



## INDIANAPOLIS AAUW NEWSLETTER

*Indianapolis Branch - 100 Years*  
*Year's Theme: "Expanding Horizons"*

### Board Meeting, Saturday, January 25, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Nora Library, 8625 Guilford Avenue, Indianapolis

Nominating Com., Finances, Membership, Program, Web Site, Mike's Fund-Raiser.

### Branch Meeting at Scottish Rite Cathedral

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

650 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis

Bring a friend who is interested in local education!

### Program Policy Priority: Community Education and Local Schools

Program Vice-President, Julia Price; Past Program VP, Dr. Lora Vann

#### **11:00 a.m. Lunch on our own, Scottish Rite Cathedral Double Eagle Cafe.**

Reservations not required, but please reply to Barb Wellnitz to ensure adequate seating: [barb@bwellnitz.com](mailto:barb@bwellnitz.com), 317-431-2148.

#### **11:45 a.m. Sharon Langlotz, Indiana AAUW State President, "Board Service."**

Sharon has appointed Diane Scholfield, dual member of Albuquerque and Indianapolis Branches, as State Board College & University Representative.

#### **Speaker: Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township.**

Appointed in May, 2011, Dr. Woodson is leading a school district with more than 11,000 students (67% students of color, 57% qualify for free/reduced lunch) to be one of the few nationwide districts to offer the International Baccalaureate to all students.



#### **12:30 p.m. Branch Announcements & Business:**

- \* Nominating Committee for President, VP Membership, Secretary.
- \* Mike's Fund-Raiser – support scholarships, collect your tickets now! \$600+ in 2013!!
- \* Report of Board Meeting Jan. 25.
- \* \$350 scholarship donation has been sent to Sycamore School STEM.
- \* \$25 organizational dues have been sent to HAPA, Health Access and Privacy Alliance; Penny Kyker & Jan Pfeil Doyle are branch representatives.
- \* Sign up to help STEM at Sycamore School, Mar. 8, & IUPUC, June 14.
- \* Branch Web Site.

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### Officers

**Penny Kyker**

President

**Julia Price**

Program VP

**Susan Belton**

Membership VP

**Janice Pfeil Doyle**

Finance Officer

**Dorothy Alexander,**

**Judi Deng,** Past Co-Presidents

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### Action Priority Enablers

**Cynthia Munerol**

AAUW Funds

**Mitzi Witchger**

Public Policy

**Lora Vann and**

**Donna Casebourn**

Diversity

### Special Assignments

**Penny Kyker, Dorothy**

**Alexander,**

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**Barb Wellnitz**

Communications

**Lois Gumper, Dorothy**

**Alexander, Penny Kyker**

Member Handbook/Roster

**Donna Casebourn**

Parliamentarian

\*\*\* Historian

\*\*\* Hospitality

### Interest Group Leaders

**Jan Pfeil Doyle** Daytime Book

**Jean Petranoff** Lunch Res.

**Michele Chosney** Evening Book

**Patricia Wood** Creative Writing

**Jan Swartz** Ethnic Dining

### Liaisons

**Coy Halpern**

Julian Center

**Lois Gumper**

Girls' STEM, Sycamore School

**Michele Chosney**

Indianapolis Council of Women

### Tech Savvy STEM:

**Cindy Felsten, Chair**

*Collaboration between  
Indianapolis Branch and  
Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.-  
Columbus*

### Branch Consultant:

**Janet Brewer**

[jlbrewer@anderson.edu](mailto:jlbrewer@anderson.edu)

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Contact Susan Belton, Membership VP, [sjbelton@yahoo.com](mailto:sjbelton@yahoo.com), 317-490-6483  
See AAUW information online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and [indstate.edu/aauw-in](http://indstate.edu/aauw-in)

**Note: Combined March-April Newsletter, sent in March, will detail the next two meetings:**

Thursday, March 20, 11:30 a.m., North United Methodist Church:  
Collaborative Meeting with the League of Women Voters and Church Women United.

Saturday, April 26, Conner Prairie: Indiana AAUW State Convention, hosted by the Noblesville Branch.

