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## **AAUW INDIANA SUMMER SUMMIT**

**August 3, 2013**

**Schwitzer Student Center  
University of Indianapolis  
1400 E. Hanna Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN**

9:30 – 10:00 Registration and Breakfast

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome

10:15 – 11:15 Violence Against Women Act – A Public Policy Victory

11:15 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 Officers 2013 – An Update

- a. Programs-in-a-Box
- b. Grants for Branches
- c. Meet Your Branch Consultants
- d. Ask An Officer

12:30 -1:30 Lunch and Celebrating “Indianapolis Branch – 100 Years”

1:30 – 2:30 “Are We There Yet?” – Safe, Affordable High-Quality Education

2:30 – 2:45 Report on the National Convention in New Orleans

2:45 – 3:00 Wrap-Up and Evaluation

The insulated tote bags with the AAUW logo will be available at the Summer Summit. The bags are \$6.00 each. This popular fund raiser needs to be competed. Please come with prepaid orders from your branch and also purchase a few bags for speaker gifts. The money raised will go to helping college students attend NCCWSL.

Mary Lou Thomas

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Friends,

New Orleans here we come! A number of us from Indiana are packing our bags for AAUW National Convention next week. I will spend Sunday at the Conference of State Presidents and then join up with our other Indiana travelers for our "Evening With the Stars".



Monday and Tuesday are chock full of workshops like Building Coalitions Beyond the Usual Suspects, Start Smart, ElectHer, Women in STEM and the new trend toward Community Colleges. I will send a full recap to the branches via email upon my return.

If you were not able to join us in South Bend in April, I must say you missed a lovely day and some fantastic speakers. Sandy Camillo, a National Board At-Large rep joined us and provided some valuable information and advice. She is a dynamic representative and we loved having her with us.

Kathy Bull, our Keynote speaker was an LAF-supported plaintiff in a lawsuit against Ball State. Thanks to a travel grant secured by our Program Co-Directors, Kathy traveled from her home in Tennessee to present her story of outright gender discrimination in the workplace to us. One member said to me "Now I know why we have LAF and why I will feel even better about contributing".

And who could top young Jennifer Randall? Jennifer, a former student of Dr. April Lidinsky, IUSB, attended NCCWSL last year with the help of AAUW. She wowed us with her polished PowerPoint and pictures presentation giving us a glimpse into NCCWSL from the eyes of a 20-something.

Many thanks to our hosts for the event, AAUW branches from South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen. And thanks to Phyllis Thompson and Mary Lou Thomas for the highly suc-

cessful silent auction fundraiser for LAF. The gift baskets donated by branches were fabulous and the bidding was hot and heavy.

Your State Board will meet on July 13 and will welcome our new Public Policy Director, Nancy Waltz-Stern. I look forward to working with the Board as we set in motion our goals and plans for 2013-14. We sincerely ask for your input and questions. The Board will be following up on information gained from our State Convention and National Convention in New Orleans June 9 – 12. Be sure to use our IN website to keep informed. Visit <http://www.indstate.edu/aauw-in/> and visit often. Our own webmistress, Marsha Miller, updates the website frequently, so there is always something new to check out.

Please mark your calendars now for our Summer Summit on Saturday, August 3 at the University of Indianapolis (an easy exit off of I-65). Last summer's meeting was a record-breaker with well over 60 attendees – and you will not want to miss this one! Program Co Directors Phyllis Loslo and Barb Wellnitz have done a tremendous job in planning this Summit around an important and cutting-edge topic that has everything to do with equity and safety in the workplace. We also plan to continue our successful "officer boot camp." Look for more info in this bulletin and please plan to come!

In closing, as you plan your programs for the coming year be sure to read the AAUW IN IN Public Policy Agenda for 2013-2015. Then remember that research matters and that you can make this research work for you and your community. Click on <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/research/> for a list of recent research reports including the latest, Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success (2013).

