

AAUW FELLOWS AND GRANTEES

Nov. 14, 2020 | 10:30AM-12NOON

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-mprjqwG9CR_EXZqHNMqjHCeWBN4y1C

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Join us for our most popular meeting of the year.

Our four presenting fellows are:

KELLY FAIR, Director, Reflections Foundation awarded a Community Action Grant

PROJECT NAME: Pink Hard Hats- Goal to reduce violence among girls, to reduce violence perpetrated against girls and to replace the school-to-prison pipeline with a school-to-career pipeline.

MICHELE FRIEDNER, awarded an American Fellowship

University of Chicago, Anthropology and archaeology, Postdoctoral program

PROJECT NAME: Becoming Normal, Deafness, Cochlear Implants, and Sense Infrastructures in India.

KATE BRUNK, Director, YWCA McLean County awarded a Community Action Grant

PROJECT NAME: YW Strive Program for women who have experienced incarceration, providing skills and education to reduce barriers to gainful employment.

MARQUITTA DORSEY, awarded an American Fellowship

Loyola University Chicago, Social Work, Publication Grant

PROJECT NAME: Elevating the Voices of Black Adolescent Females about Sexual Health & Sexual Activity

The AAUW Foundation—as one of 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. AAUW funds is providing more than \$3.5 million in 2020–21 in support of 200 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.

Sponsored by Chicago Inc. branch in partnership with the Jane Addams Online branch of AAUW

For more information, contact chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or <http://chicago-il.aauw.net/>

October Event AAUW Chicago Inc Branch



What?

Please join us for a Virtual Brunch, Saturday, October 17th at 10am via Zoom. Welcome new members and say hello to old friends.

Where?

Your house! Nothing better than the couch to catch up with everyone!

When?

Saturday, October 17th at 10am. Your computer or phone. You can come in your pajamas if you like!

RSVP

Please RSVP via phone at 773-575-1886 or email to meganmoser@hotmail.com no later than **12pm Friday, October 16th**. A Zoom invite will be emailed or relayed to those who wish to participate.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

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| Oct 17 | Virtual Brunch at 10:00am via zoom |
| October 29 | Equal Pay Day Rally |
| November 3 | Election Day |
| November 14 | AAUW Fellows presentation – 10:30am vi zoom |
| January 12, 2021 | Mother Jones event – Tuesday, 7pm via zoom |



President's Message

I hope this finds you well and happy. Thank you to all that were able to join us at our first meeting of the year on September 15th via Zoom. We had a very interesting and informative meeting with Representative Ann Williams of the 11th District (Chicago). The conversation was facilitated by our own branch member and AAUW-IL State Lobbyist Jenni Purdue. Thank you to Helen Elkiss, Barbara Harris, Paula Purdue, Ruth Holst, and Eleida Gomez for putting together this event. (I apologize if I forgot anyone!) The

committee is putting together the final touches for meetings in 2021. All future meetings will be listed in the newsletter.

Our November Zoom meeting is our Education Fellows meeting. (My favorite one!) This meeting is where we meet some of our local scholars who have received grants or scholarships from AAUW. It is always a fascinating meeting to find out what is being studied academically and how AAUW supports these endeavors. The meeting is November 14, 2020 on Zoom at 10:30am. You will need to RSVP so the Zoom invite can be sent. Please let me know if you need the flyer but all details are in this newsletter.

It is hard to imagine that this year will finally be over in a few weeks. As our shorts, t-shirts and flip flops slowly turn into jeans, turtlenecks, and boots there will be much reflection on this year which is one of the strangest and aggravating ones in a very long time. Not all hope is lost though. AAUW has been a stable influence in fighting for the rights of all women for nearly 140 years. And hopefully, for all the future ones as well. With the passing of Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was a leader in putting forth so much change for the better, does not mean the fight is over. There is still much to do. I'm hoping you can help AAUW continue that good fight by donating to our fundraiser, No Dinner Dinner. You should have received your information in the mail. It is completely voluntary to donate but your contribution can help AAUW continue to pave new paths for all American women.

