

INDIANAPOLIS AAUW NEWSLETTER

Year's Theme: "IMPACT"

"Past Records and Future Readers -- Impact"

Tuesday, February 5, 11:00 am – 1 pm

The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Truman Room

650 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis

Invite a friend and potential new member!

- 11:00** Lunch on our own at the Scottish Rite Double Eagle Cafe. Reservations not required; please respond to your caller or to Barb Wellnitz, Communications Chair, barb@bwellnitz.com or 431-2148 to ensure enough seating.
- 11:30** Speaker: Wilma Gibbs Moore, Archivist, Indiana Historical Society
Speaker: Jackie Nytes, CEO, Indianapolis/Marion County Public Library
- 12:30** Branch meeting: minutes, financial report, sign up for fund-raiser (Mike's Carwash), announcements.

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

Important Membership News from Susan Belton, Membership V-P

Please complete the national AAUW "Every Member Survey," available online at aauw.org, and in the Winter issue of "Outlook," and in a separate mailing to each member, deadline April 12. I just completed mine – it is not difficult (there are no "fill in the blanks"), and it contributes to AAUW's fact-based member and mission projections.

Note the following membership specials!

1. Graduates can join for free within 2 years of completing a degree.
2. There is a 50% reduction in national dues from January to March of this year. This applies to undergraduate students as well as those with a degree.
4. There is a further 50% reduction in national dues from January to March of this year if a prospective member joins at the end of a special event put on by the branch, which can include an unusual meeting [such as our branch participation in the Indiana State Conference on Sexual Violence, Mar. 21-22, Indianapolis].

Therefore: there is no reason for any guest not to join. Please make sure you bring a guest to each meeting. Thank you for all the diligence you have shown this year. It has paid off. Since June our branch has welcomed three new members along with one lapsed member who decided to rejoin.



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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
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Action Priority Enablers

Julia Price, AAUW Funds
Sarah Frank, Legal Advocacy Fund
Mitzi Witchger, Public Policy
Donna Casebourn, Diversity

Special Assignments

Penny Kyker, Judi Deng,
Co-Editors of Newsletter
Barb Wellnitz,
Communications
Lois Gumpfer, 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 Gumpfer,
Girls' Science Conference
Donna Casebourn,
Indianapolis Council of Women

* _____ volunteers needed

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April Lidinsky, Indiana State
AAUW Consultant to the
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Greetings from Your President, Penny Kyker pkyker2002@yahoo.com 317-587-8649

Congratulations to members, and welcome to new member Roni Embry! Our lively meetings and interest groups and programs designed to increase awareness and action in support of AAUW mission and values are all creating appreciation for national, state and local AAUW participation.

Branch Board Meeting, Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am to noon, Indianapolis Star Community Meeting Room, Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis.

Minutes; financial report; appointment of the Nominating Committee; appointment of the LAF chair for our spring appeal; consideration of combining the LAF and other AAUW Funds appeal into one appeal next year. Details of branch sponsoring movie night with "The Invisible War," information table and refreshments, at the Indiana State Conference on Sexual Violence, March 21-22, 2013, Indianapolis – opportunity to support efforts in line with AAUW mission and to promote awareness of and membership in AAUW.

Encouragement of members to attend the National AAUW Convention, June 9-12, New Orleans, and consideration of providing branch stipends to attendees.

Needed: Branch Newsletter Co-Editor – Penny needs to give up this responsibility, and is seeking someone to work with Judi Deng on this all-important vehicle of branch communication.

March Branch Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 11:30 am, Coalition Meeting of AAUW, League of Women Voters and Church Women United, speaker to be announced. Please bring a salad, bread or dessert to share, and bring your own tableware.

AAUW Branch Participation in the Indiana State Conference on Sexual Violence, March 12-22, Crown Plaza, at the old airport, Indianapolis, branch sponsoring movie night with "The Invisible War," information table and refreshments – opportunity to support efforts in line with AAUW mission and to promote awareness of and membership in AAUW.

