



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

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Indianapolis Star, 8278 Georgetown Road, Indianapolis

Reservations are not required, but please notify Communications Chair
Barb Wellnitz, 317-431-2148 or barb@bwellnitz.com so we provide enough seating.

10:00-11:00 Board

Minutes; Finance/Budget Report; Membership Renewal; Other Reports.
Report of Nominating Com: Jan Swartz, Chair, Dorothy Alexander, Susan Belton.
Program V-P: Julia Price, current Program V-P who will continue.
Finance Officer: Dr. Althea Stevens, succeeding Jan Pfeil Doyle.

11:00-11:45 Program - Mission: Leadership in the Community/Timely Issues

Topic: "Urban Food Deserts in Indianapolis: Community Gardening Project"

Dr. Lora Vann, Branch Membership V-P: Introduction of the Speaker.

Ms. Aster Bekele, Speaker.

A native of Ethiopia, Ms. Bekele came to Indiana and graduated in 1973 from Franklin College. She transferred to IUPUI and graduated with a major in chemistry. Employed in her field of chemistry at Eli Lilly, Ms. Bekele participated in the company's "science education outreach program." She conducted a STEM enrichment program in the Brightwood-Martindale area of Indianapolis. She will describe her gardening project.

11:45-12:30 Pitch-In Luncheon – please bring a light dish to share such as salad, cheese & crackers, fruit, etc. Beverages provided; bring your own tableware. (Bring your own cooler if needed, no facilities to chill, or heat, food).

12:30-1:00 Branch Business

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Election: Program V-P, nominee: Julia Price.
Finance Officer, nominee: Dr. Althea Stevens.

AAUW Indiana State Convention held Saturday, April 25, Ft. Wayne

"Powerful Programs," keynote presentation by Cordy Galligan, AAUW Vice-President of Marketing and Business Development.
"Mentoring," afternoon presentation by Julie Creek, Coordinator for IPFW Center for Women and Returning Adults.
NCCWSL Attendee, Frances Flores, 2014, sponsored by Ft. Wayne Branch.
41 attended, including Indy members Penny Kyker & Carol Weisert; Sharon Langlotz, State President; Coy Halpern, State Nominating Com.; Barb Wellnitz, State Co-Program Chair; Anne Langlotz, State Bulletin Editor.
Indy Branch Display – Newsletters, National Certificate for 100+ .

Jan Doyle was recognized as a member leader; Sherry Watkins as an emerging leader; Women in Law and Human Trafficking were recognized as ingenious programs in line with AAUW mission.

**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
Donna Casebourn
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
Penny Kyker, Sherry Watkins
HAPA

Tech Savvy STEM:

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

AAUW Indiana Branch Consultant:

Sara Curtis

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, BY JUNE 15
RENEW ONLINE, OR BY CHECK TO BRANCH FINANCE OFFICER

See instructions on renewal form, enclosed.
59 members as of January – invite a friend to join now!

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 to show your interest, donnacasebourn@yahoo.com or 216-0403.

Evening Book Group

First Monday of the month, 6 pm, 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.

May 4, *Still Life with Bread Crumbs*, by Anna Quindlen, the story of a photographer who learns that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life.

June 8, select books for next year – pitch-in dinner at Dorothy Alexander's, 5868 Arabian Run, Indianapolis.

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

Third Friday of the Month, 11:30 am. Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122. New members welcome.

May 15, contact Jan Swartz for location and to let her know you are coming.

Daytime Book Discussion

Third Monday of the month at noon, American Village, Lincoln Lodge, 2026 East 54th Street, Indianapolis.

May 18, *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.

June 15, *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt.

July 20, **Select books for next year: bring your suggestions and availability at IMCPL.**

Jane Henderson is 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. Contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net for more information or for help in finding a copy of the book.

Upcoming Meetings

Indianapolis Council of Women, meeting monthly on First Tuesdays, Michele Chosney, Branch Delegate.

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

May 12, contact Michele Chosney, to let her know you will attend, mechosney@comcast.net or 328-5227.

10:30 am: Chaucie's Place, "Protecting Our Children – Learn What You Can Do," Cortney Bowen.

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

1:00 pm: Installation of officers and a memorial service.

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

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

Sherry Watkins is 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.

Watch for your September 2015 Indianapolis Newsletter announcing the opening meeting of our program year.

Saturday, September 12, AAUW Indiana State Summit, Warsaw, Nancy Waltz-Stern, State Program Chair.

HAPA : Health Access and Privacy Alliance

HAPA meets regularly on Thursdays at noon at Planned Parenthood Indiana-Kentucky during the legislative session. 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. <http://www.hapaindiana.org/>

Notes from April 23 meeting, from Sherry Watkins:

Reports from delegates:

RFRA--after the uproar, many communities are now passing their own Human Rights Ordinances (HRO). ACLU is looking for further ways to "fix" RFRA. Freedom Indiana coalition is taking the lead. There has been a commitment from the business community to have a state-wide Human Rights Ordinance. ACLU is part of oral argument in the Supreme Court same-sex marriage case to be heard April 28. HAPA sent thank you's to legislators who voted against RFRA.

