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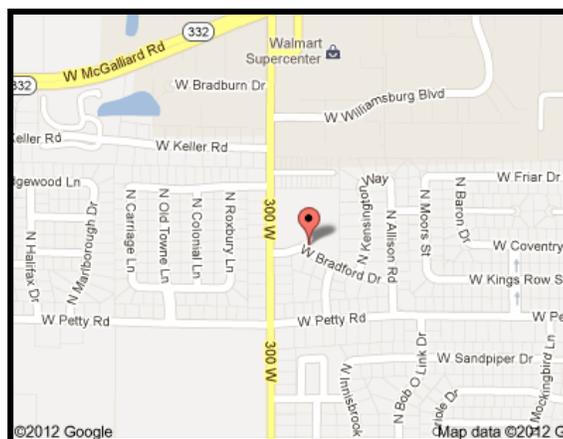
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## “Back To The Future”

Saturday, April 28, 2012  
9:15 a.m.—3:00 p.m. EST

Unitarian Universalist Church  
4800 W. Bradford Dr.  
Muncie, Indiana 47306



9:15 –9:45 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:45 – 10:00 Welcome & Introductions: Barb Kanning, State President

10:00 – 11:00 Business Session: Barb Kanning,

11:00 – 11:10 NCCWSL: Christina Dunbar NCCWSL Attendee

11:10 – 11:20 Break

11:20 – 12:30 AAUW’s Impact on The Past, Present & Future: Patricia Ho, AAUW National Board Vice-President

12:30 – 1:30 Luncheon

1:30 – 2:00 Town Hall Question and Answer Session: Patricia Ho

2:00 – 2:45 Archiving - Keeping AAUW’s Past Materials Accessible to the Future: Alison Stankrauff, Archivist & Associate Librarian, Franklin D. Schurz Library, I.U. South Bend, Indiana

2:45 – 3:00 Evaluation, Announcements: Barb Kanning

Have you read *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, AAUW’s latest report published in November 2011? Do you feel connected with the National organization?

Your chance to connect and learn what’s ahead for AAUW is coming at the State Convention on Saturday, April 28 when we will be privileged to have Patricia Ho, National Vice President, join us. She will speak to us on activities at the National level and answer questions during a separate town hall.

Patricia has been an educator and advocate for women and girls throughout her professional and volunteer career. In addition to her current position on the National board, she chaired the National Conference of State Leaders in



2006, served as National Program Committee Co-Chair, New England Regional Director, AAUW-MA President and branch president.

She is chair of the Essex County Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and founding member of the Southern New England Girls Collaborative Project Leadership Team, promoting STEM for girls.

Our 2012 State Convention will also provide information on connecting with & preserving AAUW history on all levels and specifically for branches. Alison Stankrauff, Archivist and an Associate Librarian at IU South Bend serves as the campus archivist, campus records manager, special collections librarian as well as a reference librarian. We’re pleased she can join us and share her knowledge with us.

Barb Wellnitz and Phyllis Loslo, Co-Directors of Program

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Friends,

Greetings! I know that you, like me, are probably ready for some warm sunshine. I hope your Branch has been able to meet as your program leaders had planned. I want you to know that this is my last official Bulletin letter to you as your IN president. It has been a wonderful experience the past four years as I look back. I hope my continual message hasn't gotten overused by me, as it is still so relevant – COMMUNICATE and CONNECT! We need to keep doing this with Branch members, to our IN Board, and also to national AAUW.

Please accept my invitation to your AAUW IN Convention in Muncie on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. **Patricia Ho** will be your keynote for the day, and we couldn't have a better national officer working with us! Sharon L. and I both facilitated a session of hers in DC last June. As national AAUW Vice President, she knows what is happening at our corporate level and is excellent at getting us information AND taking our ideas/concerns back to DC. See the additional information about Patricia's expertise in this newsletter.

