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**Chicago Cultural Center 78 East Washington St.
Claudia Cassidy Theater 2nd Floor Chicago IL 60602**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:30 PM Open Mic / What Does SWAN Day Mean to You?

1:45 PM SWAN Day Sweet Sixteen

- Welcome from Emcee - **Comedienne Milly Tamarez** (www.millytamarez.com/)
- Welcome from **Jan Lisa Huttner** (www.ff2media.com) Creator of International SWANs

2:00 PM Screening of *BIG EYES* starring Amy Adams

- Directed by Tim Burton
- Screenplay by Scott Alexander & Larry Karaszewski

4:00 PM Q&A with Our Special Guests

Celebrating the Legacy of Margaret Keane & the Women behind Tim Burton's *Curtain*

- Photographer **Leah Gallo** (www.imdb.com/name/nm2744056/)
- Screenwriter **Larry Karaszewski** (www.imdb.com/name/nm0438989/)



American Writers Museum Outing

Saturday, May 18 10:30 am - tour then lunch nearby

Meet in the lobby

Cost: \$10- a person – pay at the door or zelle chicagoauw@hotmail.com

180 North Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601

<https://americanwritersmuseum.org/>

Please RSVP to Ruth Holst at holstruth@gmail.com by May 15th

or call 224-610-9718 cell

All are welcome and bring a guest

The American Writers Museum strives to:

- Educate the public about American writers – past and present
- Engage visitors to the Museum in exploring the many exciting worlds created by the spoken and written word
- Enrich and deepen appreciation for good writing in all its forms
- Motivate visitors to discover, or rediscover, a love of reading and writing
- Inspire the young writers of tomorrow

The American Writers Museum is a museum of American Literature and writing that opened in Chicago in May 2017. The museum was designed by Amaze Design of Boston. The American museum was inspired by the Dublin Writers Museum. The mission of the American Writers Museum is to engage the public in celebrating American writers and exploring their influence on our history, our identity, our culture, and our daily lives.

President's Message

I hope you were able to attend the Equal Pay Day Event on March 12th sponsored by the Chicago Equal Pay Day coalition. The branch is proud to be a part of the coalition for over 10 years. This year, there was a panel discussion on zoom with panelists Moji Akinde, Director of Social Impact & Financial Inclusion at Discover Financial Services, Katrina Johnson Jones, Director, Human Resources, Compensation - Acquisition and Divestitures at BMO Financial Group, First Deputy Chief of Staff, Dr. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, City of Chicago, Juliana Stratton, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and moderator: Sharmili Majmudar, Executive Vice President of Policy, Programs, and Research, Women Employed and Steering Committee Member of the Equal Pay Chicago Coalition. All of the women were so articulate and passionate about Equal Pay and are all working toward Equal Pay in Illinois for all women. The event is

available to watch on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVNHs2qxwvg&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.equalpaychicago.org%2F&source_ve_path=MjM4NTE&feature=emb_title

I hope some members are planning on attending the 100th Anniversary of AAUW-IL for our upcoming state convention in Elgin on April 19-20. All members and guests are welcome to attend the convention. You can come one or both days. We also have a TRIO discount for first time convention attendees. Please let me know if you would like to attend. I will be there as well as other branch members. We also have two branch members presenting at the convention, Jenni Purdue and AJ Conroy.

We are looking for members to join the steering committee. Anyone is welcome to join in on our monthly meetings on the Second Monday of each month. The link is in the newsletter. I so appreciate the ladies that help to discuss what is going on with AAUW nationally, at the state level and specifically with our branch. Also, we are looking for a treasurer for the 2024-26 term. Our financials are in great shape and very organized, please let me know if you would be able to help out the branch. Everything is online and very easy to manage.

Do you have anything that should be in our branch archives? Ruth Holst, Megan Moser and I are collecting materials for the archives. If you were a past officer and have materials or have anything you think should be included, please let me know. Thanks.

Membership renewal starts April 15th. Please renew your membership and continue to support equity for women and girls.

*Best – Lori Switzer
Chicago Branch Admin*

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

April 15	Membership renewal starts
April 19-20	AAUW-IL state convention, Elgin
May 18	American Writers Museum Outing – 10:30am
June 8	Chicago branch Annual meeting - 11:30am
June	Planning meeting for 2024-25 program year – time TBD

Thank you

Thank you to Paula Purdue and Tracey Sherman-Falcon for planning and inviting Rick Jascucla for our March program to discuss the successful coalition for local school and library boards 2023 elections. Rick, Paula and Tracey explained the current threat to public education. Also, a big thank you to the Jane Addams online branch for hosting these webinars with their zoom support. We would not be able to do it without you.

AAUW-IL program - Support of Open Membership - Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm

Discussion moderator: AAUW-IL President Donna Jean Simon

Panelists: AAUW-IL Member Lisa Cherry (former AAUW-II President)

Nancy Shoemaker, co-founder of grassroots organization OpenUpAAUW.org

Prepare to vote on the proposed AAUW Membership bylaws amendment that removes the requirement of a degree to become an AAUW member. This amendment will open our membership to anyone who supports our mission of equity for all women and girls through

research, education, and advocacy. The AAUW national board and AAUW-IL state board support this amendment.

