21st Century Recognition

Joan Kutlu, 21st Century Recognition coordinator
Indiana is Platinum again this year!! Thank you to the Board for all the things they do that enable us to achieve this high honor.

Congratulations are also extended to the following branches:
- Fort Wayne, platinum
- Evansville, gold
- LaPorte, gold
- Anderson, silver

You are all to be congratulated for the wonderful work you are doing in your communities. And the best way for others to know about you is for you to brag about yourselves – the best vehicle being the 21st Century Recognition program from Association.

Women in Charge – Women Take Charge

Phyllis Thompson, president
Women in Charge – Women Take Charge is designed for all members of AAUW. Are you a leader in your branch or would you like to be? Are you a Member at Large and a leader within your community? If yes is the answer, then join your state board at Marian, Inc. in Indianapolis on July 12 for this workshop.

Coffee and conversation begin at 9:30 a.m. with the workshop starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is planned for 12:00 noon and the afternoon session begins at 1:00 p.m. Dismissal will be at 3:00 p.m. Cost is $10; the registration form is elsewhere in this issue and reservations are due by July 5, 2003.

The latest updates from Association Convention will be shared with those attending. Put this important date on your schedule and 'come on down.'

Marian, Inc. is located at 1011 St. Clair Street and

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One thing I like to do is read. I used to read seven books per week. That was before I became State President of AAUW again. However, now I am privileged to read other materials and I am learning from those materials also.

A book I am currently reading is entitled “Nine and Counting.” It is about the women who currently serve in the Senate of the United States. It offers a picture of optimism and opportunity for women everywhere. By their courage, their stamina, and their actions, each of them has proved that public service is precisely that – an opportunity to serve the greater good, a chance to make a measurable impact on the world around them. They also understand that women are urgently needed to bring their special perspective to the public debate. As the author Carol Gilligan states so eloquently: “In the difference voice of women lies the truth of an ethic of care, the tie between relationship and

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responsibility, and the origins of aggression in the failure of connection.”

As I reflect on women’s role in society and particularly in Indiana, there is much for AAUW members to do. It is time we assume the role of an advocate. What is an advocate? Webster states, “An advocate is one who speaks or writes in support of something.” When was the last time you as an AAUW member spoke to or wrote to your State Representative or Senator? When has your Branch done this collectively? Or has your Branch done this in collaboration with another organization in your community?

All of us live in particular communities and there are many opportunities to make our voices heard. Do we just sit back and listen to a speaker, or do we become active and advocate AAUW’s position on the issues?

I had the opportunity on April 16th to attend a lobbying day at our state capitol. Statistics prove that Indiana is one of the ten worst states for women. It ranks 45th for women’s employment and earnings. Women in Indiana earn 68 cents to each dollar earned by men. Women managers in 7 of 10 industries surveyed, actually lost ground in closing the wage gap between 1995 and 2000. Higher education is not free from wage discrimination. Full-time faculty members earn nearly 9% less than their male counterparts. Over a lifetime wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family an estimated $250,000 in lost wages, impacting Social Security benefits and pensions. To help understand the issues involved in pay equity, a bill was introduced to study and obtain facts. The Indiana House of Representatives approved the study. The Senate would not even hear the proposal. It is time we as AAUW members get involved and advocate for all women in Indiana. We need to make our voices heard. We need to get involved. We need to the “Women in Charge and Women Who Take Charge.” We need to make a difference!!!!

Are you a Member-at-Large?
If you’re an AAUW Member-at-Large (MAL), you’re probably wondering why you received this issue of the Indiana Bulletin. We in Indiana want all AAUW members to feel connected to our state organization and a branch (or local group). Therefore, we are sending this mailing to all the MALs in Indiana in hopes each and every one of you will want to be a part of our state group.

State dues are a mere $7 per year which entitles you to four issues of this publication, invitations to attend our State Convention and summer Leadership Workshop, and any other activities and events sponsored by the state.

We have branches in many locations around the state and would be glad to assist you form a new branch in your area if one is not close by. Currently we have branches in Anderson, Calumet Area, Elkhart, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary/Merrillville, Goshen, Indianapolis, LaPorte, Madison-Hanover, Michigan City, Muncie, Noblesville, Richmond, South Bend, South Lake County, Valparaiso, and Warsaw. A new one is now forming in Hendricks County.

