



# INDIANAPOLIS AAUW NEWSLETTER

*Year's Theme: "IMPACT"*

## APRIL BRANCH MEETING:

**INDIANA STATE CONVENTION, APRIL 27, 2013**

**9:30 am – 3:15 EDT**

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY / SOUTH BEND**

***LAF: Celebrating Equality for Women and Girls***

**University Grill area of IUSB Administration Building,**

**1700 Mishawaka Avenue – see campus map at:**

**[www.iusb.edu/portal/pdfs/CampusMap.pdf](http://www.iusb.edu/portal/pdfs/CampusMap.pdf)**

**Park free in lot just southwest of Adm. Bldg.**

**Hosted by South Bend, Elkhart and Goshen Branches.**

**Sharon Langlotz, State AAUW President**

**Barb Wellnitz, State AAUW Program Co-Chair**

See Indiana Bulletin, Winter 2013, for details.

**\$45 registration, postmark deadline Apr. 13, to  
Marcy Stemp, 7223 Jarneck Ave., Hammond IN 46324.**

**Call Marcy at 219-932-2010 for late registration.**

Rooms may be available for Friday, April 26, at Best Western Plus,  
445 University Drive, Mishawaka IN 46545; 574-273-2309.

**LAF Silent Auction Fundraiser – Indianapolis Branch will donate 3 baskets!**

**Program: Update from National, Sandy Camillo, AAUW Director-at-Large  
LAF Plaintiff, Kathy Bull**

**NCCWSL, Jennifer Randall**

**LAF National & State Updates, Phyllis Thompson & Sharon Langlotz**

**\$663 Raised in Mike's Car-Wash Fund-Raiser!**

**Thank you, Donna Casebourn, Chair, and Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Officer!**

Congratulations to all who bought and sold tickets! Enough to support our \$350 scholarship donation to the STEM conference at Sycamore School, and more!

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2012-2013 Branch Board

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**  
\_\_\_ Legal Advocacy Fund  
**Mitzi Witchger, Public Policy**  
Donna Casebourn, 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  
Donna Casebourn, 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

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

It's been a very active month! Congratulations to all who raised \$663 in our Mike's car-wash fundraiser! We welcome 3 new members, Kathleen Abrams, Kathryn Roberts, and Ruth Simmons.

We were honored and informed by State Superintendent of Education Glenda Ritz at the Collaborative Meeting on March 14, with the League of Women Voters and Church Women United.

Members volunteered at the INCASA Conference on March 20, 21, and 22, the Indiana State Conference to End Sexual Violence, where AAUW recognized and honored those who work constructively in this difficult field and those who are victims. Copies of the AAUW research report, "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harrassment at School," and the Executive Summary and Recommendations were made available to attendees. The AAUW information table received quite a bit of attention, and twelve attendees signed up for membership information.

Let's have a great turn-out at the State Convention April 27!

**Welcome Three New Branch Members - add them to your Roster and greet them at our next meeting!**

Kathleen Abrams, 4054 Central Ave., Indianapolis IN 46205, 317-755-9130 (H).

[Kathleenabrams@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathleenabrams@hotmail.com). BA, Zoology, University of Washington.

Kathryn Roberts, 9535 Cedar Springs Drive, Indianapolis IN 46260, 317-581-1451 (H).

[kpence36@att.net](mailto:kpence36@att.net). Masters in Education, Butler University.

Ruth Simmons, 9745 Trilobi Drive, Indianapolis IN 46236, 317-823-8088 (H).

[ruthpsimmons@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpsimmons@gmail.com). MS in Art Education, Indiana University.

**INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Evening Book Group**

**Monday, April 1 at 6:00 pm, McAlister's, North Michigan Road, near Costso's.**

**Wings: A Novel of World War II Flygirls, by Karl Friedrich.** New members are always welcome. For the May book title contact Michele Chosney, Chair, 328-5227 or [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net) and to let her know you are coming.

**Creative Writing**

**Monday, April 8. 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. The group will meet in June, July and August, but not next December and January.

**Ethnic Dining Group**

**Friday, April 19, 11:30 am. For location, contact Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122.** New members always welcome.

**Daytime Book Discussion**

**Monday, April 15 noon, American Village, 2026 E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.**

**Contact Jan Doyle, chair, for book to be read, at 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net).**

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

**The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.**

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

**[mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net). For other information contact Jan Pfeil Doyle, Chair, 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net).**

**STEM: "Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge: A Conference for Girls on Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math," Saturday, March 1, 2013, the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at The Sycamore School, Indianapolis, the 22<sup>nd</sup> year since AAUW founded the conference in 1991! See Branch STEM History, p. 5.** 400 enthusiastic girls attended sessions on reptiles, nursing, chemistry, geography, math, veterinary medicine and many other topics. AAUW donated \$350 for 10 scholarships, and AAUW volunteers included Susan Belton, Theresa Eck, Coy Halpern, Penny Kyker, Cindy Munerol, Julia Price and Barb Wellnitz.

