



INDIANAPOLIS AAUW, 102 Years
Year's Theme: Each One Bring One !

Thursday, March 19, 2015, 11:30 am

**Annual Collaborative Meeting with
Church Women United and League of Women Voters
North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian, Indianapolis
Speaker: Terri Morris Downs, Executive Director,
Indianapolis Immigrant Welcome Center**

Reservations are not required, but let Barb Wellnitz know
if you are coming so enough seating is prepared,
barb@bwellnitz.com or 431-2148.

11:30 Sign in .

11:50 Welcome by Pam Brunae, CWU, moderator.
Brief announcements from member organizations.
Pitch-in Luncheon:

Bring a salad or bread to share, and your tableware; drinks provided.

12:15 Speaker, Terri Morris Downs, Indianapolis Immigrant Welcome Center.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Indiana State AAUW Annual Convention, Fort Wayne.

Our Branch will be submitting for recognition: an outstanding program,
and names of an emerging leader, and ongoing leader.

Personal News: Memorial Service for Raiford Scott,

AAUW Honorary Life Member, who passed away Dec. 29, 2014, age 103,
Thursday, April 2, 2015, Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis,
615 West 43rd Street.

\$400+ Raised in the CREW Car-Wash Fund-Raiser!

Thank you Donna Casebourn, Chair, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Finance Officer, and all
members who purchased tickets!

This supports the \$350 scholarship donation to STEM at Sycamore School,
Sat., March 14 – branch volunteers will be there!

Title IX Champions!

Mitzi Witchger has submitted two NYS AAUW members, Donna Seymour,
Potsdam, and Mary Grainger, Ithaca, for Title IX Champion awards.
Mitzi was selected a Title IX Champion last year, nominated by Sharon Langlotz!

Roster – please correct listing for Dr. Althea Stevens:
B.S., Bus. Ed., from Los Angeles State University.

**Indianapolis Branch
Newsletter**

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2014-2015 Board

Elected Officers

Sherry Watkins, Penny Kyker
Co-Presidents
Julia Price
Program VP
Lora Vann
Membership VP
Janice Pfeil Doyle
Finance Officer
Donna Casebourn
Secretary
Penny Kyker, Past President

Action Priority Enablers

Cynthia Munerol
AAUW Funds
Mitzi Witchger
Public Policy
**Lora Vann and
Donna Casebourn**
Diversity

Special Assignments

Penny Kyker
Newsletter Editor
Barb Wellnitz
Communications
**Lois Gumper, Penny Kyker,
Marti Daily, Jan Pfeil Doyle**
Member Handbook/Roster

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
Penny Kyker, Jan Pfeil Doyle
HAPA

Tech Savvy STEM:

Cindy Felsten, Chair
Collaboration between
Indianapolis Branch and
Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.
Columbus

AAUW Indiana Branch Consultant:
Sara Curtis

INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

New: Family History Group

Donna Casebourn, Chair. Meeting time and place to be decided by those participating.

Do you like treasure hunts? Jigsaw puzzles? The quest to discover your ancestors who have paved the way for you is just as fun. Donna will teach you the tricks of the trade. We will have access to FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com along with other premium websites. Contact Donna Casebourn, donnacasebourn@yahoo.com or 216-0403.

Evening Book Group

Second Monday this month: Panera Bread, West 86th St. at Colby Rd. (next to Trader Joe's).

Contact **Michele Chosney**, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, for book availability or change of location. New members are welcome.

This month, second Monday: Mar. 9, 6:00 pm, Prisoner of Tehran, by Marina Nemat.

Creative Writing

Second Monday of the month at a member's home.

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

Ethnic Dining Group

Second Friday this month, 11:30 am. Contact Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122 to let her know you are coming.

Mar. 13, Muldoon's of Carmel (Irish), 111 West Main St., Carmel. Parking in rear. New members welcome.

Daytime Book Discussion

Third Monday of the month at noon.

Mar. 16, Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver.

NOTE: different location and time this month TBA – regular attendees will be notified, visitors or newcomers contact Chair Jan Doyle, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

Apr. 20, The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd.

(When group resumes meeting at American Village: Jane Henderson is new hostess. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip, paid at the main desk. Please make your lunch reservation one week in advance by contacting Chris Greene, cafg3205@aol.com or 858-5139.) New members welcome.

Upcoming Events:

**This Saturday, March 14: Sycamore School Career Conference (STEM) –
Our Branch donates \$350 to scholarships, and Branch volunteers will be on site to assist presentations.**

Indianapolis Council of Women, meeting monthly on First Tuesdays.

Propylaeum, 1410 N. Delaware St. Free programs are at 10:30 and 1:00, paid luncheon is at noon.

April 7 meeting: contact Michele Chosney, Branch Delegate, for details, mechosney@comcast.net or 328-5227.

Reservations are required for luncheon, call Mary Peat, 317-357-6895, cost, \$23.

The Indianapolis Branch AAUW is an organizational member, and any AAUW member can attend programs and lunch.

Saturday, May 9, Branch Board and Program Meeting: "Food Deserts in Indianapolis"

The Indianapolis Star, Georgetown Rd.

