



**Women in Law Enforcement with
Chief Schenita Stewart of the
Evanston Police Department
Saturday, April 22 – 10am via zoom**
RSVP and register in advance for the zoom
meeting:

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

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/>.



June 10th Annual Meeting

Join us to celebrate the end of the programming year 2022-2023. We will honor our long-time members – including two more 50-year members, give a convention recap, and start brainstorming events for the summer and coming year. It will be nice to see each other and catch up in person. All members and guests are welcome.

When – Saturday, June 10th

Time – 11:30am

Where – Reza's Mediterranean 5255 N Clark St, Chicago 60640

(773) 561-1898 <https://rezarestaurants.com/>

Cost - \$32- a person for three courses of family style lunch including Reza favorites such as Persian salad, falafel, and Reza's chicken kabobs. Vegetarian options included.

Mail check to: Ruth Holst 645 Kingsbury St., Apt 1709 Chicago, IL 60654

Or pay at the door

Parking- Street parking or paid parking lot- one block north

RSVP – To Ruth Holst holstruth@gmail.com by June 7th or 224-610-9718 (cell)

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

April 22– Women in Law Enforcement – Evanston Police Chief Stewart via zoom Time 10am

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

May 8 – Steering Committee meeting via zoom 6:30pm all members are welcome

June 10- Chicago Branch annual meeting – Reza's Andersonville 11:30am

June 22 – Program planning meeting via zoom 6:30pm -all members are welcome

President's Message

Plan on joining us this 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.

We are working on wrapping up the program year and that also means it is time to renew your membership. Thank you to the members who have renewed. Also, congrats to our 50-year members – they are given lifetime membership and are exempt from paying further dues. There is a national dues increase from the national board making dues \$104- for the 2023-2024 year. You can renew online via the community hub portal or mail a check to our treasurer Ruth Holst.

Mark your calendar for the June 10th Year end meeting. We will be celebrating our program year and honoring our long-time members with membership awards. We will meet at Reza's in Andersonville at 11:30am. Please plan on attending and reach out to a fellow member to attend with you.

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



Thank you

Thank you to Jan Lisa Huttner for planning and organizing the 15th Annual SWAN Day movie screening of *Hilma* at the Gene Siskel Film Center at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago on Saturday, March 25th. AAUW members and guests met for lunch and then enjoyed the movie while participating in the annual WITASWAN (Women in the Audience Supporting Women Artists Now) event in Chicago with the showing of the movie *Hilma*. Also thank you to Dorthea Juul for leading the local event.

Voting – National AAUW and AAUW-IL state elections

You should have received an email recently urging you to vote on Bylaws amendments, national Board members, and Public Policy priorities. These are very important responsibilities of being a member of AAUW. Each member is assigned a unique login number so you must reply to the personalized message you received. If you don't think you received the National election message, please check your spam. If you don't find it, please let me know and will contact someone at National to resend it. If you missed the state election message, you can go to the AAUW-IL website to cast your vote. The deadline for the National Election is **May 16** and the deadline for the AAUW-IL election is **May 4**.

Ruth Holst

Member, National Governance Committee

Looking Ahead

We will be having program planning meetings this summer to start planning events for the 2023-2024 program year. The branch plans events by committee. All members are welcome to be a part of the committee and/or share program ideas. Our first program planning meeting will be Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 pm via zoom. Please RSVP to the zoom link to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcOCrQTwpHNI5rO0F6s0rO1k4Cg6DHh8h>

Branch Steering Committee Meeting – May 8

We will meet on May 8 at 6:30 pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We will recap the convention and finalize our June Annual meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84111918464?pwd=dW9CbXdXNWVWVWdzNWo5Zy9Ub1grUT09>

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. April 19

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on Wed. April 19 via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. We will discuss *The Last Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. Here is the Zoom link for the April 19 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89931272607?pwd=ZFJMNG1yNXJRR3NBU0FPeFFjUjI4QT09>

Meeting ID: 899 3127 2607 Passcode: 125567

Upcoming Books 2023

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

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal for the year 2023-2024 is now open! Thank you to the members who have renewed. You can renew online via the AAUW.org community hub or you can mail your check and form to our treasurer Ruth Holst. If you are a 50-year member, you do not have to pay annual dues. Form is at the end of the newsletter.

Congrats to our long-time members! Happy Anniversary! We are so glad you have continued your membership with AAUW. We will celebrate these members at the June meeting.

5 year member	Elizabeth Kinney
15 year member	Barbara Yong
25 year member	Laura Malec
40 year member	Jan Lisa Huttner
50 year members	Judith Smith

Ruth Sweetser

**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 AUW (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!

Member Spotlight

Branch member Mary Ellen Ziegler won third place in the State of Illinois Emergent Writers Contest for 2022. She went to Springfield at the end of November to receive the award from Jessie White and our poet laureate, Angela Jackson. It was such an honor for her. You can find her poem on the state website "Book about Dying."

https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/library/center_for_the_book/emerging-writers.html

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the June Chicago Edition newsletter are due May 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or

ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

AAUW Chicago, Inc. Branch

Third Quarter Budget Report (July 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023)

Ruth Holst, Treasurer

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual
Revenue		
Dues	990	1055
Donations for Program Expenses	100	

Member Donations	200	1
Transfer from Investment Acct.	1,000	1,000
Total Revenue	2,290	2,056
Expenses		
Insurance	200	200
IL Incorporation fee	20	0
Printing, Supplies, Postage	100	77
Membership Recruitment	75	0
Program Expenses	300	250
Program Planning Meetings	150	0
Annual Meeting Expenses	100	0
Public Policy Expenses	75	0
Contributions to AAUW National	1,000	500
Communications Software	350	163
Convention Travel Expense	200	0
Miscellaneous	0	0
Total Expenses	2,220	1190

Chicago Branch Checking Account Balance - March 31, 2023: \$2,189,75

(Includes \$237.06 encumbered to Next Steps Collaborative)

Third Quarter Expenses include:

- Zoom software license (\$163.39)
- Donation to National (\$500)
- Sponsor Fee for March Mayoral Forum (\$50)
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Chicago Branch Investment Account Balance (Marston) - March 31, 2023: \$12,280.68

Next Steps Collaborative Budget - No change from December 31, 2022 – Balance \$237.06

2023-2025 Slate of Officers

Please see below for the slate of officers. The branch will continue to run with a Steering Committee. All members are welcome to attend the monthly zoom Steering committee meetings. Board and Steering committee members will be recognized at the June meeting.

2023-2025 Term

Secretary – Barbara Harris

Director at Large – Helen Elkiss

Director at Large – Charlene Reynolds

Continuing Officers

Branch Admin – Lori Switzer
Treasurer – Ruth Holst
Membership – Megan Moser



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2023-2024

Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024. Annual membership dues are **\$104.00** (\$72.00 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 \$104- Association Life \$32- Undergraduate Student \$31.81

Dual Member \$22-

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Name

First _____ Last _____ (spouse) _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

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 **Friday, 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

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

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

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

Join the Chicago branch on Facebook:

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

Join the Chicago branch on Instagram:

<http://www.instragram.com/aauwchicago>



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Address correction requested

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