

The Chicago Edition



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WHAT? Join us on **Monday, September 20th at 11:15 am** at the Chicago Architecture Center for the Helmut Jahn tour and lunch afterward. **The cost of the tour and lunch is yours.** There is a fair amount of walking on the tour. It also would require a Ventra public transportation pass which you can buy at the Chicago Architecture Center box office the day of the tour. **Please note there are two tours on the 20th, one at 11am and the other at 11:15am. Each tour only has 6 spots due to the tour using public transportation. If you are interested in the tour, please register for either time. We will regroup after the tour and go to lunch. Sorry for the late notice. Thanks.**

WHERE? Chicago Architecture Center
111 E. Wacker Dr
Chicago, IL 60601

RSVP You can buy your ticket for \$30 on www.architecture.org for the 11:15 am tour on Monday, September 20th. Please buy your ticket by Saturday, September 18th. Lunch will follow at one of the area restaurants. After purchasing your ticket, please send me an email at meganmoser@hotmail.com to say you are coming so I know whom to look for.

Helmut Jahn: Life + Architecture is a new exhibit honoring the late Chicago architect and style icon. Get to know this extraordinary man who will continue to inspire generations to come.

Chicago lost a radiant star with the recent death of Helmut Jahn (1940-2021). Known for the creation of progressive, often provocative buildings around the globe, Jahn's talent, style and charisma also caught the attention of the world beyond design aficionados. Having received nearly every architectural accolade

over the course of his career, Jahn still managed to compete in dozens of world championship sailing competitions and grace the cover of popular magazines like *GQ*.

Born in Germany, Jahn came to Chicago in 1966 to study at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). With an education rooted in formal modernism, he began forging a career in his adopted hometown with bold works that both extrapolated from and challenged modernist orthodoxy. *Helmut Jahn: Life + Architecture* presents important designs by the powerhouse architect, ranging from signature early projects like the crystalline Michigan City Public Library (1977) and Chicago's dazzlingly provocative James R. Thompson Center (1985) to the transformational urban marketplace Sony Center in Berlin (2000) and the forward-looking Pritzker Military Archives Center, currently under construction in Somers, Wisconsin.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

October- Public Policy program with Paula Purdue
October 24 – Equal Pay Day Rally - virtual
October 30 – AAUW-IL state fall conference via zoom
November 13 – AAUW Fellows and Grantees program 10:30am via zoom
December – possible Jane Addams event - TBD
January 2022 – no meeting



President's Message

*It's hard to believe it is September again. As the summer sun transfers to crisp autumn breezes, we have a lot of programs planned for our new year. Hopefully, you can join us for a kickoff event on Monday, **September 20th** at the Chicago Architecture Center for a Helmut Jahn tour. It has limited amount of space so register today. I will also host a meet and greet later in September for those who couldn't join us on the 20th. (It will probably be a Saturday.) Our annual Fellows presentation will be in November via Zoom. We are trying hard to schedule a combination of in person and Zoom meetings for our upcoming year. Please be patient with us as COVID restrictions is playing havoc with our plans.*

March and April 2022 currently do not have any programs lined up. If you have an idea or an interest you would like to discuss at a meeting, please let me know by contacting me at meganmoser@hotmail.com.

The Fall Conference for the Northern District will be held via Zoom on October 30th from 10am-1pm. There is no fee again this year. The conference will have a breakout session to discuss items. This is a great opportunity to meet other members from around our district. If you can attend, please do so. More information on the event will be coming out shortly.

As this Pandemic drags on and is almost two years old, please make sure to take care of yourself and I hope to see you soon.

Thanks.

Megan

Thank you

Thank you to Megan Moser and Helen Elkiss for planning and organizing the program planning meetings held over the summer. Thank you to Helen for hosting members in her home in June. We have a good start but are always looking for ideas for the coming year.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date

October 24 – Equal Pay Day Rally - virtual

October 30 – AAUW-IL Fall Conference. This event is being held on zoom out of caution from the pandemic. But it will still be a worthwhile event. Hope you save the date. Details, speakers and sig- up link coming soon.

Nov 13 – AAUW Fellows and Grantees program via zoom. The Fellows’ program is always one of our most popular programs. Please invite a friend to attend and learn more about these amazing women and their projects and studies. Thank you to the members who donated to AAUW over the past few years to make these scholarships and fellowships possible.

You are invited to Tuesday, Sept. 21st AAUW NW Suburban & Jane Addams sponsored program, 7:30 pm, ERA: How Long Must We Wait? Please share this information with other branch members or anyone who would be interested.

Women have been struggling for gender equity in our Constitution ever since Abigail Adams admonished her husband John to “remember the ladies.” Despite federal and state laws, and wide public support, implementation of the Equal Rights Amendment remains elusive, and Courts do not take gender discrimination as seriously as other forms of inequality. Why is this so difficult? What can we do about it right now?

