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through Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy, and  
Research*

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## Advocating for Change

AAUW-IN Summer Retreat  
Saturday, August 27, 2011  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET  
Indiana State University  
Cunningham Memorial Library \*  
510 N. 6-1/2 Street, Terre Haute



- 10:00 - 10:30 Registration and Breakfast
- 10:30 - 10:40 Welcome and Introductions
- 10:40 - 11:10 National Convention Report
- 11:10 - 11:30 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Report
- 11:30 - 12:30 Technology for Branches
  - Websites, Facebook, Twitter
- 12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon
- 1:30 - 2:15 "Advocating for Change in Indiana, and How We Can Influence It"
  - Break-out Sessions
    - ▶ Pay Equity
    - ▶ Health Care
    - ▶ Education
- 2:15 - 2:30 Break-out Session Summaries
- 2:30 - 3:00 Wrap-up

Breakfast – Terre Haute’s famous Square Donuts, veggie pinwheels, mini-quiche, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice.

Lunch – buffet featuring soup and spinach salad with a variety of vegetarian-friendly toppings on the side including Imperial Chicken Salad (chunks of chicken mixed with pecans and grapes), rolls, lemon bars, coffee, and iced tea.

**Host branch – AAUW of the Wabash Valley (our newest branch)**

\* Park in either Lot A or M, both accessible from Seventh Street. Lot A is ½+ block and Lot M is 1 block from the entrance to the library.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Friends,

As we approach summer, I'm sure you're ready to "rest and rejuvenate" after a very busy AAUW year. As I begin my last year as your IN President, I am reflecting on what has transpired the past three years and what still needs to happen before I turn the gavel over to Sharon Langlotz. We have "held our own" with AAUW IN membership, even gaining 2% across the state this past year. We continue to dedicate time and energy to our mission – equity for women and girls in ALL areas. If we remain true to this, I am convinced that AAUW will always be a viable organization!



What a great day we had in Valparaiso with 14 of our 19 Branches represented! Special thanks to the four Branches – Valparaiso, Calumet, South Lake County, and Gary-Merrillville for being superb hosts. Every detail showed their love of AAUW and their efforts to provide us with their best! Special thanks to the Calumet Branch/Purdue Calumet Student Affiliate Branch for the "hit" presentation of the day. Jan Trusty, Santina Johnson, and Robin Richards gave us a personal account of their founding, their projects, and how individual student members benefited. Wouldn't it be wonderful to use their experiences as a model and "grow" more student affiliate branches around the state? Let's make that a goal for this next year. All of us have college campuses in our communities. Let's begin to make personal contacts for AAUW.

Your IN Board of directors will be meeting July 16th in Anderson to update our AAUW IN Resource documents and set in motion our goals and plans for 2011-12. We ask

for and welcome your input. We'll be discussing the impact of all changes adopted at our national AAUW convention in DC, June 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to USE our IN website to keep informed – [Http:web.indstate.edu/aauw-in](http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in) - with links to national information, state messages, and your own Branch's site. As always, a special thanks to Marsha Miller, our webmaster, for keeping our site up-to-date and informative. Check out the IN convention sections, especially if you couldn't attend.

All of us heading to Washington DC for our AAUW Convention promise to not lose sight of AAUW's founding strengths; who we are now; and how we can truly continue to concentrate on educating women and girls to improve equity! Sharon Langlotz, your President-Elect and I will attend the state presidents workshop and share Indiana's concerns and plans with the other state presidents in attendance.

Your new Program Directors, Phyllis Loslo and Barb Wellnitz, are hard at work to plan our Summer Retreat and begin ideas for the 2012 IN Convention in Muncie. Our IN Public Policy document will be the basis for our program attention --- as it has always been. We will actively pursue issues important to us as Hoosiers; areas where we can truly make a difference in the lives of Indiana women and girls.