If you are interested in joining at either the state or branch level, please contact our membership vice president, Patricia Robinson at 765-378-7800.

New Officers Elected
The following officers were elected at the 2003 State Convention to serve for the 2003-05 biennium:

Jean Amman – President-elect (will automatically assume the presidency in July 2004) (Muncie)

Monna Maley – Director of Program (Evansville)

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was the site of last summer’s workshop with the great view of the city!

Due to much road construction in downtown Indy, both I-65 and I-70 may be closed but those directions are included here just in case one way will work for you.

At any rate and from any direction, get on N. Meridian Street (U.S. 31) and turn east at the Indianapolis Public Library onto St. Clair Street and follow that over the tracks, etc. as given below.

**From the North:** South on I-65 to Ohio, Michigan & Fletcher Street exit. Follow exit ramp to Michigan Street exit. Turn west (right) on Michigan Street to 1st stop light, which is College Avenue. Turn north (right) on College and continue to St. Clair. Turn east (hard right) on St. Clair and go over the railroad tracks. Marian is the first building on the right after the tracks.

**From the South:** North on I-65 to Market Street exit. West on Market to College Avenue, turn right (north). North on College to St. Clair Street and turn east (hard right) onto St. Clair. Go over the railroad tracks and Marian is the first building on the right after the tracks.

**From the East:** West on I-70 to Michigan, Ohio, & Fletcher Street exit. Follow the ramp to Michigan Street exit. At the 1st stop light, turn right onto Michigan Street. Go to College Avenue and turn right (north). Head North on College to St. Clair Street and turn east (hard right). Go over the railroad tracks and Marian is the first building on the right after the tracks.

**From the West:** East on I-70 to Market Street exit. West on Market Street to College Avenue. North on College to St. Clair Street and turn east (hard right). Go over the railroad tracks and Marian is the first building on the right after the tracks.

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can be achieved.

I am always available for a program on the Educational Foundation. Just give me time and place and I will do my best to accommodate. I gave three programs this past winter and spring. I enjoy visiting the branches and meeting the wonderful members. I can be reached night or day through my email. You can leave a message on my phone voice mail. If you have any questions regarding EF, I will do my best to find the answer for you.

Enjoy your summer and I want to meet you in Indianapolis this summer. Maybe our paths crossed at the State Convention in Richmond or at the Association Convention in Providence.
Indianapolis to Participate in Taste of Success

Indiana will be represented at the Association Convention in various ways in addition to sending delegates.

- Indianapolis has been notified that they will be part of the Taste of Success program
- Phyllis Thompson, Indiana president, is running for Association Nominating Committee, which election is held by region at Association Convention
- Mitzi Witchger, Indiana public policy director, will present at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders held in conjunction with the Association Convention
- Delinda Chapman, Great Lakes Regional Director, is moderating the plenary session on Saturday at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

We are proud of the Indianapolis branch, Phyllis, Mitzi, and Delinda!

Welcome, New Educational Foundation Directors

Kay Depel, Educational Foundation director

If you are new to the office of Educational Foundation director of your branch, welcome to the best office held on a branch level. You are the spokesperson for one of the oldest and (to me) the most important areas of AAUW. We promote AAUW through our fundraising for fellowships, grants, and special programs involving your community as well as statewide. You are part of every team on your branch board as you need to coordinate with your membership and program vice presidents. By December 15, you will have filled out the Contribution Report Form (CRF) and secured a check from your treasurer for this contribution. Mail this to me (see page 2 for address).

Many of you are very creative with ways you raise money. We share these and many other things at our summer workshop (see details elsewhere in this issue). This summer we will discuss in detail all the new information from Association Convention held in June in Providence, RI. I will be distributing the 2002-2003 statistics for giving from Indiana as well as many ways gifts to the Educational Foundation (Continued on page 4)

Registration – Leadership Workshop
Indianapolis – July 12, 2003

Please Print
Name

Address

Telephone Special needs

Branch Vegetarian meal

Cost is $10, which includes workshop materials, lunch, and snacks.

Checks should be made payable to AAUW and sent with this form to: Mary Lou Thomas, 11708 Redding Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Registrations postmarked after July 5 must include a $5 late fee. No refunds!

