



**INDIANAPOLIS AAUW
NEWSLETTER
2013 – Indianapolis
Branch 100 Years!
Year's Theme:
"Expanding Horizons"**



Saturday, December 14, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Branch Meeting at Hollyhock Hill Restaurant
8110 North College Avenue, Indianapolis
Perfect meeting to bring a guest!

Deadline for reservations to Barb Wellnitz, 9:00 p.m., December 4,
barb@bwellnitz.com, 317-431-2148.

Please expect to pay for your reservation if you reserve and do not attend.

**Program Policy Priority: Support Advanced Education for Women,
and Community Social and Economic Well-Being**

Program Vice-President, Julia Price; Past Program VP, Dr. Lora Vann

- 11:00 a.m. Sign in, pay \$18.00 cash or check to Indianapolis Branch AAUW**
11:15 a.m. Luncheon: Traditional Hollyhock Hill Family-Style Chicken
Noon Speaker: Dr. Manling Luo,
AAUW American Fellowship Awardee
Indiana University, Bloomington,
Department of East Asian Languages and Culture
12:45 p.m. Branch Announcements; Collection of Donations.

Julian Center Donations, Coy Halpern, Liaison.

Letter from the Julian Center to AAUW: "The Julian Center has been the community leader in services for victims of domestic violence for nearly 40 years...each night more than 100 victims find safe, secure shelter here...nearly 50% of clients are children, 78% age nine or younger." Suggestions, women: toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.), gloves, warm clothes; children: pajamas, backpacks, warm coats, school supplies, puzzles, gift certificates, passes to the Children's Museum; infants: diapers, toys. No candles, toy guns, knives, no violent videos.

Contact Coy at 317-257-2640 if you cannot bring your donations to the meeting.

AAUW Funds Appeal: December 2 , Deadline to Cindy Munerol, Chair.

Not too late to donate! **\$965:** total so far from 12 members to these funds:
\$320, LAF # 3999 **\$290, AAUW Funds # 9110** **\$125, Public Policy #4337**
\$80, Educational Opportunities # 4336 **\$150, Eleanor Roosevelt # 9170**

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**December 2013
2013-2014 Board**

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Special Assignments

Penny Kyker, Dorothy Alexander,
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Alexander, Penny Kyker
Member Handbook/Roster
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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

Tech Savvy STEM:
Cindy Felsten, Chair
Collaboration between
Indianapolis Branch and
Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.-
Columbus

Branch Consultant:

Janet Brewer
jlbrewer@anderson.edu

FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Contact Susan Belton, Membership VP, sjbelton@yahoo.com , 317-490-6483
See AAUW information online at aauw.org and indstate.edu/aauw-in

The Indianapolis Branch has a new AAUW web page, and a Tech Savvy page!

Branch site at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/>

Tech Savvy page at <http://indianapolis-in.aauw.net/tech-savvy/>

Don't worry, it is strictly generic at this point but has our name on it as required by AAUW, and we will add content relevant to the branch activities and to the Praxair grant-funded STEM project. P.S., even the images of AAUW members are "generic" -- we can choose to post or not post actual branch photos. We provide information; AAUW Site Resources maintains the web pages. This is in addition to the Indiana State AAUW web pages, maintained by Webmaster Marsha Miller!

- * Cat Cleary, new Indy Branch member, graduate student at IUPUI, will be the branch web coordinator.
- * \$120 annual site maintenance fee for 2013-2014 will be paid to AAUW Site Resources from the Praxair grant budget.
- * We will post our year's program calendar.
- * We will set up a branch e-mail account to list on the web site for anyone to use to contact us, not a personal e-mail.
- * We will post our monthly newsletter -- "public" version for all, and password-protected member-only version with names, contact information, etc.

INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Would you like to start a new Interest Group? Contact Penny Kyker : psyker2002@yahoo.com

Evening Book Group

Monday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. at McAlister's Deli on North Meridian at 96th Street.

The book is “The Aviator's Wife” by Melanie Benjamin, a fascinating glimpse into the marriage of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. New members are always welcome. Contact Michele Chosney, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, and with any questions.