AAUW Indiana is the link from your Branch to national AAUW, and your Board takes that mission very seriously. Each year we produce the Resource Guide/Directory to help us all stay connected. Any Branch member can have her own personal copy, if you have an online connection. If not, get a friend to download it for you. Send your request to: Jane Allerton, our Communications Director, at: janebaskets@gmail.com. She will send you an updated version for you to print. No matter what your position is in your Branch, this book will have the information you need.

I want to emphasize the following important dates from our Timeline, both in this Bulletin and the Resource Book. Be sure they are on your 2012 calendar:

- ♦ March 1<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday) – Torchbearer Awards presentation in Indianapolis. It will again be at the Statehouse in late afternoon, honoring women for all over IN, with a reception following. Let's have an "AAUW presence" there.
- ♦ April 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Our Convention at Muncie –

MOST important for you to attend. Please read all the information included on the day's agenda. As always, our IN Board experts will have important information for you to take back to your Branches. Our archivist guest, Alison Stankrauff, will be a great asset in helping us know WHAT AAUW documents to save and HOW to do it effectively.

As we get closer to spring and our 2012-13 planning, let's remember our mission and our promise to women and girls. Do our programs and projects reflect "who we are"? Are we working toward great equity and breaking existing barriers in our communities? Are we attracting younger women to join our ranks? Is AAUW visible in your community?

Please plan to join us in April. Don't feel you have to be an officer to have a reason to attend. We need ALL of you to help us move forward toward our goals. If you don't know what those goals are, take a look in the Resource Guide at AAUW IN's Strategic Plan for 2011-12. It will also help you to plan mission-based programs for this next year. Branches also need to share your successes, so bring your best to share in Muncie on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Be sure your Branch Board responds to Phyllis Thompson with your Ingenious Ideas and an Emerging Leader. Our strength depends on each and every member!

See you in April. We need you to elect our new Board members, including a new president, and discuss some ideas for our summer meeting. Bring your concerns and ideas. It'll be a great sharing time, moving "Back to the Future!"



PS...Keep in touch — [kanning4@frontier.com](mailto:kanning4@frontier.com). Or, phone me at: 260-432-5228

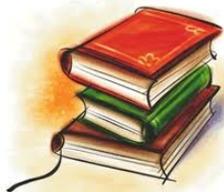
*Barb Kanning, Indiana President*

## GOOD READS...AND MORE!

I have been reading-again. I checked out *The Girls From Ames* by Jeffrey

Zaslow because I used to work with a lady from Ames, Iowa.

This book chronicles a 30-plus year friendship of ten women from that town. Alternating with their stories is the dynamics of a longitudinal study of this group.



Also, I found an article from the Chicago Tribune about the AAUW book group in Downers Grove IL. They read *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. I

am reading it but have not finished as of this writing. The story (autobiographical) reminds me that the injustices and mistreatment, etc. of women in some countries and cultures are occurring now/recently and not centuries ago.

At the state convention in Muncie, there is a segment on archiving scheduled. Attend and get the answers to some of these questions: Do you know where your records are? What should be saved/archived and what can be discarded? What is the best way to preserve these records? (There may be more than one answer!) See you on 28 April!

*Sharon Schafer, Internat. Relations/Diversity Coordinator*

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## FROM THE INDIANA PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hello Fellow AAUW members:

You will be happy to know that, as your state President-elect, I am surviving my apprenticeship under our wise and much-admired State President, Barb Kanning. National Convention last June was wonderful, especially the pre-convention Presidents workshop that Barb and I attended.

In the news this past year we have seen a whirlwind of issues that intersect with our national and state public policy issues. One of my goals will be to work on ways that we can match these issues up with some of the wonderful research reports that AAUW publishes, and use them to have an impact in our local communities. I was very impressed by the AAUW public policy staff that I met in Washington –

they have a grasp of all the “hot topics” and clearly outline what AAUW supports and why. And speaking of “hot topics”.... I work in state government for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Victim Services Division and am always pleased to see that “hot topics” at work are often the same issues that AAUW addresses in the Action Network and Public Policy emails – proving that our organization is really on top of things in advancing equity (and more) for women and girls.