Speakers, Lora Vann, "Existing Situation," and Aster Bekley, "Overcoming Food Deserts."

Pitch-in Luncheon: please bring a dish to share and your own tableware. Drinks will be provided.

Business: Election of Finance Officer and Program VP.

Wednesday, August 26, "She Votes," Celebration of Women's Suffrage, at The Propylaeum, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Sherry Watkins, Indy Branch's representative on the planning committee, with Marti Daily. **The Indianapolis Branch is donating \$200 toward a matching grant.** Other sponsoring organizations: The Propylaeum Historic Foundation, The Indiana Women's History Assn., Indiana & Indianapolis League of Women Voters, the National Organization for Women, the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana State Museum, Delta Kappa Gamma 6, Council 8, American Victorian Society of Indianapolis, the Indiana Federation of Democratic Women.

“Challenges in Justice: Human Trafficking in Indiana”
February Branch Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, Scottish Rite Cathedral

Abigail Kuzma, Attorney, Indiana Asst. Atty. Gen. & Chief Counsel for Div. of Victim Services/Outreach

This is serious! How many of us were aware of the extent of human trafficking in Indiana? 30 members, with 3 visitors, attended the February Program and heard Atty. Kuzma describe how young girls are lured and kidnapped into the sex trade in our state, and how difficult it is to find them, free them and rehabilitate them. Atty. Kuzma reported 100 cases in the last year, representing only those that were identified and prosecuted, out of more victims.

Atty. Kuzma described signs that a girl may be a victim, and phone numbers to call if this is suspected:

911.

Indianapolis Trafficked Persons Assistance Program 24-hr line, 800-928-6403.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center 1-888-373-7888, or text to 233733, “To BeFree.”

If a child may be in danger, call Indiana Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline, 1-800-800-5556.

Marti Daily found additional information at the Indiana Attorney General's web site:

<http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3074.htm> and <http://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/2938/htm>

Note, Greg Zoeller, Ind. Atty. General, Indianapolis Star,” opinion piece, Sun., Feb. 15, 2015, “Forward Indiana:”
“Our society is far too tolerant of the commercial sex industry. “ “Men stand up against the sex trade.”

Also note, Indianapolis Star, news article, Fri., Feb. 20, 2015, Tom LoBianco, “2015 General Assembly:”
“Strip club measure could curb sex trafficking,” referring to proposal that club owners file identity documentation of strippers, to prevent underage and trafficked girls from being used as strippers.

Fourth Annual “Indiana Civic Day, Stand Up for Justice,” Saturday, Feb. 7, Indiana Statehouse

Sponsored by the Center for Inquiry-Indiana and the Indiana Chapter Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Our Branch had a display table of AAUW mission, priorities and actions.

Citizens are urged to identify legislation that threatens constitutional freedoms in line with our organizational values, learn the facts, and contact legislators urging action against these limitations.

Ron Lindsay, President & CEO of Center for Inquiry, spoke about the potential for the Indiana SB 568 “Freedom of Religion” bill to deprive members of the public from services based on the religious beliefs of business owners. Sarah Jones of Americans United... also spoke about SB 568 and others that can result in discrimination. Katie Blair, ACLU, also spoke against the “Religious Freedom” bill, in defense of potential victims of religious discrimination. Patti Stauffer, Planned Parenthood, spoke in opposition to Proposed Indiana bills limiting women's freedom and privacy in health care decisions. Megan Robertson, Freedom Indiana, bipartisan coalition in support of gay marriage, described steps in last year's successful campaign to defeat the anti-gay marriage Indiana constitutional amendment.

HAPA : Health Access and Privacy Alliance, <http://www.hapaindiana.org/>

HAPA meets regularly on Thursdays at noon at Planned Parenthood Indiana-Kentucky. Our Indianapolis Branch and AAUW Indiana are organizational members of HAPA. Branch representatives are Penny Kyker and Sherry Watkins. Since 1989 HAPA has worked as a coalition of civic, educational, religious, professional, and health organizations from all over the state to improve access to healthcare and protect reproductive choice in Indiana, including watching and speaking up on legislative activities that affect reproductive issues. HAPA provides titles & numbers of bills and names of committee members so AAUW members can contact their legislators to encourage considerations in line with AAUW values. **HAPA Convener:** Reba Boyd Wooden, office, 317-423-0710; cell, 317-797-5892; 350 Canal Walk, Suite A, Indianapolis IN 46202.

Note: Our AAUW Branch is included as signer of HAPA statements on legislation in conjunction with other like-minded organizations, statements that are in line with AAUW mission and values. Individual members maintain their own rights to their own opinions, expressions, and legislative contacts, but individuals do not speak publicly *on behalf of AAUW* if their opinions do not agree with AAUW's publicly-stated opinions.

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Alerts from National AAUW:

LAF EXPRESS: Learn your legal rights if facing discrimination or harassment at work – see AAUW website, LAF section.

AAUW FUND FACTS: See AAUW website for fund-raising check list. Support AAUW Funds that support high-quality mission-based programs in the face of growing demands.