Come to Fort Wayne on Saturday, April 22!

I want to personally invite all Branch members to the Quality Hotel for our 2006 Indiana Convention. It will be a day well-spent! We, as AAUW members, smile and nod when we read our new Association theme: “Education is the Gateway to Women’s Economic Security.” After all, we have our degree(s)...we know all about that. Or do we? Are we armed with the latest economic statistics to continue the battle for equity for women and girls??

Come and help mold our direction in Indiana and our Great Lakes Region in AAUW - to grow and help other women and girls achieve their best. Our keynote speakers, Carol Lindquist and Joy DenHouter, will share their successes and continued goals in positions of power. Our panel - Linda Fox from Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Lillian Schumacher from the University of St. Francis, Donna Ditton from Ivy Tech State College; and Joyce Helyer from Taylor University - will inform us on what their schools are doing to help women students and their staff.

Pam Thiel, our Great Lakes Regional Director, will be with us for the entire day, after sharing her expertise with our Board of Directors on Friday evening. If you have not met her yet, you will be truly impressed with her sincere dedication and boundless energy to AAUW! She will bring us new information from Association and provide important details on our Great Lakes Regional Conference in Naperville, IL on June 9 through 11. You will have copies of a brochure about the conference to take back to your branches, also. The Fort Wayne branch will have program and partnering ideas to share with you... and provide time for you to bring your branch’s ideas to other AAUW members.

Remember, you are welcome to come early and stay Friday night or stay over Saturday and enjoy our great city. The hotel discounted AAUW rate is available both nights, and you’ll find information on the registration form, located in this issue and the last one, also.

See you on April 22! (see page 3 to register)
Barb Kanning, Indiana Program Director

Slate of Directors to serve in 2006-2008

The State Nominating Committee presents the following slate of directors to serve in 2006-2008:
Jean Amman, President; Mary Lou Thomas, Director of Membership; Patricia Robinson, Director of Finance; Kay Depel, Educational Foundation; Joan Kutlu, Carroll Parsons and Janet Trusty, Nominating Committee

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“A Jury of Her Peers” Video Available
Contact Beth LeRoy •  grannyL1@yahoo.com
Beth also has copies of all AAUW studies and videos for lending.
“A Jury of Her Peers” (A film by Sally Heckel)
On a desolate American farm in the early 1900’s, a farmer is found murdered in his sleep and his wife is jailed as the prime suspect. The highly anticipated re-release of this feminist film classic, a powerful adaptation of the 1917 Susan Glaspell short story, “A Jury of Her Peers,” presents a riveting tale of revenge, justice and women’s shared experience. Equally relevant in women’s studies courses and for use with organizations battling violence against women, this riveting film probes the notion of women’s victimization and justifiable homicide and opens the possibility for the creation of an alternate, feminist justice and judgment.
AGENDA for AAUW-IN STATE CONVENTION
Theme - EDUCATION is the GATEWAY to ECONOMIC SECURITY
APRIL 22, 2006 at Quality Hotel - Fort Wayne

Mark your 2006 calendar NOW - This will be a great day with ideas for our branches!

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast, registration, viewing displays
9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Session 1 - Education and Financial Literacy - Introduction and Keynote Address on our theme - Deb Romary of Romary Financial Services and Carol Lindquist, Chief Academic Officer of Fort Wayne Community Schools (Education and financial literacy)
11:15 a.m. Break and Viewing Displays
11:30 a.m. Session 2 - Workplace Equity - Joy DenHouter, owner of Source One Insurance, an attorney, and a mother of two daughters
12:30 p.m. Lunch - Sharing time with other branches
1:30 p.m. Session 3 - Afternoon Panel - Equity on Campus - Representatives of Indiana/Purdue-Fort Wayne, IVY Tech State College, Taylor University, and U. of St. Francis
2:15 p.m. Great Lakes AAUW Regional Director - Pam Thiel - Summary of our theme, news from Association and information on the Regional Conference, June 9-11, 2006 Lisle/Naperville, IL
2:45 p.m. Wrap-Up -- Ideas for branches on program suggestions for implementing this new theme.

REGISTRATION FORM - AAUW-IN STATE CONVENTION
QUALITY HOTEL - 3330 W. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne
(Exit 109B - Interstate 69] - Turn RIGHT at light.)
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 -- 8:00 a.m.