Advance Registration is required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlde-gqTgjEtX1NOGhJ0kc1mIF9T4TvxrV>

Presenter: Marti Sladek, retired attorney whose practice was centered on employment discrimination and civil rights. She is a long time ERA activist both independently and through NOW, AAUW, DuPage Democratic Women and the national ERA Coalition. Her experiences with ERA are as varied as discussing our lack of gender equity with a member of the National Assembly while in Cuba, and having dinner with the infamous Phyllis Schlafley. She and other ERA warriors were recognized for their efforts by the Illinois Women’s Leadership Institute after Illinois finally ratified the Equal Rights Amendment in 2018.

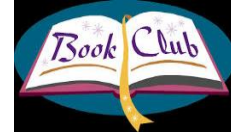
After registering, you will receive an email with the link to join the program.

If you have any questions, contact Kate Skegg, program registrar at aauwJaneAddams@gmail.com



Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club is on hiatus as the Conrad Sultzer Regional Library is not accepting in person group meetings due to COVID-19. As soon as it is 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 – Wed. Sept 15

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on September 15th via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss *56 Days: A Thriller* by Catherine Ryan Howard.**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the AAUW Chicago Branch Book Club
When: Sep 15, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrcOuurzloH9JPD3lstMHNz2or6vS9fUwg>

Sep 15: Catherine Ryan Howard - *56 Days: A Thriller* - Moderated by Pam Sanner
Oct 20: Riva Lehrer - *Golem Girl: A Memoir*. Moderated by Arlene Alpert
Nov 17: Janice P. Nimura - *The Doctors Blackwell*. Moderated by Margaret O'Hara
Dec 15: Amy Hill Hearth - *Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society*
Moderated by Ruth Holst
Jan 19: Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray - *The Personal Librarian*. Moderated
by Barbara Harris
Feb 16: Jean Hanff Korelitz - *The Plot: A Novel*. Moderated by Donna Zimmerman

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

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Sept.1st, we have **51** members. 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 **October 1** will appear in the online Directory. Please send it to branch treasurer – Ruth Holst holstruth@gmail.com

Condolences

The branch would like to offer condolences to members Bettye Grande Pre and Judith Smith on the passing of their husband and father. Gordon Grande Pre, Senior, a retired Lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department, passed away on June 20, 2021. <https://aaraynerandsonsfuneralhome.com/2021/06/gordon-w-grand-pre-sr-obituary/>

The branch would also like to offer condolences to the family of Life member and over 50-year member Susan Messinger who passed away in May 2021 at the age of 97.
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/chicagotribune/name/susan-messinger-obituary?id=5391278>

The branch would also like to offer condolences to the family of past member Jeanne Bunnell. Jeanne was a member of the branch a few years ago and passed away August 10, 2021 just days before her 88th birthday.

AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch - 2021-2022 Board List

President: Megan Moser
 Program Vice-Presidents: open
 Secretary: Barbara Harris
 Treasurer: Ruth Holst
 Membership Vice-President: Anita Moore
 Directors at Large: Eleida Gomez, Barbara Thomas, Donna Zimmerman, Lori Switzer



Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2022-2024). 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 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.

Yearend Budget Report

Next Steps Collaborative *		
Revenue	1,150	700
Expenses - Next Steps Collaboration ¹	1,200	100

*Next Steps Collaborative is a group of Woman’s organizations collaborating on a series of programs called “Exploring Progressive Women & Political Values.” Chicago Branch has agreed to handle revenues and expenses for the group. The checking account balance reflects the addition of these funds.

Chicago Branch Checking Account Balance on June 30, 2021: \$3,676.29

Chicago Branch Investment Account Balance (Marston) on June 30, 2021: \$14,430.31

AAUW Chicago Branch – Ruth Holst Treasurer
Proposed Budget – 2021-2022

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Proposed Budget
Revenue			
Dues	1,210	1,391	1210*
Program Fees	50	490	100
Donations from Members	100	226	200
Grant from AAUW-IL	0	150	0
Transfer from Investments	800	0	1,000
Total Revenue	2,160	2,257	2,510
Expenses			
Insurance	200	196	200

IL Incorporation fee	13	10	10
Printing, Supplies, Postage	100	152	150
Membership Recruitment	75		75
Program Expenses	375	233	300
Program Planning Meetings	200	126	150
Annual Meeting Expenses	100	963	100
Public Policy Expenses	75	0	75
Contributions to AAUW National	600	500	1,000
Communications Software	325	341	350
Travel for State Convention	0	0	200
Miscellaneous	100	0	0
Total Expenses	2,163	2,522	2,610

Notes:

*Dues revenue based on 55 members

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The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2021-2022 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022. Annual membership dues are **\$94.00** (\$62.00 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 \$94-** **Association Life \$32-** **Undergraduate Student Affiliate \$31.81**

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Name

_____ (spouse)

Address _____

City _____, IL Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ Birthday (Month/Day) _____ (Optional)

College/Universities attended Degrees Earned Major/Field of Study

Please check to assist with these committees or branch activities:

- _____ Program planning
- _____ Meeting Volunteer
- _____ Public Policy and Legislative Efforts
- _____ Community Service
- _____ Website/Social Media

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:
Ruth Holst 645 Kingsbury St., Apt 1709 Chicago, IL 60654**

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **Wednesday, September 15, 2021.**

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

Join the Chicago branch on Facebook:

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

Join the Chicago branch on Instagram:

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



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 132nd year!!