

INDIANAPOLIS AAUW NEWSLETTER

Year's Theme: "IMPACT"
"IT'S MY VOTE – I WILL BE HEARD!"

"Sharing Gifts with the Julian Center -- Impact"

Saturday, December 15, 2012, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Iron Skillet, 2489 West 30th Street, Indianapolis

Perfect opportunity to bring a friend!

Reservations due Tuesday, December 11,
to your telephone reminder or to Barb Wellnitz,
Communications Chair, 431-2148 or barb@bwellnitz.com

11:00 Luncheon: pay \$18 at the door (includes tax and gratuity),
cash or check payable to Indianapolis Branch AAUW.
Branch Finance Officer, Jan Pfeil Doyle, will pay the restaurant.

Noon Speaker from the Julian Center
Collection of clothes and toys for the Julian Center
Members who cannot attend but wish to donate, please call
Coy Halpern, Branch Liaison to the Julian Center, 257-2640.

Brittany McCollum of the Julian Center suggests the following gifts:

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 candles, no violent toys, guns, knives or violent videos.

*The Julian Center is a unique nonprofit agency providing counseling, safe shelter,
case management, advocacy and education for survivors of domestic violence,
sexual assault, and other life crises.*

"Working for a safer tomorrow."

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

Questions, call Lora Vann, Program Vice-President, 926-1314.

CONGRATULATIONS INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH !

Julia Price, AAUW Funds Chair, reports \$690 in donations sent to AAUW!
\$665 is from 19 branch members, and \$25 is from the branch
in honor of Sarah Frank, LAF Chair, who passed away October 21, 2012.

(Note, checks will be processed by the AAUW national office; may be delayed.)



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Officers

Penny Kyker, President
Lora Vann, Program VP
Susan Belton, Membership VP
Amy Shackelford,
Recording/Corresponding Secretary
Janice Pfeil Doyle
Finance Officer
Dorothy Alexander, Judi Deng
Past Co-Presidents

Action Priority Enablers

Julia Price, AAUW Funds
Sarah Frank, Legal Advocacy Fund
Mitzi Witchger, Public Policy
* _____ Diversity

Special Assignments

Penny Kyker, Judi Deng,
Co-Editors of Newsletter
Barb Wellnitz,
Communications
Lois Gumper, Dorothy Alexander,
(Penny Kyker, ex-officio)
Member Handbook/Roster
* _____ Historian
* _____ Hospitality
* _____ Parliamentarian

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,
Julian Center
Lois Gumper,
Girls' Science Conference
Donna Casebourn,
Indianapolis Council of Women

* _____ volunteers needed

April Lidinsky, Indiana State
AAUW Consultant to the
Indianapolis Branch
alidinsk@iusb.edu

Thank you to members Sherry Watkins and Amy Shackelford for informing and inspiring us on Nov. 3!

AAUW Indianapolis Branch Meeting – November 3, 2012, College Avenue Branch, IMCPL

Penny Kyker, President, called the meeting to order with 21 members and 1 guest present. There was recognition of Phillipa Hughes, a former member who recently passed away, and Sarah Frank, current Branch LAF Chair, who is seriously ill. The program began with AAUW member Amy Shackelford speaking about her work at School of Wheels, a nonprofit organization that offers a tutoring program for children living in homeless shelters in Indianapolis.

The main speaker was AAUW branch member Sherry Watkins, who is a retired teacher and education activist. She spoke about the current state of public school with a strong emphasis on the effects of standardized testing and the "school grading system." She also discussed the impact current contracts have on teachers' abilities to adequately do their job. Sherry touched on the current phenomenon of chartering schools, and school vouchers. She offered the importance of voting as a way to impact the education system positively.

There was a vote taken to approve the previous branch meeting minutes. Jan Doyle presented the financial report, including the current branch checking balance and total assets. There was a vote to accept the financial report. There was also a vote on whether the branch should follow through with Mike's Car Wash fundraiser. The branch voted to participate in the fundraiser. Penny Kyker, President, announced a few upcoming events and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by Amy Shackelford, Secretary

Indianapolis Branch AAUW Financial Report, Aug. 21-Nov. 1, 2012, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Ofcr. 64 members. Six new members: Janet Carpenter, Jackie Rankin, Sherrill Franklin, Deirdre Westrate, Kathy Bohrer, Donna Caseburn.

