



Join Us December 8th to Advocate for Pay Equity and Celebrate Equal Pay Day Chicago Founder Barb Yong

Thursday, December 8, 2022

300 S. Wacker, 8th Floor Conference Center

Space is limited, so register today for this free, in-person event, hosted by the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition: <https://bit.ly/epdc2022>.

Today is Native Women's Equal Pay Day, representing how far into 2022 Native and Indigenous women have to work to earn what a white man did in 2021. All women experience a pay gap, but many women of color face much wider gaps. The next—and last—equal pay day of 2022 is Latina Equal Pay Day on December 8th. Latinas face one of the widest pay disparities of any group of women—earning on average just 54 cents for every dollar a white man earns, when looking at both full- and part-time workers.

Join us in person in downtown Chicago on Thursday, December 8th for [Empowerment, Progress, and Determination: Advocating for Accountability](#)—an event in solidarity with Latina Equal Pay Day and economic justice for all women all year round.

Equal Pay Day Chicago's first in-person event in 3 years will feature a conversation with Latina leaders from across Chicago and Illinois on how we can advocate for accountability and work towards change. **We'll follow with a reception honoring coalition founder and Chicago Branch member Barb Yong and celebrating her upcoming retirement.** Appetizers and refreshments will be provided by Latinx-owned businesses.

- **Opening Remarks and Emcee**
 - Starr De Los Santos, Senior Coalition Manager, Women Employed
- **Panel**
 - *Moderator:* Nancy Andrade, Chair and Commissioner, Chicago Commission on Human Relations, City of Chicago
 - Lizzy Diaz-Ortiz, VP, Senior Manager, Latinx Segment, BMO Harris Bank
 - Yolanda Carrillo, General Council, Illinois Department of Labor
 - Linda Xóchitl-Tortolero, President and CEO, Mujeres Latinas en Acción
- **Action Items**
 - Izzy Dobbel and Ely Bahena, Trabajadoras Fellows, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
- **Closing Remarks**
 - Sharmili Majmudar, Executive Vice President of Policy and Organizational Impact, Women Employed
 - Barb Yong, Founder of the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition and Partner, Golan Christie Taglia LLP

Happy Holidays!

Hope you were able to gather with family and friends over Thanksgiving. Lots has been happening locally and nationally with AAUW. I hope you have been able to participate in various zoom events as well as participate in our November meeting. This year we were honored with three fellows. Xiao (Angel) Bohannon, American Fellowship at Northwestern University, Dr. Monica Reyes, American Fellowship recipient at DePaul University and Chinyere E. Oteh, Career Development Grant at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. This event was attended by 37 people from branches across the state. Thank you to Kate Skagg and the Jane Addams branch for hosting the webinar and a big thank you to Ruth Holst for contacting the Fellows as well as for facilitating the event. But most of all thank you to all that donate to AAUW so these scholarships can help all woman succeed.

Hope you will attend the Equal Pay Day Rally on Dec 8th. All are welcome. Details are in this newsletter. We are excited to have an in-person event after three years of online rallies. Thank you to Barb Yong for her leadership and vision for this event over the past 10 years!!

Happy New Year! I hope to see you at an upcoming event or program (in person or online). I wish you and yours a happy, festive, and safe holiday season.

Lori Switzer, Branch Admin



Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

January 14, 2023 Chicago Women Take Action Chicago Mayoral Forum 2:00pm Chicago Temple
Spring 2023 – TBD
May 5-6- AAUW-IL state convention in East Peoria Area
June - Chicago Branch annual meeting – TBD



SAVE THE DATE - CWTA Chicago Women Take Action

Chicago Mayoral Forum

Saturday, January 14, 2023 2:00pm-4:00pm

Chicago Temple 77 W Washington

Limited seating – register early! Free registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2uab8x7r>

Chicago Branch of AAUW is a co-sponsor of this event.

Join Chicago Women Take Action Alliance (35 women’s organizations) for the 2023 Chicago Mayoral Forum. Moderated by Carol Marin and Cheryl Corley. Get your questions answered before you go to the polls.

Chicagoans want to know where the Chicago mayoral candidates stand on issues important to women – including reproductive rights, public safety, affordable housing, clean air and water, equity in the workplace and our paychecks, healthcare, education and more. Chicago is our city and we care deeply about it. Together we must make sure that our women's agenda is every candidate's agenda.

