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Forbes, *The Nation*, and MSNBC have dubbed 2012 as “The Year of the Woman.” IN State President, Sharon Langlotz, and Program Co-Chairs, Phyllis Loslo and Barb Wellnitz, invite you to a meeting you will not want to miss.

2012 is so important that AAUW National has hired a full-time “Get Out the Vote” campaign manager, and we are pleased to announce that she will be joining us on August 4. Seth Chase, Field Director of the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department, has confirmed that Kimberly Fountain has placed Indiana on her calendar and she will share with us how AAUW members in the 15 AAUW target states are gearing up to get out the vote. Karen Kay Leonard, President of the Indiana League of Women Voters, will talk about what’s at stake for Hoosier women in this crucial election year.

In addition, our State Board offers “Officers 101” – an interactive “job fair” where you will be able to gather information, job descriptions, brochures and networking contacts as well as information on other topics of interest.

PLEASE JOIN US: It's My Vote – The Power of Indiana Women

- 9:45–10:20 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 10:20 – 10:30 Welcome & Introductions: Sharon Langlotz, IN State President
- 10:30 – 11:30 ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO HOOSIER WOMEN -Karen Kay Leonard, President, Indiana League of Women Voters
- 11:30 – 12:30 AAUW’s 2012 GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN – Kimberly Fountain, Campaign Manager
- 12:30 – 1:30 Luncheon
- 1:30 – 2:45 Officers’ 101 - Updates & Networking
- 2:45 – 3:00 Evaluation & Announcements: Sharon Langlotz

Directions to Marian, Inc., 1011 E. St. Clair Street, Indianapolis

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Barb Wellnitz and Phyllis Loslo, Co-Directors of Program

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello AAUW Colleagues:

As I left our 2012 State Convention in Muncie I was again reminded how proud I am to be a member of this dynamic organization which has its finger on the pulse of everything that is important to me, my daughters and my mother – and to you and yours. Listening to the outstanding presentation by AAUW National Vice President, Patricia Ho, reminded me just how broad the reach of AAUW is and how truly important the work is that do.

I would like to thank program chairs Barb Wellnitz and Phyllis Loslo as well as the Muncie, Noblesville, Anderson and Richmond branches for a wonderful Spring Convention. The location, the speakers, the gift bags— everything was well thought out and well organized, even down to the gentle rain falling on the trees outside the glass wall of the church. Thank you again for a wonderful day.

2012 is indeed “the Year of the Woman” and aren't you finding the news every single day providing some new issue or piece of information which pertains to our AAUW mission and goals? The 40th anniversary of Title IX, Safe Campus programs, the Fair Pay Act, and the pending vote on the Violence Against Women Act -all are topics of importance to our organization.....

And keeping that in mind – how about the Summer Meeting that our State Board and program chairs have planned for us? I promise you – this is one meeting **you will not want to miss**. Please

GOOD READS...AND MORE!

We had a wonderful time at the state convention. The information on archiving was relevant and interesting. If you could not attend, the information is probably available from a librarian or anyone associated with a college or university.

The Elkhart branch book group read *Mighty Be our Powers* for its most recent meeting. (I was not able to read it on time...am on the list to get it.) It is particularly timely with the trial of Charles Taylor in the news. Most of the group approved the book even though it was rough to read in places.

And, the Anderson branch Diversity Book Group have selected their reads for next year. The Group meets 6 times a year with a different

mark Saturday August 4 on your calendar. As you know, AAUW's National Action Fund has put much money and effort into the “**It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard**” campaign – they have a national campaign manager and have staff “on the ground” in 15 key states until the election this fall. National Campaign Manager Kimberly Fountain will be joining us in Indiana along with the Indiana President of League of Women Voters to discuss the importance of this election. Come and bring a friend -you won't want to miss this!



I am also excited about the concept of a “job fair” for AAUW officers, both new and prospective to share information about holding an office and how to enhance communications and help their branches grow and thrive. I hear that there may even be a table set up to promote AAUW's next national convention in New Orleans next June. Be on the lookout for beads and feathers!