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Planning for 2003-04

Delinda Chapman, Great Lakes Regional Director

It's the time to begin thinking and planning branch programs for next year. When at the AAUW State Conventions this spring, I picked up many good ideas for programming. I imagine others are writing about some of these same ideas in this issue. I am going to share these ideas with you in case you missed hearing one or more of them.

One idea that your seasoned members can share through a branch meeting of interest to potential members is an “etiquette” session. Yes, etiquette! Not only did I hear this idea in Ohio as well as on NPR, but also two of my alma maters have held similar sessions for their students. For the last two generations families have been so busy there has been no time for sit-down meals in the evening, or even Sundays. Children have lost the role models for etiquette. AAUW members have not lost the skills and techniques, and they are experienced teachers. Table manners, which fork to use for what, how to place your napkin, and what to wear for various occasions are just a few of the lessons to be taught. Combine this with a sit-down meal and you’re off and running. No doubt you’ll discover more skills to share. Have fun at your planning meeting brainstorming the agenda.

The message I heard loud and clear was that younger members want action activities. They want to be part of an Expanding Your Horizons math and science event, or a “transitions” or a “sister-to-sister” program. I want to plan a “transitions” conference and use Claudia Greenwood’s book, Go For It! Young women like to partner with other non-profit or women’s organizations to produce a “helping” event, like working with a woman’s shelter to paint rooms, or holding a candidate forum or lobby day.

Another terrific idea discussed was hosting a coalition luncheon around a central topic, such as pay equity or Title IX, or our latest research publication. Bring in a speaker on a hot topic. Expanding the planning committee to include people from your coalition partners will lessen the work the branch has to do.

Who are the coalition partners? They are our old friends in the community who we have worked with before on one project or another: BPW, League of Women Voters, NOW, the women’s center at your local college/university, sororities, women legislators, PEO, and other branches.

A program that speaks directly to our mission of promoting lifelong education is to invite Educational Foundation scholarship recipients in your state or an EF panelist who made the critical selections of the scholarship winners. The women and men who serve the Educational Foundation as members of our selection panels have indicated their willingness to speak at state gatherings and/or branch meetings in their respective areas. These individuals are academicians, experts in their fields and very committed to AAUW’s mission and the work of the Foundation in carrying out that mission through our fellowships and grants programs: American, International and Selected Professions Fellowships selection panels. In the case of our Eleanor Roosevelt Teacher Fellows panel, these women are all professional educators and members who have a deep commitment to that program. The EF chairs can access the list of participants.

When you plan a program, keep these ideas in mind:

- Have a couple of people assigned to be the welcoming committee for any guests or new members in attendance
- Hold your event in a neutral, accessible setting, like the library or a restaurant
- To attract younger members, combine your meeting with a “deli potluck.” (That’s where everyone stops by the deli and brings a dish to share—no cooking required!)
- Consider a “breakfast potluck” to change the time of day for your meeting

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“Consensus Recommendations” of Title IX Commission Still Leave Room to Drop the Ball
Mitzi Witchger, director of public policy

AAUW said Education Secretary Rodney Paige’s intention to move forward only on the allegedly unanimous recommendations made by the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics still leaves Title IX and equality in athletics for women and girls in great jeopardy.

“Secretary Paige’s intention to pursue only the supposedly ‘consensus recommendations’ is not a position direction for Title IX or for the equity in athletics for girls and women,” said Lisa Maatz, AAUW’s director of public policy and government relations. “The ‘consensus recommendations’ actually leave Title IX policies vulnerable to any changes Secretary Paige would like to make in interpretation or enforcement, while having the appearance of being unanimously mandated by the Commission.”

“There is no question that this could lead to major reversals on Title IX policies that would truly harm women and girls,” said Maatz. “It’s ironic, but not surprising, that some of these purported ‘consensus recommendations’ are also those that Commissioners Julie Foudy and Donna de Varona objected to so strongly that they felt compelled to issue a minority report – a report that Secretary Paige refuses to put into the official record with the Commission.”