From Coy Halpern, Julian Center Liaison:

"The 'sleigh' with driver delivered the holiday gifts to the Julian Center. Thank you one and all for the generous gifts."

The Indianapolis Branch of AAUW collected clothes and toys for the Julian Center Shelter for victims of domestic abuse at the December 15th meeting.

Thank you to Donna Casebourn for volunteering to be Branch Parliamentarian. This will help our branch and board meetings be as efficient as we want them to be, and guarantee that all will be heard.

Please nominate a member or a branch activity – let a board member know -- to be submitted to Phyllis Thompson, 4634 Morning Wind Place, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, deadline March 15, 2013.

1. AAUW Indiana Ingenious Ideas Application. This is our chance to let one of our branch programs be recognized at the state level!
2. AAUW Application for Emerging Leaders. Suggest someone who has been a student or regular member for less than 3 years, someone active in AAUW mission and programs and shows potential for future leadership.

Interest Groups Calendar – New Members Always Welcome!

Evening Book Group

Monday, February 4 at 6:00 pm, Panera Bread, West 86th Street and Colby Road, near Trader Joe's.
Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond, by Lilly Ledbetter and Lanier Scott Isom. 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.

Creative Writing

Monday, February 11. 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

Friday, February 15, 11:30 am, Taste of Europe, 4320 West 96th Street, Indianapolis.
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.

Daytime Book Discussion

Monday, February 21, noon, American Village, 2026 E. 54th Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.
The Greater Journey, David McCullough.
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 3rd Monday of the month.
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.

Please welcome new member Roni Embry and add her information to your Roster:

Roni Embry, 6182 Elsbury Drive, Indianapolis IN 46236
317-979-0032 (cell) 317-263-3352 (work) rembry@ista-in.org

Please update Janet Carpenter's address in your Roster:

Janet Carpenter, 8587 Lake Clearwater Lane, Apt. #423, Indianapolis, IN 46246
317-331-3663 Janshacarp@att.net

News from National and State

Nov. 20, 2012: AAUW give thanks for so many opportunities and advancements for women and girls in 2012: Women have gained back 50% of their total jobs lost in the recession, men have regained 52%.

Dec. 15, 2012: Speak out about the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Dec. 21, 2012: AAUW mourns Connecticut tragedy.
Registration for the national convention is open – register today aauw.org in New Orleans, June 9-12.

Jan. 19, 2013: Barb Kanning calls our attention to the petition for the Equal Rights Amendment; the film “The Invisible War,” and the reintroduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Watch for the Indiana AAUW Bulletin in February.

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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 - support STEM!

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.

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 Gumpfer, Branch Liaison to the Girls Conference

Fund-raising – Mike's Car Wash – Donna Casebourn

Ladies, our Mike's Carwash Fundraiser is all set for March 1st – 31st. We will be selling tickets only during March, at the Mike's price of \$8.00 each. We have requested 250 tickets to sell, of which we will raise 50% of the profit minus the printing of the tickets, \$69.00. If 25 members sell tickets we only have to sell 10 each to sell the whole 250! Unsold tickets are returned. Tickets are printed with "AAUW Indianapolis Branch" for increased visibility for our branch!

Twelve members have committed to sell – if you haven't signed up yet, please email me DonnaCasebourn@yahoo.com or add your name to the list at the Feb. 5 meeting! The tickets can be used at any Mike's Carwash – if you have family or friends around Indiana you can sell (or give) to them! Jan's suggestion to give as Christmas gifts is a very smart decision – according to Mike's, the tickets are good for all of 2013!

I will be picking up the tickets near the end of February, and I will contact all of you who volunteered to sell to see the most efficient way of disbursing the tickets. I have to have all the funds and returned tickets collected to turn back to Mike's by April 7th.

Happy selling! Just think, when you see the next clean car you can put on a smile knowing that you were part of the effort to beautify Indianapolis. We can earn more than enough to support our scholarship donation of \$350 to the Girls' Conference!