

Recognition Delayed:

The Contributions of African American Suffragists and Why Their Stories Matter



Sunday, March 8, 2020, 1:00 – 3:30pm
Daley Library, UIC, 1st floor
801 S. Morgan Street, Chicago, IL 60607

Event is wheelchair accessible, free, with limited seating. [Registration is required.](#)

- 1:00 Enjoy refreshments and meet partner organizations
- 1:30 **Lecture:** "African American Suffragists"
Marcia Walker-McWilliams, Executive Director,
Black Metropolis Research Consortium
- 2:00 **Panel:** Our suffrage history and today's social activism
- Moderator:** Elizabeth Todd-Breland,
Associate Professor of History at UIC
- Panelists:**
Asiaha Butler, Executive Director, Resident
Association of Greater Englewood
Ibrie Hart, Woman's Business Development
Manager, Illinois Department of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity
Anne Jamieson, President, League of Women
Voters of Chicago
C. Betty Magness, Illinois Political Director,
Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- 3:10 **Networking** with more refreshments

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773.896.3668 or jackie@wwhpchicago.org
www.wwhpchicago.org

RSVP via Event Brite to this free discussion and reception

<https://recognitiondelayed.eventbrite.com/>

April 2020 Community Service Project



What: Community Service Project – Pacific Garden Mission

When: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Time: 9:00am – 1:00 pm

Where: 1458 South Canal Street, Chicago 60607 <https://www.pgm.org/>

Parking/Public Transit: Public transportation or street parking

RSVP: To Lynda Korn-Cotton at Lyndakorncotton@aol.com

The Face of Homelessness. Job loss. Addiction. Family tragedy. There are as many roads to homelessness as there are homeless people in Chicago. Together we can help. Pacific Garden Mission strives to serve a hot, nutritious breakfast, lunch and dinner free of charge every day of the year for any hungry man, woman or child who walks through our doors. For the homeless, survival is day to day, so we feed the homeless in Chicago three meals a day—approximately 2,000 meals a day—365 days per year.

We will be helping to prepare and serve lunch at the Pacific Garden Mission. All are welcome. Please bring friends, spouse, co-worker, or son or daughter. There will be job for everyone even if you have mobility issues.

Food service volunteers **MUST** wear closed-toe and closed-heel shoes, and long pants (no capris or cropped pants). Wear clothes you are comfortable in and wouldn't mind getting a little dirty!

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

March 8	Women's Suffragist Program - UIC
March 31	Equal Pay Day Rally – Daley Plaza
April 25	Community Service Project – Pacific Garden Mission 9am-1pm
May 2	Celebrate our 130 th Anniversary luncheon – Cliff Dwellers Restaurant 11:30am



President's Message

I hope many of you took the opportunity to join Kim Churches on January 28th for the first webinar in a new convening series to be scheduled throughout 2020. Kim reviewed legislative highlights of 2019 and outlined the AAUW Vision for 2020. A recording of the webinar is available at aauw.org, so it's not too late to check it out. AAUW is collecting member stories and you can participate by answering the question: "During your membership with AAUW, what moment in time made you the most proud?"

I recently attended the District 5 Networking Luncheon at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. In addition to enjoying a great lunch and lively conversation with AAUW member from other branches, Attorney Jody Segalla brought us up-to-date on common "Estate Planning Myths" that lead many people to make bad retirement and tax-avoidance decisions. Hearing her common sense presentation made me think twice about my own decisions.

Looking ahead, I invite you to join us on February 11th to hear Cynthia Bemis Abrams at Lake Shore Sport & Fitness as she presents "TV's Stereotype of African American women from Belluah and Gimme a Break!" Cynthia, a new member of the Chicago Branch, launched her podcast series Advanced TV Herstory in 2015 and you can enjoy her long list of programs through Apple Podcasts.

March 8th will bring us an exciting program called "Recognition Delayed: The Contributions of African American Suffragists and Why Their Stories Matter." Co-sponsored by The Vivian G. Harsh Society and the Working Women's History Project, this event will feature a presentation by Marcia Walker-McWilliams, Executive Director of the Black Metropolis Research Consortium, along with a distinguished panel representing key organizations aligned in their efforts to get everyone to vote. There's no better way to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

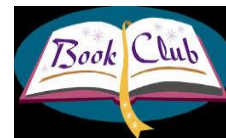
Mark your calendars for the May 2nd Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held at the Cliff Dwellers Club on Michigan Avenue. Until then, stay warm and think "Spring."

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President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Thank You

Save the date for the Saturday, May 2 Year End Annual Meeting. We will be celebrating the AAUW program year and thinking about planning for the 2019-2020 year. Hope you are able to attend with a friend and share with them the meaning of AAUW.



Daytime Book Club next meeting – February 19

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

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

Branch Financial Report

As of February 1st, branch account has a balance of \$2,576.79 with one outstanding check for \$190- which is our branch yearly insurance. The Fidelity account currently has \$11,893.79.

-Megan Moser, branch treasurer



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

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.



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!** 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.



