

The Chicago Edition

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Join us on **Monday, October 11th at 7:00pm** for a zoom webinar with IL House Representative Margaret Croke.

Please register in advance for the zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcu2hqjojE9WoiVmqlLDGvYlZpa7LPRfo>

We will discuss the AAUW Issues, Repeal of Parental Notice for Abortions, Updating Healthy Education for students, bills that assist educators to help students in crisis, pay equity and our bill for next year Family Leave. We will discuss Rep. Croke's process of deciding to run and issues that occur with women running and winning for political office. Rep. Croke has a young son, so understanding the complications of being a legislator and being a parent. AAUW lobbyist, Chicago branch member and AAUW-IL Public Policy Chair will be our moderator.

Prior to being elected to represent Illinois' 12th legislative district, Margaret served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Margaret also served on Governor JB Pritzker's transition team and was the statewide Women's Outreach Director for Pritzker's gubernatorial campaign. Margaret joined the campaign in June of 2017 and strategically networked with stakeholders, elected officials, community groups, and progressive organizations to promote JB's candidacy.

She started her campaign for the Illinois House of Representatives in 2019 to fight for women, small business, and the LGBTQ community. She's passionate about jump-starting our economy and helping Illinois attract new industries. Margaret's previous experience gave her a wealth of knowledge on Illinois' unique issues; that's why she's a strong advocate of sensible gun control measures, governmental ethics reform, and fair taxation.

Margaret is a proud University of Michigan graduate where she earned her B.A. in political science and communications. An Oak Park native, she currently lives in Old Town with her husband Patrick, her son PJ and her two dogs Winston and Charlie, and a rotating cohort of foster dogs through ALIVE Rescue.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

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 – TBD
January 2022 – no meeting



President's Message

The new AAUW year was kicked off on September 20th with an architectural tour of Helmut Jahn buildings downtown. It was quite informational in the design and how he progressed as an architect. It is always fascinating to me that a building you pass a million times can be seen in a different light after taking one of these tours. Two other members, Helen Elkiss and Carla Funk joined myself on the tour. We had a great time. I highly recommend taking a Chicago Architecture Center walking tour. They are always amazing.

I hope you can join us for our October Zoom meeting with Representative Croke of the 12th district. She is a new legislator and will have much to say about her experience getting elected as well. Paula Purdue, Chicago branch member and AAUW-IL Public Policy Chair, will also be moderating the zoom and will talk about current AAUW issues before our state assembly.

Our November meeting, which is our widely attended fellow program, will be a Zoom webinar with three recipients of our national grants from AAUW. The meeting will be November 13th at 10:30am. Please be on the lookout for an invite from the Jane Addams AAUW Branch as they will be hosting the webinar.

The December meeting is still in the planning stages. You will be notified as soon as possible. As always, I hope this message finds you healthy and well. Hope to see you soon!

Megan Moser

Thank you

Thank you to Megan Moser for planning and organizing the Sept. Architecture tour. We are still planning programs for the rest of the year so let us know if you have any suggestions.

AAUW-IL Public Policy Update – Paula Purdue

AAUW is supporting the Repeal of Parental Notice for young folks to get an abortion. Certainly in families that have good relations, this is not an issue. But in non-working families, girls are abused or kicked out of the family. When they need a loving family more than ever. This bill may come up in the Veto Override Session held the last 2 weeks of October. Next year AAUW is supporting SB 835 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act. This bill creates a state-run insurance program that allows Illinois workers to use 26 weeks of job-protected leave a year to welcome a new child, maintain a healthy pregnancy, family member's illness, reasons related to domestic or sexual violence, reasons related to military. This bill if passed will help in erasing pay inequalities. Please ask your Senators to co-sponsor SB835.

Thanks for your political action to improve the lives of AAUW members.

2021 AAUW-IL Virtual Fall Leadership Conference

AAUW members, from branch leaders to experienced members to new members, are invited to attend the 2021 Fall Leadership Conference on **Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This is a state-wide conference with an opportunity for all to learn and share. Calling on the expertise of members of the online Jane Addams Branch, we will use the Zoom format (advance registration link below) instead of the two or more in-person district meetings that were held in past years.

The welcome by AAUW-IL President Lisa Cherry will be followed by two speakers:

Deanie Brown, Diversity Officer for the Illinois Court System, will speak on Embracing Diversity and Inclusion by Uncovering and Overcoming Unconscious Assumptions

Kristin Olson, Grant Writing Specialist and Workshop Facilitator, will speak on Fundraising for Scholarships

Attendees will then move into breakout groups to share and discuss best practices, ideas, and changes within AAUW. State Board members will lead the breakout groups on topics related to branch leadership positions. Members planning to attend should complete and submit their preregistration -- no registration fee.

Breakout groups are numbered and listed below to enable you to make a selection at the conference for the group you wish to attend.

1. Branch Presidents: Focus on Leadership
Leader – Lisa Cherry
2. Membership Vice-Presidents: Making Branch Policies/Procedures Guest Friendly
Leader – Nann Blaine Hilyard
3. Program Vice-Presidents: Best Programs and the “Five Star” Criteria
Leaders – Becky Glimco and Sharon Lee
4. Finance: Deciphering the Member Services Database and Much More
Leader – Carolyn Schjelderup
5. Public Policy: Advocacy for Upcoming Legislation
Leaders – Paula Purdue and Tracy Sherman-Falcon
6. DEI: Discussing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Leader – Jo-An Takamoto Sabonjian
7. Open Forum: Why AAUW? – Sharing Our Branch Experiences
Leader – Andi Danis

Each breakout leader will report to the entire group on one Key Best Practice from her breakout at the conclusion of the sessions.