“Even a decision to pursue only the supposedly unanimous recommendations of the Commission’s report would undermine the important civil rights legislation,” said Jacqueline Woods, AAUW’s executive director. “Americans overwhelmingly support this law, its positive impacts are clear and incontrovertible, and we should instead be concentrating on how we can better educate schools as to how they can best comply with these policies.”

AAUW, representing more than 100,000 college graduates and 1,300 branches, is the nation’s leading advocate for education and equity for women and girls. See www.aauw.org for more information.

Use the following site to read AAUW’s statement regarding these recent developments: www.aauw.org/1000/press_release/030227.html.

To be an active advocate for sports equity, visit the Save Title IX website at www.savetitleix.com. (This site is one where you can enter your zip code and send a pre-written email to your Congressional Representative and two Senators, with a copy to the President.)
Women in Charge! For Indiana, that's Hoosier AAUW Women in Charge!

Mitzi Witchger, director of public policy

AAUW members Caroline Steward, Coy Halpern, Marjorie Snodgrass, and Indiana President Phyllis Thompson and I joined BPW (Business and Professional Women) from across Indiana to lobby in Indianapolis at the General Assembly for Pay Equity on Tuesday, April 16. We worked to let our elected officials know that we want improved, equitable salaries for Hoosier women. Plan to join our AAUW lobbying efforts at the State Capitol next year. Circle April 15 on your calendar for 2004. It’s an easy date to remember because it’s the day taxes are due.

As the public policy director, various requests for support come across my desk in the form of phone calls, email, and U.S. mail. There are so many topics on which to share AAUW’s position. U.S. Federal judge nominations, pay equity, Title IX, Social Security, Welfare reauthorization, Medicaid, taxes, war, peace, health, choice. The list expands almost daily.

Do your part by taking 10 minutes a week to let your state and national legislators know where you stand on issues. They like to hear from you. The more folks and the more zip codes, the better. It is YOU who keep them in office, by voting for them. They represent you. Take time to write, call, and email your thoughts on matters that are important to you and to AAUW. Join others who hold similar positions. League of Women Voters is one example of often like-minded folks who are proactive and work to make a difference.

The AAUW website (www.aauw.org) is new and improved. Take a few minutes to browse it to help you be even more effective. Click on another state. Maybe a state where you’ve lived before, gone to school, have friends or relatives there, want to visit. Check out the AAUW branch websites. Glean some new ideas for your own branch. The AAUW hotline number is 800-608-5286. Call it if you have public policy questions that you can’t find the answers to on the website.

AAUW Biennial Action Priorities for Federal action are chosen according to criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution. The most recent ones are:

- AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity.
- AAUW works to achieve economic self sufficiency for all women.
- AAUW advocates equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.

New priorities will be voted on in Providence in June. State priorities often mirror national ones. Indiana priorities will be reviewed and ratified in Richmond on May 17. If you have particular public policy issues that you want AAUW to examine and support, please email me at greatmw@insightbb.com.

Tee Shirts are Going Quickly

Kay Depel, Educational Foundation director

Thank you AAUW members for the great response on buying the Boys Can and Girls Can tee shirts. We are now only holding 14 Boys Can shirts in sizes 2/4, 6/8, 10/12, and adult small, and medium. The Girls Can shirts have dwindled to 12 in sizes 0e, 14/16, and adult medium and large. This project will end soon.

Please email me what product you would like for EF to sell for 2003-04.

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And the Winners are...

Congratulations to the newsletter contest winners:

- Branches with fewer than 40 members – Goshen
- Branches having between 41-70 members – Calumet Area (1st), Richmond (2nd)
- Branches with more than 70 members – Fort Wayne and Muncie tied

Alice Snider of Noblesville and Darlene Scherer of South Bend served as judges in addition to your editor. I thank them very much for their help to make this contest a success. And thanks go to the branches for submitting their newsletters.

