

# *The Chicago Edition*



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**What:** Outing to Rockford Women's Suffrage Sculpture Plaza, Rockford

**When:** Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**RSVP:** To Paula Purdue by **Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** so we can finalize carpools or meet us there.  
[paulapatchwork@gmail.com](mailto:paulapatchwork@gmail.com) phone # 217-299-1981

Our first meeting for 2022/23 will be on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> to tour the Rockford Women's Suffrage Sculpture Plaza. Many women's groups worked on this project in coalition. Rockford AAUW was one of the coalition members. Faye Marcus, Rockford AAUW member, is meeting us at the schedule listed below to share the story of this project. Faye will set arrangements at a restaurant and then we will walk the Japanese Gardens. <https://rockfordsuffrageplaza.com/>

Rockford Suffrage Plaza - August 18th, 2020 marked 100 years to the day that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, recognizing women's right to vote. The Women's Suffrage Centennial Sculpture, Rockford's first public art installation honoring women's leadership and celebrating that momentous achievement, was dedicated on October 31, 2020.

If you are interested in going and can drive let Paula Purdue know. It is about a 2-hour drive from the city. Let us know if you will drive on your own or have room for others. **Please RSVP to Paula by Sept 8th** so we can work out carpool details.

If you are interested in having a ride to Rockford, also please let Paula know.  
[paulapatchwork@gmail.com](mailto:paulapatchwork@gmail.com) phone # 217-299-1981

Sept. 17th tentative schedule:

11 a.m. Arrive at Rockford Women's Suffrage Sculpture Plaza. We will have presenters who funded and designed the plaza.

12:30 p.m. Lunch paid by each person

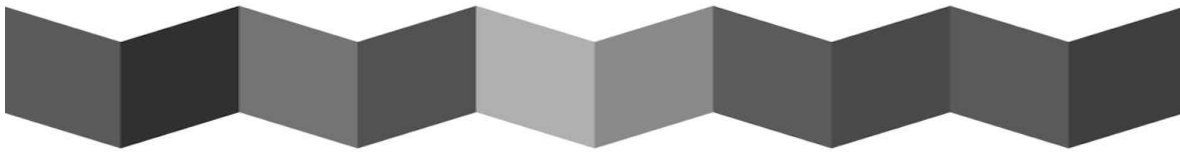
1:30 p.m. Walk through Anderson Japanese Gardens entrance fee \$10- a person

<https://andersongardens.org/plan-your-visit/>

2:30 p.m. Head home.

## ***Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics***

Sept 24 – Statewide Fall Leadership Development Conference on Zoom (Watch for Registration Information)  
October 17 – New Media panel discussion 10:30am  
December 8 – Equal Pay Day Rally (tentative)  
November 12 – AAUW Fellows and Grantees program 10:30am via zoom  
December – possible Jane Addams event - TBD  
January 2022 – no meeting



*In June, we had a non-annualized year-end celebration in Greek Town. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate three Honorary 50-year members at the event. Congrats to Bettye Grand Pre, Jeane Lindeke, and Kathie Mallow. Thank you to Eleida Gomez, Lori Switzer, and Megan Moser for organizing the luncheon.*

*We have started our program planning for the 2022-23 program year. We will have a mix of in-person events, outings as well as zoom programs as we work with everyone's comfort level with COVID.*

*We decided as a branch to have a Branch Steering Committee instead of a president. We are having monthly Steering Committee meetings the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm via zoom. Please RSVP to Megan Moser to be added to the email list.*

*Sep 12, 2022 06:30 PM, Oct 10, 2022, Nov 14, 2022, Dec 12, 2022, Jan 9, 2023, Feb 13, 2023  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802236266?pwd=dWtPc00vWWs1QklzOEVOVmNkQUxRdz09>  
Meeting ID: 848 0223 6266  
Passcode: 328269*

*We have two events coming up in September. First is our branch outing to Rockford to the Woman's Suffrage Monument on Sept. 17. Second on Sept 24 is the AAUW-IL fall leadership conference via zoom. All members and potential AAUW members are welcome to attend. Zoom link coming soon.*

*I am looking forward to seeing more of our members this fall. Also, if you have a friend or spouse that might be interested in attending an event, please bring them along. The more the merrier.*

*Best – Lori Switzer  
Chicago Branch Admin*

### ***Thank you***

Thank you to Lori Switzer 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.

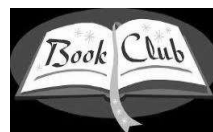
### ***Looking Ahead – Save the Date***

***Saturday, September 24 – AAUW-IL State Fall Conference.*** This event is being held on zoom due to its success last year and it will be a worthwhile event. Hope you save the date. Details, speakers and sign-up link coming soon in the AAUW-IL Link newsletter.

