

Bulletin

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

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President's Message

By Cathy Huff

Dear Members,

As we approach the month of February, we are reminded of all the holidays that await – Black History month, Groundhog Day, Women's Heart Awareness month, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Ash Wednesday, Chinese New Year and Washington's birthday – quite a month for celebrations! But another date I am looking forward to is spring! As I write this we are 63 days from welcoming back spring!

I think it is not uncommon for us to look forward to future celebrations during the short days/long nights of an Indiana winter. I especially feel so this year as I have managed about 6 trips outside of my home since Thanksgiving. For those of you who do not know, I managed to break my ankle on Thanksgiving and required surgery the following Saturday. Forced hibernation is a limitation I've never experience before. I am hopeful that by the end of January I can once again walk unaided, drive a car, and meet with friends and family outside of my home. So, I am looking forward to our first AAUW Board Meeting of the 2018 on the 5th of February and our AAUW Annual Meeting & Recognition Dinner in March.

The opportunity to meet and hear from two local women who are working hard to represent our voice in local politics and in Washington is exciting. It seems like 2018 might be the year for great strides for women. And AAUW is on the forefront of this effort.

Please make an effort to attend the March meeting to hear what both of these women have to say as well as celebrate our own members' accomplishments.

And may spring come early!

New email: cathleenhuff@comcast.net

Branch Board Meetings

Start time: 6:30 pm

February 5, 2018

April 9, 2018

Location: Business and Technical Conference Room (2nd FL)
Allen County Public Library (ACPL)
900 Library Plaza(between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne St.)

*Board Meetings
are open to all members.*

Membership

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.*

Why Membership Matters

By Margaret Schimmel and Kris Conner, Membership Co-chairs

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AAUW brings people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic, and political.

As members of this powerful organization of AAUW, we need to constantly seek out new prospective members to join with us to continue our mission of equity for women and girls.

2017-18 Directory and Membership Records

By Connie LaBrash, Membership Records

labrashc@gmail.com or (260) 432-1887

Please check **everywhere** that your name and information are typed in the 2017-2018 Yearbook. If there is an error or update please contact Connie so that the Branch's records can be corrected.

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

New Address for Carol Ensley
Park Place
4411 Park Place Dr. #516
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
Her new phone number is: 496-4116

New Email for Cathy Huff Helt
cathleenhuff@comcast.net

Save the Dates!

**Mark your
Calendar!**

Branch Programs

By Donna McKenzie, AAUW Trust Chair

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Annual Meeting – Tuesday, March 27 – see more information on page 3
Spring Brunch

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Fort Wayne Country Club, 5221 Covington Road, Fort Wayne

AAUW Annual Meeting & Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Goeglein’s Homestead, Fireplace Room

7311 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne 46815 (260) 749-5192



Make your reservations now for the 2018 AAUW Annual Meeting and Recognition Dinner.

This is the night when all AAUW Fort Wayne Branch members get together to elect new officers and recognize individuals and groups who have been singled out for special mention. Who will be this year’s “Eleanor Roosevelt”, “Emerging Leader” and “Woman of the Year” honorees, and who will join our current nineteen 50-Year Honorary Life Members of the Association? Come and find out.

In addition to electing our own 2018-2019 Branch Officers, we will hear from two women actively involved in public politics at a broader level.

Our **Women in Politics** guest speakers will be **Sharon Tucker**, AAUW member and Allen County Councilwoman for District 1, and **Courtney Tritch**, candidate for Congress District 3. You’ll have a chance to meet and talk with them before dinner, and after we finish eating, they will talk with us about their experiences in the political arena. Have your questions ready!

Guests and prospective members are welcome at this dinner.

Cost: \$27.00 per person. **Advance reservations required** and your reservation and check must be received no later than the **deadline of Monday, March 19.**

For Questions, please contact Donna McKenzie 260-637-0260



AAUW Annual Meeting & Recognition Dinner Reservation Form

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Reservations – and checks – must be received by Monday, **March 19**

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Indicate Your Entre Selection:

Pasta Primavera – Bow tie pasta with broccoli, carrots, red peppers, celery, fresh mushrooms, onions, zucchini and ripe olives prepared in an herbed olive oil. (vegetarian) Number: _____

Grilled Bruschetta Chicken – A tender chicken breast marinated then grilled and topped with an Italian blend of tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella cheese. (gluten free) Number: _____

Total Number Attending: _____ X \$27 each meal = Total Check Amount: \$ _____

Mail this form and your check payable to “AAUW of Fort Wayne” to:

Pat Becker 2512 Bosworth Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46805

[Phone 260-484-9105; email tonypat41@msn.com]

Check # _____

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>.*

AAUW Trust*By Barb Kanning, AAUW Trust Chair*kanning4@frontier.com or (260) 432-5228

Attention all Branch members!

Our Fort Wayne AAUW Trust is now taking applications for grants to be awarded on April 11, 2018. The deadline for applications to be considered is February 28, 2018. Any previous grant recipients from 2014 or before are eligible to re-apply at this time. All applications accepted by the Trust Board must be completed and submitted online. It's easy! Go to our local website (www.aauwfortwayne.org) and click on the Trust bar at the top right side. All the needed information is listed there.

Do you know a local nonprofit with a project that fits our mission? The awards given will range from \$500 to a maximum of \$3,000. Give your group a call and explain the simple procedure. If you have questions about who might qualify, check out page 22 in your latest yearbook/directory.