In case you’re interested, the following criteria were used in our evaluation:

**Essentials**
- Newsletter title and branch name
- AAUW logo
- Publication date
- Branch officer contact information
- State officer contact information
- Association contact information
- Editor’s name and contact information

**Recommended**
- Branch future meeting notice
- Branch prior meeting report
- Branch president’s message
- Branch activity (study groups, projects, etc.)
- Branch membership news
- Feature article
- Editor’s column/article
- State news
- Association news
- Volunteer opportunities
- Public policy
- Educational Foundation (EF)
- Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)

**Editorial quality**
- Style (professional, easy to read)
- Originality
- Overall

**Design and delivery**
- Professional presentation
- Page design
- Graphics and/or pictures
- Overall look

**Scoring**
- One point per bullet for Essentials and Recommended
- Scale of 1 – 5 with 5 being high for Editorial quality and Design and delivery
- Each judge scored each newsletter
- Scores for each newsletter were totaled for all issues and from all judges
- Highest scores in each branch size are winners

If you publish your branch newsletter, you might refer to this list for suggestions of articles and information to include. The purpose of a newsletter is to keep members informed of branch events as well as educate new and prospective members what we’re about. It’s an important communication tool so use it to its fullest!

I know more branches publish newsletters so I hope to see more submissions next year. In order to be considered for an award, you must specifically submit your newsletter. In future issues, I’ll remind you how and when to do that. But in the meantime, next year’s contest begins now so keep three extra copies of your newsletters so you’ll have a head start for next year! The judges enjoyed reading each issue submitted and it was a great experience from our perspective.

If you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions, please let your editor know!

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The following public policy agenda was adopted May 17, 2003 at the Indiana State Convention.

Indiana AAUW affirms AAUW’s long-standing commitment to the passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We support:

- Efforts to preserve and protect civil rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights
- Public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to community
- Equalization of marital property rights
- Pay equity

Indiana AAUW believes that public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We support:

- Academic freedom, educational equity, and gender fairness
- Affordable educational opportunities
- Adequate funding for public education: pre-kindergarten through college
- Mandatory kindergarten
- Enforcement of Title IX including gender equity in sports

Indiana AAUW promotes the health and well being of all. We support:

- Right to safe, affordable and accessible physical and mental health care
- Choice in the determination of one’s reproductive life
- Affordable prescriptions
- Licensed, adequate, and affordable dependent care
- Health promotion and disease prevention programs

Indiana AAUW recognizes the importance of protecting the environment. We support:

- Energy conservation, pollution control, and aggressive recycling
- Comprehensive legislation regulating landfill expansion and developing alternatives
- Preservation of natural resources

Indiana AAUW advocates for the recognition of women’s worth. We support:

- Increasing the number of women in elective and appointed offices and policy-making positions
- Recognition of the value and efforts of volunteerism and care-giving

Indiana AAUW realizes the importance of the arts and humanities. We support:

- Public and private funding of the arts
- Expansion and maintenance of library and media services
- Establishment and maintenance of Hoosier historic sites
Chapter Nineteen

Wisconsin was the first state to ratify the Anthony Amendment, followed by Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Utah, California, Maine, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Oregon, Indiana, Wyoming, Nevada, New Jersey, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Washington.

Twenty-eight of these 35 states had to convene special sessions of their legislative bodies to do it. If the 36th state would ratify before November 1920, women throughout the country could vote in the fall elections.

By June 1920, eight states had defeated the amendment. Connecticut, Vermont, North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee had taken no action. Of these, North Carolina and Florida were found by caucus to be beyond reach. The governors of Connecticut and Vermont refused to call special sessions in their states. Therefore, the eyes of the nation were focused on Tennessee whose governor, after much legal wrangling, finally called a special session.

By August 1920, Nashville was inundated with suffragists, anti-suffragists, the railroad lobby, the manufacturer’s lobby and the “whisky lobby.” As a majority of the legislators had pledged support, the outcome appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

“Yet, the experienced suffragists faced the coming event with anxiety.”

A huge reception was held in the “foyer of the Hermitage Hotel” on Saturday evening, August 7. Anti-suffragist women, mostly from the South, were bedecked with red roses. Suffragist women wore yellow roses. “Mysterious men in great numbers” strolled the foyer while “in and out through this crowded house moved the bewildered legislators.”

Sponsor changes his mind

In their recording of the events in Woman Suffrage and Politics, Carrie Catt and Nettie Shuler wrote, “That very day the ominous possibilities of the ‘invisible government’ (which is how they referred to the liquor interest) were made manifest. Seth Walker, Speaker of the House, who had willingly joined the Men’s Ratification Committee and had not only pledged his vote verbally and in writing but had accepted the invitation to introduce the resolution, sought out the president of the League of Women Voters and announced a change of mind.

