



NEW DATE - On Saturday, September 28th, we are having our first Chicago AAUW meeting of the 2024-25 year. We have changes in the Supreme Court reinterpreting previous decisions and a very important election coming up November 5, 2024. Public Policy chairs Megan Moser and Paula Purdue are sharing with us a process to share with your friends, family and neighbors to chat about the reasons for our vote using the values of AAUW. We will be experiencing a process called Table Talk. YOU are very important in protecting AAUW Values in this next election.

Please join us for brunch at **10:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, 2024** at Paula's condo; 714 W. Sheridan Rd, 1 E. Chicago
Parking: CTA Bus line 8, 36, 151, 146, or 80 or CTA Red Line train
Meter street parking on Broadway – a half block west of her condo.
Thanks to Charlaine Reynolds for helping with brunch. Bring nothing but an open mind. Look forward to seeing you.



Friday, October 25 Branch Outing

National Museum of Mexican Art – Día de Muertos guided tour

1852 W 19th Street, Chicago, IL 60608

Lunch before the tour

Tour starts at 2:00pm

Cost: \$10- a person, pay at the door or zelle before

chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Transportation: paid parking in their lot \$3- an hour, street parking or public transportation

RSVP: To Chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or to Lori Switzer 773 230 1063 (cell) by Wed, Oct 23

The National Museum of Mexican Art will present a guided private tour with docent for Día de Muertos, Where the Past is Present, dedicated to Ray Patlán (1946-2024), a Chicago muralist and painter who died this spring. The 38th annual exhibition commemorates the celebration of our departed loved ones through beautiful ofrendas. Nearly seventy works from the Museum's Permanent Collection, mostly arte popular, are part of this exhibition, which reveals the importance of collective feeling through the creative hands of different generations of popular artists. Art reflects society, and with this celebration, all those who have died from violence are remembered in this exhibition.

<https://nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org/>

All are invited. Feel free to bring a friend or spouse.

President's Message

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.

Lots has been happening on a national level with AAUW in Washington DC as well as across the country, esp. with the upcoming election. Were you able to pay Debate Bingo during the recent presidential debate? We hope you are registered to vote and helping to get the word out.

Congrats to the Chicago Branch on earning 2 Stars in the National AAUW 5 Star program. The branch earned the Communications and External Relations and Program stars. We are working on our stars for the upcoming year. Thanks for all your support and thank you to the steering committee for planning our programs each year.

Invitations for the 17th Annual No Dinner Dinner are in the mail. Basically, instead of renting a venue, catering food, and buying a new outfit, we write a check to AAUW Greatest Needs on behalf of our branch. I have already started to receive back member donations. I appreciate the support every year as our branch is able to support all of the different initiatives on a national and local level. This year our goal is \$2000 or \$45- a member. You are also welcome to donate at any time of the year.

Membership renewal ends soon. You can renew online via the national website, mail a check or pay via zelle to chicagoauw@hotmail.com. Please renew your membership and continue to support equity for women and girls.

Best – Lori Switzer

Chicago Branch Admin

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

September 28	Fall Kick off meeting – brunch – home of member Paula Purdue
October 5	AAUW-IL Fall conference – via zoom
October 25	Mexican American Museum tour and lunch
November 9	AAUW Fellows and Grantees – zoom meeting – 10:30am
December 10	Jane Addams Day

Looking Ahead

Save the date for our most popular program of the year – our Meet the AAUW Fellows and Grantees.

Saturday, November 9 at 10:30am

Via zoom – please register at the link below

We will have recent recipients of the AAUW fellowships and grants speak to us about their research, studies, and projects.

Here's the registration link for the Fellows & Grantees program on Sat Nov 9 at 10.30 am:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdu6trj8sHdYgTPDeLiliJQyRx1zDteF>

As of 2024, we've given more than \$146 million to over 14,000 women and nonprofit organizations around the world. Our recipients include some of the most influential voices of the past two centuries — women who have helped shape history — as well as nonprofit organizations at the forefront of driving social change. AAUW awarded its largest amount EVER in Fellowships & Grants—\$6.3 MILLION to 285 deserving fellows and grantees to pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects that empower women and girls for the 2023-24 academic year. This funding has a tremendous impact. It helps to ease the burden of student debt, which disproportionately affects women, so that promising women can excel in their fields and become leaders in business, government, academia, community activism, the arts and sciences. We seek a diverse pool of applicants who represent the full spectrum of ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations, gender expressions, socioeconomic backgrounds, disciplines and perspectives. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of members and supporters,

AAUW will continue to invest in world-changing women through our fellowships and grants program for many decades to come.