Date	Item/Payee	Notes	Deposits	Payments	Balance
<i>Checking Account, Hunting National Bank</i>					
08/11/12	Starting Balance				\$1,742.33
09/12/12	Penny Kyker	Newsletter		\$49.28	
10/09/12	Penny Kyker	Newsletter		\$187.00	
10/10/12	Julia Price	Newsletter		\$27.00	
10/24/12	Deposit	Dues, Donations, Oct. Dinner	\$990.00		
10/24/12	PFS, Inc.	UIndy Caterer for Oct. Dinner		\$292.23	
10/31/12	Indianapolis Council of Women	Dues		\$10.00	
10/31/12	National AAUW	Dues Payment		\$343.00	
10/31/12	State AAUW	Dues Payment		\$56.00	
<i>Donations to Branch to Date in 2012</i>					
Coy Halpern	\$30				
Penny Kyker	\$50				
Penny Kyker	\$64		Total Deposits		
Sarah Frank	\$50			Total Payments	
Loretta Zygmunt	\$19				
			\$990.00	\$964.51	
			Ending Balance		\$1,767.82
<i>Savings Account, Huntington National Bank</i>					
07/01/12	Starting Balance				\$1,382.72
09/28/12	Quarterly Interest Earned		\$0.06		
09/28/12	Ending Balance				\$1,382.78
<i>CD, Huntington National Bank</i>					
12/22/11	Purchased 17-month CD @ 1.01%; matures 22-May-13; co-signed with Penny Kyker				\$10,000.00
<u>Total Assets</u>					<u>\$13,150.60</u>

Evening Book Group

Monday, December 3, at 6:00 pm, McAlister's Deli, 9450 North Meridian St., near 96th Street.

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. New members are always welcome. Contact Michele Chosney, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, and for any further details.

Book review by Michele Chosney: For November we read and discussed *Secret Daughter* by *Shilpi Gowda*.

This fascinating book is an Adelante book selection - Adelante is the online book club for AAUW members.

This is Gowda's first novel. Gowda was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; her parents emigrated from Mumbai, India. She has an MBA from Stanford University and a BA from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Spending a summer in 1991 volunteering in an Indian orphanage inspired this story.

In a remote Indian village, Kavita gives birth to a baby girl. In a culture that favors sons, the only way for Kavita to keep her husband from committing infanticide is to give the baby to an orphanage in Mumbai.

In the United States, Somer, an American pediatrician married to an Indian doctor, Krishnan, decides to adopt a child after discovering that she cannot have a child of her own. Krishnan's family lives in Mumbai and the couple adopts Kavita's daughter, Asha, from a local orphanage.

Throughout the book the stories of Kavita, Somer, and Asha, whose destinies are invisibly bound together, are intertwined. Gowda presents interesting descriptions of life in India, and the differences in the cultures of India and the United States.

Creative Writing

Monday, December 10. The group meets in the evening on the 2nd Monday of the month at members' homes.

Contact **Pat Wood**, 283-2904, for time and location and further information. New members are always welcome.

Ethnic Dining Group

There will be no get-together in December. Contact Jan Swartz, Chair, for January details, 291-8122.

The Ethnic Dining Group meets on the 3rd Friday on the month, and new members are always welcome.

Restaurant review by Judi Deng:

On Friday, November 9, nine members and one guest enjoyed a wonderful gourmet luncheon at the International Culinary Institute located at the Pyramids in northwest Indianapolis. Several of us ordered the "Chef's Whim," which included blackened shrimp and red snapper, served over a risotto with root vegetables. Italian wedding soup or a variety of salads was offered as a first course. Other items on the menu included rabbit and quail for the more adventuresome. All agreed it was a delightful meal. The Institute offers lunch only on Thursdays and Fridays; reservations are strongly recommended.

Daytime Book Discussion

There will be no Daytime Book Group meeting in December; next meeting is Jan. 21, 2013, 3rd Monday of the month.

American Village, 2026 E. 54th Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.

Raiford Scott is hostess. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip, paid at the main desk. New members are always welcome.

Please make your lunch reservation one week in advance by contacting **Jean Petranoff**, 334-2861, or

mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net. For other information contact **Jan Pfeil Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

Reminders: No January Newsletter or January Branch Meeting.

Deadline for February Newsletter, Friday, January 11, to Penny Kyker, psyker2002@yahoo.com or

Judi Deng, judideng@comcast.net

Board Meeting, Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am, Indianapolis Star, 8278 Georgetown Rd.

