

CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – November



What: Meet the Fellows and Grantees

We are pleased to announce that three local Fellows will be attending our program.

When: Saturday, November 2nd

Time: 10:00 am

Where: Univ. of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) Richard J. Daley Library room 1-407
801 S Morgan St Chicago IL 60607

Cost: \$10- for light refreshments \$5- will go to AAUW Funds.

Transportation/Parking: Public transportation, Halsted/Taylor pay parking structure, and campus street parking.

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

The AAUW Opportunities Foundation--the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women--supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW funds is providing more than \$4 million in 2019–20 in support of 259 scholars. AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world. Our three attending fellows are:

Loretta Agyemang Career Development Grant - University of Chicago, Chicago

Discipline: Computer and information sciences **Degree and Specialization:** M.S., Analytics

Loretta is a lifelong learner who is interested in applying knowledge to solve problems. She is grateful for the grant because this funding and community will support her transition into the data science and engineering field.

Dr. Elizabeth Hopwood Community Action Grant - Loyola University, Chicago

Project Name: *Girls Who Code at Loyola University Chicago*

Girls Who Code at Loyola will positively influence and expand opportunities for young girls in our local Chicago neighborhoods to learn computer programming skills from undergrad and graduate student mentors.

Faramalala Ravaoarimanga International Fellowship - North Park University, Chicago

Discipline: Psychology – clinical **Degree and Specialization:** M.A. Counseling

Faramalala grew up in a country where women and girls are still subject to injustice and gender inequity. For 21 years, she exposed and fought abuses in different forms perpetrated on women and girls in Madagascar. She came to the US to study counseling psychology to increase her knowledge and get credentialed in order to bring liberation and emancipation to the people in Madagascar.

REGISTRATION FOR NORTHERN AAUW-IL FALL CONFERENCE



Saturday, October 19, 2019 doors open at 8:30am – program begins at 9:30am

Cost is \$25-

Name _____

Branch _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

A buffet breakfast with protein and fruit will be offered as well as coffee, tea and juices. Doors open at 8.30 AM with a program start of 9.30 AM, so there will be an opportunity to network and meet and greet other branch members and guests.

Kendra Davis, Senior VP of Advancement and Partnerships from the national AAUW office is scheduled to speak.

We celebrate major branch anniversaries for Chicago, Inc – 130 years and Aurora – 100 years -- as well as Rockford 90 years, Downers Grove – 70 years, and Lombard and Arlington Heights – 60 years.

We will hear from one of our recent Community Action Grant recipient, Dr. Elizabeth Hopwood, Acting Director of Loyola University, Chicago, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities (AAUW Community Action Grant was funded by D4/D5 branches to support Loyola's Girl Who Code Chapter).

Mail this form and a check (make check payable to AAUW-IL) to Sue Stauffer, 1031 Seaview Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193 (847-985-5560) by **October 12** or email form to staufferrw@sbcglobal.net. Then go to <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/district-conferences> click on the PayPal button for your conference and pay online. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Jean at djsimon@questillc.com (630-248-2213) or Jo-An at jtakamoto@gmail.com (847-727-5158).

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

December 10	Jane Addams Day – Hull-House Museum - Making Lineages Visible 6-8pm
January 25, 2020	AAUW-IL Networking Luncheon – Chevy Chase Country Club Wheeling 11:30am
February 11	HerStory Program with Cynthia Abrams LakeShore Club 6:30pm
March	Women’s Suffragist Program
April 11	Community Service Project – Pacific Garden Mission 9am-1pm
May 2	Celebrate our 130 th Anniversary luncheon



President’s Message

As we move toward the holiday season, it’s a good time for me to think about what I am grateful for within the Chicago Branch. I’ve met so many intelligent, interesting and active women through my work with AAUW. If you receive this message before October 19, please know that it’s not too late to register and attend the Fall Northern Conference at the IIT campus in Wheaton on Saturday, October 19. For a mere \$25, you can meet some really interesting AAUW women, including Kendra Davis from the national office.

I’m always grateful for Barbara Thomas who plans our annual meeting that features Illinois women who have received grants or fellowships from AAUW. Plan to attend this meeting on November 2nd in the Richard J. Daley Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago at 10am. You will hear from three very talented women.

I’m especially grateful to Lori Switzer who provides so many “behind the scenes” services for the branch, including the web page, the Facebook page, bi-monthly newsletters, the annual membership directory, annual recap, and so much more. The Membership Directory is posted on the Branch website. No need to remember what you did with your directory or your last newsletter. Key documents are now stored on the website thanks to Lori. All the details are in this newsletter. If you prefer to get paper documents, we can arrange that. Just let us know.