The suffragists suspected at once that Mr. Walker’s cowardly mind change had been facilitated by soothing spirits. Having been defeated so many times by the liquor interest, the women were immediately alarmed. By evening, their worst fears were confirmed. “Groups of legislators under escort of strange men left the foyer” and visited “a room on the eighth floor.” They returned “reeling through the hall in a state of advanced intoxication!”

But on Monday, August 9, the legislature convened at noon as planned. “The Governor’s message recommending ratification was delivered and both Houses adjourned for the day. With nothing to do, members again accepted the invitation to the eighth floor, where a group of anti-suffrage men dispensed old Bourbon and moonshine whisky with lavish insistence.”

Prohibition was in effect, and Tennessee, like the rest of the nation, was supposed to be dry. Indeed, Tennessee had ratified the prohibition amendment. But when the women asked why the law wasn’t enforced, the answer was, “Now see here, in
Tennessee whisky and legislation go hand in hand, especially when controversial questions are urged. This is the Tennessee way.” The women were incredulous.

Throughout Monday evening and most of the night, suffragists, both men and women, visited “the different hotels of the city to talk to legislators.” They all returned to Hermitage headquarters to report “the same story—the legislature was drunk!”

“How many legislators?” was the abashed query. No one knew. “Are none sober?” was next asked. “Possibly,” was the answer. In agony of soul, suffragists went to bed in the early morning, but not to sleep. The members of the Tennessee Legislature, however, largely slept themselves sober during the night, and hope revived.

Tennessee Senate ratifies

It took four intense days for the Tennessee Senate to ratify the amendment, which it finally did on Friday, August 13. But the House “ominously postponed the date of the vote” while suffragists “in vain tried to get the resolution on the calendar.” Meanwhile, the 62 legislators who had pledged support were “threatened and cajoled from early morning of each day until the wee hours of the next…bailed with whisky, tempted with offers of office, loans of money, and every other device which old hands at illicit politics could conceive or remember.”

To the consternation of the suffrage women and the delight of the anti-suffragists, “Every day men dropped from the poll. One man who had written nine letters in which he declared that he would be on hand ‘to vote for woman suffrage until I am called up yonder’ had fallen early. Before the end, all men checked as ‘bribable’ on the poll, taken before the Legislature met, fell from it.”

Four more anxious days followed, everyone was tallying the vote, trying to count which legislators remained steadfast and which had succumbed to other pressures. Finally, on Tuesday, August 17, the resolution was put to the first vote. Debates were intense, the chamber reeling with emotion. Seth Walker “made what the mountaineers called a bear cat of a speech” in which he tried to explain his change of mind. He said, “it had been charged that his change of attitude was due to a certain railroad which he named; this he resented, but he conspicuously failed to give an explanation of his strange about face, which was amazing the entire nation.”

After Seth quieted down, to the surprise of everyone, the anti-suffragists moved to adjourn. The motion passed. The suffragists were stunned. It appeared the anti-suffragists were in control of the session. Back in their hotel that night, the “president of the National American Suffrage Association said, ‘there is one thing more we can do and only one, we can pray.’”

Apparently, Alice Paul was not present.

(Quotes from Catt, Carrie Chapman, and Shuler, Nettie Rogers, Woman Suffrage and Politics, Charles Scribner’s Sons, New York, 1926; general background from various published sources on woman’s history. Copyright 1993)

(Ed note: this and previous chapters of this series may be found on our website at http://web.indstate.edu/auuw-in, click on “other links.”)

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**Book of the Month Club**

**¡Adelante! Style**

AAUW recommends the following books:

- **July** – *The Ladies Auxiliary*, by Tova Mirvis
- **August** – *Wasted: A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia*, by Marya Hornbacher

Each book relates to a different group of people and encourages each of us to view things from a different perspective than we may have now. Read these yourself and/or form a group to discuss them. Everyone can benefit from the exchange of ideas.

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Branch News

**Fort Wayne**
Members raised over $5200 for the Educational Foundation at their book sale, selling 12,500 books as well as magazines, pamphlets, records, and tapes.

