

AAUW

INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

Year's Theme: "Advocating for Change"

"Personalized Education"

Speaker: Toni Hughes, Outreach Educator

**Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped
Student Center, 1st floor, Building G
7725 North College Avenue, Indianapolis**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2011
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Information will also be available on the Bosma Center and the Indiana School for the Deaf.

**Refreshments following the program:
cookies, fruit tray, coffee, tea, water,
provided by the School and paid by the Branch;
voluntary donations accepted toward the cost.**

Parking is limited -- share a ride and allow time to find a place.

Enter from College Avenue, take the right fork at the "Y," pass the Tower and park at the end of the drive. Find additional parking at the end of the left fork of the "Y."

Do not park in back of Building E, buses will park there for student pick-up.

Enter main door under the Tower or accessible entrance/elevator at rear of Bldg E.

Take stairs or elevator to Level 1, follow "AAUW" signs to Business Office and sign in, then follow signs to Student Center meeting room, G111

Bring a friend !

Happy 100th Birthday to Raiford Scott, October 14 !!

AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

<http://www.aauw.org/>

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



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Greetings from Your Co-President, Judi Deng judideng@comcast.net

“My leaves are turning crimson,” the giant oak tree said.
It's almost time these children should seek their winter's bed.
But how they still cling to me and gleam with crimson hue.
They truly are more lovely than cirrus clouds of blue.

Winifred Sackville Stoner, Jr.

The beauty of season's change is all around us at this time of year. Our AAUW activities for the new year are well under way. In October we heard Dr. Jodie Ferise speak on “A Student Service Trip to Ghana,” at the University of Indianapolis. Our November program should be equally informative with Toni Hughes, Outreach Educator, at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. I hope to see you all there.

Thank you, Dr. Jodie Ferise, for your inspiring talk at our October 11th meeting, “A Student Service Trip to Ghana” ! Your explanation of “service leadership” as it related to the students experiencing “business as mission” was very enlightening. We hope to contribute books to your planned library!

We are delighted to welcome our November speaker, Ms. Toni Hughes!

Ms. Hughes has been at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Handicapped for 5 years. Before that she was a teacher of blind/low vision students in Lafayette, IN, and chaired case conferences for all disabilities at all grade levels. She has taught learning disabled students, mildly mentally handicapped students and has worked as a speech/language pathologist. She is currently Outreach and special Services Educator, working with students around Indiana.

Interest Groups – Calendar

Ethnic Dining

October 28, Friday, 11:30 a.m., Thai Orchid, 8145 Bash Street, just south off 82nd St., west of I-69.

Contact Jan Swartz, 291-8122, if you are coming.

Walk/Hike

The last walk of the season was in October at Holliday Park. The Walk/Hike Group has been discontinued for the present due to lack of interest. If you wish to join the group and see it start up again in the Spring, please contact **Michele Chosney**, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net, or call **Marie Veling**, 334-1367.

Evening Book Discussion

November 7, Monday, 7:00 pm, at McAlister's Deli, 9450 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Please note change in location. The book is *I Love You's Are for White People* by Lac Su. New members are always welcome.

Contact **Michele Chosney**, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net.

Daytime Book Discussion

November 21, Monday, noon, American Village, 2026 E. 54th Street, Lincoln Lodge Private Dining Room. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip. The book is *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake. Chris Greene will lead the discussion. For lunch reservations & other information, contact **Jan Pfeil Doyle** at 431-3500 or jan@mw.net. New members always welcome.

Creative Writing

November 21, Monday, 7:00 pm. Contact **Pat Wood**, 283-2904, for location and further information.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at members' homes, and new members are always welcome.

The Indianapolis Branch Donated \$945 to AAUW Funds in 2010 ! Let's meet or exceed this for 2011 !

Please reply before November 24 : AAUW Funds Contributions are due to National on December 1.

Thank you, AAUW Funds Representative Sharon Langlotz, for organizing our appeal,
for the enclosed description of contribution opportunities, and for the return envelope
to Sharon Langlotz at 9454 Hadway Dr., Indianapolis IN 46256-1029

Make check payable to "AAUW Funds" and write on the memo line the number of the specific fund :
Public Policy Fund # 4337 AAUW Funds # 9110 The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund # 9170
Educational Opportunities Fund # 4336 The Leadership Programs Fund # 4339
All donations receive a full tax credit.

Branch Representatives are asked to copy the Branch report to AAUW Indiana Funds Co-Directors Mary Lou Thomas and Phyllis Thompson.

