



**Women in Law
Enforcement with Chief
Schenita Stewart of the
Evanston Police
Department
Saturday, April 22 –
10am via zoom**

RSVP

zoom

and register in advance for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdeysrjwqHdbszP8WsB2pRGxxn8gcOHIZ>

Registration is required.

Chief Stewart will discuss her personal experience as a woman leader in the police department. Policing is often considered a male profession but is seeing more women in the ranks as well as in positions of command. She will discuss her own experiences, positive and negative. She will provide us a glimpse of what women face joining law enforcement and how more women officers may change the profession.

Chief Schenita Stewart made Evanston history as the first permanent female police chief leading the department. She wants to increase transparency, increase training, and rebuild trust and community engagement. "Dealing with staffing. Dealing with morale and dealing with the partnership with the community is what's most important. Getting back to building that partnership and building that trust back with the community," she said.

She says that her grandfather and her mother have been the biggest support in her 23-year career in law enforcement. "My mom is my best friend. She's my biggest motivator. I couldn't ask for a better mother. I don't want to get emotional, but she's absolutely wonderful."

Stewart grew up in Evanston and graduated from Evanston Township High School. She brings 23 years of law enforcement experience to Evanston, including 15 years in police leadership roles. She holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University. She is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and Executive Management Program.

For more information, contact ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com or <https://chicago-il.aauw.net/>.

President's Message

Is it Spring? We have had a few nice days to remind us that spring is coming. We have been busy this winter with programs. Thank you to the Steering Committee for their work behind the scenes keeping the branch moving forward. Also thank you to the members and guests who have attended our programs and interest groups. We are always open to more events, just let us know any ideas to get us together.

Plan on joining us on Sat. April 22 for a zoom program with Evanston Police Chief Schenita Stewart. This promises to be an informative program as we learn about women in policing. Thank you to Barbara Harris for inviting Chief Stewart and organizing the program.

During our last program, we heard from Illinois House Rep. Lakesia Collins. She inspired us to continue to vote and be involved in state Public Policy. Thank you to our AAUW-IL state lobbyist Jenni Purdue for introducing us to Rep. Collins and promoting AAUW issues in Springfield. Make sure you are signed up for our national Public Policy program, Two-Minute Activist. This is a great way to contact your legislators and stay informed on what is happening in Washington DC. <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

We hope to see you in April and share the information with your friends, colleagues and other like-minded organizations. AAUW is a mission-based organization with so many opportunities to make a difference in our communities. We are so glad you are part of AAUW Chicago branch.

*Best – Lori Switzer
Chicago Branch Admin*

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

March 8 – International Women's Day

March 11 – Run-off Chicago Women Take Action Mayoral Forum – 2pm Chicago Temple

April 18 – Women in Law Enforcement – Evanston Police Chief Stewart via zoom Time 10am

May 5-6- AAUW-IL state convention in East Peoria Area

June 10- Chicago Branch annual meeting – TBD

Thank you

Thank you to Jenni and Paula Purdue for inviting Rep. Lakeshia Collins to our recent February program on Illinois Public Policy. It was an informative morning learning about current events in Springfield. Rep. Collins was so down to earth and so passionate about policy and change. She shared a variety of issues she has been working on in Springfield and in Chicago. We had AAUW members attend from across the state. Also, members mentioned “Aha” moments while listening to her describe her life, union and community organizing, foster care system, charter schools, public schools, mentors in government, and family. Also thank you to Megan Moser for organizing the zoom and RSVPs for the program.

Looking Ahead

We are looking to fill some positions on our Executive Board – Secretary, VP programming and two directors at large for the 2023-2025 term. We will continue to work with a Steering Committee for the upcoming year. Please contact Lori at chicagoaauw@hotmail.com for more info. The time commitment is minimal, and many members make it easy and fun.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan our June Annual Meeting. Please let Lori know if you can help scout out some locations and plan menus. Tentatively looking at June 10th.

Branch Steering Committee Meeting – March 13

We will meet on March 13 at 6:30pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We will be planning the upcoming Spring programs and our June Annual meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84111918464?pwd=dW9CbXdXNWVlWVdzNWo5Zy9Ub1grUT09>

Mayoral Forum Event – Chicago Women Take Action Co-Sponsor

CWTA | Chicago Women Take Action Alliance | www.cwtaalliance.org

2023 Women's MAYORAL *run off* FORUM

MARCH 11, 2-4 PM
CHICAGO TEMPLE, CLARK & WASHINGTON STREETS

Register now!

