

# ***The Chicago Edition***

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Join us for **AAUW Zoom Happy Hour Thursday, February 3rd 7:00pm**. Grab a warm drink, dessert, or a glass of wine and spend some time catching up with fellow members and guests. We will also talk about plans for the spring and our upcoming branch elections as we are “hopefully” moving away from the pandemic.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocOCgrjopH9I-Xyum2bKUE6XeTeFAGzkf>



**Join us for our February Program**

**Saturday, February 12 – 10:30am via zoom program and Q and A**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuc-CsqTgvHdHiPpd7595vaNjHFRBjgr7z>

## **American Women's Medical Association – Dr. Kim Templeton**

We now know that the number of women in medical school is close to outnumbering the number of men. Learn about the difficulty women experience entering medicine earlier and the difference. Which fields of medicine women still face challenges entering, fields that women are more likely to enter and why. We welcome Dr. Kim Templeton from the AMWA.

For nearly a century, the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) has been committed to the advancement of women in medicine. Although the number of women choosing careers in medicine has grown substantially, there has not been a commensurate increase in the percentage of women in senior leadership positions. To redress this situation, AMWA has carried out

ambitious advocacy efforts including research, constituency building, mentoring, leadership development, and policy reform to enable environmental and institutional transformation.

Dr. Kim Templeton is Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Health Policy and Management at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. She has been the orthopaedic residency program director since 2008. She is past chair of the faculty council at the University of Kansas Medical Center and currently serves as the chair of the education council and is a member of the graduate medical education executive committee. Dr. Templeton was the first McCann Professor of Women in Medicine and Science and a past-president of the Kansas Orthopaedic Society, Mid-Central States Orthopaedic Society, and the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society. Dr. Templeton has served on the Diversity Advisory Board of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for the past several years, working on projects such as the culturally competent care educational DVD and accompanying book. She has recently completed a term on the AAOS Council for Research, Quality Assessment, and Technology. that group, developing national and international programs on bone health and osteoporosis, injury prevention, and spine health.

### *Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics*

Spring 2022 – TBD

May 6-7 - AAUW-IL state convention in Lisle/Naperville Area

May - Chicago Branch annual meeting - TBD



*Hello and Happy New Year!*

*I hope you had a festive and bright holiday season. 2022 will start with our February meeting with the American Medical Women's Association on the 12th via Zoom. Please look out via email or Facebook post if anything changes with the meeting. (If you would prefer a phone call, let me know.)*

*We are still working on the March and April meetings so if you have a suggestion, give me a call or an email with your idea. The meeting topic should be something that is on point for the AAUW mission.*

*Also, we are looking for our end of year meeting in May. This meeting is always a highlight as we usually have it at a nice restaurant and have a ceremony of outgoing and incoming board members and yearly awards. It's always interesting to see how many years members have been a part of our branch! If you have a suggestion of a nice restaurant (hopefully COVID restriction will have ended by May – fingers crossed) email me with that info. We have tried some restaurants downtown like McCormick & Schmick's or La Villa Italian restaurant in the Old Irving Park neighborhood. We even had potlucks! I'm always open to suggestions.*

*April will also be our election for a new slate of officers for our board. Our branch will be needing a President, Treasurer, Membership and Vice President of Programming. If you are*

*interested or know another branch member who is, please feel free to forward me their information.*

*As 2022 slowly begins and feels almost a repeat of the past two years, please remember your mental health. Call a friend, take a walk-in nature, watch a comedy show or have a lovely libation while watching a sunset, you matter! Hopefully, in the near future this pandemic will be just a memory. I wish you all the best in this New Year and wish to see you soon!*

*Megan Moser  
President, Chicago Branch*

#### Second Quarter Treasurer's Report - Fiscal Year 2022

Checking Account	
Balance 9/30/21	\$2,992
Deposits	44
Withdrawals	1,437
Balance 12/30/21	\$1,549
Investment Account (Marsten)	
Balance 6/30/21	\$14,423
Balance 9/30/21	\$14,885
Expenditures: September – December, 2021	
Insurance - \$200	
Postage - \$8	
Donation to National - \$1,000	
Zoom Renewal - \$163	