We look forward to another successful grant awarding period this spring.

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The IPFW Omnibus Lecture Series welcomes Lilly Ledbetter

*Lilly Ledbetter
is an AAUW
member!*

*Our Branch
should come
out and
support her!*

“Grace and Grit: How I Won My Fight at Goodyear and Beyond”
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 • 7:30 p.m.

Tireless advocate at the center of the fight for equal pay in the workplace who has made frequent appearances on MSNBC, *CBS This Morning*, and more. At the center of the historic discrimination case that inspired the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act, Ledbetter’s determined fight for equal pay in the workplace became a victory for the nation.



After 19 tireless, successful years as supervisor at Goodyear, she suspected she wasn’t getting paid as much as her male counterparts. When her suspicions were confirmed, she brought an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Complaint against Goodyear, and won. However, they appealed to the Supreme Court, where it was overturned. This decision motivated legal groups and politicians and on January 29, 2009, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was the first act of Congress signed by President Obama—making it easier for women who have experienced pay discrimination to fight back.

<http://omnibuslectures.org/current-season/lilly-ledbetter/>

Equal Pay Day – April 15, 2018

AAUW promotes Equal Pay Day to draw attention to the gender pay gap and build support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. Despite the Equal Pay Act, the wage gap persists; nationally, women are typically paid just 80 cents on average for every dollar paid to men — and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws has helped to narrow the wage gap, significant disparities still must be addressed.

Think 80 cents is bad? The pay gap is even worse for women of color. AAUW also observes Equal Pay Days for women of color – which are even further into the calendar year.

The gender pay gap is a primary issue for AAUW, and one that we have been working on since 1922. Keep your eyes on the website and newsletter for more information about events in Fort Wayne.

Did you know? Yahoo and eBay are among Newest Companies to Sign White House Equal Pay Pledge <http://www.aauw.org/article/newest-companies-to-sign-white-house-equal-pay-pledge/>.

*FREE tickets will
be available at
12:30 pm on
Mar. 15, 2018.*

*More
information is on
the national
website at
<http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-equal-pay-day/>*

In Memoriam

By Martha Weatherford



Nancy Jenckes was one of my AAUW friends. Her life is an example of why this organization and its members have been an important part of my life. Nancy and I were long-time, devoted members of Current Lit II. Nancy showed her enthusiasm for discussion by always being ready to suggest the newest book. Our group admired her remarkable determination to continue to participate as her illness kept adding difficulties. She made sure she could hear by choosing the appropriate tech gear and seat so she could enter into the conversation. Nancy had also been an enthusiastic member of our AAUW mentoring program, giving us fellow mentors and mentees a taste of her fun loving ways. One of the goals of AAUW is to help women grow to their full potential. To me Nancy was an excellent example of carrying out that goal throughout a lifetime.

The sweet tribute below was written by her daughter Michelle.

On October 16, 2017, we lost a beautiful soul and Heaven gained a beautiful angel. My mother, Nancy Louise Jenckes, one of the four Smith girls, ended her forty year battle with scleroderma. Mom was a fighter, the concept of giving up or giving in was foreign to her. My mother fought for women's rights and for equality for all. When I was a little girl, my mom taught at Lane Middle School. A group of girls approached her because they were disappointed that they couldn't join a newly formed, all male club that was meeting after school. Nancy immediately championed the girls and sponsored an after school club for them. She organized the club and many girls joined. They raised funds and sponsored a trip to Seneca Falls, New York to visit the National Women's Hall of Fame. My mother inspired so many students both male and female. She encouraged students to seek the truth and treat everyone with respect. Nancy was a proud member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She met some of her most cherished friends through this organization and enjoyed long lunches with them. Nancy was an intellectual. She earned her Bachelors of Science from Western Michigan and her master's degree from Purdue. My mom was a life-long learner and a fierce competitor. She loved nothing more than an intense bridge game. She is survived by her loving husband, Joe Jenckes, her son Mark Minnie, a pharmacist, and her daughter Melissa Fiedler, an English teacher; six grandchildren: Payton, Riley, and Luke Fiedler, Eion and Isabella Minnie, and Brent Jenckes.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Discussion – Meets the third Thursday of the month at Halls Gas House at 12:30 pm.

March 15 – *The Alexander Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs

April 19 – *A Long Way Home (Lion)* by Saroo Brierley

May 17 – *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Creative Arts and Service – Meets at various locations, dates, times

Tuesday, February 20 – Cancer Services of NE Indiana, time TBA

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Tuesday, April 17 – Felted wool project at JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15 – BH&G flower vase at JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 1 p.m.

Current Literature I – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes at 7:15 pm.

February 6 – *The Life We Bury* by Allen Esken

March – no meeting

April 3 – Select Books for 2018-19

May 1 – *Hidden Figures* by Margaret Lee Shetterly

June 5 – *Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at group member homes at 7 pm.

February 26 – *Trouble I've Seen: Changing The Way...* by Drew Hart

March 26 - *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

April 23 – Select Books for 2018-19

May 21 – *Hidden Figures* by Margaret Lee Shetterly (Monday)

Creative Stitchery and Crafts – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at a group member's home at 1 pm.

February 6 – Unfinished Objects (UFO)

March 6 – Fabric Feminine Pads

April 3 – Canvas Shopping Bags

May 1 – Planning Meeting

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