



**INDIANAPOLIS AAUW, 102 Years**  
*Year's Theme: "Focus: Quality/Equality"*

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014**

**Indianapolis Star Pulliam Center, 8278 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis**

**10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Speaker: Mitzi Witchger, Defense of Title IX**



From the *Indiana Bulletin*, Aug., 2014, Anne Langlotz, Ed.:  
 "AAUW IN is proud to announce that Mitzi Witchger has been named an **AAUW Title IX champion**. Mitzi is a dual member of the Noblesville and Indianapolis branches.

For more about Mitzi and all AAUW Title IX Champions visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/title-ix-champions/>

As a gender equity consultant, Mitzi Witchger advocates for equitable sports opportunities for girls as well as boys. Soon after Title IX became law, she joined the Women's Sports Foundation Advisory Board and the Women's Athletics Task Force and eventually created her own consulting company, GREAT (Girls Really Expect a Team). Mitzi was a pioneer in implementing a girls' ice hockey program at Minnesota high schools; today, there are girls' teams at more than 140 Minnesota high schools.

'Mitzi Witchger has worked tirelessly to help [Title IX] become a reality,' says nominator Sharon Langlotz, 'Thanks to Mitzi, more girls learn that sports are about so much more than the score!' "

10:30 Refreshments and Welcome.

10:45 Speaker - Mitzi Witchger, Defense of Title IX.

11:30 Business: Minutes, Calendar, Finance and Budget Reports – see enclosures.  
 Membership; Roster; Interest Groups; AAUW Summit; Tech Savvy.

**Saturday, September 13, AAUW-IN STATE FALL SUMMIT**  
**"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUES: WHAT WOMEN WANT"**

Andorra Banquets, 1112 Rt. 41, Shererville, IN  
 9:00 am – 2:45 pm, Central Time

**Our opportunity to confront crucial issues with members from around the state.**

For registration form and directions, see AAUW Indiana web site [indstate.edu/aauw-in](http://indstate.edu/aauw-in).

Registration Deadline, Monday, Sept. 8, 2014; \$37 Sept. 1-8.

Checks payable to AAUW-IN, mail to Marcy Stemp, 7223 Jarnecke Ave., Hammond IN 46324.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Meg Rincker, Purdue University, Calumet. Penny Kyker, "Collaborative Successes."  
 State Board: Sharon Langlotz, President; Barb Wellnitz, Co-Program Chair; Anne Langlotz, Bulletin Editor.

**FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Contact Lora Vann, Membership VP, 317-926-1314.**

**Indianapolis Branch  
 Newsletter 2014-2015**

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**September 2014**

**2014-2015 Board**

**Elected Officers**

**Sherry Watkins, Penny Kyker**  
 Co-Presidents

**Julia Price**  
 Program VP

**Lora Vann**  
 Membership VP

**Janice Pfeil Doyle**  
 Finance Officer

**Donna Casebourn**  
 Secretary

Penny Kyker, Past President

**Action Priority Enablers**

**Cynthia Munerol**

AAUW Funds

**Mitzi Witchger**  
 Public Policy

**Lora Vann and  
 Donna Casebourn**  
 Diversity

**Special Assignments**

**Penny Kyker**  
 Newsletter Editor

**Barb Wellnitz**  
 Communications

**Lois Gummer, Penny Kyker**  
 Member Handbook/Roster

\*\*\* 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 Gummer**

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

**AAUW Indiana Branch Consultant:**

**Sara Curtis**

See AAUW information online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and [indstate.edu/aauw-in](http://indstate.edu/aauw-in)

**The Indianapolis Branch has a web page available from national AAUW.**

**Branch site at AAUW Indiana, <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. The Board approved paying \$56 dues for a designated new member who will serve as webmaster.

## **INTEREST GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

### **Evening Book Group**

**First Monday of the month.** The group will meet at 6:00 pm, McAlister's, N. Meridian/96<sup>th</sup> St., until further notice. Contact **Michele Chosney**, Chair, 328-5227 or [mechosney@comcast.net](mailto:mechosney@comcast.net) for change of location, book availability, and to let her know you are coming. New members are welcome.

Sept. 8, *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power*, Jimmy Carter.

Oct 6., *Undocumented: How Immigration Became Illegal*, Aviva Chomsky.

Nov. 3, *The Anne Boleyn Collection II: Anne Boleyn and the Boleyn Family*, Claire Ridgeway.

Dec. 1, *Wild*, Cheryl Strayed.

Feb. 2, *Guests on Earth*, Lee Smith.

Mar. 2, *Winds over Bolivar*, Brenda Henley.

Apr. 6, *Under the Wide and Starry Sky*, Nancy Horan.

May 4, *Still Life with Bread Crumbs*, Anna Quindlen.

June 1, Pitch-in dinner and book selection.

### **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**

**Third Friday of the month, 11:30 am.** New members are always welcome.

Contact **Jan Swartz**, Chair, 291-8122, to let her know you are coming.

Sept. 26, Shalimar Restaurant, “extraordinary Indian cuisine,” 1043 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis, 317-465-1100.

### **Daytime Book Discussion**

**Third Monday of the month at noon, American Village, 2026 East 54<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mypetranoff@sbcglobal.net). For more information or help in finding copies of the book, contact **Jan Doyle**, Chair, 431-3500 or [jan@mw.net](mailto:jan@mw.net).

Sept. 15, *The Time in Between*, Marsha Duen~as (“n” with a tilde), suggested by Jan Swartz, historical fiction about WW II and the Spanish Civil War, main character becomes a fashion designer and spy. Plenty of copies available at the Indianapolis Library, and available on talking books.

If you have books to suggest for the rest of the year, please send titles to Jan to be added to list to vote on for selections to read.



