

CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – September



What: A city walking tour – “Hotel Boom”

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm - noon, meet at 9:45am

**Where: Meet at Chicago Architectural Tours
111E. Wacker, Chicago**

Parking: is available at Laz Park at 111 E. Wacker \$15 per hour or other area lots

Ticket Amount: \$25- check made out to AAUW

**Please send your ticket(s) purchase money no later than Sept. 12 to:
Paula Perkins, 3150 N. Lake Shore Dr, Apt. 16F, Chicago, IL 60657**

Chicago is experiencing a surge in tourism, resulting in the creative repurpose of historic skyscrapers into chic new hotels. Learn how and why a former athletic club, silver manufacturer and motor club have undergone this change. See how historic skyscrapers were re-purposed into chic new hotels.

This tour includes both exterior and interior spaces This private walking tour for AAUW members and guests will explore the exteriors and interiors of several hotels. Explore the benefits and challenges of adaptive reuse and hear what makes these buildings iconic. Stops include The Langham, Silversmith Hotel, the Hampton Inn Motor Club, the LondonHouse and the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel.

Note: If needed, there will be opportunities to take a short rest while visiting the interior spaces of these unique hotels. Also interested members are welcome to stop for lunch after the tour.

Questions? Contact Paula Perkins at p3perkins@gmail.com, or 773-525-1253



shewritespress



What: *All in the Family: The Impact of Family in Novels and Memoir* - Women Writers Panel

When: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Harold Washington Library Center
Third Floor, Room 3N-6
400 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois

Parking: Public transportation, street parking, area pay lots

RSVP: To Paula Perkins, p3perkins@gmail.com by
October 8th or 773-525-1253

Join Michelle Cox, our Program Moderator, author of *A Girl Like You; A Ring of Truth; A Promise Given* and learn about the road to publication through the hybrid publisher, *She Writes Press*, for these local authors, hear their stories, and learn about their books.

Our local women authors' panel includes:

Francie Arenson Dickenson – *Chuckerman Makes a Movie*

Linda Gartz – *Redlines, A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community*

Barbara Stark-Nemo – *Hard Cider and Even in Darkness*

Iris Waichler – *How to Take Care of Yourself and Your Aging Parents*

She Writes Press was founded as a response to the barriers to traditional publishing getting higher and higher for authors. It is a publisher for women writers that would be a platform—that could launch their writing careers, and where they could legitimately compete with their traditional counterparts.

She Writes Press established itself as a real player in the hybrid (part self-published, part support from the publisher) publishing world. This relationship secured the right for SWP authors to submit their books for review through traditional channels, creating a more level playing field.

A Big Thank You to our local bookstore, **The Book Cellar**, who will be on hand to sell books by our panel authors. So get excited to read some new books and bring friends. The Book Cellar 4736-38 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago 60625 <http://www.bookcellarinc.com/>

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

October 6	District 4 and 5 fall conference – Wheaton – IIT Campus
October 10	Women Writer Panel – Harold Washington Library 6pm
November 3	AAUW Fellows presentation – location tbd

December TBD
January 2019 Sinfonietta



President's Message

Welcome back to the Chicago Branch as we begin a new program year. Our Program V-P, Paula Perkins, has been busy gathering ideas for upcoming meetings. On September 29th, members will meet at 9:45am at the Chicago Architectural Foundation to take a guided walking tour of historic skyscrapers that were repurposed into chic new hotels. On October 10th, the Branch will again host a Women Writer's Panel - All in the Family: The Impact of Family in Novels and Memoir, this year at the Harold Washington Library from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Last year's writers panel was one of our most popular events and we look forward to glean more insight into what it takes to be a published author.

Although we don't issue a summer newsletter, Branch members have continued to be active over the summer in several ways. Public Policy Chair, A.J. Conroy, was very active in getting the ERA ratified in Illinois earlier in the summer and has been a strong proponent of the resolution to rename a portion of the Congress Parkway to commemorate anti-lynching advocate Ida B. Wells, which passed the City Council on July 25th. In addition, Membership V-P Anita Moore and I staffed an information table on July 29th during the Bughouse Square debates in Washington Square Park across the street from the Newberry Library.

You should all have received a copy of AAUW's new strategic plan "Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls" via an email from CEO Kim Churches. The plan has four strategic areas of focus, the first three of which are mission-based and the fourth, Governance & Sustainability, is foundational to running the organization. The mission-based focal areas are: Education & Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. Specific goals and objectives are defined for each focal area to inform the work priorities for the national organization and to help guide state and local groups in planning their programs and activities. If you somehow missed this important email from the CEO, go to aauw.org to find the plan on the national website.

