



INDIANAPOLIS AAUW
Indianapolis Branch - 100 Years
Year's Theme: "Expanding Horizons"

MAY NEWSLETTER

MEETING -- SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th Street

10:00 a.m., BRANCH BOARD

Minutes, Finances, Year-End Reports.

11:00 a.m., BRANCH PROGRAM and PITCH-IN LUNCHEON

11:00 a.m. Betsy Whitmore, Second Helpings, Communications Mgr.
"Help change our community one meal at a time."

Members are asked to bring non-perishable donations -
pasta, especially spaghetti and macaroni, are needed.

See www.seconddhelpings.org

11:45 a.m. Pitch-in Luncheon, please bring your own plates and tableware.

12:30 p.m. Branch Business: Reports, Elections, Installation of Officers,
Program Suggestions for 2014-15.

Membership Renewals online or by check, see dues renewal
form included in this newsletter, with envelope addressed to Jan Pfeil Doyle.

Slate of Nominees: Sherry Watkins/Penny Kyker, Co-Presidents;

Lora Vann, V-P Membership; Donna Casebourn, Secretary.

Nominating committee: Chris Greene, Chair, Donna Casebourn, Toni Morris,
Julia Price.

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m., AAUW-IN STATE CONVENTION

"CELEBRATING CONNECTIONS"

Connor Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers

Jesse Kharbanda, Ex. Dir., Hoosier Environmental Council,
speaker, "Connecting with the Environment"

Catherine Cleary, Indianapolis Branch student member,
speaker, "Connecting with the Future"

> We will hear convention reports at our May 3rd Branch meeting. <

<http://web.indstate.edu/aauw-in/Bulletin80-2-Feb2014.pdf>

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

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2013-2014 Board

Officers

Penny Kyker

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Julia Price

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Susan Belton

Membership VP

Janice Pfeil Doyle

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Judi Deng, Past Co-Presidents

[Recording/ Secretary]

Action Priority Enablers

Cynthia Munerol

AAUW Funds

Mitzi Witchger

Public Policy

Lora Vann and

Donna Casebourn

Diversity

Special Assignments

Penny Kyker, Dorothy Alexander,
Newsletter Co-Editors

Barb Wellnitz

Communications

Lois Gumper, Dorothy Alexander,

Penny Kyker

Member Handbook/Roster

Donna Casebourn

Parliamentarian

*** Historian

*** Hospitality

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

Penny Kyker, Jan Pfeil Doyle

HAPA

Tech Savvy STEM:

Cindy Felsten, Chair

Collaboration between

Indianapolis Branch and

Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ.

Columbus

Branch Consultant:

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See AAUW information online at aauw.org and indstate.edu/aauw-in

Indiana AAUW Member Leader Nomination

Cynthia Munerol has been nominated from our Branch as a member who has been in AAUW longer than 3 years but has recently taken on important leadership responsibility, namely leading the AAUW Funds Appeal. We raised the largest total donations in recent years under her leadership.

Indiana AAUW Ingenious Ideas/Mission Program Application

The Indianapolis Branch participation in STEM education has been nominated as an Ingenious Ideas/Mission Program. The Indianapolis Branch initiated the STEM program in Indianapolis, and the Branch has donated 10 scholarships of \$35 each for a total of \$350 in recent years, and provided STEM-day volunteers at the Sycamore School, host institution. This year, under the leadership of Cindy Felsten, IUPUC, the Indianapolis Branch and Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, were awarded one of the \$8,000 Praxair grants to hold a STEM program on the IUPUC campus in 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Indiana NOW PAC honored women who fought for economic equality:

Say "Yes" to Equal Pay!

Wed., Apr. 9, 5:30-7 pm, IndyFringe Theatre, 719 E. St. Claire, Indianapolis

Awardees included Rep. Linda Lawson, Nancy Guyott, ISTA, and

Cindy Felsten, Business and Professional Women (and member, Indianapolis Branch AAUW), and
Mitzi Witchger, American Association of University Women (Indianapolis Branch AAUW).

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mitzi Witchger was nominated by Sharon Langlotz for an AAUW Title IX Champion!

"Mitzi, founder of GREAT! (Girls Really Expect a Team!), is recognized nationally for her support of Title IX. As a gender equity consultant, advocating for equitable sports opportunities for girls as well as boys, she has worked in a number of states and at the national level..."

The full nomination will be available at the Convention, Sat., April 26, and our branch meeting, Sat., May 3.