**STEM: AAUW Tech-Trek Camp Proposal for Columbus, IN, IUPUC, fall, 2013, Cindy Felsten:**

**Cindy Felsten, AAUW member-at-large, Columbus, IN, is proposing to hold a one-day AAUW STEM** conference at Indiana University-Purdue University-Columbus this fall, 2013. She has been in touch with AAUW STEM "Tech-Trek" organizer Ana Kay, and has attracted strong interest from many AAUW members, including Diane Scholfield, Indy Branch member, and Becky Sacopulos, AAUW member in the northern part of Indiana, and other Indianapolis AAUW members who wish to serve on the conference committee.

**Cindy is asking if the Indianapolis Branch AAUW will be the fiscal agent for this STEM Conference.** Praxair, an Indiana company, is offering a grant of up to \$8,000, for all conference expenses, but it must be accepted and the expenses paid officially by an AAUW Branch. The AAUW Guidelines will be published this summer, when our Board will be able to review the provisions and liabilities and decide whether we can accept this responsibility. Cindy is very clear that her conference committee and IUPU-C will handle all arrangements: promotion, inviting speakers, location, topics, and food; the Indy Branch will pay expenses from the grant.

**Contact** Penny Kyker, Branch President, at [pkyker2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pkyker2002@yahoo.com), with your comments and opinions about our Branch acting as fiscal agent for the conference.

**Contact** Cindy Felsten at [cfelsten@comcast.net](mailto:cfelsten@comcast.net) if you wish to be involved in the conference committee.

**STEM: AAUW National Survey on STEM conferences for girls:** Penny Kyker, Branch President, returned the online questionnaire, Feb. 28, 2013. The second question (after name of person completing survey) was, "Did your state/branch host a STEM conference for girls/teens in 2012?" Our answer was "no," so the rest of the questionnaire did not apply to us. However, this inspired Coy Halpern to write a brief history of how AAUW initiated the STEM conference which is now hosted by Sycamore School, so that we can be proud of our Branch history in this area, including annual donations for scholarships and volunteers! [See article on p. 5.](#)

**Receive a \$200 stipend from the Indianapolis Branch to attend the AAUW National Convention!**

Five stipends available, apply right away to Jan Doyle, Finance Officer, [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net), (317) 431-3500.

New Orleans, June 9-12, 2013, "Breaking through Barriers: Leading across Generations."

Highlights: Panel, "Equal Pay, 50 Years Later," Lilly Ledbetter, and AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz. Plenary Event, "How to Get Beyond 'We've Always Done It That Way.'"

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) or see Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine for convention registration and details -- registration deadline May 31.

**National – One Member – One Vote: begins April 15 and ends June 10, 2013, at 9 pm EDT.**

**Vote for officers, issues, priorities. Let each of our voices be heard!**

See *Outlook* magazine, Spring/Summer issue: page E-2 for voting instructions, pages E-1 through E-16 for details of public policy, Bylaws amendments and candidates.

**Vote Online:** Your member ID and voter PIN are on the back of your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine.

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), select VOTE, enter your member ID, select SEARCH, enter your voter PIN, review the ballot and cast your votes.

**Paper ballot** – phone AAUW at 800-326-2289 before May 2 to receive a paper ballot; mail in time to be postmarked before 11:59 pm, EDT, May 17.

**Members' News:**

**Lois Gumpper** is recovering at home from knee replacement, you can phone her at 251-8929, or send cards to her at 809-G Lincolnwood Lane, Indianapolis IN 46260.

**Loretta Zygunt** emailed Mar. 1, 2013, "I am adjusting to Victoria [TX]. I joined a book group, and also a League of the Victoria Symphony. I miss my friends in Indy and Evansville. The auditorium for the Symphony is only two years old. -- Contact Loretta at 337 Champlain St., Victoria TX 77905, or 316-579-7255.

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Carmel IN 46033



Mission

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

**IMPORTANT CHANGE IN MAY MEETING DATE to Saturday, May 18, 2013:**

**All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 East 56th Street, Indianapolis.** (Same place, but not Tues. eve.)

**10:30 am – 11:30 am** Board Meeting.

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm** Pitch-in Progressive Luncheon (local or home-made goodies!) and  
Branch Meeting:

Vote on amendment to the Bylaws to allow an officer to serve three (3) consecutive terms of office rather than two; Election of Secretary, Program V-P, and Finance Officer (Jan Pfeil Doyle is willing to serve a third term); Financial Report; Minutes; Suggestions for programs for next year.

## **History of the Indianapolis Branch AAUW and the Girls' STEM Conferences in Indianapolis,**

by Coy Halpern and Penny Kyker.