Please PRINT:
Name________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________
Telephone_()________________________  Special Needs_________________
Branch_____________________________ Vegetarian Meal?___________
Voting Credentials: (Circle ONE)
Branch Delegate  Branch Delegate CHAIR  State Delegate  Non-Voting Participant
COST: $30.00 when postmarked by April 1st. Postmarked from April 2nd to April 15th will be $35.00. Register Early!
Includes all convention materials, lunch, tax and gratuity.
Checks payable to AAUW - sent with this form to: Kathleen Richardson,
2939 Meadowgate Court
Evansville, IN 47711

There are no refunds.

Would you like to come on Friday and enjoy Fort Wayne?

Quality Hotel - special AAUW rate: $69.00 per room. Contact the hotel directly at 260-484-7711, referencing AAUW Convention before March 29, 2006.
Dear Indiana AAUW members,

Happy Spring! We have so much to look forward to with the advent of warmer weather and springtime activities. Included in these activities are our State Convention and our Great Lakes Regional Conference. Please plan to attend. You won’t regret it!

I am also pleased to draw your attention to the latest AAUW research study entitled “Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus.” It has received a great deal of press, and I hope that your branch will use it for a program and/or read it in an interest group. I am happy to report that Indiana University is the recipient of a Campus Action Project (CAP) Grant in conjunction with this study. In fact, several of its students were sent to Washington, D.C., to be present at the news conference the day it was announced.

Please feel free to contact their project director, Terry Dworkin, for more information (dworkint@indiana.edu). I am hoping that I.U.’s involvement will lead to an institutional AAUW membership, a campus branch, or a revived Bloomington branch.

I am especially pleased that a university in Indiana has been selected for this grant, since the only other university in the Great Lakes Region whose application was accepted is the University of Akron. (The Association received a total of 44 CAP proposals, and only 11 were chosen.) As a matter of fact, several things seem to be coming together right now. Gloria Murray, the Dean of the School of Education at Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, is working on starting a branch of AAUW on its campus with the blessings of the Chancellor. AAUW will also be represented this month at Indiana’s Political Science Association, where I will speak on the aforementioned research study. It was really gratifying to hear that the conference topic is women and politics.

As you probably know, AAUW-Indiana has also been honored by the Association with a grant, this one for Impact Action in our communities. Under the approved plan, very soon we will be providing your branch with contact information for all Members-at-Large living in your area. We ask that you invite each MAL to a meeting, especially one that includes a public policy issue, and that you provide her with our new brochure that contains our public policy for 2005-2007.

You will be hearing also about our plan for writing letters to legislators on public policy issues, some programming that includes “activists” in our local communities, and the opportunity to submit proposals for local impact projects. For more information, contact the state steering committee: Agnes George, Phyllis Thompson, Kay Depel, and Mitzi Witchger.

And finally, let’s look ahead—really ahead. The Association has just announced that St. Louis, Missouri, will be the convention site in 2009. Of course before then, there will be the 2007 convention in Phoenix. There are so many, many opportunities for those of us lucky enough to belong to AAUW! Let’s enjoy them!

My best wishes,
E. Jean Amman, Indiana President

With Sympathy

We are saddened to report the death of Jolynn Powney, president of the Calumet Area branch. Jolynn died unexpectedly January 21st while on a trip in Egypt. She was a very committed, vibrant member of her branch and this year was serving on the state Nominating Committee. Cards may be sent to her husband, Bill Powney, at 1333 Tamarack Dr., Munster, IN 46321. Also, branches may wish to send cards and notes to the Calumet Area branch c/o Marcy Stemp, 7223 Jarneck Avenue, Hammond, IN 46324. Memorials designated for the Educational Foundation can be sent directly to state EF Director Kay Depel, 11543 Westwood Place, Crown Point, IN 46307. Let us keep Jolynn’s family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.
## GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Friday, June 9
- **Noon - 8:00 pm**: Registration
- **2:00 pm**: Tours, Downtown Naperville, Naper Settlement, or Morton Arboretum
- **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**: Power of Words: Book Review of *Mother Leads Best*
- **7:00 pm - 10:00 pm**: Power of Play: Bridge, Mahjongg, and Board Games
- **7:00 pm - 12:00 am**: Hospitality Suite