Be ready to vote April 4 in the Mayoral runoff election. Learn about the candidates--can they deliver what women and families need?

Questions for the candidates? Send them to CWTAAlliance@mkcpr.com

See the Women's Agenda candidate survey results at www.CWTAAlliance.org

Reserve free tickets for March 11
bit.ly/CWTAforum

The forum will be broadcast live on CAN TV27, streamed on cantv.org, CAN TV's Facebook page, and the new CAN TV+ app

VOTE
be sure to vote February 28!

Sponsoring Organizations: Aids Foundation Chicago - AKArama Foundation, Inc. - American Association of University Women (AAUW) Illinois - AAUW Chicago - Center for Personal Change - Chicago Abortion Fund - Chicago Foundation for Women - Chicago Hyde Park Village - Chicago NOW PAC - Chicago Women Take Action Alliance - Chicago Women's History Center - Coalition of Labor Union Women - Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) - Courts Matter Illinois - EverThrive Illinois - Greater Chatham Initiative - Health and Medicine Policy Research Group - Hustle Mommies - Illinois Democratic Women - Illinois NOW - Illinois Psychological Association, Women's Issues Section - Indivisible Chicago Alliance - IVI-IPO - Movement for Black Lives - Mujeres Latinas en Accion - National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter - National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago North Shore - The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence - One Fair Wage - Personal PAC - POWER-PAC Illinois - Protest to the Polls - Rainbow PUSH Coalition - Resilience - SEIU Healthcare Illinois - Voices and Faces Project - Women & Children First - Women Employed - Women of the 7th Congressional District - Women to Win - Women's Business Development Center - Women's March Chicago - Workers Rights Board of Chicago, Jobs With Justice - Working Women's History Project - YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago

After the successful January Forum, Chicago Women Take Action Alliance (Chicago branch of AAUW is a sponsor) is planning a second forum if there is a run-off mayoral election. The Forum will tentatively take place on **March 11th at 2pm** at the Chicago Temple 77 W. Washington Downtown Chicago. RSVP link: <https://www.cwtaalliance.org/>

AAUW Chicago, Inc. Branch

Ruth Holst, Treasurer
Treasurer's Report – January 2023

Checking Account
Balance 12/31/22 \$2,903.14
Deposits 0
Withdrawals 163.39
Balance 1/31/23 \$2,739.75
Investment Account (Marsten)
Balance 12/31/22 \$11,693.09
Balance 1/31/22 \$12,326.90
Notes:

1. Only expenditure in January was for the Zoom license

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. March 15

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on Wed March 15 via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. We will discuss *Dollars for Life: The Anti-Abortion Movement* by Mary Ziegler

Here is the Zoom link for the March 15 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81899205691?pwd=QnJIWUpzc2o4WWovSWhlQk5GTUY2QT09>

Meeting ID: 818 9920 5691

Passcode: 683828

Upcoming Books 2023

April 19 - *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner- leader Lori Switzer

May 17 - *The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake- leader Donna Zimmerman

June 21 - *The Rabbit Hutch* by Tess Gunty- leader Barbara Harris

July 19- *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng- leader Helen Elkiss

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, please contact our book club chair, Lori Switzer chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Welcome New Member

Loretta Pearson – Loretta is a dual member with the Lockport branch and joined in the fall.

lpearson3@gmail.com

2023 AAUW-IL, 98th State Convention Friday - Saturday, May 5 - 6, 2023

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

Plan to join us at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria to dialog and gain skills in leadership. As an AAUW member we are all leaders of the efforts to support our mission of gender equity for women and girls. Reserve your room now with a special AAUW convention rate of \$149- for a two-room suite. The rooms at the Embassy Suites are truly a suite with a separate bedroom, a foldout sofa in the front room, and a shared bath in between. Very conducive to bringing a friend to the conference! You can reserve your room today by calling: 1-800-EMBASSY and use the code A UW (this is correct, 3-digit code). Don't delay!

Everyone is a Leader!

AAUW-IL President Donna Jean Simon will kick off the Convention on the evening of May 5th. With a festive spirit, we will come together for a cocktail reception, a “Fiesta buffet” dinner and program, and finish the night gathering at the Hotel’s riverfront bar with AAUW friends from across Illinois. On the morning of Saturday May 6th, we will continue to delve into our topic of leadership. Throughout the day, AAUW members will interact with experienced and emerging leaders in education and politics, STEM programs, public policy, and more. Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon break included!

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

AAUW-IL website: www.aauw-il.org

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

For more information, contact us: chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

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

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Address correction requested

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