



INDIANAPOLIS AAUW, 104 Years

Theme: Year of Women – Connections!

Visitors Always Welcome. Invite friends to join our projects.

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Scottish Rite Cathedral, Truman Room, 650 N. Meridian St., Indy

Reservations not required, but to ensure enough seating, please notify Barb Wellnitz, Communications Chair, if you are attending, 317-431-2148 or barb@bwellnitz.com.

Lunch on our own at the Double Eagle Cafe, Program following.

Program: “Coalition for Independent Redistricting,”
Julia Vaughn, Policy Director, Common Cause Indiana,
responsible for policy development, lobbying, grassroots organizing and coalition building. AAUW is invited to join the Coalition.

Photos from AAUW, December, and from Committee for Teaching About the U.N., December, by Sherry Watkins.

Business: Indianapolis Host Responsibilities at the State Convention, April 30, Conner Prairie. Watch for State Bulletin for Registration.

Sycamore School Girls' Conference, March 12, contact Judith Mills, jmills@sycamoreSchool.org, to volunteer. Nominating Committee for President, Membership Vice-President, Secretary. CREW Car Wash Fund-Raiser, April. Title IX Federal information to schools. HAPA, monitoring Indiana Legislature.

Special Opportunity, Friday, February 26, see next page --

Friday, March 18, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

North United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indy

Registration, 11:00 – 11:30 am. Bring a salad or bread to share.

Bring your own tableware (china or glass, not plastic or paper) and “silver,” to support the effort to be more environmentally respectful.

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Program: Annual Collaborative Meeting with Church Women United and the League of Women Voters

“Indianapolis Bicentennial,” Brooke Thomas, Deputy Director, Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC).

Her focus is on advancing the City of Indianapolis-Marion County, including honoring the 200th Anniversary.

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Sara Curtis

Friday, February 26, Special opportunity for a brief meeting with Paige Robnett, Senior Program Associate for the Campus Leadership Department, AAUW!

Paige Robnett has contacted Lora Vann, Memb. V-P, to let our Branch know she is flying into Indianapolis International Airport next Friday, on her way to Purdue University to facilitate two workshops, on Saturday and on Sunday. Paige hopes to meet briefly with any Indianapolis or other nearby AAUW members before she leaves at 4:20 p.m. on the shuttle to Lafayette.

Sherry, Lora and I are already planning to meet her when her plane arrives at 1:00 p.m., and any others are welcome to join us. Paige is interested in learning about our Branch, and in letting us know **possibilities for sharing AAUW with college women.**

Contact let Sherry or me to let us know you will join us, and we'll let you know where we will meet, sherryindy3@aol.com or pkyker2002@yahoo.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER KATHY JANES, add to Roster: 3668 Tahoe Ct., Carmel 46033; 317-490-6929; khans@pawsandthink.org. Ask Kathy about her Reading-Assistant dogs!

Julian Center Donations, Coy Halpern, Liaison:

Donations filled Coy's trunk as well as the front and back seats at the December luncheon! Coy delivered them, along with some monetary donations, to the Julian Center, shelter for victims of domestic violence. The Branch has received an acknowledgement from Catherine O'Connor, President/CEO of the Julian Center, "Thanks so much for your generosity! It means the world for these residents!"

Coalition for Independent Redistricting: Common Cause Indiana, League of Women Voters.

See <http://www.commomcause.org/states/indiana/> AAUW is invited to join the Coalition.

Julia Vaughn, Common Cause Indiana, will be our Feb. 25th speaker.

"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.

The Branch extends heartfelt thanks to Mitzi Witchger, who is donating copies of the 30-page reference document for our members to take to the schools we have signed up to visit.

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."

Full Financial and Funds Reports and Minutes will be available at the Feb. 25th meeting:

Summary of Financial Report, Board Meeting, Jan. 30, 2016, Marti Daily, Finance Officer

Total expenses budgeted: \$1615.	Year to date expenditures: \$487.79.
Dues budgeted: \$575.	Year to date dues received: \$480, 39 paid-in-full; 1 new, half-year.
Donations from members, budgeted: \$0.	Received to date: \$20.
Fundraiser, car wash, budgeted: \$400.	Will take place in April.
Total income, budgeted: \$975.	Received to date: \$500. Balance in checking: \$2105.