### Saturday, June 10
- **7:00 am - 5:00 pm**: Registration
- **7:00 am - 8:45 am**: Continental Breakfast
- **8:00 am - 8:30 am**: First Timers to Regional Session
- **8:45 am**: Opening Ceremony
- **9:15 am**: Keynote Address: Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, invited
- **10:15 am**: Taste of Great Lakes Success Opens
- **10:45 am**: EF and Assoc. Sales and LAF Silent Auction Open
- **12:15 pm**: Luncheon and Young Leader Awards
- **1:00 pm**: Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Charlene MacMahon, LAF plaintiff
- **2:30 pm**: Powerful, Interactive, and Participatory Workshops
- **3:30 pm**: The Taste of Great Lakes Success and EF and Association Sales and LAF Silent Auction
- **5:00 pm**: EF and Assoc. Sales and Legal Advocacy Fund Silent Auction Close
- **6:00 pm**: Reception/Cash Bar
- **7:00 pm**: Dinner and Awards
- **8:00 pm**: Banquet Speaker
- **9:00 pm - 12:00 am**: Hospitality Suite

### Sunday, June 11
- **7:00 am - 9:00 am**: Continental Breakfast
- **7:00 am - 7:45 am**: Eleanor Roosevelt Educational Foundation Swim Aerobics
- **9:00 am**: Presidential Address and Questions: Ruth Sweetser, Assoc. Pres.
- **10:15 am**: Washington Update: Congresswomen Judy Biggert (R) and Jan Schakowsky (D), invited
- **11:15 am - 11:30 am**: Wrap Up and Adjourn
The Power of Women

AAUW Great Lakes Regional Conference Registration
June 9 - 11, 2006 * Wyndham Lisle/Naperville Hotel * Lisle, IL

Branch Name: ________________________ State Name: ________________________
Member at Large: Circle One - YES NO
First Time Regional Conference Attendee? Circle One - YES NO
Check if need a table for: EF Sales: ½ table ______ full table ______
LAF Silent Auction: ______ number of baskets
Name/Phone of Branch Contact Person ____________________________

Friday activities: (Please check your choices)
_____ Power of Play: (check one) Mahjong ___ Bridge ___ Board Games - 7-10 PM
_____ Power of Words: Book Review of Moms Lead Best - 7-9 PM
Tours (self guided) 2-6 pm: S7 entrance fee paid on site, transportation provided
___ Morton Arboretum - 1,700 acres scenic gardens, trees, maze garden, trails
___ 19th century settlement open until 4:00 pm
___ Downtown Naperville River Walk: prestige shopping, no fee

Saturday Workshops: (Please check your 1st and 2nd choices for each time frame)
10:45 AM: ___ Women Leading Political Change ___ Getting Paid What You Are Worth
___ How to Become a Rich Woman ___ Factors Affecting the Job Market
___ Power of the Purse (EF/LAF) ___ Power of Political Action
___ Power of the Purse (EF/LAF) ___ Power Up Your Membership

Sunday AM Eleanor Roosevelt Educational Foundation Swim  - 7:00 AM:
(All participants will receive a commemorative towel)
_____ Will participate in swim: Enclose $25  _____ Sitting on the sideline. Enclose $25

In Case of an emergency contact: ____________________________________________

To accommodate individuals with Special Needs, please make request below:

Food: ________________________ (vegetarian) ________ (other) ________
Physical: ________________________

Hotel Reservation Information
A block of rooms has been reserved at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle/Naperville, IL
(3000 Warrenville Rd.). The room cost at the Wyndham will be $89 plus 11% tax
per night for up to 4 people. For room reservations please call (630) 505-1000, or
(800) 996-3426 or www.wyndham.com. Make reference to AAUW Great Lakes
Conference in order to receive the conference room rate. Cutoff date for the special
conference rate is 5:00 PM May 26, 2006. Check in time: 3:PM; check out: noon

Conference Registration Fee: Postmarked by May 26, 2006 $65
(Postmarked after May 26 add $10 $75)

(Registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, materials, speakers, and refreshments)

Saturday Noon Luncheon ........................................... $20
Saturday Evening Banquet .......................................... $30
Eleanor Roosevelt EF Swim (sign up to the left) .................. $25
Conference Special -3 registrations in same envelope: deduct $5/person -

Total enclosed: ________________________

Make checks payable to Great Lakes Regional Conference and send completed form to
Beverly Ann Madsen, 905 Knothongham Dr. Ottawa, IL 61350-4225; (815)434-4120;
bemadsen@sbcglobal.net. No refunds after May 26, 2006.