**From Coy Halpern, Indianapolis Branch/Julian Center Liaison:**

"Santa delivered the holiday gifts collected at the Branch meeting on December 14 to the Julian Center before Christmas. Thank you for your support and the gifts for women and children."

**The Indianapolis Branch has a new AAUW web page, and a Tech Savvy page**

**Branch site at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/>**

**Tech Savvy page at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>**

Plans are under way to add the program calendar, board news and monthly program information.

**INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Would you like to start a new Interest Group? Contact Penny Kyker: [pkyker2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pkyker2002@yahoo.com)**

**Evening Book Group**

**Monday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. at Panera Bread, West 86<sup>th</sup> St., near Trader Joe's (note change of place).**

**The book is "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini.** New members are always welcome. Contact Michele Chosney, Chair, 328-5227 or [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net) to let her know you are coming, and with any questions.

**Creative Writing**

**The group will not meet in January. Regular meetings will resume on February 10, 2014, and continue in the evening on the 2nd Monday of the month at a member's home.** Contact Pat Wood, 283-2904,

for time and location and further information. New members are always welcome.

**Ethnic Dining Group**

**Friday, February 21, 11:30 a.m., Ivy Tech Culinary School.** New members are always welcome. Contact Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122, to let her know you are coming or with any questions. The group will continue to meet in 2014 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

**Daytime Book Discussion**

**Monday, January 20, noon, American Village, 2026 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.**

**The book is "Wolf Hall: A Novel," by Hilary Mantel, British historical fiction centering on Thomas Cromwell and King Henry VIII. Judi Deng will lead discussion.** 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](mailto:mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net). For more information contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net). Regular meetings will continue on the third Monday of the month in 2014.

**STEM – be a part of these important educational opportunities for middle-school girls:**

1. **Saturday, March 8, Sycamore School, Indianapolis.** Those who have volunteered in the past will receive a notification at the end of January to sign up again for the class and time of your choice. Contact Lois Gumpfer, Indianapolis Branch/Sycamore School Liaison, to receive the volunteer form, 317-251-8929.

2. **Saturday, June 14, IUPUC, on the University campus in Columbus.** This program is one of 10 AAUW awardees nationwide to receive an \$8,000 grant, provided by Praxair, for a STEM program in 2014. Contact Cindy Felsten, Chair, to be a part of this exciting venture, [cfelsten@iupuc.edu](mailto:cfelsten@iupuc.edu), 812-375-7531.

**AAUW Action Network:** sign up at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) for urgent e-mail notices - contact your elected officials.

\* **LAF Express, Dec., 2013:**

\*\* **Supreme Court Refuses to Stay Texas Law Limiting Access to Reproductive Health Care.**

Among other provisions, the law requires any doctor who performs abortions to have professional privileges to admit patients to a local hospital. Pro-choice groups challenged the law on behalf of several women's health care providers because it would severely limit the number of doctors who can perform abortions in the state and does not enhance patient safety.

... AAUW is very disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision. We will keep you updated as the case continues.

\*\* **Supreme Court Will Hear Contraceptive Coverage Cases.**

The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear appeals in two lawsuits filed by business owners who challenged the Affordable Care Act's requirement that all employers include contraceptive care in their health plans.

\*\* **Calling all Title IX Champions!**

We know AAUW members do vital work to ensure that students' rights under Title IX are enforced. You investigate Title IX compliance, assemble lists of Title IX coordinators in schools, promote better sexual assault policies, and help teach students, parents, educators, coaches, and administrators about Title IX's requirements.

Beginning early in the new year, AAUW will launch an effort to recognize, celebrate, and publicize your wonderful contributions! **In January we will start asking you to nominate AAUW members and branches as Title IX Champions!**

\* **AAUW Membership Matters, Nov./Dec. 2013:**

\*\* **Engagement provides crucial support to volunteer leaders, and it is key to a member's decision to stay in AAUW.**

\*\* **Half-Year Dues:** members joining now through March 15 receive one-half off national dues for membership through the end of this membership year, June, 2014. New members who join at a "Shape the Future" event can receive 75% off national dues.