Donations toward the work of the Branch are always welcome.

Renew/join online at aauw.org, or contact Marti Daily, (317) 872-8257 or marti.daily@comcast.net

Summary of AAUW Funds Drive, Cindy Munerol, Chair

Totals: 2013, \$1040; 2014, \$1405; 2015, \$1115.

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.

Mar. 21, *Radiant Angel*, Nelson DeMille.

Apr. 18, *A Man Called Ove*, Frederik Backman.

Ethnic Dining

Jan Swartz, Chair, 317-291-8122.

Friday, Feb. 19, 11:30 am, Lola's Bowl and Bistro, Filipino cuisine, 9045 Crawfordsville Rd., Clermont.

Evening Book Group

First Monday of the month, 6 pm. Panera's, 2902 W. 86th St.

Michele Chosney, Chair, 317-328-5227, or mechosney@comcast.net.

Mar. 7, *The Children Act*, Ian McEwan.

Apr. 4, *Daughter of Mars*, Thomas Keneally.

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.

Additional Events

HAPA, Health Access and Privacy Alliance, Reba Wooden, Convener. Sherry Watkins, AAUW Indy Delegate.
P.O. Box 397, Indianapolis IN 46206. www.hapaindiana.org

"Indiana Civic Day," Sat., Feb. 20, 1:00 – 5:30 pm, Center for Inquiry, 350 Canal Walk, Suite A, Indy.

Sponsored by the Center for Inquiry/Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

\$10 admission for members of member organizations (includes AAUW).

Sherry Watkins and Penny Kyker will attend and take AAUW information from our Branch.

Speakers: Reba Wooden, Center for Inquiry; Michael De Dora, CFI Ofcr. of Public Policy; Rev. Stephen Baines, Religious Outreach, Americans United; Jesse Kharbanda, Hoosier Environmental Council; Patti Stauffer, Planned Parenthood of IN/KY; Chris Paulsen, Freedom Indiana; Dr. Edward Eller, Board Member of Indiana Coalition for Public Education; Julia Vaughn, Common Cause Indiana.

"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."

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

Michele Chosney, Delegate, and Sherry Watkins, Branch Co-President. Any Branch members may attend any meeting. Free programs at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm; paid lunch, \$25, at noon, reservation required: Mary Peat, 317-357-6895.

Tuesday, April 5: 10 am, Chris Marshall, Librarian, Team Leader, Indianapolis Special Collections, Central Library.

1 pm, Barbara Stauch (mother of Sharon Langlotz, AAUW Indiana President, grandmother of Anne Langlotz, AAUW Indiana Sstate Bulletin Editor), "Mary Lincoln, a woman of great ability."

Tuesday, May 10: 10 am, Ed Myers, Advanced Master Gardener, "Historic Garden at Irvington Benton House, 1873."

1 pm, Installation of Officers, and Memorial Service.

Zine Workshop, Women's History Month, noted by Mitzi Witchger:

Thursday, March 10, 7-9 pm, Indiana History Society, 450 Ohio St., Indy. DIY small mags from the women's movement! \$7 admission, to register, call 317-232-1882 or go online at tickets.indianahistory.org

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Web sites:

aauw.org

National AAUW.

indianapolis-in.aauw.net

Indianapolis Branch web site on National AAUW site.

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

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Watch for your *AAUW Indiana State Bulletin*, Anne Langlotz, Editor, for the registration form!

Indy Branch is Host, sign up to help out.

Saturday, May 7, 2016, UniServ/ISTA, 6910 N. Shadeland Ave., Indy.

Board, 10 am; Program, 11 am, “Women’s Education Around the Globe.”

Luncheon, 11:45 am; Business/Elections, 12:30 pm.