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me your AAUW Indiana State President. I look forward to working with all of you in the near future. See you August 4!

Sharon Langlotz, Indiana President



member leading the discussion each time. An equal number of fiction/nonfiction titles were selected. Here's the list —

Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948, Madeleine Albright;

The Calligrapher's Daughter, Eugenia Kim;

Slinging Doughnuts for the Boys: An American Woman in WWII, James H. Madison;

Adam and Eve, Sena Jeter Naslund;

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot; and

My Name Is Mary Sutter, Robin Oliveria

Sharon Schafer, Internatl. Relations/Diversity Coordinator

NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

In April, I had the pleasure and honor of attending the National Girls Collaborative Projects' (NGCP) training institute and conference in Alexandria, VA. What is NGCP you may ask? The best way to describe it is to tell you about its vision. The National Girls Collaborative Project's vision is "... to bring together organizations throughout the United States that are committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)." Partially funded by a National Science Foundation grant, AAUW was a partner in the first 5-year grant. As part of that partnership, AAUW provided liaisons to each collaborative. AAUW is not a partner with the new grant but the two organizations remain connected through their shared goal to get more girls in STEM fields. Many liaisons are continuing their roles in Collaboratives and AAUW's STEM Task Force Liaison's are potential partners in initiatives.

One of the wonderful tools offered by NGCP is the online Program Directory. STEM organizations can register their group along with any needs or offers they have. This is a great resource for the public and for the groups that provide activities. For example, the *Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge!* event at Sycamore School in Indianapolis is listed in the directory. I know many of those in the Indi-



anapolis branch are involved in this event.

Each collaborative has a Leadership Team and a Champions Board. The Leadership Team carries out the activities of the collaborative while the Champions Board acts more like an advisory board. I am a member of both for the Indiana Girls Collaborative Project (INGCP). INGCP's new lead organization is Indiana State University with Beverly Bitzegaio as the lead contact. Many of you may know Bev, who is also an AAUW member. Under this new leadership, INGCP is excited to regroup and re-energize and will meet in June to disseminate information to some of our new team and board members.

Bev and I attended the conference along with Becky Buse of the Girls Scouts of Central Indiana. At the week-long event, I had the opportunity to engage in many collaborative activities, information sessions, and to meet an amazing group of people from all across the country. It was an incredible experience and I am excited to be a part of it. If you would like more information on the Indiana Girls Collaborative Project, please visit

<http://www.ngcproject.org/indiana/> or contact me at PO Box 446, Gosport, IN 47433.

Patricia Crouch, National AAUW Leadership Corp

HOW OUR STATE SUPPORTS AAUW PROGRAMS

Indiana AAUW should stand up and shout, "Hooray" for a job well done in contributing to AAUW Programs. We gave a total of \$12,304.25 to all the categories of AAUW Programs. To refresh your memory, program areas are as follows: AAUW Funds; AAUW Action Funds; Legal Advocacy Fund; Educational Opportunities Fund; Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; Public Policy Fund and Leadership Program Fund.

Each Indiana Branch should begin planning now as to how it will raise funds for its 2012-2013 fiscal year. Planning takes time and effort so now is the time to get going. Remember the Chair(s) of these plans are called Chair(s) of AAUW Funds. WE no longer have a LAF Chair or EF Chair; we instead have a Chair(s) for AAUW Funds.

Again, thank you for a job well done. We are so proud of you.

A reminder also, that AAUW totes, are still being sold for \$ 6.00 per tote. Proceeds from the sale of these totes will go to support Indiana attendees to The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Contact Mary Lou Thomas to purchase a tote.

If we can be of help to your Branch planning committee do not hesitate to contact us. We are but an e-mail or telephone call away.

A reminder contributions to all AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible.