Planned Parenthood--lots of bills dead in the legislature, including no abortions based on gender selection or disabilities. Expect these to be reintroduced in the next legislative session, starting January, 2016. Still lots of requirements in place affecting doctors in reporting pregnancy terminations, with heavy fines for non-compliance.

HIV education not forbidden as was proposed.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015, HAPA resumes meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, May 18, Milktooth, Big Gay Day, Includes music and small bites from local restaurants, \$5.
Organizations like AAUW can have informational tables at the event.
- Thursday, May 21, 5:50-9:00 pm, Indy Fringe Festival, NOW say NO to Mike Pence.
\$5, proceeds to selected candidates.
- Sunday, May 31, Separation of Church and State meeting, Broadway Methodist Church, speaker on end-of-life issues.
- Saturday, June 6, League of Women Voters at Indiana Historical Society—all-day workshop on redistricting reform training—hoping some members will be selected to serve on state redistricting committee.
- Friday, June 5-June 15, Circle City Pride Week, Indiana's Largest LGBT Celebration —HAPA member organizations are invited to march in the Parade with ACLU or Planned Parenthood, Saturday, June 13.

AAUW Indianapolis Branch Membership Renewal for 2015-2016

(our membership year runs from July 2015-June 2016)

Regular Member Dues: **\$68** (\$49 nat'l + \$7 state + \$12 branch; → \$46 of the nat'l dues are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution)

Paid Life Member Dues: **\$19** (\$7 state + \$12 branch)

Student Affiliate Dues: **\$17** (nat'l only; students don't pay state or local dues → \$16 are tax-deductible)

50-year Honorary Life Members: **No Dues**

We now have two ways to pay: (1) online using a credit card; or (2) by check as in the past.

1) To renew online:

Go to www.aauw.org. Click LOGIN at the top of the page. Enter your MEMBER ID and PASSWORD. Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of any page and click MEMBER TOOLS, then click MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE. Select RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP and pay with your credit card. (While you're online, you can review your contact details and make any changes.)

If you do not have a password, register here first: https://svc.aauw.org/recore/inc/register_wp.asp.

If you have questions, call Connect2AAUW at 800/326-2289, Monday-Friday, between 10am and 5pm ET or email connect@aauw.org.

PLEASE NOTE: We will also be sending automated renewal reminders to everyone who has an email address on file with the national office. The links above will be in the email, so you don't have to type in the web addresses—you can just click on the link in the email. ***Also,*** if you prefer this payment method, please send me an email message letting me know so we won't send you a paper renewal next year (jan@mw.net).

OR

2) To renew by check: Make your check payable to AAUW Indianapolis Branch, and mail it to:

Jan Doyle
8805 Spinnaker Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46256

➔ Please renew online or send your check before June 15, 2015 ←

Roster / Newsletter / Renewal Changes

If you have any changes for the roster, would like to change how you receive your newsletter and/or renewal next year, please fill in and return this form with your dues, or email any changes to jan@mw.net.

Your Name: _____

Any changes or additions for roster (eg, name, address, phone, email): _____

I prefer the monthly meeting reminder by: _____ email _____ telephone _____ I prefer not to be contacted

Help our branch save money on printing and postage:

Check here _____ to receive your monthly newsletter by email instead of the mailed paper copy

Check here _____ to receive your renewal next year by email only.

12905 Union Springs Dr., #1-G
Carmel, IN 46032



All Members, Be Sure to Vote for National AAUW Board, Amendments and Public Policy Changes

-- Reminder from Sherry Watkins, Branch Co-President:

Details about the [candidates](#) and [ballot issues](#) are available on the [aauw.org](#) website and in your *Spring/Summer Outlook* magazine.

All AAUW members who have paid their full national dues by 9 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015, are eligible to vote.

Members with email listed on the national online member roster will already have received an election message with link to voting page. Online voting is fast, easy, and secure. To vote online, select link from email message, enter your member ID and voter PIN (listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine), and click on Start to Vote. You can click on the links beside each candidate and item on the ballot for more information. Link not working? Go to www.aauw.org and click on the VOTE button. Enter your member ID, click SEARCH. Enter your voter PIN, and then review the ballot and vote.

Online voting begins April 15 and ends June 19, 2015, at 9 p.m. PDT.

Members who wish to use a paper ballot may request to have one mailed to them before May 8:

Call 800.326.2289 or e-mail connect@aauw.org .

No paper ballot requests will be accepted after May 8. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 26, 2015.

For more information about the voting process, read the [FAQs](#), e-mail connect@aauw.org, or call 800.326.2289.