Our fiscal year began with the first program, the Indiana State Workshop held on Sat., Aug. 22nd, 2009 held in Merrillville, IN. The program, "Party with a Purpose- Celebrate 50!" highlighted our South Lake County branch in reaching its 50th year in existence. We also feted our 50-year individual AAUW who attended that day with roses and certificates. The South Lake County branch did a wonderful job hosting at the Innsbruck Country Club and made all feel welcome. The keynote speaker was our own AAUW champion from Washington, D.C. Lobby Corps, Lisa Maatz. As our National Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, Lisa led us through the changes voted upon at the national convention in St. Louis the previous June.

The next state program event is Sat., April 24th, 2010- State Convention in Indianapolis, IN. We promise lots of opportunity for pre-convention shopping, eating and socializing in the Keystone Crossing area! The convention will consist of our own state board members bringing their varied expertise to the table as we explore who AAUW is- "Roots to Branches." Expect to hear about our history as women ("roots"), the new Shriver Report (our "trunk" of why we exist), E-Students (our "branches" reaching out to others) and much more. Marcia Capriotti of the national AAUW Board will be joining us as well.

We look forward to another great year of AAUW programming!

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