*Phyllis Thompson & Mary Lou Thomas
Co-Directors of AAUW Funds*

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Summer is a good time for all of us to reflect on what our branches are doing well, and what we could be doing more effectively. One of the best ways to build our membership is to design programming that will appeal to potential new members. Make sure that every program introduces attendees to the mission of AAUW, and reminds them of the work of AAUW at the local, state, and national level. Consider holding programs in different parts of town, and selecting speakers who will appeal to new populations. Every member of your branch can contribute to helping others see how AAUW addresses their interests, and how empowering it is to be part of the AAUW community. (AAUW.org has lists of membership benefits, including links to the "CareerBuilder" job board for people who are re-starting their careers.) Be sure to invite every program speaker to become a member of your branch, perhaps by using branch funds

to reduce the membership fee for the first year.

Many of us begin the year in August or September with a membership kick-off event. Have yours been successful in recruiting new members? If not, try some new strategies, such as holding the event in a new public location, and making a point to invite and recognize members of your community who have been in the news for accomplishments related to AAUW's mission.

I wish you and your branch members a wonderful, restorative summer as you dream big and plan for a superb next year! Let me know if I can help: alidinsk@iusb.edu



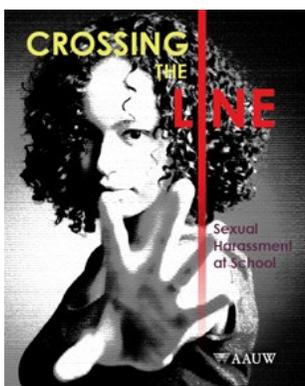
April Lidinsky, Membership Chair

MUST READS...GREAT DISCUSSION STARTERS: RECENT AAUW RESEARCH REPORTS

AAUW conducts groundbreaking research that draws national attention to issues of gender equity in education and the workplace; influences policy-makers as well as educators, parents, and students; and, most importantly, serves as a catalyst for action. Recent reports address topics such as the pay gap between men and women, economic security of older women, sexual harassment on college campuses, and gender equity in science and engineering education.

Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School (2011)

- ◆ Comprehensive research on sexual harassment in grades 7-12 reveals sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education.



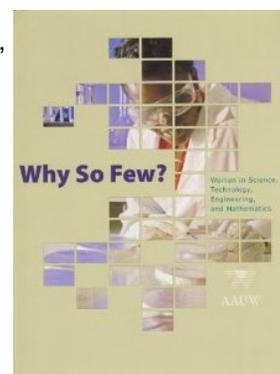
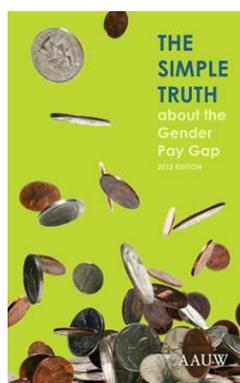
The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap (2012)

- ◆ This commonsense guide provides key facts about the gender pay gap in the United States,

with explanations and resources to help you effectively advocate for pay equity.

Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (2010)

- ◆ This in-depth report describes eight key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers that continue to block women's participation and progress in science, technology, engineering, and math.



For more information and copies of these reports, see —

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/index.cfm>

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AAUW PUBLIC POLICY MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Friends,

As I leave office as your president and assume a year as Director of Public Policy, I want to share just three important thoughts with you. First of all, thanks to each and every one of you for your help and support the past four years. I know together we will continue to be strong advocates for women and girls in Indiana. Please generate that same enthusiasm and energy to support Sharon Langlotz as she begins her leadership in our AAUW IN.

Come to Indianapolis on August 4th and take an active role in our program for the day. A great day has been planned by our Program Directors, loaded with useful information from national and our IN board. Get rejuvenated for the new 2012-13 program/project year with many ideas/ways to get your Branch members enthused and actively involved.



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NEWS FROM AAUW



It's election year and time for us to help more women take public office. This past May, 78 women sought their party's nomination in state and federal races. Sixty-three have advanced to the general election this November. In Indiana, we have women running in BOTH parties as Lt. Governor! It is past time to get more women representing us also at the local level. AAUW IN Public Policy states that we support "equal access to the political process." We certainly can individually campaign for the ones we feel support AAUW's mission. And, I ask that you push the "It's My Vote" campaign in your Branches. You can become the nonprofit leader in your community for voter information, utilizing the many helps from national AAUW. See you August 4th.

