



INDIANAPOLIS AAUW, 103 Years

Theme: Year of Women – Connections!

Thursday, October 22, 2015, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Indiana Humanities, 1500 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis

Visitors Welcome. Invite friends to join our projects.

Light Lunch provided, notify Barb Wellnitz, Communications Chair, if you are attending, so there will be enough, 317-431-2148 or barb@bwellnitz.com.

Notify Hospitality Chair, Donna Casebourn, donnacasebournaauw@gmail.com, or 317-216-0403, if you will bring side dishes to go with the deli sandwich tray and mini chicken sandwiches already arranged.

**Program: "Arts and Humanities in Our Community."
Speaker, Nancy N. Connor, Indiana Humanities.**

"Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk."
indianahumanities.org 317-638-1500

Nancy Connor serves as Director of Grants and Novel Conversations, a free statewide lending library for book clubs, at Indiana Humanities. She received her A.B. in literature from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and her Ph.D. in English from UCLA. She was an assistant professor of English at Purdue University and Iowa State University before coming to Indiana Humanities in 1982. She is also a graduate of IUPUI, having earned an M.A. in history at the age of 57.

Nancy is the immediate past president of the Indiana Association of Historians. Her professional and volunteer activities include serving as a member of the African-American Landmarks Committee of Indiana Landmarks, and the Indy Literary Arts Committee. She has also served on the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award Judges' Panel, and on the Lincoln States Bicentennial Task Force.

Nancy was born in Chicago and grew up in Los Angeles. She is married to Joel T. Conner, and their daughter, son-in-law and new grandson live in the Seattle area.

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Contact Marty Daily, Finance Officer, 317-872-8257, marti.daily@comcast.net.

Reports/Announcements:

- **Roster Update will be distributed; updates not picked up will be mailed to members.**
- **2015-2016 Branch Program;** Budget; Interest Groups.
- **Marti Daily** was confirmed as Finance Officer by phone and email vote of the Board, Oct. 10, 2015, following Althea Stevens declining the office due of pressure of work.
- **Jan Pfeil Doyle** has accepted appointment as Branch Webmaster.
- **AAUW Funds Drive,** Cindy Munerol, Chair, see donation form and return envelopes.
- **Brief biographies of members,** to be presented throughout the year.
- **Sign up for Branch Projects** and Collaborations.

* *IUPUI Stem grant project,* Cindy Munerol, Representative from the Indianapolis Branch AAUW.

The Indianapolis Branch received an invitation from Kathleen S. Grove, MA, JD, Director of the IUPUI Office for Women, to our Branch to name a member to serve on a grant committee for their current project: The IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology will be submitting a grant for the Campus Action Project, focused on their Women's Peer Mentoring program. IUPUI is also a College/University Partner of AAUW. Cindy Munerol has volunteered to serve.

* *Coalition for Independent Redistricting, Common Cause Indiana, citizen teams.*

See <http://www.commoncause.org/states/indiana/>

"Common Cause Indiana is a nonpartisan organization that works to promote representative democracy by ensuring open, ethical, accountable, effective government processes in Indiana."

"Once the redistricting study committee begins meeting, Common Cause Indiana/Coalition for Independent Redistricting will organize teams of citizens, organized by congressional district, to travel together to the meetings and provide coordinated activities and testimony to ensure the study committee hears our call for a truly independent commission that will prioritize the creation of competitive electoral districts for state and Congressional districts."

* *Title IX – AAUW Nationwide Project to Distribute New Federal Guidelines and Resources - contact schools.*

Sign up and indicate which schools you will contact.

See aauw.org for description of project: "Title IX Coordinators Have Historic New Resources from Department ... Apr. 24, 2015, Title IX requires that every school must designate at least one employee who is responsible for coordinating the school's compliance."

* *Support goals of newly published report, "An Investigation into Adolescent Sexual Assault Under-reporting in the State of Indiana."*

Branch will contact Representative Christina Hale.

See: <http://www.in.gov.children/files/An-Investigation-into-Adolescent-Sexual-Assault-Underreporting-in-the-State-of-Indiana.pdf>

Interest Groups – New Members Always Welcome.

Creative Writing

Second Monday of the month at a member's home. Members share their writings for critique and support. Contact Pat Wood, Chair, 317-283-2904, for time and location. New members welcome.

Daytime Book Discussion

Third Monday of the month at noon, American Village, Lincoln Lodge, 2026 E. 54th St., Indy.

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 317-858-5139. Contact Jan Doyle, Chair, jan@mw.net or 317-431-3500 for more information or help in finding a book.

Monday, October 19, *The House Girl*, Tara Conklin.

Ethnic Dining

Third Friday of the month, 11:30 am, Jan Swartz, Chair, 317-291-8122.

Please phone Jan to tell her you are coming. Restaurant for the following month is selected at each meeting.

Friday, October 16, Istanbul Cafe, 1450 West 86th St. (at Ditch Rd.), Indy.

"Mediterranean Cuisine, Distinctly Turkish." 317-876-9810. indyistanbulcafe.com.

Evening Book Group

First Monday of the month, 6 pm. Contact Michele Chosney, Chair, mechosney@comcast.net or 317-328-5227 to let her know you are coming, for book availability or change of location.

Monday, November 2, *The Wonder Garden*, Lauren Acampora.

Family History

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

Do you like treasure hunts? Jigsaw puzzles?

Contact Donna to show your interest, donnacasebournawuw@gamil.com or 317-216-0403.

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 use FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com along with other premium websites.

Collaborative Organizations

AAUW Indianapolis Branch collaborates with selected other organizations that have the same values and mission as AAUW in support of rights and advancement for women and girls.

HAPA, Health Access and Privacy Alliance, Reba Wooden, Convener. Sherry Watkins, Delegate.

P.O. Box 397, Indianapolis IN 46206. www.hapaindiana.org

"HAPA is a coalition of civic, educational, religious, professional, and health organizations from all over the state working together to improve access to healthcare and protect reproductive choice."

Thursday, November 12, noon, Planned Parenthood of Indiana/Kentucky.

Indianapolis Council of Women, The Propylaeum, 1410 Delaware St., Indianapolis.

Michele Chosney and Sherry Watkins, Delegates. Any Branch members may attend any meeting.

Free programs are at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm; paid lunch, \$25, is at noon, reservation required, call Mary Peat, 317-357-6895.

Tuesday, November 10, 10 am, James Baize, "Iwo Jima Survivor."

1 pm, Elizabeth Fallis, "Email Assent," services for home-based businesses.

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Web sites:

aauw.org

National AAUW.

indianapolis-in.aauw.net

Indianapolis web site on National AAUW site.

<http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/home.html>

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Light luncheon. Notify Communications Chair Barb Wellnitz if you will attend.

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10:30 am – 12:00

Women in Science, a panel discussion, UniServ/ISTA, 6910 N. Shadeland Ave.
Light refreshments.

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Holiday Luncheon, Milano Inn, 201 S. College Ave.
Reservations required, notify Communications Chair Barb Wellnitz if you are coming.
Collection for the Julian Center, shelter for victims of domestic violence.
“Point-Counterpoint, Women in Politics,” Joanne Sanders and Jennie Forehand.
Speakers will also include 2 AAUW fellowship awardees.