AAUW
Fort Wayne (IN) Branch

2026 Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, December 5, 2026

9:30 -10:00 am arrival and social time; 10:00 start

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

Cost: $25.00

Please join us for our traditional holiday brunch and silent auction. We will have live music provided by professional vocalist and studio musician Fernando Tarango, and a **Christmas Cheer with a Book** swap. The silent auction has really become a hit and is one of our biggest fundraisers.

Plan to arrive by 9:30 to check-in, mingle, set up your auction item and begin to browse and bid. Brunch/Program will begin at 10:00 am. Bring cash or a check for the Silent Auction.

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

More information about our brunch event can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the November 2026 newsletter.

Your reservation and $25/person must be received no later than Saturday, November 21.

2026 AAUW Fort Wayne *Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction* Reservation Form

Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 9:45 am

Your reservation and $25/person **MUST be received by *Saturday, November 21.***

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: Cathy Huff 4329 North DR Fort Wayne, IN 46815
Ph: 260-403-7074 Email: cathleen_huff@comcast.net Check # _____

Pay online at AAUWDecBrunch

Holiday Brunch Details

Music

With a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Michigan School of Music and over 20 years as a professional vocalist, artist development coach and studio musician, **Fernando Tarango** has built his career at the intersection of creativity, collaboration, and gear.

From street corners to cathedrals, he has performed worldwide alongside Grammy Award-winning artists and produced and licensed original music to VH1, MTV, and E!. As a classroom educator, actor, content creator, songwriter, and producer, he understands the full creative spectrum and the tools required to bring a vision to life.

Career highlights include playing Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* across New Zealand, an on-screen appearance for Old Spice, and serving as a healing artist performing for hospital patients.

Through his work at Sweetwater, he is able to bring real-world experience and a genuine passion in helping fellow musicians and artists find the exact tools needed to turn their creative vision into reality.

Christmas Cheer with a Book

We hope everyone will participate in our book exchange including guests!

1. Add a sticky note or something inside to indicate who the book is from.
2. Wrap your book in Holiday Paper (no gift bags please!).
3. Cut out the label provided below.
4. Complete the information. Genres could be mystery, romance, biography, educational, etc.
5. Add the label to the wrapped book.

When you arrive, trade your book (at the specific table) for a number to be used during the exchange activity.

Here's a sample to help with ideas:



☐ Fiction ☐ Non-Fiction

Genre: _____

Location: _____

Provide 2 adjectives to describe the story:

1. _____

2. _____

Silent Auction Fundraiser

After decades of sharing our talents and treasures with AAUW, we will once again meet on Saturday, December 5th at Pine Valley Country Club to kick off the holiday season. Please begin planning NOW!

Once again, we will have our Silent Auction. Bring a gift item you know has been popular OR create a new idea. The auction items do not have to be “baskets”. A wide variety of items will be available. Among the contributions to bid on are lovely hand-crafted or specialty homemade food items. Some wonderful gift certificates for hotel overnights or for attending local events have also been donated for previous auctions. Get creative and surprise us with what you come up with for us to bid on!

Bring family, friends, neighbors - anyone who would enjoy our brunch and shopping for special gifts. Bring your checkbook, too!

This year, our Branch Board of Directors decided that our funds raised should stay here in our own Branch to help fund general operating expenses that need to be covered. Thanks so much, in advance, for your support and generosity.