[Any members are invited to contribute more details, names or early photos and programs – we will add them to this history.]

The Indianapolis Branch organized the first girls' "STEM" conference in Indianapolis in 1991, targeted at math and science in the early years, and has been involved every year since, as the subject has expanded to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Coy Halpern has a copy of the first program. The cover page is as follows:

"American Association of University Women/Indianapolis and Division of Educational Equity/Indiana Department of Education present: Expanding Your Horizons, Investigating Career Choices, a conference for seventh- and eighth-grade students, parents, and educators, Saturday, February 23, 1991, Shortridge Junior High School."

The program lists the Parent/Educator Schedule, the Student Schedule, Parent/Teacher Workshops (such as "Get on the Right Course – Helping Your Child Select Math and Science Courses"), Student Workshops (including Pharmacy, Nursing, Tax Accounting, Allied Health Careers, Engineering, Chemistry, and Robots), Conference Goals (including To increase student interest in math and science), Local Sponsors (including Union Carbide Coating Service Corp.), and National Sponsors (including the Clorox Company). Printing was courtesy of Meridian Insurance.

AAUW members Kathy Freismuth and Winnie Pettee were early leaders, along with Pat Williams. The first conference at Shortridge Junior High School, 1991, was done by the Branch from beginning to end, with sweat, blood and tears! All expenses were supported by monetary and in-kind donations solicited by Branch members, and all arrangements were done by AAUW volunteers.

Girls, Inc., became involved as organizer, while the Indianapolis Branch continued to serve as presenters, finding presenters and speakers, and making arrangements, including food.

Subsequent locations after Shortridge included Marian College, the University of Indianapolis, Butler University, IUPUI, Dow Chemical, Allison Transmission, and Lilly, Inc., until the conference found its home at the Sycamore School, which now handles all arrangements. Attendance increased to 400, from schools from all around Indiana.

The Indianapolis Branch AAUW has continuously supported this conference, from providing all organization and arrangements in the early years to giving scholarships and working as volunteers at the event.

AAUW Indianapolis Branch Financial Report, Nov. 2, 2012-Jan. 24, 2013, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Officer

Submit any donations or requests for reimbursement as soon as possible to Jan,  
[jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net) or (317) 431-3500 or 8805 Spinnaker Court, Indianapolis IN 46256

| Date   | Item/Payee   | Notes                               | Deposits        | Payments          | Balance            |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Checking Act., Huntington National Bank</b> |  |                                     |                 |                   |                    |
| 11/02/12                                       | Starting Balance   |                                     |                 |                   | \$1,767.82         |
| 11/03/12                                       | Penny Kyker  | Newsletter                          |                 | \$51.66           |                    |
| 11/08/12                                       | AAUW Funds   | Sarah Frank Memorial                |                 | \$25.00           |                    |
| 12/12/12                                       | Julia Price  | AAUW Funds expenses                 |                 | \$33.65           |                    |
| 12/12/12                                       | AAUW Funds   | Beulah Thomas memorial              |                 | \$25.00           |                    |
| 12/15/12                                       | Judith Noggle  | Refund of 1/2 year's dues           |                 | \$34.00           |                    |
| 12/15/12                                       | The Iron Skillet   | December luncheon                   |                 | \$578.37          |                    |
| 01/08/13                                       | Deposit  | Luncheon receipts and 1/2 yr. dues  | \$694.00        |                   |                    |
| 01/13/13                                       | To Sycamore School   | Contribution to Sycamore Conference |                 | \$350.00          |                    |
| 01/24/13                                       | AAUW National Dues   | Noggle, Embry, A. Stevens, Westrate |                 | \$122.50          |                    |
| 01/24/13                                       | AAUW State Dues  |                                     |                 | \$17.50           |                    |
|  |  | <b>Total Deposits</b>               | <b>\$694.00</b> |                   |                    |
|  |  | <b>Total Payments</b>               |                 | <b>\$1,237.68</b> |                    |
|  |  | <b>Ending Balance</b>               |                 |                   | <b>\$1,224.14</b>  |
| <b>Savings Act., Huntington National Bank</b>  |  |                                     |                 |                   |                    |
| 10/01/12                                       | Starting Balance   |                                     |                 |                   | \$1,382.78         |
| 12/31/12                                       | Quarterly Interest   |                                     | \$0.03          |                   |                    |
| 12/31/12                                       | Ending Balance   |                                     |                 |                   | <b>\$1,382.81</b>  |
| <b>CD, Huntington National Bank</b>            |  |                                     |                 |                   |                    |
| 12/22/12                                       | Purchased 17-month CD @ 1.01%; matures 5/22/13; co-signed with Penny Kyker |                                     |                 |                   | <b>\$10,000.00</b> |
|  |  |                                     |                 |                   |                    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                            |  |                                     |                 |                   | <b>\$12,606.95</b> |