Register in advance for this meeting and you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting on October 30th:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUkdeisgikjGNBLFIKuVGDTrtorPnSouth>

NON-NEGOTIABLE:
Pay Equity for Women

An event in solidarity with Latina Equal Pay Day, the last Equal Pay Day of the year, and economic justice for all women all year round.

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THURS, OCT 21, 2021
4-4:30 CT: Salary Negotiation Workshop
 • IBIE HART, WOMEN EMPLOYED
4:30-5:30 CT: Panel Conversation
 • LIZZY DIAZ-ORTIZ, BMO HARRIS BANK
 • KARIN NORINGTON-REAVES, CHICAGO COOK WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP
 • REP. DELIA RAMIREZ, IL-4TH DISTRICT
 • ANALILIA MEJIA, USDOL WOMEN'S BUREAU
 • DR. STACIA THOMPSON, YWCA METROPOLITAN CHICAGO
 • MODERATOR: KELLY SUZANNE SAULSBERRY

Non-Negotiable: Pay Equity for Women An event in solidarity with Latina Equal Pay Day, the last Equal Pay Day of the year, and economic justice for all women all year round. Presented by the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition. The Chicago branch is part of the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition. Thank you to branch members Barbara Yong and AJ Conroy for their leadership for the event.

Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_15dcLwvDTQqjYwcdGxVyyg

All women experience a pay gap, but Latinas face one of the widest pay disparities of any group of women—earning on average just 55 cents for every dollar a white man earns. At the current rate of progress, Latinas will not see equal pay until 2197—nearly 200 years from now!

On October 21st, join the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition for Non-Negotiable: Pay Equity for Women, an event in solidarity with Latina Equal Pay Day, the last Equal Pay Day of the year, and economic justice for all women all year round. The event will feature a salary negotiation workshop, focused on the particular barriers facing Latinas and other women of color, to equip you with the tools you need to get paid your worth. We'll follow with a panel conversation focused on the broader systemic, structural, and societal barriers to pay equity, and what we can all do to make an impact.

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. CT: Salary Negotiation Workshop · Ibie Hart, Women Employed

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. CT: Panel Conversation

- Lizzy Diaz-Ortiz, BMO Harris Bank
- Karin Norington-Reaves, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- Rep. Delia Ramirez, IL-4th District
- Analilia Mejia, USDOL Women's Bureau
- Dr. Stacia Thompson, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
- Moderator: Kelly Suzanne Saulsberry

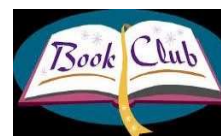
Learn more about Equal Pay Day Chicago at <https://www.equalpaydaychi.xyz/>, or follow @EqualPayDayChic Twitter, @EqualPayDayChicago on Facebook, and @EqualPayDayChi on Instagram.

Save the Date: Saturday, Nov 13 at 10:30am – 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.



Evening Book Club

Evening Book Club is on hiatus as the Conrad Sultz 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. Oct 20

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on October 20th via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss *Golem Girl: A Memoir* by Riva Lehrer**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the AAUW Chicago Branch Book Club
When: Oct 20, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZlpdu6hrT8sEtwtpZxKTjxQJW5wExw5A->

Nov 17: ***The Doctors Blackwell*** by Janice P. Nimura - Moderated by Margaret O'Hara

Dec 15: ***Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society*** by Amy Hill Hearth
Moderated by Ruth Holst

Jan 19: ***The Personal Librarian*** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray Moderated by
Barbara Harris

Feb 16: ***The Plot: A Novel*** by Jean Hanff Korelitz 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

AAUW Chicago Branch

Final Budget – 2021-2022

(October 2021)

Revenue	
Dues	1210*
Program Fees	100
Donations from Members	200

Grant from AAUW-IL	0
Transfer from Investments	1,000
Total Revenue	2,510
Expenses	
Insurance	200
IL Incorporation fee	10
Printing, Supplies, Postage	150
Membership Recruitment	75
Program Expenses	300
Program Planning Meetings	150
Annual Meeting Expenses	100
Public Policy Expenses	75
Contributions to AAUW National	1,000
Communications Software	350
Travel for State Convention	200
Miscellaneous	0
Total Expenses	2,610

Notes: *Dues revenue based on 55 members

Treasury Report for first quarter (July – September 2021) – submitted by Ruth Holst

Checking Account Balance on September 30, 2021: \$2,992.29

Investment Account Balance on September 30, 2021: \$14,422.93

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Oct.1st, we have **52** 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 15** 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 the family members and friends of Nancy M. Burton on her passing at the end of May. Nancy was a member of AAUW since 1978 as both a national member and a branch member. Recently, she was a member of our daytime book club as well as a discussion leader.

<https://www.glueckertfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Nancy-M-Burton?obId=21289736>



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.

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the December/January Chicago Edition newsletter are due November 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

First/Middle/Last

(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

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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 **Friday, October 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>

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Address correction requested

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