*Sharon Langlotz, Indiana President*

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## Historical Note—Yvonne Brill

The state convention was wonderful! Programs and location were great and there were "goody baskets" galore. Now, I am looking forward to the convention in New Orleans.

In a recent *The Week* magazine, April 12, 2013, was the obituary of Yvonne Brill (1924-2013). She was born in Canada and denied the opportunity to study engineering both there and in the United States.

The *New York Times* wrote — "She was a brilliant rocket scientist who followed her husband from job to job and took eight years off from work to raise three children. "The world's



best mom," her son Matthew said...In the early 1970s she invented a propulsion system to help keep communications satellites from slipping out of their orbits.

The system became the industry standard, and it was the achievement President Obama mentioned in 2011 in presenting her with the National Medal of Technology and Innovation." Read the entire obituary at — <http://tinyurl.com/bt98nmh>

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## MUST READS!



Have you “plugged in” to the recent discussion of women in the workplace and in leadership positions generated by the publication of the book, *Lean In*?

The following excerpt is from [aauw.org](http://aauw.org), March 19, 2013 —

“Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg’s book, *Lean In*, was released last week to acclaim, criticism, and abundant book sales. Sandberg’s vocal support for more women in leadership has elevated an already critical national conversation— and coverage is bound to increase with the upcoming release of the book in 20 countries.

As a part of Sandberg’s first book tour, she stopped in Washington, D.C., on March 14 for an event at the Sixth and I Synagogue. AAUW Director of Campus Leadership Programs Kate Farrar and AAUW Director of Member Leadership Programs Deepti Gudipati attended the sold-out event. Read what they have to share at — [aauw.org/2013/03/19/lean-in-what-would-you-tell-your-younger-self/](http://aauw.org/2013/03/19/lean-in-what-would-you-tell-your-younger-self/).”

An Amazon Best Book of the Month, March 2013: Thirty years after women became 50 percent of the college graduates in the United States, men still hold the vast majority

of leadership positions in government and industry. This means that women’s voices are still not heard equally in the decisions that most affect our lives. In *Lean In*, Sheryl Sandberg examines why women’s progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled, explains the root causes, and offers compelling, commonsense solutions that can empower women to achieve their full potential.

In *Lean In*, Sandberg digs deeper into these issues, combining personal anecdotes, hard data, and compelling research to cut through the layers of ambiguity and bias surrounding the lives and choices of working women. She recounts her own decisions, mistakes, and daily struggles to make the right choices for herself, her career, and her family. She provides practical advice on negotiation techniques, mentorship, and building a satisfying career, urging women to set boundaries and to abandon the myth of “having it all.” She describes specific steps women can take to combine professional achievement with personal fulfillment and demonstrates how men can benefit by supporting women in the workplace and at home. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Why not consider using this and other similar-themed books as a focus of branch programming and/or personal enrichment.

*Agnes George*

## ADDITIONAL “MUST READS!” - ANDERSON DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB

- ♦ *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West*, by Dorothy Wickenden
- ♦ *An American Tune*, by Barbara Shoup
- ♦ *The Favored Daughter: One Woman’s Fight to Lead Afghanistan into the Future*, by awzia Koofi
- ♦ *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor
- ♦ *A Train in Winter: An Extraordinary Story of Women, Friendship, and Resistance in Occupied France*, by Caroline Moorehead
- ♦ *A Daughter’s Tale: The Memoir of Winston Churchill’s Youngest Child*, by Mary Soames

*Janet Brewer, Diversity Book Club*

*Anderson AAUW Branch*

## Host Branches Needed

Wouldn’t you love to have an AAUW Indiana meeting in your town to save you time and travel? Then volunteer to host either a state convention (held the last Saturday in April) or a summer summit (held the first Saturday in August)! Too much work for your branch? Join with another nearby branch or branches to help with hosting duties. The same branches cannot always host – this effort needs to be shared by all branches!

Your Indiana state board is seeking branches to host future events. We have a list of responsibilities to help you

know exactly what you need to do and the Co-Directors of Program plan the programming and agenda for the day. Please call or email either Barb Wellnitz or Phyllis Loslo (see board information elsewhere in this newsletter for telephone numbers and email addresses). Let us know if you have questions or want to volunteer!