Learn about the benefits and the importance of opening membership and why the time is right to take this action. Get the answers to your questions. Attendees are invited to submit comments/questions in advance to the Jane Addams Branch. aauwjaneaddams@gmail.com
Advance registration is required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rdOiqqDkuEtdcOMn8ZNcusmyYzaJXZfVJ>

Looking Ahead

The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 8 at 11:30am. We will have a catered lunch and dessert. We will be meeting in the party room of branch member Charlaine Reynolds in Edgewater. More details will be coming soon. Save the Date.

Open Membership

There will be another vote in Spring 2024 to pass a bylaws amendment to Open AAUW Membership, in other words, to drop the requirement that members must have an associate or equivalent degree. This April, we will have the opportunity to practice the inclusion that we value by voting to welcome any person who is passionate about equity for women into AAUW, whether they have a degree or not. AAUW National is proposing a bylaws amendment to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. We encourage you to practice the inclusion our founding members worked for and vote “yes”- watch for your ballot starting April 5th.

Supporting NCCWSL in 2024 “Dare to Be...”

We hope you’re excited and spreading the word about this year’s National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) which will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 30 through June 1, 2024. We are so proud of the work branches put in each year to collaborate with local campuses to facilitate student attendance alongside contributing to national scholarship fundraising. As registrations for this year’s event are open, we rely on support from our Greatest Needs and NCCWSL Scholarship Funds to support aspiring attendees.

Branch Steering Committee Meeting – April 8

We will meet on Monday, April 8 at 6:30pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We are looking for more members to join our steering committee. You can be as involved as your schedule allows. Please sign in to the next meeting or email Lori Switzer with any questions at chicagoauw@hotmail.com

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

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. April 17

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on **Wed. April 17** via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. We will discuss ***The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn***. Here is the Zoom link for the April 17 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Upcoming Books 2024

May 15- The Little Old Lady Who Broke all the Rules by Catherina Ingleman-Sundberg

June 19 - Tom Lake by Anne Patchet

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

Slate of Officers

2024-2026 Slate of Officers

Treasurer – Megan Moser

VP Membership – Charlaine Reynolds

Officers will be installed at the June annual meeting.

AAUW-IL Legislative Update

Tentatively, we are looking at Wednesday May 8, 2024, for a lobby day.

Planned Parenthood is having a smaller group (this is NOT one of their BIG lobby days) on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Capitol, in Springfield. Being that it is an election year, not much major legislation is happening. I'm guessing that Planned Parenthood's lobby day is focusing on funding. Which means, we'll be asking legislators to make sure that family planning and health education programs are fully funded in the budget. During that time, we would talk to legislators about AAUW as well and let them know our priorities. The day would most likely start around 10:30am and finish around 3:00pm.

If this sounds like something you would do, please let me know by emailing me.

shermanfalcon@hotmail.com

Paula Purdue, Public Policy Co-Chair, AAUW-IL



2024 AAUW-IL, 99th State Convention Friday – Saturday, April 19-20

Registration is now open! Early Bird Registration must be submitted or postmarked by March 18th. Final registration must be submitted or postmarked by April 8th.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-illinois-state-convention-celebrating-100-years-of-empowering-women-tickets-805851131427?aff=oddtcreator>

Use a credit card and register online or download the paper registration form and mail a check to Sue Stauffer.

Join us in Celebrating 100 Years of Empowering Women at the AAUW-IL, INC. 99th State Convention, April 19-20 in Elgin, IL. AAUW-IL was established in 1924 and conventions began the following year. For 100 years AAUW-IL has been working to help women by promoting education for all, pressing for equity in the workplace, and pushing for equality in pay. For years to come, AAUW-IL will be supporting the AAUW mission of advancing gender equity through research, education and advocacy.

AAUW-IL President Donna Jean Simon will kick off the Convention on the evening of April 19th with the President's 100 Year Celebration Reception. As we gather at 5:00 PM at ECC with light appetizers we will enjoy seeing old friends, making new acquaintances, and reminiscing on our past 100 years. Dinner and a program will round out our evening. Take some time at the convention to visit the tables set up in the ECC Business Center vestibule where the Branch Displays are showcased. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn in Elgin, you can jump aboard the hotel shuttle to transport you to and from the Friday evening events.

On the morning of Saturday April 20th, we will start with a buffet breakfast from 7:30 to 9 in room E121. At 9:00 we will kick off our programming with a welcome from our AAUW-IL President Donna Jean Simon. Speakers and members will spend the day on our continued focus on the Biennial Action Priorities. In addition, Jenni Purdue, our lobbyist in Springfield, will provide legislative updates. We will have the annual business meeting, affinity group breakouts, and of course, celebrate our 100 years of AAUW-IL accomplishments as we plan together to advance the AAUW mission in the future.

Bring your friends and join us at the 2024 AAUW-IL Convention in Elgin. Watch for additional program and agenda updates on the AAUW-IL website.

Room reservations at Holiday Inn, \$109 + Tax. Or you may call: 1-855-797-6733 and use the code AUW (this is correct, 3-digit code).

Reach out to Becky Glimco or Peg Gallagher AAUW-IL Program with questions.

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2024-2025 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. 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 Affiliate \$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 branch activities:

- _____Program planning
- _____Meeting Volunteer
- _____Public Policy and Legislative Efforts
- _____Community Service
- _____Website/Social Media

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:
Megan Moser, 4641 N Paulina St, Chicago, IL, 60640**

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **September 1, 2024**.

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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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 134th year!!