*Sharon Langlotz, Indiana President-Elect*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AAUW INDIANA FUNDS CO-DIRECTORS

Your AAUW Indiana Funds Chairmen are so proud of each Branch and what each one has contributed to AAUW Funds Programming. As yet we do not have the final tabulation from National, but it should be forthcoming soon. Just a reminder: we are here to work with you and to serve as consultants to Branch AAUW Funds chairs regarding AAUW philanthropic structure, objectives and contributions management. WE ARE JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.

A reminder AAUW Funds are as follows: The Legal Advocacy Fund (#3999); The Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336); The Public Policy Fund (#4337); The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170) and the Leadership Programs Fund (#4339).

To learn more about any of these programs you may contact your State Funds Chairmen or go to the AAUW website.

At our AAUW Indiana State Convention in Muncie, we will be selling Insulated Tote Bags again for \$6.00. This will go to the Leadership Program Funds which is designated for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders or NCCWSL.

We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you. Thank you so much for all you do.

*Phyllis Thompson & Mary Lou Thomas  
Co-Directors of AAUW Funds*

## NCCWSL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Please encourage qualified college women student leaders to attend NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) on May 31-June 2, 2012, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Co-sponsored by AAUW and NASPA (National Association for Student Personnel Administrators), it will be a life-changing experience for the women in attendance! There is a great deal of useful information at the website <http://www.nccwsl@aauw.org>.

Early Bird registration, at a cost of \$395, ends in mid-April. The conference fee includes housing, all program materials, and a few meals. The primary additional cost to attendees is transportation. Please don't let potential leaders miss out on this opportunity because they can't afford to go. **Therefore, your state organization has set aside \$500 to help a student attend NCCWSL.** The state scholarship application form will be on the Indiana website



shortly (<http://www.indstate.edu/aauw-in>). Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions, but your primary responsibility at this point is to identify the college women student leaders that would be good scholarship candidates and then point them to the NCCWSL information.

There are two other ways to send women student leaders to this conference. The first is through AAUW's national scholarships. Those interested should complete the regular online registration for the conference and check the “Scholarship” option. Secondly, local branches can help young women pay for registration and travel through branch monies or by individual donations. So let's get moving on this wonderful opportunity to educate and inspire the women leaders for today and tomorrow!

*Jean Amman  
College/University Partnership Representative*

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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Having a branch website is an effective and inexpensive way to publicize your programs, to teach others about the power of AAUW, and to gain new members. If you have a website that you would like to jazz up with national support, or want to find out how to set up a nationally-supported wordpress website, look at the site resources here: <http://site-resources.aauw.org/> or email [site-resources@aauw.org](mailto:site-resources@aauw.org)

My own branch in South Bend has just set up a website supported by National, and we have been very happy with the technical support for the site. It has been a wonderful way to make our scholarship forms and programs available to the public. If you'd like to see what a nationally-supported website looks like, please take a look: <http://southbend-in.aauw.net/>

AAUW.org reminds us of a few other ways to build membership:

- At your next branch event invite graduate students in your community to join AAUW and your branch at the spe-

cial introductory rate of \$18.81 plus the cost of your branch and state dues.

- Request the list of national members (Members at Large) in your community from the state membership vice president and ask them to join your branch. Consider waiving your branch dues for the year to increase your membership.

Do you know someone who will graduate this spring? Give the gift of AAUW with the Give a Grad a Gift program: <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfm>

Finally, as we look forward to spring, don't forget that if members join after March 15, they'll get 15 months on their dues dollars! Who might YOU invite to be part of AAUW?