(snow date, Saturday, February 5, before or after Branch meeting)

Next Branch Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 11:00 am (Roster, p. 7, lists Thursday, it is Tuesday),

Scottish Rite Cathedral, lunch individually at the Cafe, program at 11:30: "Past Records and Future

Readers: Impact." Wilma Gibbs Moore, Archivist, IMCPL, and Jackie Nytes, CEO, IMCPL.

944 East Main Street
Carmel IN 46033



AAUW

Breaking through Barriers

for Women and Girls

Mission

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

Volunteers Needed -- Girls Science Conference, Sycamore School, Saturday, March 9, 2013

Sign up for assisting teachers, helping with registration, directing students to programs, or overseeing at lunch.

Call Lois, 251-8929, to request a volunteer form - notices will be sent after the first of the year.

Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge! is a one-day conference held in Indianapolis for girls of middle school age

- to introduce girls to careers in STEM - science, technology, engineering and math, before they enter high school,
- to stimulate interest in these careers that will lead to success in college and beyond.

Sponsored by Sycamore School and Dow AgroSciences. <http://sycamoreschool.org/>

**AAUW was a founder of this conference; we make an annual donation of \$35 each for 10 scholarships, a total of \$350.
- Reminder from Lois Gumper, Branch Liaison to the Girls Conference**

Fund-raising – Mike's Car Wash

We can earn more than enough to support our donation to the Sycamore Girls Science Conference!

The Branch voted at the November 3 meeting to proceed with the Mike's Car Wash fund-raising project.

Thanks to Barb Wellnitz for suggesting this!

12 members said they would sell; Donna Casebourn volunteered to lead the project.

Procedure: send online application requesting a month – Donna and Penny talked to fund-raising personnel – chances look good to get March; receive confirmation of month; send official letter with our tax ID number and number of tickets requested to sell (we will request the minimum of 250); receive acceptance; Mike's calls us one week before our selling month to let us know tickets are ready to pick up; we pick up tickets, sign contract; sell, sell, sell at \$8 each; at end of month, return unsold tickets, keep one-half the total amount sold, less \$69 production fee, send fee with the other half to Mikes'.

Visibility - tickets are custom-printed with our AAUW branch name. Easy sell - in "road-salt and dirty-snow" month.

Example: 12 members sell 10 tickets each @ \$8 = \$960; we pay \$69 fee, keep half of balance, \$891 / 2 = \$445!

Branch, State and National News

“Title IX Suit Paves Way for Fairer Treatment of Girls' Sports in Indiana”

-- **Mitzi Witchger**, Branch chair for Public Policy and Women's Issues, and Indiana State AAUW Advocate, was actively involved in this successful suit, reported by the “AAUW - Legal Advocacy Fund Express Nov. 2012” -- **Congratulations, Mitzi!**

“The LAF-supported case *Parker v. Indiana High School Athletic Association* settled last month, ended Amber Parker and Tammy Hurley's fight for fairer scheduling of the varsity girls' basketball games in Franklin County.” ... “The settlement was approved by the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana and requires progressive improvements in scheduling girls' basketball games through 2017.”

Indianapolis Branch and Community

The Branch sadly learned that Sarah Frank, 50-year member, passed away on Nov. 3, 2012. She was active in many Branch activities, especially her long-time leadership of the Legal Advocacy Funds (LAF) appeal, and will be greatly missed for her personal friendships and her commitment to many community activities. Her 50-year certificate and other AAUW materials have been sent to her husband, Mr. Ron Frank, 944 West 72nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. A donation of \$25 has been made in Sarah's honor to AAUW Funds. Sarah's legal assistant in her office informed the branch that many of her friends in the legal community wish to donate to LAF in her honor, and the AAUW address and Funds information has been provided to them. Sharon Langlotz, Indiana AAUW President and Indianapolis Branch member, sent a message of condolence mourning the loss of a valuable and cherished member.

Our Branch Board requests that members notify a Branch officer of serious illness or death in the family of a member, so that we can respond to the member or her family.

Loretta Zygmunt has recovered sufficiently from the leg infection following a fall to be released from Kindred Rehabilitation Center and she has moved to her new home with her daughter, see below.