Help Us Achieve AAUW's Prestigious 5-Star Recognition – Support the "No-Dinner Dinner" Fundraiser!

The AAUW National Five Star Recognition Program is designed to help branches, like ours, align with AAUW's strategic priorities and advancing our shared mission of achieving gender equity for women and girls. By meeting key goals, branches earn stars—a symbol of our commitment and accomplishments.

Last year, our AAUW Chicago branch proudly earned two stars, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members. This year, we're striving to document even more of our achievements and continue to make progress in the Five Star Program. Receiving these stars is not just about recognition—it's about highlighting the meaningful work we are doing together to create lasting change.

One of the key ways we can earn an Advancement Star is by meeting certain membership fundraising goals. You recently received our annual "No-Dinner Dinner" Fundraiser appeal that directly supports the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. In addition to supporting research, the Greatest Needs Funds helps to expand our highly successful Start Smart and Work Smart programs, and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. A donation of \$45- per member counts toward one of the three required criteria for earning the Advancement Star. Increasing our collected funds by 15% will help us achieve this star by raising \$3000-.

Why should we care about earning these stars? Not only does it serve as a formal acknowledgment of the tireless work and dedication of our branch and its members, but it also amplifies the impact we are making in our community. Plus, who doesn't love earning a gold star as a symbol of achievement? Together, we can continue to champion gender equity and be recognized for the incredible work that AAUW Chicago does.

Charlaine Reynolds
Branch VP Membership

Stay Connected: Re-Subscribe to AAUW Emails

Do you think a member may be missing out on vital updates and important announcements from AAUW? Don't let valuable information slip through the cracks! Ensure they stay connected with us by re-subscribing to AAUW emails. Simply forward this link - aauw.us/emailoptions, to the member to re-subscribe and guarantee that they receive all the latest news, webinars, and opportunities from AAUW.

Branch Steering Committee Meeting – October 14

We will meet on Monday, October 14 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 join the next meeting or email Lori chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81297426120?pwd=C9eJyebaNVuxQkN6VmyqJbFloEbPUZ.1>

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. Sept 18

Do you like to read? If so, join us for the daytime book club on **Wed. Sept 18** via zoom at 1:00pm. We will be discussing *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Here is the Zoom link for the Sept. 18 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Upcoming Books 2024

October 16 - *Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy* by Damian Lewis

November 20 - *The Women They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore

December 18 - *The Expatriates* by Janice Y.K. Lee

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

chicagoauw@hotmail.com

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members who joined recently. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event.

Jessica Harlan jhalan@luc.edu

Lesya Yastrubetska lyastrubetska@kentlaw.iit.edu

There is still time to renew your membership for the 2024-25 year. We have about 85% of our members who have renewed. So, a big thank you to members who have taken the time to renew their membership and support the branch, the state and national organization.

Member Bios

My name is Lesya Yastrubetska. I work as a professor in the Department of Finance, Money Circulation, and Credit at Ivan Franko Lviv National University in Ukraine. Since May 2024 I have been in Chicago and plan to continue my academic career as a visiting scholar at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology. I have also enrolled in the LL.M. program in Global Business and Financial Law at this university to further explore the subject of my research.

I have been interested in your organization long before I came to the USA. I am excited about the mission of AAUW and its areas of activity. It has a significant impact on society, which I deeply appreciate. I am honored to join your organization.

You Can Use Our Voter Guides

At AAUW, we believe that when women vote, we change the conversation. This year, we want every woman to understand the connection between voting and policies affecting education and economic security for women. With so much at stake, our It's My Vote! campaign provides nonpartisan resources and training so women have the information they need to ask critical questions so they can make an informed decision this election cycle.

Review our 2024 Voter Issue Guide.

<https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-issue-guide/?emci=6efb6da2-b629-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&emdi=0b5c090e-ce29-ef11-86d2-6045bdd9e096&ceid=1048055>

AAUW Chicago, Inc. Branch
Proposed Budget Report (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
Megan Moser, Treasurer

	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	2024-2025 Actual
Revenue		
Dues	1012	
Donations for Program Expenses	100	
Member Donations	100	
Transfer from Investment Acct.	1000	
Total Revenue	2,212	
Expenses		
Insurance	200	
IL Incorporation fee	20	
Printing, Supplies, Postage	125	
Membership Recruitment	70	
Program Expenses	400	
Program Planning Meetings	0	
Annual Meeting Expenses	250	
Public Policy Expenses	75	
Contributions to AAUW National	100	
Communications Software	377	
Convention Travel Expense	200	
Miscellaneous	25	
Total Expenses	1,842	

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

AAUW 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, Apt 410 Chicago, IL, 60640

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.instagram.com/aauwchicago>



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 135th year!!