#### ***Evening Book Club***

The 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. Please contact Megan Moser for more info on the book club. [meganmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:meganmoser@hotmail.com)

#### ***Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. February 16***

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on February 16 via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the Chicago AAUW Book Group.  
When: Feb. 16 2022 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYud--prz4qGNxn6m5DKmJ\\_WsKbGoVavSVg](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYud--prz4qGNxn6m5DKmJ_WsKbGoVavSVg)

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

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 [chicagoaaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaaauw@hotmail.com)

### ***AAUW National January 12 Webinar recap***

On January 12th, new CEO Gloria Blackwell, introduced herself to the AAUW Membership via a live webinar and presented an overview of highlights of the past year for AAUW. You can find some of these highlights on the main webpage (aauw.org) under the heading “2021 By the Numbers.” Several of AAUW’s research reports, including “The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap,” were updated in 2021. In partnership with Eos Foundation, “The Power Gap Among Top Earners at America’s Elite Universities” is a new research publication that presents the results of a study conducted on compensation in high level positions at 130 major research universities in the U.S. The text of the report is on the National website. Several other AAUW programs were described and Governance Committee Chair Malinda Gaul announced two bylaws changes that will come before the membership for vote in Spring. Both changes are meant to bring the bylaws up to date on standard practices related to the nomination process for National Board Members. Gloria Blackwell, Malinda Gaul, and National Board chair Julia Brown spent the remaining portion of the webinar answering questions from webinar participants. There were too many questions to answer during the webinar (which was recorded) so answers to the remaining questions will be published through an online Q & A document available on aauw.org. More information will be forthcoming on how AAUW will be celebrating its 140th Anniversary in the coming months.

### ***Upcoming AAUW National Bylaw changes and voting – Comment period end Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Did you know that, as an AAUW member, you have the right to comment on any proposed changes to our organization's bylaws before they are put up for a member vote? As we prepare for AAUW's national election in the spring, now is the time to share your thoughts! The comment period is open, and we invite members to weigh in through **February 2, 2022, at 5 p.m.** ET. To learn more about the proposed changes and submit your feedback, please visit the election page [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

The changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee this year would streamline two important organizational functions: nominations for the board and timing for those eligible to vote in AAUW elections.

### ***AAUW National Art Contest – Deadline January 31, 2022***

Was this the year you finally found time to devote to a painting or art project? If so, you're in luck! AAUW’s 13th annual art contest is under way, and we invite members to submit a high-res image of their original painting, photography, sculpture, collage or other artwork. We’re taking submissions through January 31, 2022. Your work could be among the winning entries! We accept art related to any topic, but we encourage you to consider works that speak to AAUW’s mission of advancing equity for women and girls.

Starting in February, AAUW members will select their favorite entries via ranked-choice voting. The winners will be featured on a collection of notecards sent to all members this spring. The back of each card will include the winning artist’s biography, a fact about AAUW and a highlight of the artist’s local branch affiliation when applicable.

Please spread the word to your state and branch! We know from past years’ entries that there is a lot of talent out there! For more information on submitting artwork or to peruse last year’s art gallery, please visit the AAUW Art Contest page. [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

### ***Welcome to our new Member!***

Crystal Owney recently moved to the Chicago area. Welcome to Chicago! Here is a little bit about Crystal.

Crystal Owney is originally from Milwaukee. WI born and raised. She attended UW-Milwaukee for undergrad in Finance and studied for a post graduate certificate in implementing financial software in companies. In 2015, she graduated from Mills College in Oakland, CA with an MBA in Finance and Mandarin. Owney is also a former AAUW fellow apart of the class of 2014-2015 as a selected professional for her strong academic, community service, and dedication to women. She has worked for BMO Harris (formerly M&I Bank), Johnson Controls, Harley Davidson, AT&T, SEO Scholars, and GE Aviation. Owney is now employed with Hub Group as a Financial Analytics Manager where she is responsible for implementing systems and reports that create a lean finance and accounting department. In her free time, she serves on the board of directors for Lad Lake, Inc one of the largest post foster care organizations in the State of Wisconsin. Owney has been serving for over 10 years. This is special to her as she was an orphan and foster kid for over 13 years; and this organization helped her transition. Owney is also an avid sports fan and is known to start a Packers bar wherever city she settles in too.