This is the final newsletter of the year so I hope you have joyous Holiday season. Till next year!

*Megan Moser
President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch*

New 2020-2021 Branch Directory

The new 2020-2021 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. The bylaws are attached to this email to save printing costs also. The directory and bylaws are available online through our website with a password protected link.

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.

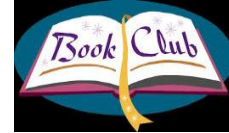
13th Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2020

New this year – we are supporting National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our thirteenth 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 \$35- a member. Thanks for your support at any amount. A Big **THANK YOU** to the members who have donated so far. We have raised almost \$700- so far.



Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club is on hiatus as the Conrad Sultzer Regional Library in Lincoln Square is not accepting in person group meetings due to COVID-19. As soon as it is possible and safe to meet, we will share the updated book list and dates. The group usually meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome as the book club is free and open to the public. Please contact Megan Moser for more info on dates and locations of the book club. meganmoser@hotmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – Oct 21st

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on **Wednesday, October 21** via zoom. We will be meeting at 10:30am. Please RSVP to Ruth Holst at holstruth@gmail.com to be sent the zoom link.

Our October book is *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Feel free to attend online even if you don't have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. If you have any questions or are interested please contact our book club chair, Lori Switzer chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Quarterly Treasurer Report

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| Checking Account | Balance 6/30/20 | \$2,551.47 |
| | Deposits | 1005.00 |
| | Withdrawals | 354.00 |
| | Balance 9/30/20 | \$2,887.09 |
| Investment Account (Marsten) | | |
| | Balance 6/30/20 | \$11,856.51 |
| | Balance 9/30/20 | \$12,395.04 |

Half-Paid Heroes: Equal Pay Day 2020 – Oct 29th – 4:00pm

Due to COVID-19, there will not be a big rally in Daley Plaza. The event will be online. Links coming soon. Thank you to branch members AJ Conroy and Barbara Yong for their work over the past year planning and organizing this event, especially with all of the changes due to COVID.

Equal Pay Day Chicago presents:
Half-Paid Heroes:
Working Women, COVID-19, and
#LatinaEqualPay Day

Thursday, October 29th
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT

Featuring:

- Anna Moeller, Illinois State Representative**
- Cherita Ellens, President & CEO, Women Employed**
- Linda Xóchitl Tortolero, President & CEO, Mujeres Latinas en Acción**
- Susana Mendoza, Illinois State Comptroller**

MODERATOR: Kelly Saulsberry, Chicago Commission on Human Relations

Looking Ahead – Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Save the date and join us on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm (via zoom) Helen Ramirez-Odell, Chicago AAUW member, will host a very special presentation on The Mother Jones Heritage Project. Actor, Brigid Duffy Gerace, will present us to Mother Jones. Helen Ramirez-Odell will discuss project details. Rosemary Feurer, NIU Assoc. Professor of History and Director of the Mother Jones Heritage Project will open discussion and take Q&A.

Update on the Chicago Suffragist Project

Thank you to Megan Moser, Eleida Gomez, Gerry Oberman and Helen Ramirez-Odell for starting the gravesite visits to Suffragists. In view of the restrictions stemming from the Pandemic, we are working on

scheduled visits to the gravesites of 11 suffragists we know are buried/cremated in Chicago. Currently, three members have volunteered. If anyone wishes to participate, please email Eleida M.Gomez at: amglo@aol.com

Lucy Louise Coues Flower – Graceland Cemetery

Lucy Louise Coues Flower (1859-1953) was a social reformer and advocate for women and children's rights. She contributed to the creation of the Juvenile Court in Cook County so young children would not be sent to jail with criminals. She was president of the Chicago Women's Club and was a founder of the Illinois Training School for Nurses. A high school in Chicago was named after her.



