

CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – September



What: A tour of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

When: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm noon,

with optional pay your own way lunch at nearby restaurant after tour

Where: Mercy Home for Boys and Girls 1140 W Jackson

(Jackson and Racine) www.mercyhome.org

Parking: any lot that wraps around building or on Aberdeen (Adams and Jackson)

RSVP: To Lynda Korn-Cotton at 312-482-9855

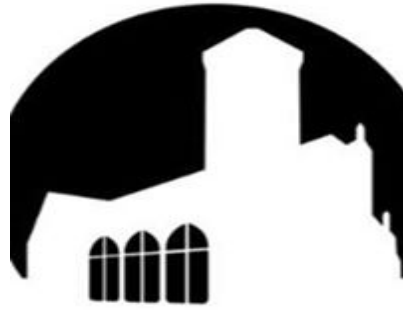
or lyndakorncotton@aol.com by Aug. 23

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls is a Catholic organization that has been serving children and families in need for over 130 years. Through its residential, AfterCare, and mentoring programs, Mercy Home provides safety, therapy, education, and life-changing opportunities for more than 900 young people and family members every year. It helps children heal from the traumas of abuse, neglect, poverty, housing instability, and community violence while giving them the tools they need to build brighter futures. At the core of Mercy Home's services for children are full-time living spaces, also known as youth residential programs. Mercy Home never closes – children live there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Mercy Home is among today's leaders in the field of trauma-informed care. Mercy Home addresses trauma using an adapted therapeutic model called the "Mercy Model". Mercy Home residents attend more than 50 schools across Chicago, but when they return in the evenings, they have access to one-on-one tutoring and after-school programming.

Mercy Home is more than 99% privately funded. We urge you all to consider making a donation to Mercy Home. For more information regarding our volunteer programs, or to make a donation, please visit www.mercyhome.org, or contact Tricia Rooney, J.D., Philanthropic Advisor at triroo@mercyhome.org or (312) 738-9528.

October Meeting and Event



What: Docent led Tour of Historic Second Presbyterian Church

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Time: 10:30am -12:00 with optional pay your own way lunch after tour at either La Cantina Mexican or Kroll's S. Loop American

Where: Second Presbyterian Church 1936 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois, 60616 <https://2ndpresbyterian.org/>

Parking: Public transportation, street parking, area pay lots

RSVP: To Lynda Korn-Cotton at 312-482-9855 or
lyndakorncotton@aol.com by October 3

Join the Chicago AAUW and tour this hidden jewel of the city. This tour will focus on its history and stained-glass windows, with details of the recent restoration of the 1903 Tiffany Peace Window. For more information contact Helen Elkiss at helkiss@comcast.net

Second Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest congregations in the city of Chicago and has played a prominent role in the history of the city from its inception. Located in a landmark building known for its stained-glass windows and Arts & Crafts interior, the church has seen dramatic changes in its congregation and surrounding neighborhoods over the past 173 years.

A number of significant memorial windows were added to the church between 1901 and 1918. At present there are nine in the sanctuary by Tiffany Studios, and two important windows in the narthex designed by Edward Burne-Jones and manufactured by Morris & Co. Additional windows in the sanctuary are the work of McCully & Miles, Louis J. Millet, William Fair Kline, and Gianini & Hilgart. Three of the Tiffany windows were installed in 1927 and came from First Presbyterian Church when that congregation opted to move farther south to their present location in Kenwood. Many of their members chose instead to transfer to Second, bringing their windows with them.

A tour program was started in November 1940, with ushers trained to provide information on the windows and other artistic features of the sanctuary. Tours have been maintained consistently since that time, making ours the oldest continually operating tour program in the city of Chicago.

National Historic Landmark status was conferred upon the church by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service on February 27, 2013. It is the only church in the city of Chicago and one of only three in the state of Illinois to be so designated.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

October 19	District 4 and 5 fall conference – Wheaton – IIT Campus
November 2	AAUW Fellows presentation – UIC campus 10am
December	TBD
January 2020	District 5 Networking Luncheon – Deerfield 11:30am



President's Message

I'm writing this message on a hot steamy day in August thinking about what I can report to you about summer activities. I've already sent out a summary about the AAUW Empower event held on July 23rd at WeWork. More than 125 young women (and a few men) attended the event, which featured a lot of great information and positive networking. On July 27th, Anita Moore and I talked to more than 40 people during the Bughouse debates in Washington Square Park and we hope to recruit a few of them as members. On August 6th, the League of Women Voters honored Barbara Yong (one of our members) for her work as the Founder of Equal Pay Day Chicago at their 2019 Annual meeting.

Two summer planning meetings yielded lots of excellent ideas for programs during the coming year. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find more details about the September 14th guided tour of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson St. and the October 5th docent-led tour of 2nd Presbyterian Church at 1936 S. Michigan Ave. Both tours are on Saturday mornings and will include an optional lunch afterwards for socializing. Other programs are in the planning stages, including one for early 2020 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage and the celebration of our branch's 130th Anniversary.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for June 18-19, 2020 for the AAUW Regional meeting to be held in the Quad Cities. AAUW-Illinois will host this convention, one of many to be held around the country in 2020 as a replacement for the AAUW national convention. The meeting venue will overlook the Mississippi River and the meeting promises to include inspirational speakers, a variety of programming on women's issues, and fun social events. AAUW members from eleven states will travel to the Quad Cities for this collaborative effort.

I'm hoping to see many of you at upcoming meetings. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or suggestions for the Chicago Branch.

