

# AAUW

## INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH

### NEWSLETTER

*Year's Theme: "Advocating for Change"*

### AAUW Indiana State Convention

### "Back to the Future"

**Saturday, April 28, 2012 - Indianapolis Branch goes to State!**

Unitarian Universalist Church, 4800 W. Bradford Dr., Muncie

9:15 am, Registration, Continental Breakfast

Business Session

Election of Officers, including Sharon Langlotz as State President

NCCWSL presented by Christina Dunbar

"AAUW's Impact on the Past, Present & Future" presented by

AAUW National Board V-P Patricia Ho.

Archiving: Keeping AAUW's Past Materials Accessible

Registration deadline April 14: \$35 if postmarked by April 7

\$40 if postmarked between April 8-14.

Registration form is in the AAUW Indiana Bulletin, Winter 2012.

**Car pooling is the best for this meeting!**

Notify Barb Wellnitz, Communication Chair, [barb@bwellnitz.com](mailto:barb@bwellnitz.com) ,

431-2148, or let your caller know.

Questions, call Lora Vann, Program Co-Chair, 926-1314

<p><b><u>LAF -- Annual Branch Appeal.</u></b>  <b><u>Return envelope enclosed.</u></b>          Support legal action against job discrimination against women.</p>	<p><b><u>Special Daytime Book Group Apr. 16.</u></b>  <i>Bread of Life: Diaries and Memories of a Dakota Family 1936-1945,</i>          by AAUW member Marian Towne.</p>
<p><b><u>May Newsletter will be sent Apr. 19.</u></b>          Watch for membership dues renewal form.</p>	<p><b><u>May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Saturday:</u></b>  <b><u>Board, 9:30 am. Brunch, 10:45.</u></b>  <b><u>Program, 11:15. Indianapolis Star Bldg.</u></b></p>

**AAUW's Vaue 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://indstate.edu/aauw-in>



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2011-2012 Board

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**Sharon Langlotz**  
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Special Assignments

**Penny Kyker, Susan Belton** Newsletter Editors

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**Lois Gumpfer, Dorothy Alexander, Penny Kyker**

Member Handbook/Roster

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Interest Group Leaders

**Jan Pfeil Doyle** Daytime Book

**Jean Petranoff** Lunch Reservations

**Michele Chosney** Evening Book

**Patricia Wood** Creative Writing

**Jan Swartz** Ethnic Dining

Liaisons

**Coy Halpern**

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**Lois Gumpfer**

Girls' Science Conference

\*\*\* Indpls Council of Women

\*\*\* open opportunities

*Come, fill the Cup, and in the Fire of Spring  
The Winter Garment of Repentance fling:  
The Bird of Time has but a little way  
To fly – and Lo! the Bird is on the wing.*

Omar Khayyam

For those of you who were unable to attend our joint meeting in March with the League of Women Voters and Church Women United, you missed a wonderful talk by Matt Tully. His energy and passion for his craft was palpable. I hope many of you will attend our Annual State Convention on April 28<sup>th</sup> in Muncie. Our own Sharon Langlotz will be installed as the new state President. See you there.

**Support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund! This is our annual appeal for LAF!  
Donations are fully tax-deductible.**

Please make your check to "AAUW-LAF" and write # 3999 on the memo line.

Use the enclosed return envelope to mail your check to: Sarah Frank, 994 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> St., Indianapolis IN 46260

Remember, we can contribute to AAUW Funds at any time through our Branch Representatives or online.

To donate online: [http://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index\\_aauw\\_donation.cfml?Corpcode=C3](http://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index_aauw_donation.cfml?Corpcode=C3)

Include the fund #, and be sure to enter "Indianapolis, Indiana," on the line "please credit my branch and state....."

If you donate online, please notify our branch representatives to be sure we record it in our branch records.

**EE:** Please make your check payable to "AAUW Funds" and write on the memo line the number of the specific fund :

AAUW Funds # 9110     Public Policy Fund # 4337     The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund # 9170

Educational Opportunities Fund # 4336     The Leadership Programs Fund # 4339

Mail your check to: Sharon Langlotz , 9454 Hadway Dr., Indianapolis IN 46256-1029.

***Interest Groups – Calendar***

***Evening Book Group***

Monday, April 2, 6:00 pm. McAlister's Deli, 9450 North Meridian St., Indianapolis. Note change of place.

Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbranch. Members are invited to bring questions and comments for discussion.

New members are always welcome. Contact **Michele Chosney**, 328-5227 or [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net).

***Creative Writing***

Monday, April 9. We are now meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at members' homes.

Contact **Pat Wood**, 283-2904, for time and location and further information.

Janet Carpenter, new Branch member, has joined the group, and other new members are always welcome.

***Daytime Book Discussion***

Monday, April 16, Noon. American Village, 2026 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.