*Ruth Holst,
President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch*

Thank You

Thank you to the members who attended the planning meetings and helped to shape the 2018-2019 program year. There are many wonderful programs to look forward to. We hope you will put the dates on your calendar and join us. Also thank you to members Kay Rosen and Paula Perkins for hosting the planning meetings.

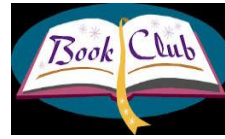
Join us for a new Book Club – HerStory Book Club – All are welcome – Wed. Oct. 10th

The **HerStory Book Club** will read books about women who have taken action. We'll be using the books suggested by The Action Book Club of The Little Free Library. Our first gathering will be **Wed. October 10th**. First book will be *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

The group will meet at the Book Cellar, 4736 North Lincoln, a short walk from the Brown Line from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. The upcoming meeting dates will be Dec. 12, Feb. 13, 2019, April 8, June

13, Aug. 14, Oct. 16.

We'd love to get the word out! Please let your friends, alumni group and community know. The book club will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce potential new members to AAUW. Any questions, please contact Bernadette Pawlik at bernadette.dorman@gmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – Sept 19

Do you like to read? If so, join us for a daytime book club that is on **Wednesday, Sept. 19**. We will be meeting from 10:00am – noon at the Starbucks at 600 State Street (near state and Ohio). Our book is *Murder Under the Bridge* by Kate Raphael

October 17 – *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

November 21 – *The Vanity Fair Diaries* by Tina Brown

December 19 – *Mrs. Sherlock Holmes* by Brad Ricca

Feel free to come even if you don't have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. Looking forward to seeing all that are interested! If you have any questions or are interested please contact our new book club chair, Leslee Carver, Leslee.carver@gmail.com A big thank you to Judy Drobot for suggesting and starting this daytime book club 5 years ago. Judy is moving back to Michigan.



Evening Book Club Please feel free to join the Book Club at anytime.

Aug 27 – The Bookshop on the Corner – Jenny Colgan

Join members of the book club at The Grafton Pub for dinner at 6:00pm before the discussion.

4530 N. Lincoln Ave (one block south of the library) www.thegrafton.com

The Book Club of Chicago, Illinois Branch Inc. of the American Association of University Women is free and open to the public and meets on the fourth Monday of the month (except December and May) from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Conrad Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of August 1st, we have **60** members – **2** of which are new to the branch! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check. For those who haven't sent in your application form and check, it isn't too late to renew or join and be in this year's Membership Directory. All application forms and checks received by **September 15th** will appear in the Directory. Please send it to branch treasurer – Megan Moser 4641 N Paulina St Apt 410 Chicago IL 60640 chicagoauw@hotmail.com

WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch members! These women joined the branch during the summer membership drive. We are so excited to have each of them as members and look forward to meeting everyone at our first meeting in September!

Name	Email Address
Elizabeth Kinney	ekinney56@sbcglobal.net
Kathleen McLaughlin	kmmclaughlin630@aol.com

BIG NEWS – Ida B. Wells-Barnett Street Signs- Thank you to AAUW members

There are new street signs going up in downtown Chicago thanks to a citizen effort to rename Balbo Drive (named after a fascist leader) for Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a pioneering Chicagoan. This two-year initiative was spearheaded by the League of Women Voters of Chicago and gathered steam this Spring. AAUW Chicago, Inc. was an active supporter. Branch members attended

press conferences, committee hearings and City Hall meetings. AAUW members also lobbied Alderman and posted on social media. After loud resistance from an Italian civic group, Alderman compromised by a renaming another street, Congress Parkway. Visitors to Chicago may recognize the thoroughfare as the place where three expressways converge and end at one end into a scenic view of Lake Michigan. Members of the Wells-Barnett family still live in Chicago and praised the renaming.

Why honor Ida B. Wells-Barnett? She invited investigative journalism with her expose of lynching using corner records and interviews. She co-founded the NAACP. She integrated the 1913 Suffragette March in Washington, DC, against Alice Paul's orders. She was one of the first American women known to hyphenate her maiden name when she married.



AAUW member Ann Tracy represented us at the City Hall press conference when the first version of the ordinance was announced. (taken March 23, 2018 in City Hall, Alderman Sophia King speaking).

Background: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/politics/ct-met-rahm-emanuel-ida-b-wells-street-20180725-story.html>

Good photo of where new Ida B. Wells Drive intersects with Michigan Avenue (tourists might recognize it): <https://chicago.curbed.com/2018/7/30/17624010/congress-parkway-ida-b-wells>

Who is Ida B Wells? <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-met-idabwells-nine-things-to-know-20180719-story.html>



Give a Grad a free AAUW membership

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education.

Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Best of all, she will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or her! So send no money! Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

Complete the online membership application now at www.aauw.org

Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership—a \$59 value.