### ***Saturday, October 15, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, Grace Place, 637 S Dearborn St., Chicago***

Women now make up about 50% of American journalists, but barriers remain to retention and promotion in newsrooms across the country. AAUW Chicago Branch and the Working Women's History Project, with co-sponsors Ida's Legacy and the League of Women Voters, invite you to hear from three veteran Chicago journalists if and how new digital media platforms are changing the working environment and career opportunities for women reporters. Monica Eng, Axios Chicago food, dining, and health reporter and host of Chewing Podcast, formerly worked for WBEZ and the Chicago Tribune. Shia Kapos, Politico government and politics reporter and author of its daily Illinois Playbook, previously wrote for the Chicago Sun-Times and Crain's Chicago Business. Samantha Smylie, Chalkbeat Chicago's state education reporter, formerly covered housing education and development for the Hyde Park Herald and City Bureau. Please join us for a lively and informative discussion. RSVP details coming soon.

***Saturday, November 12 – 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.



### ***Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. Sept 21***

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on September 21st via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss *The Swimmers: A Novel* by Julie Otsuka.**

Oct. 19 - *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara. **Time change – we will meet at NOON.**

Nov. 16 - *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the AAUW Chicago Book Club

When: Sep 21, 2022 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qd-6rpiMrH9HHQ-Z5NyUzJ4WnsTcAB15j>

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

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

### ***Membership Update***

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Aug 20th, we have 35 paid 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. Form is at the end of newsletter. Please send it to branch treasurer – Ruth Holst [holstruth@gmail.com](mailto:holstruth@gmail.com)

### ***Welcome New Members***

We would like to welcome our three new branch members. We look forward to meeting them at an upcoming event.

Charlaine Reynolds - [charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com)

Ann Taowarodom - [taotaotao76@gmail.com](mailto:taotaotao76@gmail.com)

Mary Ann Johnson - [majohn44@gmail.com](mailto:majohn44@gmail.com)

### ***AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch - 2022-2023 Board List***

President: Steering Committee

Admin: Lori Switzer

Program Vice-Presidents: open

Secretary: Barbara Harris

Treasurer: Ruth Holst

Membership Vice-President: Megan Moser

Directors at Large: Donna Zimmerman, Lori Switzer, Anne Foley and Margaret O'Hara

### ***Branch Officers/Chairs***

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2023-2025). 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, Secretary, and two Directors at Large. 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 Admin, Lori Switzer at [chicagoauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoauw@hotmail.com).

### ***Year-end Budget Report (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)***

Ruth Holst, Treasurer

	<b>2021-2022 Budget</b>	<b>2021-2022 Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dues	1,210	810
Program Fees	100	140
Donations from Members	200	0
Grant from AAUW-IL	0	0
Transfer from Investments	1,000	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Insurance	200	200
IL Incorporation fee	10	0
Printing, Supplies, Postage	150	83
Membership Recruitment	75	0
Program Expenses	300	300

Program Planning Meetings	150	0
Annual Meeting Expenses	100	950
Public Policy Expenses	75	0
Contributions to AAUW National	1,000	1,000
Communications Software	350	326
Convention Travel Expense	200	0
Miscellaneous	0	3
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>2,862</b>

Chicago Branch Checking Account Balance on June 30, 2022: \$1,614.00

Chicago Branch Investment Account Balance (Marston) on June 30, 2022: \$12,576.29

### ***AAUW Chicago Branch - Budget – 2022-2023***

July 2022

<b>Revenue</b>	
Dues	990*
Program Fees	100
Donations from Members	200
Grant from AAUW-IL	0
Transfer from Investments	1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,290</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Insurance	200
IL Incorporation fee	20
Printing, Supplies, Postage	100
Membership Recruitment	75
Program Expenses	300
Program Planning Meetings	0
Annual Meeting Expenses	100
Public Policy Expenses	75
Contributions to AAUW National	1,000
Communications Software	350
Travel for State Convention	0
Miscellaneous	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,220</b>

Notes: \*Dues revenue based on 45 members

***ERA Postcards for Nevada***

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 11:30a to 1:30p at the Chase cafeteria in the Loop.**

10 South Dearborn Street

Supplies provided.

Hosted by AAUW-Chicago, LWV-Chicago, Chicago NOW and ERA Illinois

On their November ballot, Nevada voters can vote for this state constitutional amendment: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this State or any of its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry or national origin. This expanded Equal Rights Amendment for Nevada is part of a state trend. Oregon and Delaware amended their state constitutions in recent years. The state of New York just approved the first step in a three-part process to amend their constitution for gender equality. Efforts in Minnesota and Maine continue to similarly amend their state constitutions.

Contact AJ Conroy at [info@eraillinois.org](mailto:info@eraillinois.org) or text 312-405-4538

**More Background**

Here's more on the postcard campaign - <https://voteequality.us/postcards/>

Here's more on the Nevada referendum: <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/poll-nevadans-favor-ranked-choice-voting-equal-rights-ballot-questions>

And the anti-ERA folks are also mobilizing - <http://stopquestion1era.org/>

***The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer***

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



## Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2022-2023 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023. Annual membership dues are **\$99.00** (\$67.00 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 \$99-**      ☐ **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

**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 **Thursday, September 1, 2023**

**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](http://www.aauw.org)

AAUW-IL website: [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)

Chicago branch website: <http://chicago-il.aauw.net>

For more information, contact us: [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com)

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**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 133<sup>rd</sup> year!!*