Out of respect, participants are encouraged to refrain from smoking and excessive use of perfume.
The Legal Advocacy Fund has unveiled a new webpage on sexual harassment and the law, which includes information on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Project in Equity Award

The Project in Equity Award is a program of the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW. This award recognizes an innovative program or initiative that advances equity for women students, faculty, and staff on a college campus. All Indiana College/University Partners have been sent information as to how they can apply. Hopefully, we will have a winner from Indiana this year!!!!

Indiana AAUW Ingenious Ideas

Again this year Indiana Branches are being asked to submit their Ingenious Ideas. Branches who submit those ideas will not only be recognized at State Convention, but their ideas will also be submitted at Regional Conference for the Taste of Success. Indiana will be proud and happy of its achievements.

Emerging Leaders

All branches have an opportunity to recognize their Emerging Leaders. Emerging Leaders are those who have been members for less than three years and show interest and potential for becoming AAUW leaders. These Emerging Leaders can be of any age.

In addition to these leaders, Indiana AAUW is asking all branches to look at their membership and submit those names of members who are 40 and under. Those names should be submitted to: Phyllis S. Thompson.

Equal Pay Day 2006

Tuesday April 26 is Equal Pay Day. Remind the country and our leaders that pay equity is still an issue, and equal pay is essential in eliminating wage discrimination. As a part of AAUW’s programmatic theme, “Education as the Gateway to Women’s Economic Security,” AAUW is encouraging all states and branches to use Equal Pay Day programming and events as a way of drawing attention to the issue. Use AAUW’s website to gain more information.

Phyllis Thompson, 21st Century Recognition Program & Legal Advocacy Liaison

Scholarship Awarded • Gary-Merrillville

Gary-Merrillville recently awarded a $300.00 scholarship to a student at Ivy Tech Community College in Gary. The money will be used to defray the cost of textbooks for this Dean’s List student. Ronisha Smith was the recipient of this first annual scholarship. The presentation was made at the December 2005 meeting.
Making an Impact...Making a Difference

Indiana AAUW was one of 9 states that received an $800 Impact Grant from Association. The funds from this grant are being used to increase awareness of public policy issues and stimulate activism both within our organization as well as throughout our communities. Key points outlined in the grant proposal are:

1. Use grant money to print Indiana’s Public Policy brochure for distribution to branches, AAUW friends, prospective members, university faculty and students, and community leaders.
2. Distribute a comprehensive plan for increasing public policy activism, visibility, and diversity to all Branch Presidents.
3. Increase member activism by increasing the number of Action Network participants across the state.
4. Build participation in diverse coalitions focused on AAUW public policy priority issues.
5. Work to involve members-at-large in public policy issues.
6. Write letters to legislators on public policy issues.
7. Encourage all branches to have at least one program in the 2006-2007 year that focuses on a person who can be defined as an “activist” in the local community.
8. For branches that provide concrete proposals for local “impact projects,” award small grants.

State board members will serve as the oversight committee. Branch presidents and public policy chairs are assuming leadership roles in this project as well. They will provide specifics about grant-related activities to branch members. The 2,000 brochures detailing Indiana AAUW’s 2005-07 Public Policy agenda have been/are being distributed.

*This upcoming election cycle is an opportune time to contact public officials, community leaders, and candidates to share your concerns and ideas. Your ownership of Indiana AAUW’s public policy priorities can be a powerful tool when communicating with others. Your support and participation are critical for the achievement of our goals. Become involved -- express your concern, identify issues, take a stand. Finally, vote as if the futures of you, your children, and your grandchildren are at stake. THEY ARE!

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
If I am not for others, what am I?
And if not now, when?
Rabbi Hillel

“Because equity is still an issue.”
Agnes George, Public Policy Director