Our Aug. 27th meeting in Terre Haute will be perfect timing and topics. First, a sincere "thank you" to Marsha Miller and her "new" AAUW of the Wabash Valley Branch for inviting us. What a great opportunity for all your Branch boards and members to gain valuable information to begin a new AAUW year! Also, you'll hear IN members share their impressions of our national convention. Plan now to come. All necessary information is included in this issue.

*Barb Kanning, Indiana President*

## GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello Fellow AAUW members,

As your new state President-elect, I am very much looking forward to serving my apprenticeship under our much-admired current state President, Barb Kanning! I have much to learn and many of you still to meet, but rest assured that under Barb's tutelage I will be ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. As the first step in my training, Barb is taking me along to the state Presidents meeting at National Convention. What a great opportunity for a president-elect!

I am not sure what else Barb might have for me in my basic boot camp training this year, but I can assure you we

will have a great time.

I am honored to be an AAUW member along with all of you, to have served as your state Public Policy Director and to serve now as your President-elect. I look forward to meeting all of you sometime this year starting with our Summer Retreat in August.



*Sharon Langlotz, Indiana President-Elect*



**Breaking through Barriers**

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## TREASURER REFRESHER

Greetings AAUW,

- ♦ 2011-12 National and State dues are due JULY 1  
National dues are \$49, \$46 of which are tax deductible. Make National Dues checks out to AAUW Nat'l Dues and mail to AAUW Nat'l Dues, Box 96733, Washington DC 20090-6793.
- ♦ State Dues remain at \$7.00 per member. Make checks out to AAUW IN and mail state dues checks to: Susan Trout (IN Treasurer), 8700 W. Tulip Tree Drive, Muncie IN 47304-8933.
- ♦ 50-yr Honorary Members are NOT required to pay National or State Dues—Branch dues are optional.
- ♦ Student Affiliate Dues are \$17 for Nat'l, \$16 of which are tax deductible. The State does not charge student affiliate dues.
- ♦ One thing I have found useful is to tuck a self-addressed envelope in a branch newsletter. The addressed envelope makes it easier for members to send in their dues and also serves as a reminder that dues are due!

*Susan Trout, State Treasurer*

## HOW TO SUPPORT AAUW PROGRAMS

AAUW has expanded and restructured our philanthropic purpose, goals, processes and activities. There are now 5 Funds to which Branches and members may contribute that help with the programming. Those areas are: Legal Advocacy Fund; The Educational Opportunities Fund; Public Policy Fund; The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and the Leadership Program Fund (4339). Following is a description of the Leadership Program Fund.

Involve yourself in AAUW's leadership programs and be part of a nationwide community of women striving to improve communities and lives by uniting, educating, supporting, and inspiring each other. Each year, AAUW's leadership program shape the lives of thousands of women and girls. There are six programs that help women and girls break through barriers to acquire the skills they need to succeed and lead in their academic, professional, and personal lives.

The programs are —

- ♦ National Conference for College Women Student Leaders
- ♦ Campus Action Projects
- ♦ National Student Advisory Council
- ♦ Elect Her
- ♦ Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop
- ♦ AAUW National Convention

To read more about each program visit the AAUW website at— <http://www.aauw.org/learn/leadershipPrograms/>. Or, If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

## FT. WAYNE BRANCH NEWS

The Fort Wayne Branch has had a busy and exciting year!

In December of 2010 we held our Annual LAF Silent Auction at the Pine Valley Country Club. Our members donate items to be auctioned such as home-made candy, hand-knitted scarves, games, etc. Proceeds from the event go to LAF and raised over \$900. String Instrument Band from Canterbury School performed Christmas songs.