**Special book, Bread of Life: Diaries and Memories of a Dakota Family 1936-1945 by Indianapolis Branch member Marian Towne, based on her childhood in a Hutterite Mennonite community in South Dakota.**

**Marian has graciously offered to give a copy of the book to anyone who would like to participate in the discussion.**

**Please contact Marian at 253-7973 or [edandmarian@iquest.net](mailto:edandmarian@iquest.net) , or Jan Pfeil Doyle, to arrange to pick up a copy.**

Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip. Contact **Jean Petranof**, 334-2861, or [mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net) by April 11th to make your lunch reservation. For other information contact **Jan Pfeil Doyle**, 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net).

***Ethnic Dining Group***

Friday, April 20, 11:30 am. Riviera Maya, 6929 West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, west of I-465, near TGI Friday's.

Please let **Jan Schwartz** know you are coming, 291-8122. New members are always welcome.

## **A big thanks to Branch members who volunteered at the Girls' Conference, Sycamore School, March 10**

**Dorothy Alexander, Theresa Eck, Michele Chosney, Cindy Munerol, Barbara Wellnitz!**

And thanks to Lois Gumper, our Girls' Conference Liaison, and to Coy Halpern, who both encouraged our participation.

Report from the Sycamore School, March 15th, 2012, <http://sycamoreschool.org/index.php/events-news/news/> :  
**" Girls Conference draws 400 to one-day event at Sycamore**

*Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge!* – a statewide science and technology conference for middle school girls – was held at Sycamore School on Saturday, March 10. The 404 girls attending the all-day conference came from 122 schools in 79 cities throughout Indiana. The conference featured a series of small-group workshops led by women whose professions encompass 26 different areas of science, technology, engineering, and math.

This year's conference also included three science related assemblies: *Liquid Nitrogen Cryogenic Show* by the Purdue Physics Department, *Crime Scene Science* by Mobile Ed Productions, and *Animal Conservation* by Utopia Wildlife. Sycamore parent Valerie Baten led a parent forum, *Your Kids and the Internet: What You Don't Know Could Hurt You.*"

### **Report on the March 15 Coalition Luncheon with the League of Women Voters and Church Women United, with speaker Matthew Tully, *The Indianapolis Star* political reporter**

18 branch members and 2 guests attended the annual joint meeting at North United Methodist Church to enjoy the carry-in salad luncheon and the talk on our local schools by Matthew Tully, *The Indianapolis Star* reporter. Ann Langlotz brought a rainbow-theme cake in honor of Sharon's birthday and everyone enjoyed giving Sharon a big hand of congratulations!

Matthew Tully reviewed his year's experience at Manual High School, and how he grew to love it and to respect the great efforts many students and teachers put forth to overcome daunting obstacles to success in learning. He described getting to know Kelly and Allison, and how he shared dinner with them before their second year at Vincennes University – the college offered the girls scholarships after Matt described them in his articles and how determined they were to attend college. He concluded that this shows what we can do if we publicize difficult situations and let people know what they can do to help. He also described the "School on Wheels" which can use funds and volunteers in taking a bus and resources to homeless students so they can have a safe and supportive place after school to do homework, receive help and encouragement.

### **AAUW Indianapolis Branch Members in Action: Mitzi Witchger**

#### **"40 Years after Title IX, girls have title they deserve: athlete"**

Matthew Tully, Commentary, *The Indianapolis Star*, March 25, 2012, p. B 1, B4:

"When I was a girl and we played sports, they called us tomboys," said Mitzi Witcher, a Title IX consultant and advocate. "Now they call girls who play sports athletes. That's how things have changed."

See the article in print or on IndyStar.com where Matthew Tully quoted Mitzi about "the number of girls and young women participating in sports, and the number of sports programs for female athletes." Mitzi spoke at Butler University about the "upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX, the landmark federal law that, by simply demanding equality, forever changed the way female athletes were treated in schools and colleges."

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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.

**Branch Calendar:**

**Saturday, April 28, Indianapolis Branch goes to the Indiana State AAUW Convention, Muncie.**

AAUW V-P Patricia Ho will join us. Registration form is in AAUW Indiana Bulletin. Call a friend to carpool!

**Dues renewal form will be in the May Newsletter.** Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Officer.

**Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am, Board Meeting:** Budget, Programs and Interest Groups for 2012-2013.

**10:45, Brunch** provided by Co-President, Dorothy Alexander. Donations will be accepted.

**11:15, Branch Program: "Food, Evolving Options."**

Speakers and information from 2<sup>nd</sup> Helpings, Meals on Wheels, farmers' markets, others.

**11:45, Election and Installation of Officers. Highlights of State Convention.**

Indianapolis Star, 8278 Georgetown Road, Indianapolis.

**Slate of Officers for 2012-2014: Election and Installation at May 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

President: Penny Kyker

Membership Vice-President: Susan Belton

Recording/Corresponding Secretary: Amy Shackelford

Finance Officer: Jan Pfeil Doyle

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Nominating Committee met Mar. 29 at Glendale Library: Susan Belton, Chair, Dorothy Alexander, Lora Vann

**Offices to be Filled by Appointment for 2012-2013:**

Newsletter Editor, AAUW Funds/Educational Foundation, Diversity, Liaison to the Indianapolis Council of Women.