



## AAUW Indiana (PA) County Branch

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2019-20 Theme: "100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage"

The Indiana County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW-IC) advances equity for women, girls, and families through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



### AAUW-IC ANNUAL REPORT – May 16, 2020

Dear AAUW Members and Friends,

I will miss hosting our annual meeting this June at my home in Yellow Creek this year as we are all staying safe and social distancing in our homes. So I am sending you instead an annual report letter. We thank so many of you for already sending in your membership renewals – \$79 due June 1 – to Peggy Eyers, Treasurer, at 2509 Oakland Ave, Indiana, Pa 15701. And we have some exciting news: officers nominated to lead us next year! Audia Boyles & Whitney Carmichael are running as Co-Presidents; Patricia Holmes as Program Vice-President; and Susan Wheatley is moving to Secretary. Thank you to our nominating committee Margaret Stempien and Lori Woods for your hard work. Please email your vote to [mmstemp@auxmail.iup.edu](mailto:mmstemp@auxmail.iup.edu) by June 1.

This year we have celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage focusing on women working together to exercise their right to vote and to promote women leaders in every facet of our society. Please read our accomplishments below.

- **In Sisterhood – The Women's Movement in Pittsburgh.** Sept. 28, Fall Luncheon at St. Andrews, by Patricia Ulbrich of the Pittsburgh In Sisterhood Project. Co-sponsored by LVW of Indiana County, and introduced by Donna Cashdollar.
- **IUP Homecoming Parade.** Oct 5. AAUW & Indiana women marched in honor of Women Suffragists, dressed in white, carrying a 15 x 21 foot suffrage flag, and driving numerous convertibles. Chaired by Lillian Clemons.
- **Nothing Like a Dame Trivia night,** Nov. 3, at Spaghetti Benders. Mary Jo Bowes, Facilitator, introduced us to trivia facts and fun about so many famous women. Whitney Carmichael helped to spearhead this AAUW game night.
- **Holiday Silent-Auction Scholarship Fundraiser,** Dec. 7, at St Andrews. IUP's Elary Mede, sang carols and spirituals. Chaired by Charlotte Manges and Peggy Eyer. Members also, sent AAUW Public Policy Postcards to our legislators.
- **AAUW Scholarships for Women Students.** Mary Jo Bowes, Chair. Applications were open from Feb. 1 to May 10 online at <https://indiana-pa.aauw.net/scholarship/>. Please join me in congratulating Rosalinda Rivera, Women Studies and Criminology major at Saint Francis University and Chloe Tobbs, Music Major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
- **Suffragist Soirée – 100 Years of Voting Rights with Music & Words,** Feb. 2, Gorell Hall. Co-directed by Sarah Mantel & Mary Jo Bowes with words by E.C. Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells, Indiana's Jane Leonard & Gladys Fisher. Performing suffrage women's words & music were AAUW/IUP's Gretchen Barbor, Lillian Clemons, Patti Holmes, Mary Logan-Hastings, Julianne Laird, Elary Mede, Chloe Tubbs, & Susan Wheatley. Charlotte Manges was reception hostess.
- **Start Smart Negotiations Workshop,** Feb. 8, IUP Room 114, HSS Bldg. Facilitated by IUP prof. Dr. Melissa Swauger. Assisted by Lillian Clemons, Patti Holmes, and Charlotte Manges who also provided food along with Cathy Dugan, Mary Jo Bowes, Margaret Stempien, Anne Simmons, and Susan Wheatley. 20 IUP students participated!
- **Equal Pay Day,** Mar. 31, AAUW-IC President Susan Wheatley sent a letter of appreciation to our Indiana County Women commissioners Sherene Hess and Robin Gorman. Copies sent to AAUW-IC membership.
- **Notable Women 2020.** Committee chaired by Cathy Schloemer. Congratulations to **Sharon Antalis, Ellen Chinn, Joyce Magee, & Sandy Whitson!** Since 1987, AAUW-IC honors women who have advanced equity for women, girls, & families in our county. Due to COVID-19 we will honor them next year on April 21, 2021. Thank you NW committee members.
- **Day trip to the Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NY,** has been moved to **June 5, 2021**, when we will celebrate the 101years of women's voting rights. Mark your calendar!
- **AAUWPA Awards 2020.** Congratulations to **Mary Jo Bowes**, Outstanding Woman Award; **Peggy Eyer**, Member Making A Difference Award; and **Lillian Clemons**, Gateway to Equity Award for receiving these AAUW-PA State Awards.
- **Ratification of 19th Amendment.** Plans for a Women's March are moving to Aug. 18, 2021, as a 101-year celebration.

And finally, as your outgoing president, I would like to thank the outstanding AAUW Executive Committee, Board of Directors and so many Committee members who have shared the leadership of AAUW-IC with me over the past 6 years. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve such a worthy organization dedicated to nurturing women's leadership and committed to bringing equity to women, girls, and all families – a mission that is more important than ever in our nation today. Remember to vote in the Pennsylvania Primary by mail or in person on June 2.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Wheatley, AAUW-IC President