Our branch participated in and helped sponsor "TAPESTRY – A Day Away For Women" on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Coliseum. Over 1600 women attended. Molly Ringwald was the key note speaker. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year our Branch has been involved. Five young women in various health fields received scholarships totaling \$28,000.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we helped sponsor for our 5<sup>th</sup> year,

"International Women's Day". The organization celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with about 250 in attendance. The event was held at IPFW's Walb Union and approximately 100 women paraded in their national attire. The key note speaker was Linda Malkas, Oncology Chair for the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

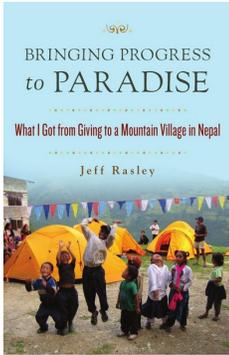
We partnered with The Women's Bureau, YWCA, The League of Women Voters and The Indiana Commission for Women in "Your Opinion Matters", a Women's Listening Session, at the Allen County Public Library on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our Community Outreach Group is partnering with The Women's Bureau, the Society of Women Engineers and the Girl Scouts to develop a program this summer revolving around STEM.

*Dorothy Woods, Ft. Wayne Co-President*

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## GOOD BOOKS...



I will agree with every one else that the meeting in Valparaiso was super! It represented the best in diversity.

I am reading again and came across a book to recommend — *Bringing Progress to Paradise* by Jeff Rasley. Rasley, who lives in Indiana, has an objective similar to that of Greg Mortenson (the latter's recent fall from grace was disappointing but I

hope he will make amends). This book chronicles Rasley's and three others trek to a Nepal village unaffected by Western consumer-culture values. The village is aided by people in the US to have a school and updates in living conditions. The problem is keeping the people and their culture intact while helping them with education and health issues. It is a worthwhile read.

*Sharon Schafer, International Relations/Diversity*

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Happy Summer – a great time for recruiting new AAUW members!

Please remember that until November, AAUW is offering special rates in honor of our 130 anniversary. Graduate students pay just \$18.81, and e-student affiliates have free memberships if they attend a college or university with an institutional membership, which costs only \$130 for the year under this anniversary rate. If you'd like to make a pitch to your local college/university to become a partner, visit <http://www.aauw.org/about/join/> for specific information about benefits to the institution and benefits to students at that institution.

One of the most effective ways to reach out to new

members is an information-rich website. AAUW is now supporting branch websites through a great new program called SiteWise, for as low as \$4.99 a month. Visit <http://www.sitewise4aauw.com/> for more information about this resource, which allows you to combine your branch information with a continuously updated content stream provided by AAUW national. Have a wonderful summer, and remember that nothing draws in new members as effectively as dynamic and diverse programming. Plan your 2011-12 programs with membership-outreach in mind!

*April Lidinsky, Membership Chair*

## UPDATES FROM AAUW SOUTH BEND

Highlights of our busy year included a program titled, "India from the Inside," by Jim and Mary Ann Roemer, (Parents of Tim Roemer, Ambassador to India), and also a talk by South Bend Silverhawks Manager, Lynn Kachmarik, along with presentations on mental health tips for women and women's roles in community organizing. We launched a new award for Excellence in Graduate Research, along with the Elkhart and Goshen branches, and have plans to raise even more money for our four undergraduate scholarships. Our College Prep Workshop for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school girls brought over 60 girls together with local college students and experts in college success. As a group, we attended the Michiana Monologues, and a lecture titled "Beyond the Glass Ceiling: It's Time to Redesign the Building," by longtime director of 9to 5, Ellen Bravo. Many of us were also able to hear Lilly Ledbetter, when she spoke in South Bend in May. Ms. Ledbetter praised AAUW's work on her behalf over and over during her talk!



JoLynn Brown, April Lidinsky, AAUW-South Bend members, and Lilly Ledbetter after Ledbetter's talk in South Bend, May 2011

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# 2011 INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO AAUW MEMBERS



On April 27, 2011 the Indiana General Assembly adjourned, concluding a tumultuous session that dealt heavily in social - rather than economic – issues, often going in the opposite direction of AAUW’s state public policy platform. Highlights of legislation from this session which may be of interest to AAUW members are as follows:

### **Budget Bill**

The legislature waited until the waning hours of the session to approve a new two-year, \$28 billion spending plan which keeps a \$1 billion surplus built up over the next two years.