Amalia Lam, Manager, LAF responded to Sharon's nomination of Mitzi:

"Sharon, thank you so much for the nomination! We will absolutely include Mitzi in the next round of Title IX Champions, likely announced in May. Her work is incredible and deserving of recognition!"

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/>

Plans are under way to add the program calendar, board news and monthly program information.

INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Evening Book Group

Monday, June 2, 6 p.m., Note change of date due to conflicts in time available -- Book selection and dinner at home of Coy Halpern, 7459-B Somerset Bay Indianapolis – call Coy at 317-257-2640 if you need directions to her place.

Members should bring 1-3 suggestions from books they have already read. If you can't make the date, email or phone to Michele with your suggestions. Coy will provide salad, drinks and dessert. Members are welcome to bring a salad, bread or dessert of their own choosing, but this is optional. Contact **Michele Chosney**, Chair, 328-5227 or mechosney@comcast.net to let her know you are coming, and with any questions. New members welcome.

Creative Writing

Monday, May 12. The group meets 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 welcome.

Ethnic Dining Group

Friday, May 23, 11:30 a.m., Szechuan Garden Chinese Restaurant, 3649 Lafayette Rd., Indianapolis, 317-328-2288.

See www.szechuangardenchinese.com New members are always welcome. Contact **Jan Swartz**, Chair, 291-8122, to let her know you are coming.

Daytime Book Discussion

Monday, May 19, the book is “The Lake of Dreams,” by Kim Edwards.

Monday, June 16, the book is “The Girls of Atomic City,” by Denise Kieman.

Monday, July 21, meeting to select books for next year's discussions, please bring suggestions.

All meetings are at noon, at American Village, 2026 East 54th Street, Indianapolis. 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 or help in finding copies of the book, contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or jan@mw.net.

The Indianapolis Branch extends heartfelt condolences to Mitzi Witchger on the passing of her nephew, Andrew James “Drew” Witchger, 33, of Indianapolis, on April 5, 2014. See The Indianapolis Star, April 8, 2014. Memorial tributes may be made at <http://www.feeneyhornakkeystone.com>.

The Indianapolis Council of Women met on Tuesday, April 1, at Highland Country Club. There were AM and PM speakers with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

The morning speaker was Jeannie Regan, Executive Director, Special Services, Indiana Historical Society. She gave an interesting account of the history of the underground railroad in Indiana and some of the people involved, Levi Coffin, Elijah Anderson, and James Washington. She recommended three books available at the public library on the underground railroad: “Beyond the River” by Ann Hagedorn, “Homeless and Friendless, & Penniless,” by Ronald L. Baker, and “Bound for Canaan” by Fergus Bordewich.

The afternoon talk was given by Sarah Halter, former Director of Public Programs at the Medical History Museum. She gave us details on the Museum and showed pictures of what is presently on display there. Everyone is invited to visit. There are guided tours of the museum, the medicinal plant garden and the 1950's doctor's office.

The May 6th program will be Cheryl Reed, Angie's List Director of Communication speaking about “Angie's Story,” and Kat Tobias or Michelle Gunter on “Art for Youth at the Art Center.”

The Indianapolis Branch AAUW is a member, and all members are welcome to attend these monthly meetings. The morning program starts at 10 a.m. Reservations must be made for luncheon.

- Reported by Michele Chosney, AAUW Branch Representative.

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STEM Update -

1. STEM at IUPUC: the program date has changed from Saturday, June 14, to November 8th or 15th, due to extended school days making up missed days due to weather. Contact Cindy Felsten, Chair, to volunteer to be a part of this exciting venture, cfelsten@iupuc.edu , 812-375-7531. This program is one of 10 AAUW/university awardees nationwide to receive an \$8,000 STEM grant from Praxair.

2. AAUW announces the Alcoa Foundation has awarded a \$250,000, two-year grant for AAUW's STEM programs. This will fund a first-time STEM project in the Székesfehérvár region of Hungary, and also fund a STEM program for middle school girls in Barberton, OH. See aauw.org.

National AAUW Priority -

Great opportunity for aspiring members to participate in National AAUW as stay-at-home Committee members! Contribute from home by phone and email. Nancy Walsh-Stern, Indiana AAUW State Board, encourages us to share skills and interests on the national level – see:
<http://www.aauw.org/resource/committee-task-force-volunteer-application/>.