WITASWAN Movie Club- Movie group outings: October 14 and March 10, 2019

The WITASWAN Movie Club will meet at an area movie theatre in October and March. Details will be sent out closer to the date. The movie group will meet Sunday, October 14 and then again March 10, 2019. Please contact Megan Moser to be included on the email list meganmoser@hotmail.com 773-784-2754

AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch - 2018-2019 Board List

President:	Ruth Holst	Program Vice-President:	Paula Perkins
Secretary:	Pamela Sanner	Membership Vice-President:	Anita Moore
Treasurer:	Megan Moser		
Directors at Large:	A.J. Conroy, Jackie Kirley, Leslee Carver, Lynda Korn-Cotton		



Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2019-2021). It's not too early to start thinking about what you would like to do in the Branch to be more active. Officers to be elected in April are Program VP, Secretary and two Directors at Large. The various chair positions will be appointed by the President. A Nominating Committee of five members will be appointed this fall. If you would like to serve on the Committee, are interested in serving as an Officer/Chair, or would like to suggest a nominee, please contact Branch President, Ruth Holst at holstruth@gmail.com

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the Nov/Dec Chicago Edition newsletter are due Oct. 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

CHICAGO BRANCH AAUW 17-18 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

CATEGORY	INCOME	EXPENSES
Dues	\$ 1,342.00	
Directory		\$ 141.26
Newsletter and postage		64.02
Programs	317.95	836.00
Program Planning Meeting		190.24
Meeting Expenses		308.37
Grant from AAUW Illinois	700.00	
Communications Software		178.44
Public Policy		0
Marsten Account	1,400.00	
Fundraising Expenses	137.00	40.00
Member Donations	126.00	
EF Donation		600.00
LAF Donation		100.00
Annual Meeting Expenses		19.17
Insurance		707.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses		12.00
Jane Addams Celebration	0	0
STEM		0
National Convention Expenses		1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 4,022.95	\$ 4,196.56

CHECKING ACCOUNT

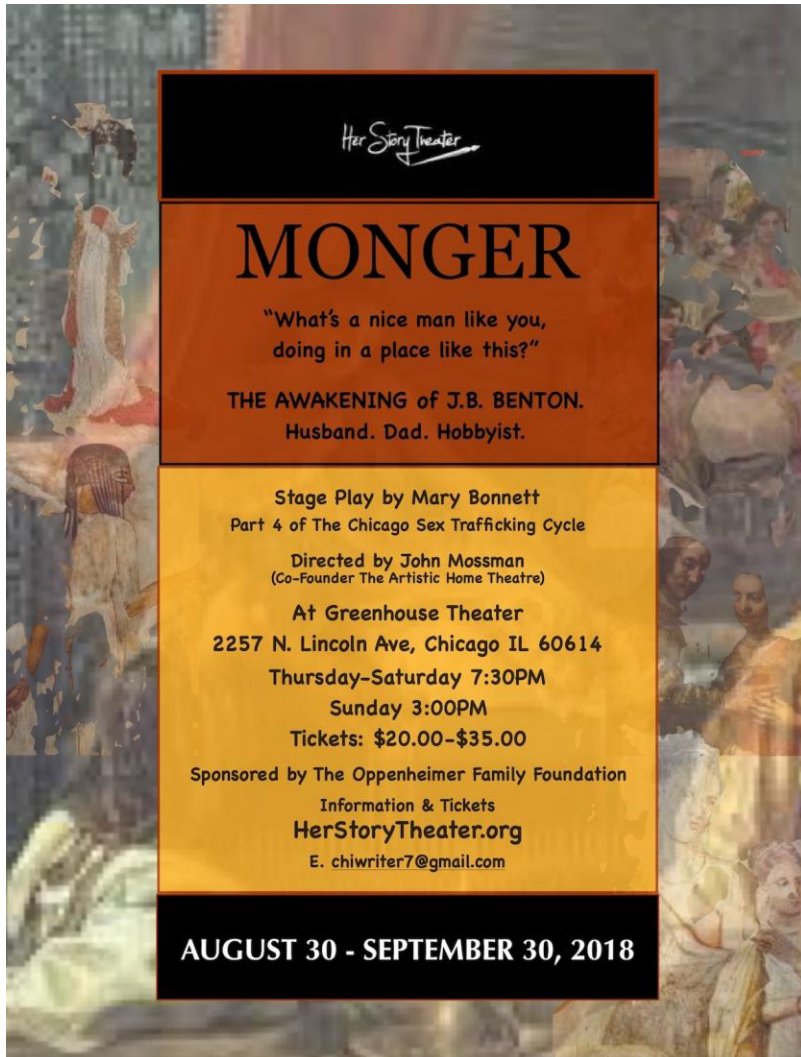
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,660.99
Income	4,022.95
Expenses	4,196.56
Ending Balance	\$ 3,487.44