Creative Writing

The group will not meet in December or January. Regular meetings will resume on February 10, 2014, and continue in the evening on the 2nd Monday of the month at a member's home. Contact Pat Wood, 283-2904, for time and location and further information. New members are always welcome.

Ethnic Dining Group

The group will not meet in December. Regular meetings will resume on the third Friday of the month in 2014:

Friday, January 17, 11:30 am, at Hellas Cafe, authentic Greek dining since 1986, family owned and operated, 8501 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis. See <http://hellascafe.net/>. New members are always welcome.

Friday, February 17, 11:30 am, IVY Tech Culinary School.

Contact Jan Swartz, Chair, 291-8122, to let her know you are coming or with any questions.

Daytime Book Discussion

The group will not meet in December. Regular meetings will resume on the third Monday of the month in 2014:

Monday, January 20, noon, American Village, 2026 East 54th Street, Lincoln Lodge Building, Railsplitter Room.

The book is “Wolf Hall: A Novel,” by Hilary Mantel, British historical fiction centering on Thomas Cromwell and King Henry VIII. Raiford Scott is hostess. Lunch is \$7, including tax and tip, paid at the main desk. New members are always welcome. Please make your lunch reservation one week in advance by contacting Jean Petranoff, 334-2861, or mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net. For more information contact Jan Doyle, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

Welcome New Members who joined at the October 15th meeting at the University of Indianapolis!

Catherine Cleary, catherinecleary12@gmail.com

Cat has volunteered to be the Branch Web Site Coordinator with AAUW Site Resources .

Elia James, elia.james2@indy.gov

Melissa Bitters, melissa.Bernadette@gmail.com

Branch Meeting, Nov. 9, 2013, AAUW and STEM:

Judith Mills, Administrator of “Curiosity, Confidence, Challenges” the middle-school girl's STEM conference at Sycamore School, Indianapolis, co-sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, described this exemplary program, going into its 17th year. Registration brochures are sent to every Indiana middle-school science teacher and principal, with excellent response - last year's program registered 400 girls. Favorite topics include veterinary medicine, biology and nature studies. The Indianapolis Branch held the first Indianapolis middle-school girl's conference for Science and Math in 1991, and has continued support, providing volunteers to Sycamore School, and ten \$35 scholarships per year. Ten AAUW members present identified themselves as Sycamore STEM volunteers, and a sign-up list was passed for new helpers for this year's conference, Saturday, March 8, 2014 – save the date!

Cindy Felsten, Assistant Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Indiana University/Purdue University-Columbus is Chair of the IUPU-C/Indianapolis Branch AAUW collaborative project which won an \$8,000 grant award from Praxair for the Tech Savvy STEM Program to be held Saturday, June 7, 2014 – ten members signed up to help at the conference -- save the date! The goal is 200 total, 150 girls and 50 parents. Cindy just returned from an AAUW training program at AAUW headquarters regarding programming and administration of the Tech Savvy middle-school girls' conference. Nine other branches received grants: Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, California, Virginia, Connecticut, North Carolina and Mississippi. IUPU-C will use its university-community-corporate connections to generate support for the program, which will reach out to nine counties, emphasizing encouragement to students in more rural areas.

AAUW Member and Family Establish Scholarships, News from Loretta Zygmunt:

Loretta, former Indy Branch member, and, before that, President of the Evansville Branch, has moved with her daughter to 337 Champlain St., Victoria, TX 77905; 361-579-7255. She has the same e-mail, lmzygmunt@msn.com (first character is a small "L"). We sent a card for her 90th birthday on July 30th! She will be glad to hear from any AAUW member!

Her amazing family has created the following scholarships!

- * University of Illinois , Dr. Walter and Loretta Zygmunt Scholarship for junior/senior research in microbiology, endowed in 2004-2005.
- * Purdue University, Zygmunt Family Scholarship in Biochemistry, endowed in 2012, established with help from their daughter Deb.
- * Indiana University Medical Center, Evansville, Scholarship in honor of Dr. Walter Zygmunt who helped found the Center, endowed in August, 2013.
- * Purdue University Scholarship in Engineering, created by Loretta's son.
- * Vanderburgh, Indiana, Community Foundation, in honor of Dr. Walter Zygmunt, created by Loretta and her daughter Deb.
- * Indiana University School of Medicine, Evansville, Scholarship in honor of Loretta Zygmunt, set up by her daughter Deb. This scholarship receives a 1:1 match from the University for any contributions over a designated period.

