

AAUW

INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

Year's Theme: "Advocating for Change"

"Sharing with the Julian Center"

AAUW Annual Gift Drive

Program: Speaker from the Julian Center

Saturday, December 17, 11 am, The Iron Skillet Restaurant

2489 West 30th Street Indianapolis

This is the perfect meeting to bring a friend for fun and sharing!

Luncheon reservations are due Friday, December 9, to your caller or to

Barb Wellnitz, Communication Chair, 431-2148, barb@bwellnitz.com.

Cancellations, call Lora Vann, Program Co-Chair, directly, 926-1314.

For 36 years **The Julian Center** has been supporting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other life crises. The mission is to provide the services victims need to recover and build a life absent of abuse.

Please bring your gifts unwrapped, or, if you cannot make it to the meeting, contact Coy Halpern , AAUW Julian Center Liaison, at 257-2640, to make arrangements for your donations.

Ann Bridgewater of the Julian Center staff thanks AAUW for much-valued donations over the years.

Recommendations include: Children: sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, underwear, socks, puzzles, art supplies, books, gift certificates, passes to the Children's Museum. Infants and toddlers: baby and toddler toys. Women: body lotion, scarves, gloves, underwear, alarm clocks, umbrellas, gift certificates, towels.
No violent toys, guns, knives, violent videos, or candles.

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

<http://www.aauw.org/>

<http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/home.html>



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Jan Swartz Ethnic Dining

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Greetings from Your Co-President, Dorothy Alexander ddalexander@comcast.net

The AAUW Indianapolis Branch 2011-2012 Roster has been published and mailed to all members. If you did not receive yours, please let me know, 387-0945. Additions, including information on new members, will be in the monthly Newsletter. Penny Kyker and I will be working to set up a Branch web site, in conjunction with the national AAUW web site assistance office, with a deadline of being online Jan. 1, 2012. One of our priorities this year is to identify and preserve Branch archives, and to produce a brief written Branch history. Sharon Langlotz emphasized how helpful this will be to all of us, and will be excellent to include in a new-member packet of information. There will be guidelines and help provided at the State Convention, April 28, in Muncie.

Thank you, Toni Hughes, for sharing the educational mission of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped at our Nov. 15th meeting! Many of us were not familiar with the School, and the emphasis on independence for the students. We applaud the accomplishments of the students and faculty.

AAUW EF urgently needs our contributions!

Donations so far are below our usual annual support,

so please send your donation right away to Sharon Langlotz, 9454 Hadway Dr., Indianapolis IN 46256.

Interest Groups – Calendar

Ethnic Dining

We will not meet in December, please call **Jan Swartz**, 291-8122, for the January luncheon details.

Walk/Hike

The last walk of the season was in October at Holliday Park. For details about possible Spring start-up, contact Michele Chosney, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net, or call **Marie Veling**, 334-1367.

Evening Book Group

December 5, Monday, 6:00 pm, at Panera Bread West (next to Trader Joe's), Indianapolis. Please note change in time and location. The book is *The Good Daughter* by Jasmine Darznik. New members are always welcome.

Contact **Michele Chosney**, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net.

Daytime Book Discussion

No meeting in December, plan to come to the following meetings:

January 16, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, by Lisa See, discussion leader, Jan Swartz.

February 20, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khaled Hosseini, discussion leader, Judi Deng.

March 19, *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*, by Tracy Chevalier, discussion leader, Carol Beck.

Meetings are on the third Monday at noon, American Village, 2026 E. 54th Street, Lincoln Lodge Private Dining Room. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip. **Jean Petranof**, 334-2861, will be contacting members for lunch reservations.

For other information, contact **Jan Pfeil Doyle** at 431-3500 or jan@mw.net. New members always welcome.

Creative Writing

Contact **Pat Wood**, 283-2904, for location and further information. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at members' homes, and new members are always welcome.

From Coy Halpern: November, 15, 2011, League of Women Voters: Joanne Sanders (D) and Marilyn Pfisterer (R) shared thoughts on the recent election. The City Council lost 5 women – 4 did not seek re-election and 1 lost re-election. The reasons have not been diagnosed. One of the workshops at the AAUW Convention was *Women in Politics with “Elect Her”* -- something to think about locally for AAUW.