**Evansville**
"The 2003 Expanding Your Horizons in Science, Mathematics, and Technology, a career conference for young women in grades 6, 7, and 8 was a big success," writes Eva Jermakowicz, this year’s chairperson. Approximately 200 girls from the tri-state area participated. Assisting the branch were the Girl Scouts, the University of Southern Indiana, and the Pott School of Science and Engineering.

**Indianapolis**
This branch will participate in the Taste of Success program at Association Convention as a part of Women in Charge: Bold, Innovative, Collaborative.

**Richmond**
The branch hosted Twenty-first Century Scholars Program representatives who spoke to nearly 50 upper elementary and middle school girls about the state’s innovative way for students to receive a post-high school education at no cost.

**South Bend**
Members are organizing a college prep workshop for high school girls entitled “Boot Camp for College” to be presented in February 2004. Four sessions will make up this workshop and one member is applying for a grant to help with funding. We’ll keep you posted on this as we hear more.

Anna Marie Johnson Cunvong shared her first-hand experiences in cultural diversity after spending nine years in Thailand.

The branch was asked to have a member serve on the Adult Guidance Committee for a leadership program the local Girl Scouts are preparing in cooperation with IUSB.

**Anderson**
Members hosted a Sister-to-Brother Summit in April, the first of its kind in Indiana. Early chat rooms were separated by gender while later ones were gender mixed. An action plan was prepared addressing three issues: Diversity and Tolerance, Body/Self Image, and Preventing Teen Pregnancy. Thank you very much to those branches sharing their newsletters with the Indiana newsletter editor. To the rest of you – please share your news by sending your newsletter to Barbara Wellnitz (see Board of Directors on page 2).

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**Thank you, Richmond Branch**
The Richmond branch did a great job hostessing the Indiana State Convention this year. The facility was easy to find, accessible, and had all the necessary amenities. The food was excellent and our drinks were even brought right to our tables as we exited the buffet line!

Gloria Castaluccio did an excellent job taking and tracking our reservations and voting status. She even brought cookies for the board on Friday evening!

These hard-working ladies certainly deserve our thanks and praise! The only thing they could have improved upon was the weather as it rained all day. However, since that is out of their control...

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Program Ideas Plus

Jean Amman, director of programs, compiled this list of program ideas for your use:

- Computer and Internet technology
- A representative from your area’s arts council
- Read books to upper elementary school children during women’s history week
- Speaker on domestic violence
- Investigate environmental concerns
- A synopsis of unique traveling adventures which can address culture, history, and diversity
- Invite local politicians to discuss issues pertinent to your community
- Panel discussion about women in politics
- Historical programs
- Create coalitions with other community groups
- Local artists
- Local authors
- Create interest groups that could include books, theater, arts, history, culinary, quilting, music, needle work, travel, health, genealogy, international affairs, journaling, gardening, educational equity initiatives, group field trips, etc.
- Speaker from the State Board of Education
- Recycling – health, environmental, and financial implications
- Medical research on women’s health issues
- Presentation by your scholarship recipients
- Nutrition and exercise
- Massage therapist
- Alternative health treatments
- Cultural diversity – a panel of women from a variety of cultures
- Crime prevention specialist
- Women’s rights advocates
- Distance education
- Presenter from IFUW Conference
- Book discussions from the Adelante selections
- Women’s Studies program from a local university or college
- Heart disease and women
- Selected musical presentations by women composers
- Exhibitions at local museums
- An expert on antiques and collectibles
- Celebrate Black History Month with literature and speakers
- Educate members about the Legal Advocacy Fund and the Educational Foundation
- Promote the unique feats of women
- Ask a state AAUW board member to address topics of interest or concern
- Experts who can speak to the history of your community
- Information about “Safety and Scams” as related specifically to women
- Stories of women who have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of others
- Census information and how it relates to your community’s future
- Portrayals by women of our historical women heroines
- “Reviving the Dead Ladies” skit taking the audience back to the first Women’s Rights Convention held in Worcester, MA in 1850. For more information, email judy.terry@mindspring.com.
- Implement a program from the “Choices for a Changing World” AAUW Program Portfolio: Woman to Woman, Sister to Sister Summits, Tech Check, Transitions, and Signposts
**Time Line**

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- Pictures from the 2003 State Convention
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- Educational Foundation contributions for 2002 and 2003

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