of one day per week, which most people seemed not to be following. The issue was compounded by management agreeing to special situations with some people, while others were left to follow the rules. So she had a conversation about it with the very new human resources manager. She told the manager that the inconsistency of applying the policy gave the appearance of favoritism. She then stated, “I don’t think that this represents who this company really is.”

That statement carries over to many aspects of our lives – does this (course of action, statement, project) represent who we really are? By membership and participation in AAUW, we make a statement about who we really are, what we stand for, and what we won’t stand for, so we work to change it. I can think of no better example of this than my former Co-President Theresa. At this writing she has just completed sewing pillowcases for kids in the hospital, which is among many volunteer projects she does for our community. In her work role Theresa serves to make things better for girls every day at the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana. Most of all, our branch has been blessed by her service for the last two years as branch Co-President AND we are lucky to have her continue serving as our branch Newsletter Editor. Theresa lives AAUW’s mission, and we are the better for it. Thank you, friend. As I “fly solo” for the next term as branch president, I will still need all of you – your voices, your ideas, your passion, your help to make things happen. Let’s keep showing, in new ways, even, who we really are.

Make today count for AAUW,

~ Andrea

P.S. The result of the friend’s conversation? The human resources manager looked at the policy and what was really happening and issued a revised policy. Now all staff can work from home two days per week instead of just one, improving work lives for everyone. Keep speaking up!

Please note: The President’s email address is presaaufortwayne@gmail.com. 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 2024-2025 to presaaufortwayne@gmail.com.

Current Literature I

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

October 1 – The Maidens by Alex Michaelides

November 5 – A Girl Called Samson by Amy Harmon

December 3 – The Keeper of Hidden Books by Madeline Martin

Group Leader: Theresa Brady

Discussion Leader Theresa Brady

Discussion Leader Barb or Nancy

Discussion Leader Cathy Huff

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 23 –

Monday, October 28 –

Monday, November 25 –

Group Leader: Cheryl Mathews

Reviewer: Hostess:

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Creative Arts & Service

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

September 17 – The Parker Grace Teahouse in Roanoke, IN

October 15 – Cancer Services of NE Indiana, 6316 Mutual Dr. FW, 46825

November 19 – NAWA restaurant , 126 W. Columbia St. FW, 46802

December 10 – Baker Street Steakhouse , 4820 N. Clinton FW, 46825

Group Leader: Monette King

Hostess: Cheryl Strader

Hostess: Monette King

Hostess: Linda Flatley

Hostess: Jeanne Sheridan

AAUW Fort Wayne IN Branch Board of Directors

President: Andrea Tarbet

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Recording Secretary: Terri Stumpf

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