Broadcast by CANTV! Live stream on YouTube and FB. Limited seating! Reserve your tickets today! Pre-registered attendees please have your QR code ready to scan at the entrance!

Masks are strongly recommended. In addition to using public transportation, parking apps, such as, spothero and ParkWhiz are recommended.

AKArama Foundation, Inc. – American Association of University Women – Center for Personal Growth – Chicago Foundation for Women – Chicago NOW PAC – Chicago Women Take Action – Coalition of Labor Union Women – Courts Matter Illinois – Health and Medicine Policy Research Group – Hedy Ratner – Hustle Mommies – Illinois Democratic Women – Illinois NOW – Illinois Psychological Association, Women’s Division – Indivisible Chicago Alliance – Indivisible – IVI-IPO – Jobs for Justice – Movement for Black Lives – Mujeres Latinas en Accion – National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore – One Fair Wage – Protest to the Polls – Rainbow PUSH – SEIU Healthcare IL – Sister March Chicago – The Chicago Women's History Center - The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence – Voices and Faces Project – Women & Children First – Women of the 7th Congressional District IL – Women’s Business Development Center- Women Employed – Women’s History Project – Women’s March Chicago – Women2Win – Workers Rights Board of Chicago – YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago

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Chicago Women Take Action Alliance

2023 Women's MAYORAL FORUM

JANUARY 14TH, 2023

2PM - 4 PM

CHICAGO TEMPLE, 77 W WASHINGTON

Thinking about the next mayor?
Be in the know! Hear what the
mayoral candidates have to say
about the issues women care
about. Moderated by Carol Marin
and Cheryl Corley.

FREE registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/2uab8x7r>

Limited seating-register early!



AAUW-IL Public Policy Update

THANKS to all of you who voted in the mid-term elections. Thanks to all of you that notified folks in suburbia, sent cards, or shared our concerns that the Illinois Supreme could have become an anti-abortion court. Because of everyone's work, Illinois now has 2 more pro-choice Supreme Court justices. Thanks!!

Please ask your representatives to co-sponsor House Joint Resolution 94! This resolution supports the passing of the ERA in D.C.

Conversations are in progress to possibly make healthy, sexual education that is age appropriate and medically correct mandatory before the 2023 session. When we have a bill number, we will let you know.

AAUW Public Policy co-chairs are working on a statewide coalition to deal with the number of folks who want to ban books, eliminate understanding of gender change, eliminating healthy and sexual education and encouraging the white washing of U. S. History. Elected school boards are in suburbia and downstate. Please make a list of your friends, family and others who live outside of Chicago in Illinois. School board elections are next spring and we have lots of work to maintain a strong public education.

Enjoy your December holidays and rest up. We have a mayor's race in Chicago in the spring and school board election throughout Illinois. Thanks so much for all you do for AAUW Public Policy!

Paula Purdue
Chair AAUW Chicago Public Policy

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. January 18, 2023

Do you like to read? We are choosing books for the new year. Stay tuned for the upcoming book list. There is no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00pm

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact our book club chair, Lori Switzer
chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

15th Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2022

Again, this year – we are supporting National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our fifteenth annual No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser. 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 \$1200- so far. You can go online to www.aauw.org to donate.

No Branch Steering Committee Meeting in December

We are going to skip our December Branch Steering Committee meeting. We will meet on January 9th at 6:30pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We will be planning the upcoming Spring programs and our June Annual meeting. Jan 9, 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802236266?pwd=dWtPc00vWWs1QklzOEVOVmNkQUxRdz09> Meeting ID: 848 0223 6266 Passcode: 328269



Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2023-2025). It is 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 VP Programming, Secretary, and two Directors at Large. The various chair positions will be appointed by the President. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee or are interested in serving as an Officer/Chair, or would like to suggest a nominee, please contact Branch Admin. Lori Switzer chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

2023 AAUW-IL, 98th State Convention

Friday - Saturday, May 5 - 6, 2023

Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel, Peoria, IL

Following on the heels of our very successful face to face AAUW-IL convention in 2022, plan to join AAUW friends and colleagues from around the state at the 2023 AAUW-IL Convention in Peoria.

SAVE THE DATE! Please mark your calendars and watch for details in Connection, LINK, and the state website. Also, watch for future special editions of Connection that will provide the details you need to plan for this event. You will not want to miss!

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 January 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

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

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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 133rd year!!