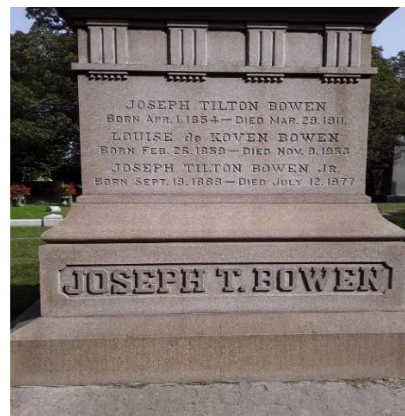
Mabel Lamberson Sippy – Rosehill Cemetery

She hosted women's clubs at her home on Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago. She used her own personal wealth to support suffrage campaigns. She marched and distributed leaflets and lobbied Illinois congressmen to support the 19th Amendment. In 1912 became Chairman of the Equal Suffrage Committee.



Louise DeKoven Bowen – Graceland Cemetery

Louise DeKoven Bowen (1859-1953) was a philanthropist and social reformer. She was a benefactor of Hull House. She attended multiple suffragist conventions and spoke in support of women suffrage around the country.



Jane Addams – Cedarville, IL

Jane Addams was a peace activist and a leader of the settlement house movement in America. As one of the most distinguished of the first generation of college-educated women, she had a lifetime commitment to the poor and social reform. She was a founding member of AAUW Chicago branch. In 1931, she was the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize.





Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2021-2023). 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 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, Megan Moser at meganmoser@hotmail.com

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of October 1st, we have **57** members – **2** are new to the branch! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check. If you have not renewed, please send it to branch treasurer – Ruth Holst holstruth@gmail.com

WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch member! Rebecka joined the branch after our September program. We are so excited to have her as a member.

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| Name | Email Address |
| Rebecka Sexton | |

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

Organization Name: AAUW Chicago, INC

Budget Report Comparing FY '19-'20 Budget with Actual along with '20-'21 Budget

Fiscal Year Period: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

| | Budget FY 20 | Actual FY 20 | Budget FY 21 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | | | |
| Dues | 1,342 | 1,300 | 1,210 |
| Donations for Program Expenses | - | 180 | 50 |
| Donations from Members | 150 | - | 100 |
| Transfer from Investment (Marsden) | 700 | - | 800 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 2,192 | \$ 1,480 | \$ 2,160 |

Expenses

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Insurance | 200 | 375 | 200 |
| State of Illinois | | 13 | 13 |
| Printing, Supplies & Postage | 150 | 140 | 100 |
| Membership Recruitment | 75 | - | 75 |
| Program Event Expenses | 475 | 354 | 375 |
| Program Planning Meetings | 200 | 136 | 200 |
| Annual Meeting Expenses | 100 | - | 100 |
| Public Policy Expenses | 100 | - | 75 |
| Contribution for AAUW Nat'l Funds | 500 | 650 | 600 |
| Contribution for LAF | 100 | - | - |
| Communications Software | 150 | 178 | 325 |
| Convention Expenses | - | - | - |
| Other/Misc. Expenses | 100 | - | 100 |
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| Total Expenses | \$ 2,150 | \$ 1,846 | \$ 2,163 |

Bank Account Balance on 6/30/19 **2,918**
 Fidelity Investment Acct on 6/30/19 **10,701**

Bank Account Balance on 6/30/20 **2,551**
 Fidelity Investment Acct on 6/30/20 **11,857**

Note 1: No Dinner Dinner fundraising money goes direct to National, not through Branch Account.

Note 2: Proposed FY21 dues based on 55 members

Note 3: Actual FY20 dues revenue includes all dues money received in the fiscal year.

Note 4: Actual FY20 Insurance expense includes payments for 2 years.

Note 5: Proposed FY21 Communications Software includes \$150 for Zoom.

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.

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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<http://www.instragram.com/aauwchicago>



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 131th year!!