*April Lidinsky, Membership Chair*



## INDIANA AAUW LENDING LIBRARY STATUS UPDATE/MUST READ

Due to a severe decline in usage, the IN AAUW Lending Library has been discontinued. Over decades, materials in various formats were acquired to assist leaders and branches in the planning and implementation of programs. The prevalence of electronic media has made it much easier and more convenient to download and use books, CDs and other media. This has been one factor that has led to the demise of the IN AAUW Lending Library. As a resource person for the Indiana Board, I will be happy to assist in any way I am needed as relates to identifying and obtaining programming materials for leaders and branches.

This bulletin will be the premiere of a column called "Must Reads" which will appear in each issue. You can help by sending me annotations of books and reports you have read and would highly recommend. These may be on any topic you feel will interest other women. The diversity of ¡Adelante! Book Club titles from Association encourages us to broaden our perspective in many areas.

**"MUST READ":** AAUW published *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at Schools* in November 2011.

"Based on findings from a nationally representative survey conducted in May and June, 2011, this report presents the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment in grades 7-12 and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education...The report concludes with concrete recommendations and promising practices for preventing sexual harassment directed at school administrators, educators, parents, students and community members." ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org))

The report and a related PowerPoint Presentation are available for download from the website ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org)). Hard copies may be purchased from ShopAAUW.

*Agnes George, Coordinator*

## STATE BOARD ELECTIONS

State Board elected offices are alternating so that some offices become open on odd years and others on even. The following positions are open for election or re-election this year and will be voted upon at the state meeting in Muncie on April 28: President, Director of Finance, Director of Membership, and Director of AAUW funds.

If you are interested in one of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the nominating committee. They are:

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## AAUW PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFING

2010 was the year of “*the War on Women*” as budget cuts and state laws were passed which had negative impacts on the gains we had previously made. But in 2011 women began to make their voices heard. AAUW joined coalition partners on stage during the [‘Stand Up for Women’s Health Rally’](#) on the National Mall in April 2011 as Members of Congress, activists, and cancer survivors spoke to the crowd of thousands about the direct threats funding cuts pose to women’s health programs. And on January 20, 2012 AAUW advised us that after reviewing more than 200,000 comments from the public (many of them from AAUW Action Network members like you!) the Obama administration announced that nearly all employers will have to include coverage for women’s preventive health services, including contraceptive services, starting in August 2012. This is truly a victory for women’s health.



The Indiana General Assembly is in session as this report is written, although much valuable time was spent on the “right to work law” which allows workers to work in a union shop but not pay dues. Of note is that there are at least 22 bills which deal with child safety, child protection and anti-bullying legislation, including HB 1310 which establishes a Commission on the Status of Children. Ignoring SB 89 on teaching *creationism* in the classroom which passed the Senate on 1/31.... other items of interest include:

- ♦ **HB1259 Anti-bullying** Requires DOE to establish guidelines on bullying prevention programs and investigation and reporting procedures. Requires each school corp. to report instances annually. Modifies the definition of “bullying
- ♦ **SB0004 Human Trafficking** Aimed at protecting young teens from forced prostitution, this bill strengthens current HT and prostitution laws by holding the offender, not the victim, accountable. Passed/signed by the Governor prior to SuperBowl.
- ♦ **SB0389 Mandatory Provider Reporting of Domestic Violence.** Requires a health care provider to: (1) implement protocols and policies for the identification of DV, to offer intervention and treatment services; and (2) report an incident of domestic violence to the local law enforcement agency. The medical community and most women’s groups are against this mandatory reporting out of fear women will hesitate to seek treatment.
- ♦ **HB 1120 Law Enforcement/Unidentified** - this bill would allow a law enforcement officer in an unmarked car without a uniform on to be able to stop and detain a motorist. This bill is dangerous to public safety and opens the door for rapists and other offenders to prey on unsuspecting motorists, especially females driving alone. This bill is dead.
- ♦ **SR0009 Immigration/requiring undocumented students to pay out-of-state** - A resolution urging the legislative council to establish a study committee to study the changes to Indiana law requiring undocumented students to pay out-of-state tuition rates to attend Indiana’s seven public institutions of higher education.