Looking ahead, there are a number of upcoming events that I want to highlight:

- December 10, 2019 – Jane Addams Day – we will not be planning a separate AAUW event, but will let you know about the program planned at the Jane Addams Hull House Museum*
- January 25, 2020 – AAUW-IL Networking Lunch – watch for more details*
- June 18-19, 2020 - AAUW Regional meeting in East Moline, IL – save the date*

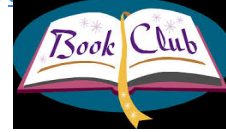
*Gratefully yours,
Ruth Holst,
President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch*

Thank You

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our September program due to lack of interest. But we thank Barbara Harris for planning and organizing the tour. In October, members and guests participated in the tour of the stained-glass window at Second Presbyterian. A big thank you to Helen Elkiss for planning and organizing the Second Presbyterian tour. Thank you to Lynda Korn-Cotton for taking reservations.

HerStory Book Club

The **HerStory Book Club** is taking a break as we look for a new location to host the book club as well as choose new book selections. If you have a suggestion for locations maybe in a restaurant near public transportation please let us know. The book club will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce potential new members to AAUW. Any questions, please contact Bernadette Pawlik at aauwherstory1@gmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – Oct. 16

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on **Wednesday, October 16**. We will be meeting from 10:00am – noon at the Starbucks at 600 State Street (near state and Ohio). **Our book is** *What are You Looking At? The Surprising, Shocking, and Sometimes Strange Story of 150 Years of Modern Art* by Will Gompertz

November 20 – *Escape through the Pyrenees* by Lisa Fittko

December 18 – *Cinnamon and Gunpowder* by Eli Brown

January 15 – *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl

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, please contact our book club chair, Leslee Carver, Leslee.carver@gmail.com

AAUW-IL Agents of Change

The Chicago Illinois Inc. branch has been honored with three recipients of the AAUW-IL Agent of Change Award. Patty Crowley in 1989, Jan Lisa Huttner in 2012, and Paula Purdue in 2019. Thank you to branch member, Georgi Presecky, for writing the biographies of our Chicago Branch Agents of Change. Please go to our website to see the articles. <https://chicago-il.aauw.net/agents-of-change/>

History of the Agent of Change Award

The Agent of Change Award was instituted in 1984 by the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Division, now AAUW-IL, Inc. This prestigious award is presented annually to an AAUW member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW. The five District Directors are charged with selecting the Awardee from nominations submitted by AAUW-IL branches.



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

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.thegraffton.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.

New 2019-2020 Branch Directory

The new 2019-2020 Chicago Branch directory is updated and online. *Just a note* – we are not printing a hardcopy of the directory due to budget constraints. We will mail out a copy to members that are not online.

Thank you to Lori Switzer for updating the directory and thank you to Megan Moser for creating the branch mailing address labels for our fundraiser mailing.

12th Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2019

New this year – we are supporting National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our twelfth annual No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser. An invitation to the non-event fundraiser has been mailed out. Hope you are able participate. Our branch goal is \$2,000- this year which breaks down to \$30- a member. Thanks for your support at any amount. A Big **THANK YOU** to the members who have donated so far.

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of October 1st, we have **65** members – **3** of which are new to the branch! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their renewal. For those who haven't sent in your application form and check, it isn't too late to renew or join. Please send it to branch treasurer – Megan Moser 4641 N Paulina St Apt 410 Chicago IL 60640

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch member! Patricia rejoined the Chicago branch after being a national member for the last few years. Please welcome Pat back to the branch.

Name	Email Address
Patricia Newton – Curran	pnewtoncurran@gmail.com

WELCOME



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 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

Treasurer Report – 1st Quarter: July 1 through September 30, 2019

Revenue: Membership Dues \$1320- (60 paid members)
Expenses Office Supplies/Copies/Stamps: \$71.72
Planning Meeting Expenses: \$136.28
September 30 Checking Account Balance: \$3,165.48
September 30 Marsden Account Balance: \$11,161.28