MARSTEN FIDELITY ACCOUNT

6/15/17 Balance	\$11,246.29
6/30/18 Balance	\$10,607.12

AAUW CHICAGO ILLINOIS BRANCH	
2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET	
Revenue	
Dues	\$1,342
Fundraising Income for AAUW National Funds	100
Fundraising Income for community action branch/state projects	200
Donations for program expenses	1,000
Marsten account	700
Donations from members	150
Total	\$3,492
Expenditures	
Insurance	600
Newsletter printing and postage	75
Membership directory printing and postage	150
Membership recruitment	100
Program events - room rentals	200
Program events - refreshments	200
Program events - speakers and museum admission	500
Program planning meetings	0
Annual meeting expenses	25
Public policy expenses	100
Contribution for education fund	500
Contribution to LAF	100
Contribution for branch/state projects	200
Communications software	200
Convention expenses	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100
Total	\$3050.00
Balance 6/30/18	\$3487.00
Estimated balance 6/30/19	\$3529.00

Please join WWHP in attending Mary Bonnett's *Mongers* on Thursday, **September 6th at 7:30 pm**, at the Greenhouse Theater at 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. **Tickets are \$25 a piece.**



Her Story Theater

MONGER

"What's a nice man like you,
doing in a place like this?"

THE AWAKENING of J.B. BENTON.
Husband. Dad. Hobbyist.

Stage Play by Mary Bonnett
Part 4 of The Chicago Sex Trafficking Cycle

Directed by John Mossman
(Co-Founder The Artistic Home Theatre)

At Greenhouse Theater
2257 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago IL 60614
Thursday-Saturday 7:30PM
Sunday 3:00PM
Tickets: \$20.00-\$35.00

Sponsored by The Oppenheimer Family Foundation
Information & Tickets
HerStoryTheater.org
E. chiwriter7@gmail.com

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Monger is the fourth and final play in Mary Bonnett's The Chicago Sex Trafficking Play Cycle. **MONGER** is a very different show from the past three productions. Join us for the play and the post-show discussion.

What is a MONGER?
A self-described online group of ordinary men who, anonymously, help each other out by

giving suggestions, ratings, descriptions and contact information of girls and woman who might appeal to other online men looking to purchase these females for sexual purposes. They also call themselves "hobbyists."

MONGER TICKETS: <https://www.greenhousetheater.org/monger>

Use code WWHP and friends when you call for tickets for the discount rate.

MONGER follows a Chicago criminal defense attorney with a secret life who finds his world shattered as he deals with his sensitive 16-year-old son's legal crisis on the day he takes a deposition from the mother of a murdered teenager. The play uncovers a nationwide, online, anonymous brotherhood of men. Though the characters and plot are fictional, they are inspired by real-life Chicago events and include actual posts from online conversations among men. This world premiere thrusts the audience on a tumultuous ride from the opening line to its dramatic conclusion.

Brave. Bold. Riveting. Chicago. Theater.



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2018-2019 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019. Annual membership dues are **\$91.00** (\$59.00 for Association, \$22.00 for Chicago Branch, and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois). For Association Life members, dues are **\$32.00** (\$22.00 for Chicago Branch and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois).

Please check your type of Membership

- Annual \$91- Association Life \$32- Undergraduate Student Affiliate \$30-

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Name _____

First/Middle/Last

(spouse)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ Birth Date (Month/Date) _____ (Optional)
College/Universities attended Degrees Earned Major Field of Study

Professional Title(s) _____

Please check to volunteer to assist with these committees or branch activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Position | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GEMS conference | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair of an Interest Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website/facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Legislative | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact me later | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ | |

Skills you can share _____

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:

MEGAN MOSER 4641 N PAULINA ST APT 410 CHICAGO IL 60640

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **Saturday, September 15, 2018.**

\$46- of your \$49- national dues is tax-deductible. (The other \$3- will be going toward lobbying efforts thus are not tax-deductible.) State and Branch dues or donations are not tax-deductible. But, dues payments may be deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Contributions to the AAUW Funds are fully tax-deductible.

Mission Statement of AAUW: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW membership is open to any graduate who holds an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution or a baccalaureate of higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Important Dates

October 6	Northern Conference (Districts 4 & 5) – Wheaton – IIT Campus
January 2019	AAUW Networking Luncheon – Deerfield, IL
March 8	International Women's Day
April 2	Equal Pay Day Rally
May 3-4, 2019	AAUW-IL Convention - Crowne Plaza – Springfield

AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

AAUW-IL website: www.aauw-il.org

Chicago branch website: <http://chicago-il.aauw.net>

For more information, contact us: chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Join the Chicago branch on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=16337662299&ref=mf>



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 129th year!!