**Of particular interested to our AAUW teachers and retired teachers are the following:**

- ♦ **HB 1162 3% COLA PERF and TRF:** Provides for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and teachers' retirement fund (TRF) members, survivors, and beneficiaries.
- ♦ **HB 1123 THIRTEENTH CHECK :** Provides for a thirteenth check to certain members of the: 1)Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF); (2) public employees' retirement fund (PERF); and (3) state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation officers' retirement fund (C & E fund).
- ♦ **SB 218 TRF PENSION MINIMUM:** TRF retirement benefit adjustment. Provides that the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable to a member of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF) who retired before January 1, 1980, and has at least 20 years of creditable service may not be less than \$500.

I will provide a follow up to these bills at our state meeting in April. Please feel free to call me if you have an questions or would like to know more about the status of a specific bill. My cell is 317/431-8583.

*Sharon Langlotz, President-Elect & AAUW State Public Policy Director*

**AAUW-IN 2012 State Convention Registration**  
**“Back to the Future”**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
**Muncie, IN**

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Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
Special dietary needs: vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_  
Accessibility needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Display table needed:    Yes    No (circle one)

**CONFERENCE HOTEL**  
Holiday Inn Express  
4201 West Bethel Ave.,  
Muncie  
765-298-4678  
Register by March 27th  
for AAUW Rate of \$90  
(queen double room).  
We must book 10  
AAUW rooms to get our  
meeting room FREE!

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all materials  
Registration deadline – April 14, 2012

Cost

\$35 if postmarked on or before April 7, 2012

\$40 is postmarked between April 8 and April 14, 2012

Registration is not guaranteed after April 14; call Susan Trout (765-759-9496) to see if you may take the place of someone who has canceled.

**Mail to – Susan Trout, 8700 W. Tulip Tree Court, Muncie, IN 47304; make checks payable to AAUW-IN.**

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**RESOURCE GUIDE LISTING CHANGES**

**NOTE:** Please send any address updates, including email addresses, to Jane Allerton at [janebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:janebaskets@gmail.com) or to my home address at 600 N. Cherry Wood Lane, Muncie, IN 47304. If you need a copy of the State AAUW Resource Directory, please email me and I will send it electronically.

*Jane Allerton, Communication & Branch Consultant Coordinator*

**BYLAWS UPDATE**

You have probably noticed that there has been little information on bylaws since the June 2011 national AAUW Convention, and I want to be certain that you know the reason. In the fall, AAUW received notification that significant changes are being made to the D.C. code that will affect hundreds of nonprofit organizations based in Washington. Because AAUW is incorporated in both Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, AAUW bylaws must conform to both codes. While I do not yet have the details of the D.C. code changes, I anticipate that AAUW will need to make conformative changes to its national bylaws.

In turn, branch and state bylaws will need to be congruent with those of AAUW. Typically, after national conventions, Model Bylaws are posted to guide your adjustments to any national bylaws changes. Because further national bylaws changes are likely, due to the D.C. code changes, it is recommended that we delay making any conformative changes in both state and branch bylaws. Please know that I will see that you receive the appropriate guidance just as soon as I have it. Thank you for your patience.

*Jean Amman, State Bylaws Chair*



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### TIME LINE 2012

#### 2012

March 15	Emerging Leader and Branch Recognition Applications Due
March 24	Indiana Board Meeting – Indianapolis
March 30	Scholarship Application Due to National & State for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
April 27	Indiana Board Meeting – Muncie
April 28	Indiana State Convention – Muncie
May 31-June 2	National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
June 1	Deadline for IN Bulletin Summer Issue
June 1	Branch & State Officer Lists Due to National & State
July 1	Branch DUES Reports due to National & State
July 14	Summer Board Meeting
August 25	AAUW Indiana Fall Kick-Off Meeting

#### 2012 General Information for Indiana Women

February	African-American History Month
March	Women's History Month
March 1	Torchbearer Awards Celebration – Indianapolis
March 8	International Women's Day
April 17	Equal Pay Day