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

Thank You

Thank you to the members who attended the planning meetings and helped to shape the 2019-2020 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 Helen Elkiss and Arlene Alpert for hosting the planning meetings.

Condolences

Twenty-five-year member KAREN ANTINE passed away on June 2, 2019 after a short illness caused by a brain tumor. Karen held several Board positions, as well as being a member of the Book Club, and helping to organize and lead the Brunch Group and the Ethnic Dining Group. Karen was a teacher in Ohio before moving to Chicago, where she became an adjuster for Social Security. After retiring, she continued her education through the Life Long Learning Program and volunteered as a reader for the blind. She was buried in Ohio.

Branch Member MARIE SALWONCHIK also recently passed away. We only learned of her passing in late May. Marie was a member of Chicago branch AAUW for 15 years. Marie Salwonchik, passed away on January 4th. She is the beloved daughter of the late Steve and Ellen Salwonchik.

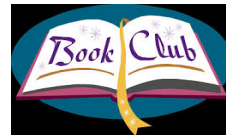
Looking Ahead to November

Our November 2nd meeting will be held at UIC in the Daley Library at 10:00am. The branch will be hosting area AAUW Fellows and Grantees to hear about their studies and community projects. Save the date and bring a friend. Thank you to Barbara Thomas and Linda Naru for planning and hosting the event.

Join us for – HerStory Book Club – All are welcome – Wed. Aug. 14

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 next gathering will be **Wed. August 14** and we are reading ***Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*** by Janet Mock.

Help 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 or aauwherstory1@gmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – Aug. 21

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on **Wednesday, August 21st**. We will be meeting from 10:00am – noon at the Starbucks at 600 State Street (near state and Ohio). **Our book is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean**

September 18: *What are You Looking At?* by Will Gompertz

Please bring suggestions for upcoming book discussions.

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

[Salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org) – Sign up today

In order to satisfy the terms of the Coca Cola Foundation grant to AAUW national, we need more people to register for the free online Work Smart program. Everyone can receive something of value from the program. This includes women in the workforce, retirees, men, daughters, sons, mothers and friends in the workforce. AAUW members who take Work Smart online find that it is easy to access, informative, teaches how to recognize their own self-worth and can be helpful in getting the best deals on cars and other purchases. Give Work Smart a try! Visit: salary.aauw.org

Please share this link with non-AAUW members. Make a goal of reaching out to 10 others.



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

August 26th *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

****We will be meeting at Gideon Welles Bar & Grill 4500 N. Lincoln*****

September 23rd *When Paris Went Dark* by Ronald Rosbottom

October 28th *Rising Out Of Hatred* by Eli Saslow

November 18th *Gingerbread* by Helen Oyeyemi

January 27, 2020 *Where'd you go Bernadette?* by Marcia Semple

February 24th *The Woman in the Window* by AJ Finn

March 23rd *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott

April 27th *Fallout* by Sara Paretsky

May 18th *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

June 22nd *Shades of Grey* by Jasper Fforde

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.

Congrats to Barbara Yong

On August 6, Barb Yong, Chicago Branch and League of Women Voters of LaGrange Area member, was honored by the League of Women Voters of Illinois at their Annual Luncheon for her commitment and dedication to Equal Pay Day. Barbara founded the Chicago Equal Pay Day Rally over 9 years ago and the Chicago Inc branch and AAUW-IL has been a part of the event since the beginning. More than 250 people were in attendance for the event "Rhetoric vs. Reality: Why the Time is Now for Equal Pay" at the Metropolitan Club of Chicago. This SOLD OUT event featured keynote speaker Laurel Bellows, former president of the American Bar Association, and honored Barb Yong with the well-deserved inaugural Sapphire Award. Chicago Inc. Branch president Ruth Holst and Public Policy chair AJ Conroy attended on behalf of the branch. Congrats on this well-deserved recognition Barb.



Update on the Chicago Suffragist Project

Branch members Eleida Gomez and Gerry Oberman continue to make progress in gathering names of suffragists who at one point or another worked in Illinois to gain the right of women to vote. They have counted 72 names. Not all of them are buried in Illinois. Before the end of the year, the group hopes to have a Master List. Hopefully, they will be able to identify the location of their graves, and a highlight of their role. We know for a fact that we may not be successful in all cases but we will continue to try.

Helen Ramirez-Odell and AJ Conroy continue to be of great help in this project. Any branch members are invited to help. Contact Eleida at amgglo@aol.com if you are interested in helping with this project.

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of August 10th, we have **51** 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
Edye Sine	edye.sine@gmail.com
Nikki Sucevic	nmsucevic@gmail.com

AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch - 2019-2020 Board List

President: Ruth Holst
Secretary: Barbara Harris
Treasurer: Megan Moser
Program Vice-President: open
Membership Vice-President: Anita Moore
Directors at Large: A.J. Conroy, Barbara Spiegel, Leslee Carver, Lynda Korn-Cotton



Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2020-2022). 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 President, treasurer, membership VP, 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. 15st. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2019-2020 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2019 and ends June 30, 2020. 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"/> 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, 2019.**

\$56- of your \$59- 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 19	Northern Conference (Districts 4 & 5) – Wheaton– IIT Campus – 9am
December 10	Jane Addams Day
January 2020	AAUW Networking Luncheon – Deerfield, IL
March 8	International Women's Day
March 21	Tech Savvy at Triton College
March 31	Equal Pay Day Rally
June 18-19	AAUW Regional Convention Hyatt Place – East Moline, IL (pre-convention activities on June 17)

AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

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

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

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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 130th year!!