From Lois Gumper, AAUW Sycamore Girls' Conference Liaison:

Save the Date for the Girls' Conference, Saturday, March 10, 2012 – Volunteer!
Sycamore School, Indianapolis, 1750 West 64th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260, (317) 202-2500

“Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge” is this year's theme. The conference is for middle school girls to encourage them to study and to pursue interests and opportunities in STEM careers.

See http://www.sycamoreschool.org/news_events.asp for a report of last year's conference:

There were 393 girls, from 119 different schools. Dow AgroSciences and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) assisted Sycamore School in sponsoring this event. The conference featured a series of small-group workshops led by women whose professions encompass 26 different areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

AAUW was a founding member of this conference, and continues support with annual scholarship awards for attendees, and volunteering at the conference. Be part of this important educational experience by signing up to help on the conference day. If you have volunteered or indicated an interest in volunteering in the past you will receive an announcement in February with the opportunity to choose the time and job.

For further information about the conference and volunteering, contact Lois Gumper, 251-8929.

AAUW Board Meeting Highlights, Michele Chosney, Recording Secretary

The AAUW Indianapolis Branch board meeting was held on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at the Indianapolis Star. The members talked about preparing a short branch history to give to prospective members. There will be further discussion of this topic at a future board meeting.

Treasurer Jan Doyle presented the financial report. Ending balances in the accounts are as follows: Checking account, \$452.03; Savings account, \$2382.16; CD, \$10,087.28. The total assets for August 4 - November 11 are \$12,921.47.

With regard to membership, the Indianapolis Branch presently has 64 members, of which four of these are new members.

The board decided to have an informal lunch at Arsenal Tech High School in January, 2012.

Sharon Langlotz, EF chair, has collected a total of \$313.00 for the Educational Foundation for 2011. Members are asked to please make their donations before the end of this year.

Members are requested to volunteer to assist at the Girl's Conference held in March at Sycamore School. It is felt that AAUW needs to be more visible at this worthwhile event.

“Our History Sparks the Future” -- see *Outlook*, the AAUW magazine, Fall 2011, page 3:

“...hope to see our treasures in a permanent home at the National Women's History Museum, in Washington, D.C.”
AAUW archives include thank you notes from Albert Einstein and Marie Curie, for AAUW grant support.

Nearly Half of Students Experienced Sexual Harassment at School Last Year

AAUW Press Release, 11/07/2011, Washington, D.C.

AAUW Releases Most Comprehensive Research on Sexual Harassment at School in a Decade

"The AAUW report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* is a call to action to students, parents, teachers, and all of us who are concerned about the next generation," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Many students feel sexual harassment is normal behavior, and often victims of sexual harassment in turn victimize other children. It's a vicious cycle that exacts an enduring emotional toll on students."

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Breaking through Barriers

for Women and Girls

Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Mark your calendar:

No meeting or newsletter in January. We hoped to have an informal lunch at the Colonel's Cupboard Restaurant, Arsenal Tech H.S., but it is still being renovated.

Please submit news for the February Newsletter by January 15, to Penny Kyker,
pklyker2002@yahoo.com, 317-5878649.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, February 18, 2012, Indianapolis Star Building, 9:30 am.
Snow date, Thursday, February 23, before the program.

Next Branch Program: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, Advocating for Justice, Women's Issues

The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Truman Room, 650 North Meridian St., Indianapolis.

11:00, lunch at the Scottish Rite Cafeteria; 11:30, program

Betty Cockrum, CEO and President, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, and
Ken Falk, Legal Director, the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana,
will present updates on challenges to women's health care in Indiana.

This will be an excellent program to bring visitors to hear about these important legal and social issues.

March 10, 2012 – volunteer at the Girls' Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference at the Sycamore School: "Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge!"

April 28, 2012 – attend Indiana State AAUW Convention, Muncie. AAUW V-P Patricia Ho will join us.