



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 at 11:45am 5 Rabanitos Restaurant & Taqueria

1758 W 18th St., Chicago, IL 60608

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.

Join us for our most popular program of the year

Meet the AAUW Fellows and Grantees.

Saturday, November 9 at 10:30am via zoom webinar

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.

This program is cosponsored by Chicago Inc. branch and Jane Addams Online branch. A big thank you to Jane Addams branch for their support with the webinar.

President's Message

I want to thank Paula Purdue and Megan Moser for planning and organizing Sept fall kick off Table Talks meeting. Thank you to Paula and Charlene for the delicious brunch food and cinnamon rolls. We had 9 attendees - Paula, Megan, Charlene, Lori, Loretta, Barbara Spiegel, Amy Laiken, Sandra Matthews, and Jenni Purdue.

Hope you are planning on attending one of our upcoming meetings. Thank you to the members who have been organizing and planning the events. We are not having a program in December due to the holidays. We are working on events for 2025. If you have any ideas for programs or places to meet, please let me know. We are open to programs or community service projects that align with our AAUW mission.

Membership renewal ends soon. After November 30th, unpaid members will be dropped from the membership roster. 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

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| October 25 | Mexican American Museum tour and lunch |
| November 9 | AAUW Fellows and Grantees – zoom meeting – 10:30am |
| December 10 | Jane Addams Day – Open House Tours at Hull House |

Looking Ahead

There is no formal meeting in December due to the holidays. We are working on planning programs for Winter and Spring 2025. Please contact Lori Switzer with any program ideas or speakers for the coming year. The branch is also celebrating our 135 Anniversary this year!!
Chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

October 3 -Latina Equal Pay Day zoom event

Research – Action – Impact: Leveraging Data to Close the Wage Gap for Latinas

Chicago branch of AAUW is part of the Chicago Equal Pay Day Coalition. We cosponsored the October 3rd Latina Equal Pay Day Event. If you were not able to participate live in the webinar, I encourage you to watch the recording via You Tube. On Oct 3, (Latina Equal Pay Day), the Equal Pay Chicago Coalition (EPCC), hosted a powerful virtual event in collaboration with Mujeres Latinas en Acción, the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR), Women Employed, and Chicago Federation of Labor.

Latinas are disproportionately represented in underpaid industries and often lack basic workplace protections. Farmworkers, domestic workers, and immigrant women, in particular, face exclusions from essential employment safeguards, leaving them vulnerable to wage theft, sexual harassment, and exploitation. Until these vital workers achieve economic security, our communities and economy will not thrive to their full potential.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucHcdp_FxYo&t=2s

Fall AAUW-IL Conference Update

On October 5, AAUW-IL hosted the AAUW-IL fall conference. All members were invited to attend via zoom. An excellent conference discussed disinformation and AI technology with the program “Manipulated Realities: Fake News, AI, and the Future of Electoral Politics.”

In this engaging discussion, media scholar Nolan Higdon explored the critical intersections of fake news, disinformation, artificial intelligence (AI), and electoral politics

Members also had the option of attending Breakout Sessions on Program Sharing, Get Out the Vote, College and University Membership Benefits, and Make Your Branch a Star!. See the below link to access the webinar. <https://bit.ly/3YedWuO>

Join AAUW’s Legacy Circle and Make a Lasting Impact

Are you thinking of updating your estate plan?

You can support AAUW’s mission through planned giving by including AAUW in your estate plans. Options include a bequest, charitable gift annuities that provide lifetime income, or naming AAUW as a beneficiary of your retirement accounts or life insurance. These choices offer tax benefits while allowing you to leave a legacy of equity and empowerment for women and girls. Want to know more? Contact Lisa Cherry, National Legacy Circle Liaison, at lisacherryhome@aol.com or 630-800-7665.

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 – November 11

We will meet on Monday, November 11 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. Oct 16 - Note time change

Do you like to read? If so, join us for the daytime book club on **Wed. Oct 16** via zoom at 11:00am. We will be discussing ***Agent Josephine: American Beauty, French Hero, British Spy*** by Damian Lewis. Here is the Zoom link for the Oct 16 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83899924106?pwd=rBGsGWaUKyLit1b68o1OjeCMn70kb6.1>

Upcoming Books 2024

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

chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Membership Update

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.

17th Annual No-Dinner Dinner 2014 Fundraiser

Invitations for the 17th Annual No Dinner Dinner have been mailed. 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. So far we have received \$855- in member donations. We 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 via www.aauw.org

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
Approved Budget Report (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
Megan Moser, Treasurer

| | 2024-2025 Proposed Budget | 2024-2025 Actual |
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| 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 December Chicago Edition newsletter is due Nov 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!!