



## INDIANAPOLIS AAUW, 102 Years

*Year's Theme: Each One Bring One !*

**VOTE IN THE INDIANA PRIMARY MAY 3!**

### **STATE CONVENTION – SEE YOU SATURDAY!**

**April 30, 2016 Conner Prairie. 9:30, Breakfast Buffet.  
Host, Indianapolis Branch.**

**Sherry Watkins, Penny Kyker, Arrangements Co-Chairs.  
See Indiana AAUW State Bulletin for complete program.**

Our Branch has submitted for State Recognition at Convention:

2 Outstanding Branch Programs,  
Nov. 7, 2015, “Women in Science” and Dec. 5, 2015, “Women in Politics.”

Emerging Leader, Marti Daily, joined 2014, served as Webmaster,  
and is now serving as Branch Finance Officer.

Member Leader, Coy Halpern, joined 1957, currently Life Member, Branch Co-  
President 2003-2004, Branch Educational Foundation Gift Honoree 1992-1993.

### **BRANCH MEETING, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016**

**UniServ/ISTA, 6910 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis**

**Lunch reservations required - contact Barb Wellnitz, Communications  
Chair by 8 pm, Tuesday, May 3, 317-431-2148, [barb@bwellnitz.com](mailto:barb@bwellnitz.com).  
Pay \$14 at the door, check payable to AAUW Indianapolis.**

**10:00 am, Board Meeting. Set-up for Silent Auction.**

**11:00 am, Program, “Women in Education Worldwide”**

Sherry Watkins, Moderator.

Robin O'Connor-Ledbetter, Lecturer in Communication, Indiana State Univ.,  
experience abroad and with issues of Arab women's rights.

Dr. Mary Kahl, Professor of Communication, Indiana State University,  
research includes political communication and gender studies.

Dr. Irune del Rio Gabiola, Asst. Professor of Spanish and Director of Gender,  
Women and Sexuality Studies, Butler Univ., leads study abroad programs.

**11:45 am, Luncheon, “Catering by Valentine”**  
Lunch reservations required – see above.

**12:30 pm, Election and Branch Business**

#### **Membership Renewal, Deadline June 15**

Renew online using the AAUW National email notice,  
sent by Marty Daily, Branch Finance Officer. If you haven't gotten it,  
check your SPAM folder, some dues notices from Natl. went astray.  
Let Marty know if you received it, 317-872-8257, [marti.daily@comcast.net](mailto:marti.daily@comcast.net).  
Or, use the paper form, included in this Newsletter, with instructions.

## Indianapolis Branch Newsletter

Issue Number 5

**MAY, 2016**

### **2015-2016 Board**

#### Elected Officers

**Sherry Watkins, Penny Kyker**

Co-Presidents

**Julia Price**

Program VP

**Lora Vann**

Membership VP

**Marti Daily**

Finance Officer

**Donna Casebourn**

Secretary

Penny Kyker, Past President

#### Action Priority Enablers

**Cynthia Munerol**

AAUW Funds

**Mitzi Witchger**

Public Policy

#### 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

**Chris Greene** Lunch Res.

**Michele Chosney** Evening Book

**Patricia Wood** Creative Writing

**Jan Swartz** Ethnic Dining

**Donna Casebourn** Family History

#### Liaisons

**Coy Halpern**

Julian Center

**Lois Gumper**

Girls' STEM, Sycamore School

**Michele Chosney**

Indianapolis Council of Women

**Sherry Watkins, Penny Kyker**

HAPA

#### AAUW Indiana Branch Consultant:

**Sara Curtis**

## ELECTION – NOMINEES:

### Co-Presidents:

Roni Embry, joined AAUW 2013, M.A., Butler University, Elementary School Administration, public education advocacy coordinator, 4 years, lobbyist, UniServ Director for Indiana State Teachers' Association, 4 years, Teacher, MSD Lawrence Township Schools, 22 years.

Sherry Watkins, joined AAUW 1990, B.S., M.S., Indiana Univ., served as Branch Co-President 2014-15 & 2015-16, attended 2 national AAUW conventions, active in ISTA & Delta Kappa Gamma, "Advancing Key Women Educators for Life," Co-Chair 2016 AAUW Indiana Convention.

### Membership Co-Vice-Presidents:

Dr. Toni Morris, joined AAUW 1995, A.B., Univ. of Georgia, M.A., Ph.D., English, Kent State Univ., retired Chair of the English Dept., Univ. of Indianapolis, AAUW Funds Honorary Awardee 2008-09, editing a collection of articles for book on filmmaker Michael Moore.

Dr. Lora Vann, joined AAUW 1968, B.A., Marian Univ., M.A., Ed.D., Ball State Univ., AAUW Fellowship/AAUW Funds Chair, Program V-P and Membership V-P, Lecturer in International Reading Assoc., taught grades 1-3, ret. Washington Township, AAUW Funds Awardee 2005-06.