HEA 1001 restores some funding cuts made to public schools, changes the formula for how dollars are divided up among school districts and funnels some money into state reserves.

The new budget contains several very positive education provisions including funding for all-day kindergarten, as well as an increase and an increase for K-12 education.

The Governor’s budget proposed a 52% decrease in funding for domestic violence assistance, but this was restored in full in the final days of the budget debate.

### **Education**

The legislature passed a major school reform plan that expands charter schools and gives public school students vouchers to attend private schools.

This legislature added a dramatic change in philosophy requiring that the dollars follow the student.

This reform plan changes teacher evaluation (“merit pay”) and limits teacher’s collective bargaining rights. The president of the IN Association of School Principals calls the new teacher rules “a game changer”.

### **Women’s Health and Reproductive Freedom**

With the signing of HB1210, Indiana became the first state in the nation to cut off Medicaid funding to Planned

Parenthood. Though federal law has always prohibited the use of federal funds for abortions, backers of this bill did not want to see any tax dollars going to PP, even if for breast and cervical screenings, pap smears and birth control.

This bill also gave us some of the strictest abortion rules in the nation including cutoff at 20 weeks rather than the current ban after 24 weeks and requirements that physicians tell patients that abortion is linked to infertility and that fetuses can feel pain before 20 weeks. (Opponents say this information is incorrect.)

### **Immigration**

The legislature approved SB0590, a somewhat watered-down version of the original immigration bill, that would have required police officers to check the immigration status of people they suspect are here illegally. This provision was dropped, but the bill, signed by the Governor, requires most Indiana businesses to check the immigration status of new employees, prohibits illegal immigrants from receiving state aid, and denies tax benefits to employers who knowingly hire undocumented workers.

Additionally the governor signed HB1402 which prohibits resident tuition for illegal aliens at state educational institutions even if the child has attended school here from K-12. (Passage of the “Dream Act” nationally would solve this problem.)

### **Same-sex marriage**

In a state which already has strong language against gay marriage, the House and Senate took valuable time to approve language for a state constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and civil unions. The resolution must win approval in a separate legislative session, in 2013 or 2014, before it could be put up to a referendum in November 2014.

*Sharon Langlotz, Director of Public Policy*

## **TIME LINE 2011**

### **2011**

- June 16 – 19      2011 AAUW National Convention, Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- July 1              Branch Dues Reports due to National and State
- July 16             Summer State Board Meeting
- August 27         Summer IN AAUW Meeting—Terre Haute

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# INDIANA AAUW SUMMER RETREAT — REGISTRATION FORM



"Advocating for Change"  
Sat., August 27, 2011  
Terre Haute, IN



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes breakfast, luncheon and all materials

**Registrations Deadline—Saturday, August 13, 2011**

Cost: \$25.00 – If postmarked on or before Saturday, July 30, 2011

\$30.00 - If postmarked between July 30 and August 13\*

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\*Checks payable to AAUW-IN\*

[\*After August 13th, call Susan Trout at (765)759-9496. *Please do not come the day of retreat without registering first, as you may not be able to attend!* Registration is not guaranteed past the deadline. Contact Susan to see if you may take the place of someone who has cancelled.]



## RICHMOND BRANCH NEWS

Greetings from the Richmond Branch of AAUW,

The year 2010-2011 was the beginning and continues to be our efforts to revitalize our community image through service.

One of the greatest times for community outreach is the month of December. For instance, the AAUW members

are involved in sorting donated Christmas gifts from the warehouse, then, help kids make decisions about gift selections for parents and relatives and gift wrap many, many items for the students. This four-five day project offered many opportunities to share our mission and contributions with other organizations and individuals. Community contacts will continue to expand.



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