Barb Kanning, Past President & Public Policy

BRANCH OFFICER LISTS NEED TO BE SENT TWO PLACES!

Notice to **out-going Branch Presidents** -- you need to be sure that your NEW 2012-13 Branch Board is sent to TWO places. If you have a new president, she cannot do this yet -- if continuing another year, it is still your task to accomplish.

First, the Branch Officer List needs to be entered online with national AAUW. If you don't have an Internet connection, ask your Treasurer to do it. If neither officer has Internet, phone Angela Cooper in Member Records and give her the information.

Here's the directions if you've not done it before:

- ◆ Go to aauw.org and click on member center at top right.
- ◆ Login with your member number.
- ◆ Click on member services database on left.
- ◆ Enter your password OR register if you've not done it before.
- ◆ From left column, choose State or Branch Officers Listing
- ◆ Click on Branch Officer Maintenance.
- ◆ First, click on 2012-13 --- and then on NEW - enter each officer and name from our IN member list...EASY once you get going!

Second, our IN Board needs your 2012-13 Branch Officers info for the new Resource Guide/Directory to be given out on Aug. 4th. This can also be done online OR with regular mail, but you need updated, complete information: For each Board member provide — OFFICE -- Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number(s), and E-Mail Address. Send to Jane Allerton at: janebaskets@gmail.com OR Jane Allerton -- 600 N. Cherry Wood Lane, Muncie, IN 47304.

If you have already done BOTH of these tasks, Thank You VERY much!

Barb Kanning, Past President & Public Policy

AAUW-IN Registration
It's My Vote – The Power of Indiana Women
Saturday, August 4, 2012
Indianapolis, IN

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Branch _____

Special dietary needs: vegetarian _____ Other _____

Accessibility needs _____

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, and all materials

Cost - \$20

Registration deadline – Saturday, July 28, 2012

(Must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, July 25, 2012. Registration is not guaranteed after July 28; contact Marcy Stemp, 219-932-2010, to see if you may take the place of someone who has canceled.)

Mail checks—payable to AAUW-IN—to Marcy Stemp, AAUW-IN Treasurer, 7223 Jarnecke Avenue,
Hammond, IN 46324

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RESOURCE GUIDE LISTING CHANGES

BRANCH PRESIDENTS: Please send your Branch officers to Jane Allerton via email at janebaskets@gmail.com by July 15 so we can update the State Resource Guide. Please include officers' office, name (including title), mailing address, contact telephone numbers, and email address. All of these methods of contacting your officers make it easier to reach them if we need to share information

Jane Allerton, Communication & Branch Consultant Coordinator

BYLAWS UPDATE

At our State Convention, I talked about some mandatory bylaws changes that would be due by May 15th. I also distributed a memo that outlined six very important revisions, and outgoing president Barb Kanning followed up by sending my memo to any branch that did not attend the Convention. At this point less than half of the branches have responded.

If you complied with the mandatory bylaws changes after our 2009 national convention and if you have your bylaws on a computer, it is very easy to immediately make these six changes. You should then send me a copy of your bylaws and

another copy to connect@aauw.org.

I want to emphasize that these changes are mandated by either our 2011 AAUW Convention actions, by the IRS, or by regulations concerning nonprofits. Therefore, they do not require a vote by your branch. If you want to change other items in your bylaws, you probably will need to wait until you can take a branch vote. However, the mandatory changes must be done now! Please call me at [\(765\)282-2188](tel:7652822188) or email me at jamman@bsu.edu <<mailto:jamman@bsu.edu>> if you need assistance. Thank you.

Jean Amman, State Bylaws Chair



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July 14	IN Summer Board Meeting—Anderson (Additional Dates to Be Set at Bd. Mtg.)
August 4	"It's My Vote—The Power of Indiana Women," Indianapolis
August 26	92nd Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote
Nov. 1	Nominations DUE for IN Torchbearer Awards

2013

March	IN Torchbearer Awards
March 8	International Women's Day
April 9	Equal Pay Day
April 27	IN AAUW Convention—South Bend
June 9-12	AAUW National Convention, New Orleans