The Branch Appeal for **LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund)** will be in the Spring, but donations may be made at any time.
Make check to "AAUW-LAF," memo: # 3999; mail to: Sarah Frank, 994 W. 72nd St., Indianapolis IN 46260

Donations may also be made online --

include the fund #, and be sure to enter "Indianapolis, Indiana," on the line "please credit my branch and state...."
http://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index_aauw_donation.cfm?Corpcode=C3

As you consider your donation, have pride and confidence in AAUW's use of funds --

"AAUW Receives 4-Star Rating," October 13, 2011, AAUW, at <http://www.aauw.org/>

Charity Navigator awards its highest rating for nonprofits to AAUW, using a complex calculation that includes 2 distinct components, 1) Financial Health and 2) Accountability and Transparency, in such a way that charities must excel in both to excel overall. Performance indicators include: program expenses, administrative expenses, fund-raising expenses, fund-raising efficiency, primary revenue growth, and program expenses growth.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=3240>

NEWS

"AAUW Applauds Latest White House Announcement on STEM"

News release, 9/27/11, www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/

Washington: AAUW is expanding its work in science and math fields, and applauds the latest move by the federal government to make it easier for women to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

In recognition of AAUW's contributions to research and grassroots advocacy in promoting women's increased participation in STEM, the White House invited AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman and AAUW President Carolyn Garfein to attend the announcement of the National Science Foundation's 10-year plan to increase workplace flexibility in science, technology, engineering and math.

(DID YOU KNOW?) 1920: AAUW provided Marie Curie with funds to purchase radium for her research.

Lora Vann and Susan Belton attended the Indiana Girls Collaborative Project Conference at IUPUI,
Sept. 22, 2011, for involving girls in STEM. Watch for their report in the December Newsletter.

"The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to three champions of women's rights in Africa and the Middle East
on [Oct. 7], 2011: Tawakkul Karman, anti-government protest leader, Yemen; Liberian President Ellen
Johnson Sirleaf; Leymah Gbowee, Liberia." (Indianapolis Star, Indystar.com, Oct. 8, 2011, A5)

Welcome special guests and new member on October 11!

It was a special pleasure to welcome Connie Sisson, NCCWSL attendee, June, 2011, and her aunt, Patricia Petrovic, from Terre Haute. Thank you Connie, for your donation to AAUW Funds!

Also attending was our newest Indianapolis Branch member, Sandra Kibby-Brown. Sandra works in the Indiana Criminal Justice Department. She received her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University in 2007.

Watch for and greet Sandra at future meetings, as well as new members who have joined in the past year: Amy Shackelford, Sally Fox, and Jan Ratz.

See the AAUW Indiana 2011-2012 Strategic Plan in: "Indiana Bulletin," Vol. 78, Issue 1, Fall, 2011

Janet Brewer, Editor

How close do you think our Branch programs and interest group activities are in helping to achieve these goals?

"AAUW will be highly regarded for our commitment to exemplary member relations..."

"AAUW will amplify our advocacy voice to achieve educational and economic equity..."

"AAUW will engage and motivate leaders in our schools, etc to break through ...barriers..."

"AAUW will target our philanthropic efforts to support programs that provide ... opportunities for ... a lifetime of success."

"AAUW will have a sound fiscal strategy and dedicated stewardship..."

Adopted by AAUW IN July 16, 2011.

Next Branch Meeting : Bring your contribution to our annual drive for the Julian Center

Saturday, December 17, 11 am, The Iron Skillet Restaurant

2489 West 30th Street Indianapolis

Ann Bridgewater of the Julian Center staff thanks AAUW for much-valued donations over the years.

Please bring your gifts unwrapped, or, if you cannot make it to the meeting, contact Coy Halpern , AAUW Julian Center Liaison, at 257-2640, to make arrangements for your donations.

Recommendations include: Children: sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, underwear, socks, puzzles, art supplies, books, gift certificates, passes to the Children's Museum. Infants and toddlers: baby and toddler toys. Women: body lotion, scarves, gloves, underwear, alarm clocks, umbrellas, gift certificates, towels. No violent toys, guns, knives, violent videos, or candles.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8 !

See IndyStar.com/votersguide -- information on Central Indiana candidates and issues.

Mark your calendar:

March 10, 2012 – volunteer at the Girls' Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Conference at the Sycamore School: "Curiosity, Confidence, Challenge!" Our AAUW Branch was a founder of this conference.

April 28, 2012 – attend Indiana State AAUW Convention, Muncie. AAUW Vice-President Patricia Ho will join us.



Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.