\*\* Coming in late January, 2014: Branches using the Membership Payment Program [the Indianapolis Branch uses this] can join your branch online!

**The Indianapolis Branch and the Indiana AAUW State Board are organizational members of HAPA, Health Access and Privacy Alliance, "working to improve access to health care and protect reproductive choice in Indiana."** See [hapaind.org](http://hapaind.org).

Meetings are on Thursdays at noon every week at Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, 200 South Meridian St., Indianapolis. Penny Kyker and Jan Pfeil Doyle are branch representatives, and any branch member is welcome to attend. To participate by phone, call 1-800-505-4464 and give the participant passcode 724857.

At the meeting on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, HAPA called for support of 3 events on Monday, January 13, to oppose HJR 3, the proposed amendment to the Indiana Constitution to ban gay marriage: 1) 10 am, hearing by the House Judiciary Com.; 2) 6 pm, Freedom Indiana Rally in the Artsgarden; 3) 7 pm, debate at Franklin College, representative of ACLU-IN and president of Indiana Family Institute.

The HAPA representative from the Jewish Community Relations Council has provided copies of 5 Indiana legislative documents. Contact Penny Kyker [psyker2002@yahoo.com](mailto:psyker2002@yahoo.com) to receive copies:

- 2013-2014 State Senate Standing Coms. and Schedules.
- 2013-2014 State House of Representatives Committee Meeting Schedule.
- Senate Primary bills this session; House Priority bills this session.
- Committee Assignments for the 118<sup>th</sup> General Assembly House of Representatives.
- Senate Committee Assignments.

**The Indianapolis Branch is an organizational member of the Indianapolis Council of Women --**

Contact branch representative Michele Chosney for dates and topics of Spring meetings, [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net) 317-328-5227.

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**Community Book Discussion Wednesday, January 29, 7 p.m., Bookmamas**

Join other AAUW members to dine at one of the participating “Devour Indianapolis” restaurants, and then go to Bookmamas to hear about *Fighting for Equality: A Life of May Wright Sewell*, by Ray E. Boomhower, and women's suffrage. [May Wright Sewell was the founder of the women's organization that became Indianapolis AAUW!] One of the book club members will talk about Seneca Falls, and Steve Barnett from the Irvington Historical Society will talk about Irvington and the suffrage movement. Bookmamas, 9 Johnson Avenue (near corner of South Ritter Avenue and Washington Street, Irvington). [bookmamas.com](http://bookmamas.com) 317-375-3715. Contact Barb Wellnitz, [barb@bwellnitz.com](mailto:barb@bwellnitz.com)

**The Indianapolis Branch AAUW has been invited and has provided information to be included in the list of Business and Professional Women's Organizations for 2014 in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*.**

Contact is Barbara Hoffman, Research Department, IBJ. Follow IBJ Lists on Twitter at [twitter.com/IBJLists](https://twitter.com/IBJLists).

**“Women Warriors”** Honor women on the front lines of reproductive rights, medal winners for bravery.

Wednesday, January 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m, on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

IndyFringe Theatre, 719 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis. RSVP to Robin Olds, [robinolds@comcast.net](mailto:robinolds@comcast.net) .

Awardees are Sue Errington, Vi Simpson, Linda Lawson, Betty Cockrum.

Note: Ms. Cockrum was a speaker at our Indianapolis Branch meeting, February, 2012.

Admission free and open to the public; suggested donation of \$25 or more.

Sponsored by Indiana NOW PAC - notice submitted by Mitzi Witchger.

**What can we do? Where can we contribute? Branch members at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting wanted to contribute to Dr. Krista Latham, forensic anthropologist, University of Indianapolis, after hearing about her project “Humanitarian Recovery on the U.S.-Mexican Border,” when she led a team of graduate students to identify remains of undocumented migrants in Texas. Dr. Latham will be glad to answer questions at [lathamke@uindy.edu](mailto:lathamke@uindy.edu) . Donations will be gratefully received by UIndy – make check to “The University of Indianapolis,” write "Beyond Borders Fund" on the memo line, and send it to: Andy Kocher, Executive Director of Development, University of Indianapolis, 1400 East Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.**