### ***14<sup>th</sup> Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser 2021***

***Again, this year*** – we are supported National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our fourteenth annual No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser. A Big **THANK YOU** to the members who donated. We raised **\$2420-** with donations from the branch as well as branch members. The checks were forwarded to DC on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and received and due to COVID staff issues, processing is delayed but should be resolved soon.

### **AAUW and AAUW-Illinois Join Advocates in Filing Amicus Briefs as ERA Case Moves Forward in Federal Court**

**by Tina Kapinos, League of Women Voters of Park Ridge**

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul continues to fight for the ERA in court, with support from the AAUW. Raoul, along with the attorneys general from Nevada and Virginia, announced in a Jan. 3 statement that they had filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in their lawsuit asking the federal government to recognize the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The appeal comes after a lower court dismissed a challenge to the 1982 deadline to ratify the ERA. Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA in January 2020, meeting the threshold for the number of states needed for ratification, but the U.S. Archivist refused to publish the amendment to the U.S. Constitution, citing the 1982 deadline.

AAUW joined a coalition of more than 50 groups in filing an amicus brief in the attorney's general's case. In addition, AAUW Illinois joined ERA Illinois and other state organizations in filing a separate amicus brief. Raoul noted in his statement that Congress first considered an equal rights amendment 100 years ago. "One hundred years is far too long to wait for equality under the law," he said, "and I am hopeful 2022 will be the year that equal treatment for all Americans is enshrined and acknowledged as part of our nation's Constitution." Read the full brief and other briefs at <https://eracoalition.blog/2022/01/11/amicus-briefs-filed-in-support-of-the-era/>

In fun news, the ERA Project (Columbia Law) and VoteEqualityUS (purple ERA bus), printed an updated pocket Constitution. Check it out at [mprint.pub](https://mprint.pub).

### ***AAUW Public Policy Update – Paula Purdue, Public Policy Chair***

There are many changes this year to our political world. Every legislator is running for office this year. Every ten years, our legislative districts are redrawn to maintain equal number of folks represented by each representative and senator. Each legislator has new areas in their district. Additionally, a new law was passed last year that adds more options to vote in the coming year. The primary was changed from Mid-March to June 28, 2022.

Generally, in an election year, the legislature closes down for a few weeks in February and March to allow legislators to work on getting elected. Then the legislature runs to May 31 as usual. This year, the legislature is ending on April 8, 2022. The combination of COVID and the change in the Primary Election is coming to have a very short legislative session.

AAUW is supporting the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act (SB835). Tracy and I are going through the new bills that are being introduced with our lobbyist. As new bills are introduced, we will keep you in the loop. Any questions, contact Paula Purdue [paulapatchwork@gmail.com](mailto:paulapatchwork@gmail.com)



### ***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. 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](mailto: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 February Chicago Edition newsletter are due February 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or [ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com](mailto:ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com)



### **Celebrating 140 Years and Looking Ahead**

This November, AAUW celebrated our 140th anniversary. Over the past 14 decades, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and workplaces everywhere. Through research, education and advocacy, we're committed to ensuring that everyone gets the same opportunity to learn, earn and lead. Our programs aim at moving women forward—and we fight for policies that support our goals.

“This past year has shown us how resilient we are as an organization and a nation. When the pandemic shut down AAUW National’s office in 2020, none of us could imagine we’d still be dealing with this crisis more than two years later. But what’s truly remarkable is how readily we adapted to new ways of work and life—and how we not only advanced our mission, but grew it, with creativity and tenacity. We piloted new programs, forged partnerships, funded a record number of women scholars and developed important and impactful research. At a time when our democracy was under threat, we used our powerful voice to advocate for gender and racial equity and to fight for the rights of all women and girls. Now, as we celebrate our 140th anniversary and I take the helm as CEO, I can proudly report that AAUW is as vibrant and relevant as ever—and I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in 2022 and beyond.”

Gloria L. Blackwell, CEO



**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.*

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*Address correction requested*

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