**Do your part and volunteer today!**

*Barb Wellnitz,*

## NOTES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Early summer is the perfect time to brainstorm about programming for the coming year 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 new 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. 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.

AAUW reminds folks that many growing branches have used the Shape the Future campaign as a membership incentive. According to AAUW.org, "33 percent [of growing branches] gained 6–10 new members in the last year using

this membership recruitment tool." You can use Shape the Future at every event. It lets you offer half off to all new national members. Your branch can also earn free national memberships: For every two new members you recruit, you earn one free membership — up to a total of three per year. The form for this membership incentive is on the AAUW.org website, and also here:

<http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/05/shape-the-future-form-and-report.pdf>

As you plan for your 2013-14 membership kick-off events, consider inviting and recognizing members of your community who have been in the news for accomplishments related to AAUW's mission. Saying "thank you" to people who share your mission might be just the invitation they need to join your branch.

I wish you and your branch members a wonderful summer as you plan for an exciting new year. Let me know if I can help: [alidinsk@iusb.edu](mailto:alidinsk@iusb.edu)

*April Lidinsky, Membership Chair*

## AAUW INDIANA FUNDS REPORT

Faye Wattleton has said, "The only safe ship in a storm is leadership." That is so true!!! As Co Director of AAUW Indiana Funds I am so proud of the leadership all Branches have provided for members in letting each member know what is happening with all AAUW Funds and the importance of each members' contribution. AAUW Indiana contributed a total of \$11,159.50 to AAUW Funds for the past fiscal year. WE still have many months to go for our contributions for 2013. Just remember all contributions must be submitted before December 31, 2013. Our goal is to contribute a minimum of \$12,000.00 for 2013.

AAUW Indiana did very well in its basket sales at State Convention. We sent a check in the amount of \$ 650.00 to the Legal Advocacy Fund . Case support is the heart of LAF and its courageous plaintiffs . Our contributions make possible for AAUW to fund travel grants to plaintiffs to speak and share with members at State conventions. Indiana has had four plaintiffs within the past few years. Our first case was years ago with Beth Kern vs. University of Notre Dame. Our following four are: Bull vs. Ball State, Parker vs. Indiana High School Athletic Association, Cioca vs. Rumsfield and the last LeBlanc vs. Trustees of Indiana University. You may find information regarding these cases by accessing the LAF website.

Some of you have questions regarding resources, etc.. on the new AAUW website. Here's how to find resources such as the contribution report form, endowment establishment information, funds diagram fellowships and grants fund directory and fundraising ideas.

1. Once at <http://www.aauw.org/>, click on "Resources" at the top of the screen.
2. On the Resources page, click on "Guides."
3. Under Guides there is an option to "Filter by Tags." Click on Fundraising."
4. Once you have filtered to only show Fundraising resources, click on "Development and Fundraising Resources."
5. Browse all the wonderful resources at your disposal.

When all else fails you may also contact your Co- Directors of Funds: Barbara Kanning and Phyllis S. Thompson. Keep working and keep your support for all AAUW Funds.

*Phyllis Thompson & Barb Kanning  
Co-Directors of AAUW Indiana Funds*

Please send any updates and address changes for your State Resource Guide to Jane Allerton at — [janebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:janebaskets@gmail.com); you may send written changes to Jane at 600 N. Cherry Wood Lane, Muncie, IN 47304. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the updated Resource Guide, please email Jane at — [janebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:janebaskets@gmail.com).

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## INDIANA LEGISLATIVE ISSUES & AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

As my final writing as Public Policy Director, I want to focus on the follow-up information to members after our wonderful 2013 AAUW Indiana Convention. The proposed Public Policy 2013-15 document was adopted as were our 2013 Convention Resolutions. Every Branch needs to have the new policy that was printed in your last AAUW Bulletin. If you need a copy, please e-mail me at: [kanning4@frontier.com](mailto:kanning4@frontier.com). There are several areas of focus to look at when your Branch plans programs and collaborations for this next year. Look for partnering groups who share our mission in your community. Let's make our hard work count and get the message out to more women! More voices draw more attention to issues important to all of us.