### Secretary:

Susan Belton, joined AAUW 1996, B.S., Education, Michigan State Univ., M.L.S., Library Science, IUPUI., served as Branch membership V-P, Master Gardener "awaiting planting season for flowers and vegetables."

Nominating Committee: Michele Chosney, Jan Pfeil Doyle, Theresa Eck, Coy Halpern.

## **Fund-Raisers for Sycamore School Girls' STEM:**

### Silent Auction May 7

To help support our recent scholarship donation of \$350 to STEM at Sycamore School, we will hold a silent auction at our May 7 meeting. Please bring items to sell and your checkbook or cash to make purchases. Suggested items include books, crafts, jewelry, home accessories, skin care products, wine, scarves, etc. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile endeavor.

CREW Car-Wash Tickets, until April 30, new price, \$9

This is a short selling time this year – contact one of the following members who will save tickets for you! We will also bring them to Convention and to Interest Group meetings.

North, Penny Kyker, 317-370-5110, [pkgyker2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pkgyker2002@yahoo.com).

North-east, Jan Pfeil Doyle, 317-431-3500, [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net)

West, Donna Casebourn, Chair, 317-216-0403, [donnacasebournauw@gmail.com](mailto:donnacasebournauw@gmail.com)

### **Redistricting Study Committee, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m., Room 404, State House.**

*The Indianapolis Branch voted to participate in the fair redistricting effort lead by Common Cause Indiana and joined by the League of Women Voters. Let Penny or Sherry know if you will attend this important meeting ([sherryindy3@aol.com](mailto:sherryindy3@aol.com); [pkgyker2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pkgyker2002@yahoo.com))*

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the **Special Interim Committee on Redistricting, and it's important to** pack the room again to let the committee know their task is extremely important and lots of Hoosiers want to see them develop and support a strong recommendation for a citizens-led redistricting process.

**Our Coalition will host a pre-meeting lunch 11 a.m., State House room 156-A, to bring** everyone up to date on what has been going on at the grassroots level. We will wrap up by 12:30. Common Cause Indiana will provide lunch for the meeting. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP to Julia Vaughn** at [jvaughn@commoncause.org](mailto:jvaughn@commoncause.org). Indiana can join the list of states that don't allow legislators to control the redistricting process because it's too much like letting the players also be the referees.

## **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](mailto:donnacasebourn@yahoo.com) or 216-0403.

### ***Evening Book Group***

**Monday, May 2, 6:00 pm, final meeting of this year** – pitch-in dinner at at 6:00 PM at the home of Pat Williams, 5016 Haynes Avenue, Indianapolis, 849-2215. Please bring one dish to share; check with Pat if you don't remember what you signed up for ([PatMooreWms@aol.com](mailto:PatMooreWms@aol.com)).

Directions: Take Allisonville south from 82nd through 79th and 75th street intersections. Drive up and over the crest of the hill past 75th Street; Haynes Av. goes to the east. House is the sixth on the north side of the street. A huge THANK YOU to Pat for hosting this get together.

Please bring 1-3 suggestions for books to read when we start back up in the fall. The only requirement is that you have read the book beforehand and think it would be an interesting one for the group. If you are unable to join us next season, please let me know by e-mail - you are, of course, welcome to enjoy dinner with us in May.

See you soon. Michele Chosney, Chair, [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net).

### ***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***

**Contact Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122**, to learn location and date of May meeting.

### ***Daytime Book Discussion***

**Third Monday of the month at noon, American Village, Lincoln Lodge, 2026 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis.**

**May 16, *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee.**

**June 20, *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough.**

**July 18, Book selection for the coming year**, please bring your suggestions.

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](mailto:cafg3205@aol.com) or 858-5139. New members welcome. Contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net) for more information or for help in finding a copy of the book.

## **Title IX**

**Call for all who committed to contact area schools and to take new federal information regarding Title IX to complete their assignments.**

**See interesting news on women, suggested by Mitzi Witchger:**

See article in *The New Yorker*, April 18, on "Female Rule,"

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/18/04/considering-female-rule>

See notice of the adoption of a National Park Service Museum of women's activities and accomplishments, using the house of Alice Paul, founder of the National Woman's Party,

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2016/04/160411-national-womans-party-house-museum-park-service-monument>

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**April 30 – Convention** at Conner Prairie, Indianapolis Branch is Host.

**MAY 3 - VOTE in the Indiana Primary!**

**May 7, Saturday - Branch Meeting:**

Board at 10, Program at 11, Luncheon at 11:45, Business/Elections at 12:30.  
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May 3, pay \$14 at the door.