AAUW Action Network: sign up at aauw.org for urgent e-mail notices - contact your elected officials.

- * Action Network, Nov. 14: The AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps delivered this message to senators: Congress should resist calls to enact “flexibility” or exempt defense spending when it comes to sequestration; Congress must end sequestration, period.
- * LAF Express, Nov. 20: U.S. Supreme Court Preview Conference Call Engages AAUW Members with the Court – LAF Program Manager Mollie Larn & Regulatory Affairs manager Beth Scott co-hosted a conference call with AAUW members to discuss important cases before the Supreme Court, including reproductive rights, affirmative action, and health care coverage.
- * Mission & Action, Nov. 21: Your gift today to AAUW will help many more amazing women achieve their dreams of making the world a better place. AAUW stood with President Obama and Vice President Biden to discuss the need for Congress to fix our broken immigration system. The issue has rare bipartisan support, so now is the time to contact your representative.
- * Action Network, Nov. 21: **26,000** – this is how many service members, male and female, that a recent Pentagon study estimated were sexually assaulted in 2012, a figure up from 19,000 in 2010. This is unacceptable. This is shameful. And this must change. Contact your senators today, tell them to remove the crime of sexual assault from the chain of command.
- * *Feminist News*, sent in by Cindy Felsten, Nov. 22: “After hours of debate, the Senate failed to vote yesterday on the Military Justice Improvement Act (MJIA)... which would move the decision of whether to prosecute sexual assault cases out of the chain-of-command and give it to independent, objective, trained military prosecutors.”

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Carmel, IN 46033



No Branch Meeting or Newsletter in January.

Indianapolis Branch Board Meeting: Saturday, January 25, 2014 (snow date, Tuesday, Feb. 4).

Reports: Finances, Program, Membership, Newsletter, Interest Groups, Mike's Fund-Raising, volunteers for STEM at Sycamore School and Tech Savvy at IUPU-Columbus.

Indianapolis Branch Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m., Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Luncheon at the Double Eagle Cafe, on your own; speaker is guest of the Branch.

Speaker: Dr. Nikki Woodson, Superintendent, Metropolitan School District of Washington Township.

Indianapolis Council of Women, Tuesday, December 4. The Indianapolis Branch is a Member.

Highland Golf and Country Club, 1050 W. 52nd St., Indianapolis.

10 a.m. Ruth Hartley, "Legends of Christmas." Noon, Luncheon. 1 p.m. Musical program, flautist.

Reservations not required for speakers, required only for luncheon, call Mary Peat, 357-6895.

Any AAUW member can attend any meetings: no charge for meetings, only for luncheon.

Report on the November 5th meeting by Michele Chosney, AAUW Delegate:

After a business meeting and several club reports, the morning program was presented by Danielle Shockey, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Department of Education. She spoke about her career with the Department of Education, the A-F grading system of the schools, and the Common Core standards for curriculum and instruction. After lunch, Jan Wahls described the life and accomplishments of May Wright Sewall. AAUW members present were: Penny Kyker, Jean Petranoff, Georgia Stevens, and myself. Former AAUW member Sherrill Franklin and previous Indianapolis Branch visitor Phyllis Nieske were also present.

What can we do? Where can we contribute? Branch members at the November 15th meeting wanted to contribute to Dr. Krista Latham, forensic anthropologist, University of Indianapolis, after hearing about her project "Humanitarian Recovery on the U.S.-Mexican Border," when she led a team of graduate students to identify remains of undocumented migrants in Texas. Dr. Latham will be glad to answer questions at lathamke@uindy.edu. Donations will be gratefully received by UIndy – make check to "The University of Indianapolis," write "Beyond Borders Fund" on the memo line, and send it to: Andy Kocher, Executive Director of Development, University of Indianapolis, 1400 East Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.