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

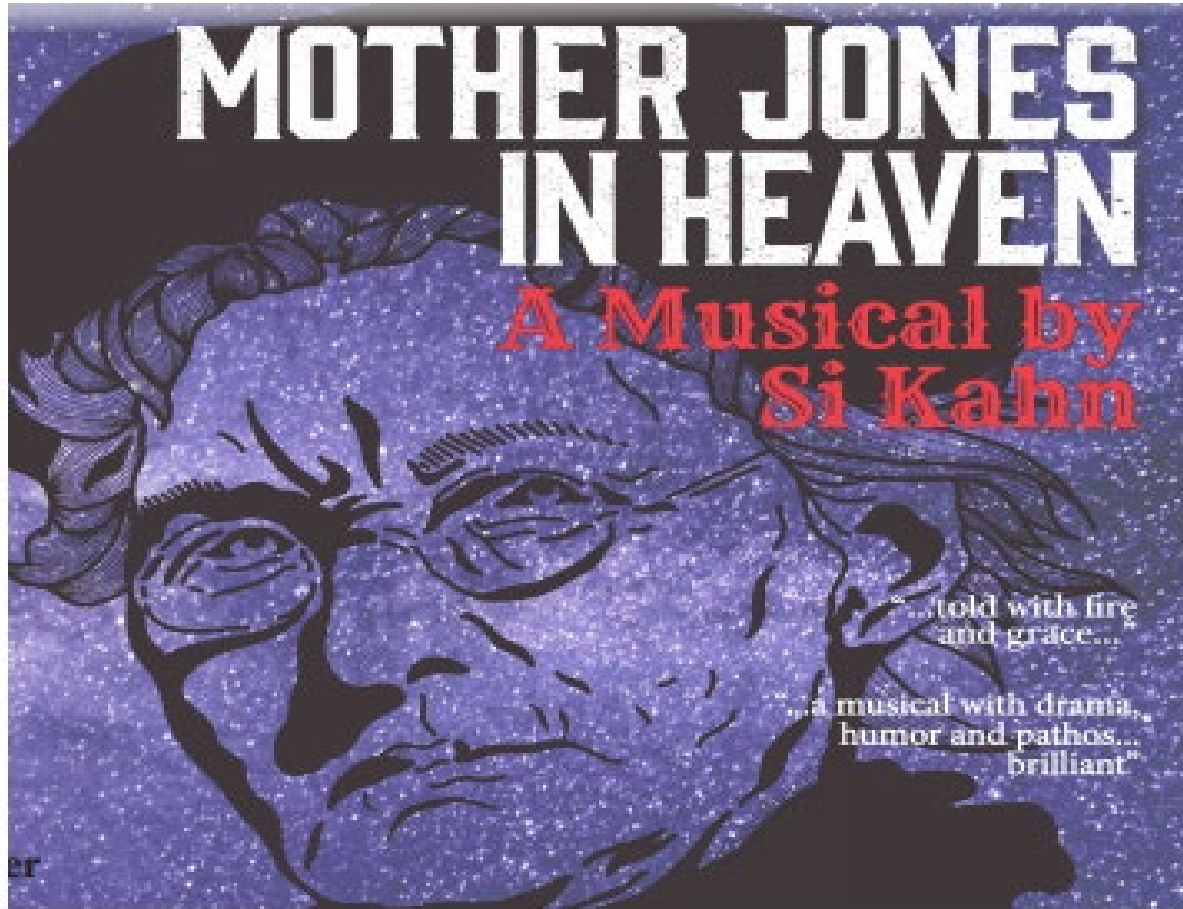
Organization Name: AAUW Chicago, INC

Budget Report Comparing FY '18-'19 Budget with Actual along with '19-'20 Budget

Fiscal Year Period: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

	Budget FY 18-19	Actual FY 18-19	19-20 Budget
Revenue			
Dues	1,342	1,342	1,342
Fundraising Income for AAUW Funds	100	50	-
Fundraising Income for Community Action Branch/State	200	-	-
Donations for Program Expenses	500	60	-
Donations from Members	150	-	150
Transfer from Investment (Marston)	700	-	700
Total Revenue	\$ 2,992	\$ 1,452	\$ 2,192
Expenses			
Insurance	300	185	200
Newsletter Printing & Postage	75	15	75
Membership Directory & Postage	150	140	75
Membership Recruitment	75	-	75
Program Events - Room Rentals	200	175	150
Program Events - Refreshments	150	-	25
Program Events - Speakers, Admiss.	400	400	300
Program Planning Meetings	-	125	200
Annual Meeting Expenses	25	-	100
Public Policy Expenses	100	-	100
Contribution for AAUW Nat'l Funds	500	550	500
Contribution to branch/state projects	200	-	-
Contribution for LAF	100	100	100
Communications Software	200	148	150
Convention Expenses	-	-	-
Other/Misc. Expenses	100	16	100
Total Expenses	\$ 2,375	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,150

We had 8 people in attendance for the tour of Second Presbyterian Church on Oct. 5. Our docent, Karen Fontaine, was very knowledgeable. She told us about the history of the church and took us to the second level to see the beautiful stained-glass windows up close. Several are attributable to Louis Tiffany and his company. Four of us enjoyed lunch at the Mexican restaurant across the street after the tour. Thanks again to Helen Elkiss for planning the event.



Friday, November 1, 2019
7:30pm
 Tickets: \$20 through 10/29; \$25 thereafter
Si Kahn will attend!

Irish American Heritage Center
 4626 North Knox Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630

To purchase tickets, visit
www.irish-american.org
 or call 773-282-7035, ext. 10

Vivian Nesbitt
 as Mother Jones
John Dillon on Guitar
 Directed by **Jo Johnson**



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

December 10	Jane Addams Day – Hull-House Museum
January 25, 2020	AAUW Networking Luncheon – Wheeling, IL
March 8	International Women's Day
March 21	Tech Savvy at Triton College
March 31	Equal Pay Day Rally – Daley Plaza
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>

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

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Address correction requested

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