Corrections and additions to the Branch Membership Roster:

- February 5th meeting is Tuesday, not Thursday (page 7).
- Kathy Bohrer, correct to “University of Phoenix.”
- Caroline Steward, change e-mail address to cwstew1001@gmail.com.
- Loretta Zygmunt, change of address: 337 Champlain St., Victoria, TS, 77905 361-579-7255
Same e-mail, lmzygmunt@msn.com (first character is lower-case “L”)

Please notify Lois Gumper, 251-8929, or Penny Kyker, psyker2002@yahoo.com, of any additions or changes to contact information.

Indianapolis Council of Women, Donna Casebourn, Branch Delegate.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 am, speaker, Executive Director, American Center of Indiana, Inc.

The Indianapolis Branch AAUW is a member of the Council of Women and all branch members are eligible to attend general meetings, first Tuesdays of the month, Highland Golf and Country Club, 1050 West 52nd Street, Indianapolis. Programs are free; reservations required if you wish to attend the luncheon, call Mary Peat, 357-6895, pay \$22 at the door.

“City can't afford to gamble on public safety.” Branch member and secretary Amy Shackelford was one of the signatories to a letter to the editor, *The Indianapolis Star*, Nov. 5, 2012. Signed by leaders of the NAACP, Community Faith and Labor Coalition, Concerned Clergy, Coalition of Labor Union Women, Jobs with Justice (Amy's organization), and SEIU Local 1 (Community, Faith and Labor Coalition), the letter urged Mayor Greg Ballard “to fund the services that keep Hoosiers safe.”

Opportunity for receiving donations of food to non-profit 501C3 organizations – contact Donna Casebourn, DonnaCasebourn@yahoo.com or 216-9493. Donna announced at the December meeting that her church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is offering \$1,000-value donations of food from their storehouse to eligible organizations. Donna is in charge of finding recipients in the Pike Township zip code areas 46222, 46224, 46268, 46278. Contact Donna if you can suggest potential recipient organizations in these areas.

Read Local! Tuesday Author Series, Irvington Branch Public Library, Tues., Dec. 4, 6:30 pm 5625 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, 275-4450. Authors Sally

Ruhaak Garrett and Peggy Garrett Rohrman will discuss the inspiration for their book, "*Hand Me Down Heart Recipes & Traditions of Home, Hope and Heritage.*" Both are cancer survivors who will share tips on battling doubt, asking for help, and celebrating success. Adults are invited to this author series program presented by the Library and Bookmamas Bookstore. Books will be available for sale and signing.

AAUW Indiana and State of Indiana News

The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

How are our Indianapolis Branch programs and activities fitting in with the AAUW Indiana 2012-13 Strategic Plan?

Please send comments to Judi Deng, judideng@comcast.net, 347-0658, or Penny Kyker, psyker2002@yahoo.com, 587-8649, for inclusion in the the February Newsletter and mention at the branch program Feb. 5. See the Indiana Bulletin, Vol. 78, Issue 4, Fall 2012, for the complete list:

Goal 1: AAUW will be highly regarded for our commitment to exemplary member relations, dues value, and resulting member satisfaction.

Action: Increase and retain membership, focus on mission.

Goal 2: AAUW will amplify our advocacy voice to achieve educational and economic equity for women and girls.

Action: Implement AAUW Biennial Public Policy.

Goal 3: AAUW will engage and motivate leaders in our schools, workplaces, and communities to break through educational and economic barriers.

Action: Encourage participation of young college women, branches and AAUW Indiana in NCCWSL.

Goal 4: AAUW will target our philanthropic efforts to support programs that provide women and girls opportunities for a lifetime of success.

Action: Develop innovative ideas to increase support of national AAUW Funds.

Goal 5: AAUW will have a sound fiscal strategy and dedicated stewardship to meet current and projected needs, address challenges and capitalize on opportunities.

Action: Increase support of any/all AAUW Funds.

2013 Indiana Torchbearer Awards Nominations Are Open until Friday, December 14!

See Indiana Commission for Women (ICW), www.in.gov/icw, Kristin Garvey, Executive Director, 317-232-6720 or info@icw.in.gov , to submit your nomination. **Mitzi Witchger has been a Torchbearer recipient for her work in support of Title IX fairness in girls' sports in Indiana.**

“Recipients will be selected from a pool of nominated candidates who have overcome obstacles, made extraordinary contributions or been pioneers throughout their lives. Selection will be based on the recipients’ demonstrated achievement in the areas of their professional careers, community leadership and/or public service. Recipients must be living at the time of their nomination. Nominations will be evaluated with attention given to those women who have been pioneers, have removed barriers and/or have made a considerable impact to the advancement of women in Indiana.”