**washingtonupdate**  
NEWS FROM AAUW



- Can we help women with work-life balance issues?
- 3) Politics – Can we help more women who share our mission run and get elected to public office at all levels? Are we contacting our legislators and writing op-eds to raise awareness of our issues?
  - 4) Health and Well-Being: Are we advocating for women victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes? Are we promoting affordable, quality healthcare? How can we safeguard the Social Security benefits for women?

These issues are just a part of the topics proposed by our Indiana AND national AAUW Public Policy for the next biennium. Help your Branch be “connected” to your community, your state, and your nation. Are you a member of national AAUW's Action Network? Do you receive the weekly issue of Washing-

ton Update? How about the monthly Mission and Action publication? This one very briefly tells us what AAUW is doing. Great information to share when recruiting new members! Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and sign up for all three of them. We CAN make a difference, one step at a time!

*Barb Kanning*

*Public Policy Director*

Here are a few areas to consider:

- 1) Education – What can we do to strengthen K-12 public education? The tide right now in IN seems to be going the other way! Are we connecting to our local universities/community colleges? How are we helping nontraditional women students? What about STEM program participation for girls/women?
- 2) Workplace Issues – How can we continue to draw attention to improve pay equity in Indiana? How do we address top-level job availability for women locally?

## FROM THE INCOMING PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR

We all can express our gratitude to Barb Kanning for her leadership to Indiana AAUW and her guidance as I step up to the role of State Public Policy Director--Thank You Barb! Numerous IN legislative study committees will be meeting this summer to literally study issues identified during the recent legislative session and some of those topics are: SNAP Benefits that require ID, including the EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) cards; needs of vulnerable youth; Common Core requirements; due process for suspending payments and closure of child care providers; school safety issues; connection between TANF (temporary assistance for needy families) eligibility and

children's school attendance; transit; and concussions in school and organized youth athletics. These topics are of concern to IN-AAUW as well as National AAUW--you are encouraged to be in contact with your legislators and elected Congress persons this summer. I look forward to meeting many of you and to supporting our Branches. Please feel welcome to contact me at: [nancy266@live.com](mailto:nancy266@live.com) if I may be of assistance to you.

*Nancy Waltz-Stern*

*Public Policy Director, 2013-15*

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Indiana University—South Bend  
Indiana University—Bloomington  
Indiana University—Southeast  
Indiana University— Northwest

Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis  
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Purdue University – Calumet  
Purdue University – West Lafayette  
St. Joseph's College

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Taylor University  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Southern Indiana  
Vincennes University



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Special dietary needs: vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ vegan \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility needs \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, and all materials

**Registration deadline – Saturday, July 20, 2013**

**Must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

Cost - \$20

Registration is not guaranteed after July 20; 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

### **Directions to University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Center**

University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, is the site of our Summer Summit on Saturday, August 3, 2013. We'll be meeting in the Trustee's Room which is located in the Schwitzer Student Center. For a campus map, go here - <http://www.uindy.edu/map-and-directions/campus-map>

- ♦ From I-65, take exit 107 (Keystone Avenue) and go south on Keystone to E. Hanna Avenue.
- ♦ Turn right on E. Hanna and the campus is on the right (about .6 miles).
- ♦ Proceed on E. Hanna to Wesley Drive and turn right onto Wesley Drive.
- ♦ Parking is on the right and the Schwitzer Student Center is on the left. Parking is free on week-ends.



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- July 1 Branch Dues Reports DUE to National & State
- July 13 AAUW IN Board Mtg.-Indianapolis
- August 3 AAUW IN Statewide Summer Summit. Indianapolis

### 2014

- April 26 Indiana Board Meeting
- April 27 Indiana State Convention