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, Program VP (one-year term), Membership VP, Treasurer, and two Directors at Large**. The various chair positions will be appointed by the President. If you 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

Chicago Branch Awarded its first star!

Five-Star Recognition Program Spreads

More branches and affiliates are participating in our 5-Star Recognition Program, an initiative to reward their progress toward achieving gender equity. A big congratulations to the following branches for achieving their first stars: **Alabama:** Talladega County; **California:** Healdsburg, Marin; **Florida:** Daytona Beach; **Idaho:** Boise Area; **Illinois:** Aurora, Chicago; **Iowa:** Iowa eNetwork; **Maryland:** Baltimore; **Nevada:** Capital. **Ohio:** Middletown; **Pennsylvania:** North Hills Pittsburgh, Easton; **Texas:** Fort Bend County; **Virginia:** Virginia Beach, Reston-Herndon Area, Vienna Area, Woodbridge; **Washington:** Bellingham; **Wisconsin:** Monona-Madison.

Voting is open for the AAUW national Art Contest – Voting deadline is February 10

We hear a lot about the gender gap — in **salary**, in **leadership roles**, and in **math and science** fields. But one of the most long-standing discrepancies is in the art world. For centuries, women artists were not encouraged or even recognized. The few who broke through were often discredited simply because they were not men. Times have changed, but inequality persists: Only **30% of artists** represented by commercial galleries are women, and women working in arts professions are paid almost **\$20,000 less per year than men**. This is what motivates AAUW to host an annual art contest. Our goal is to give women artists the attention they deserve. The winning entries will be featured in a collection of note-cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring. Vote online at www.aauw.org

AAUW-IL District 5 Educational Opportunities Fund 14th Annual Lunch with Fellows

11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Lambs Farm

Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway Libertyville, IL 60048

Honorees:

- Faramalala Ravaorimanga, International Fellow, North Park Univ., Clinical Psychology
- Jennilee Wallace, Research Publication Grant, Rush University, Neuroimmunology

MENU: Cup of Soup, Choice of Salad (Chicken Caesar/Chopped Chicken), Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda COST: \$22...includes tax & tip

Make your reservation by sending this form (below) with a check for \$22 - payable to Deerfield Area AAUW - to Kay Madden, 425 Village Green, #304, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, to arrive no later than Saturday, April 11. Questions: Contact Kay at 847-955-1708 or kaymadden@outlook.com Reservations must be received by April 11

AAUW Legacy Circle

Become a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle by making a planned gift to AAUW and affirming your commitment to the future of women and girls. These gifts can be given to AAUW's general fund or directed to your preferred program. Planned gifts expand our programs and public policy agenda by providing for future generations of women and girls.

AAUW seeks to increase our long-term financial resources to help continue our important work.

Members of the Legacy Circle have begun that expansion through their planned gifts.

Questions? Contact the Director, Major & Planned Giving at 202.785.7766 or aauw.org

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland from Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Challenge yourself. Inspire others. Create impact. Our 2020 program is shaping up to the biggest, boldest NCCWSL yet! At NCCWSL, you will build your leadership skills across our five core learning objectives:

- Leadership development: Develop and strengthen a voice, skill set, and mind-set for leadership
- Professional development: Build a professional tool kit for postgraduate life
- Activism: Learn how, why, and when to take action and be a change maker
- Women's issues: Gain a better understanding of local, national, and global issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women
- Identity and diversity: Own their personal identities and roles in increasing and supporting diverse voices

Register at <https://www.nccwsl.org/>



2020

Regional Convention

June 18-20, 2020

Hyatt House Hotel

East Moline, IL

Registration Opens Soon!

Confirmed plenary speakers—

- Kim Churches, Chief Executive Officer, AAUW;
- Kendra Davis, Senior Vice President Advancement & Partnerships, AAUW;
- Lisa Maatz, Former VP Government Relations, AAUW;
- Denise Lieberman, Director, Advancement Project's Power and Democracy Program;
- Dr. Angie Maxwell, Director of the Diane Blair Center of Southern Politics and Society, University of Arkansas;
- Michelle Duster, author and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells.

Early Bird Registration (before May 15) **\$175**

Regular Registration (after May 15) **\$225**

Includes lunch on Thursday & Friday, dinner on Thursday

Optional Riverboat Cruise Dinner **\$50.95**

Friday evening aboard the Celebration Belle

Register at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Convention Hotel

Hyatt House

111 Bend Blvd, E. Moline, IL 61244

Register at

<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Double or King rooms are \$149, tax included and include a full breakfast.

Interesting Programming:

- Economic Security Panel
- ERA Passage in Illinois
- Celebration of 19th Amendment
- WorkSmart--bring your own device for the online workshop
- Town Hall with Kendra Davis
- Branch Program Sharing--bring your best ideas and take some home!
- Breakout sessions on Cyber Security, Running for Office, Title IX, Diversity & Inclusion, and more!

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends from 13 states—Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin!

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

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

March 8	International Women's Day
March 21	Tech Savvy at Triton College
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!!