### **Visit with Loretta Zygmunt**

Coy Halpern, Penny Kyker and Barb Wellnitz visited on Aug. 30 with **AAUW member Loretta Zygmunt**, visiting from her Texas home.

Escorted by her friend, “honorary Indy Branch member” John Deck, she was here visiting friends, and meeting with I.U. President, in acknowledgment of the generous scholarships she and her family members have bestowed on I.U. We enjoyed catching up with her – she recently celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday! Loretta was a long-time member and office-holder, including branch president, in the Evansville Branch before she moved to Indianapolis and then to Texas. Contact her at [lmzygmunt@msn.com](mailto:lmzygmunt@msn.com) or 39 High Bank Dr., Missouri City TX 77459-1438.

**The Indianapolis Branch AAUW is a member of the following organizations which align with AAUW mission and priorities. Our members are welcome to attend any meeting.**

**HAPA : Health Access and Privacy Alliance, <http://www.hapaindiana.org/>**

Indianapolis Branch AAUW and AAUW Indiana are organizational members of HAPA.

Indianapolis Branch representatives are Penny Kyker and Jan Doyle.

Since 1989 HAPA has worked as a coalition of civic, educational, religious, professional, and health organizations from all over the state to improve access to healthcare and protect reproductive choice in Indiana, including watching and speaking up on legislative activities that affect reproductive issues. HAPA meets monthly at Planned Parenthood Indiana-Kentucky and members can attend in person or by conference call.

HAPA Convener is Reba Boyd Wooden, office, 317-423-0710; cell, 317-797-5892, 350 Canal Walk, Suite A, Indianapolis IN 46202.

### **Indianapolis Council of Women**

Michelle Chosney is Indianapolis Branch Delegate.

The Indianapolis Council of Women, in its 123<sup>rd</sup> year, sponsors speakers who are informative and encourage members to join actively in community service programs.

The free programs are on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:30 and 1:00.

Reservations are required for luncheon, call Mary Peat, 317-357-6895.

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| Sept. 2 | 1:00  | Tea at the Propylaeum.                                                                 |
| Oct. 7  | 10:30 | Michelle Gunter, Indianapolis Art Center, "Arts for Youth."                            |
|         | 1:00  | Cheryl Reed, Angie's List.                                                             |
| Nov. 11 | 10:30 | Barbara Stauch, "Eleanor Roosevelt."                                                   |
|         | 1:00  | Elizabeth Fallis, "Women in History."                                                  |
| Dec. 2  | 10:30 | Colletta Kosiba, "Flowers in Christmas Celebration"                                    |
|         | 1:00  | Good Shepherd Gadget Band.                                                             |
| Feb. 3  | 10:30 | Kate Kunk, CICOA, Aging and Home Care.                                                 |
|         | 1:00  | Ann Chernish, Brooks Place, counseling children who have suffered death in the family. |
| Mar. 3  | 10:30 | Nancy Rairdon, Starfish Initiative Mentoring Program for College-Bound Students.       |
|         | 1:00  | Diane Tolliver, "Now You Know a Forensic Document Examiner."                           |
| Apr. 7  | 10:30 | Michelle Mayor, Attorney General's Office, "Take Charge of Our Financial Safety."      |
|         | 1:00  | TBA                                                                                    |
| May 5   | 10:30 | Courtney Bowen, Program Manager, Chaucie's Place, "Protecting Our Children."           |

**The Indianapolis Branch collaborates with the League of Women Voters and Church Women United for an annual program in March, with speakers on community issues.**

Watch for upcoming opportunities to join with members of these groups in community action projects such as volunteering to register voters for this year's November elections.

### **News – Indianapolis Branch Members**

**Cat Cleary** is on the AAUW National Fundraising Committee.

**Cheryl Berry** is on the AAUW National Membership Committee.

**Cindy Felsten** is AAUW Indiana STEM Coordinator. Note, Tech Savvy at IUPUC is Sat., Nov. 8, sign up to volunteer!

### **Local Events of Interest**

**Sat., Sept 20, noon to 4 pm (after our Branch program) – Women's History March** – what fun -- Mitzi Witchger calls our attention to the chance to join "suffragist wannabes, temperance ladies and flappers to dress in historic costumes and join the Propylaeum's Women's History March at the Indiana State Museum's *American Spirits: Flappers, Bootleggers & More*" exhibit. Contact Jill Chambers, [jilloughchambers@gmail.com](mailto:jilloughchambers@gmail.com) or 317-514-9218.

**Mon.-Tues., Sept. 15-16, Ensuring Civil Rights in Education through Cross-Agency Partnerships, Fall 2014 Equity Leaders Institute at IUPUI, Indianapolis.** Sponsored by the Great Lakes Equity Center, Indiana Civil Rights Commission, and the I.U. School of Education at IUPUI, with a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education. Keynote speakers, Mary Hanna-Weir, Senior Attorney, Office for Civil Rights, and Shaheeba Ahmad Simons, Deputy Chief, U.S. Dept. of Justice. Register at <http://glec.education.iupui.edu/>.

**The Branch extends sincere condolences to Susan Belton, whose father, Joseph Belton, aged 94, passed away on July 12, 2014.** See the Indianapolis Star online, August 14, for obituary.

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**SAVE this Indianapolis AAUW Newsletter issue and inserts  
with the year's program and budget details!**

**Saturday, September 13, AAUW Indiana Fall Summit,  
9:00 to 2:45, Andorra Banquets, Schererville IN,  
*International Women's Issues.***

**Saturday, September 20, 2014, 10:30 – 12:30  
First Branch Program of the Year, Mitzi Witchger,  
AAUW Title IX Champion, *Defense of Title IX.***

**Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Dinner Program at  
University of Indianapolis Schwitzer Center.  
*Women in Law: Skills for Success.***