



# *The Chicago Edition*

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## **CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY MEETING**



**What:** Educational Foundation Fellows Meeting

**When:** Saturday, January 9th

**Time:** 12:00 Noon

**Where:** 3470 N Lake Shore Dr. #26A, Chicago  
Home of Arlene Alpert  
Buzzer will say Mehlman

**Cost:** \$18- per person for box lunch

\$5- from your lunch will go to the Educational Foundation

**Transportation:** Take the #151 bus line. If driving, street parking or guest parking in building.

**RSVP:** To Barbara Spiegel at  
[spiegelba@gmail.com](mailto:spiegelba@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

The AAUW Educational Foundation--the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women--supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. The AAUW Educational Foundation nationwide has helped more than 10,000 women from 130 countries achieve their personal and professional goals through a variety of fellowships and grants.

This meeting provides an interesting and personal look into the fellowships and grants that AAUW awards. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, the Educational Foundation AAUW is providing more than \$3 million in funding for more than 200 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2009-10 academic year. Due to the generous contributions of AAUW members across the U.S., a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities -- breaking down barriers so all women have a fair chance. Please come and meet our guests and learn how AAUW, through your donations, has allowed them to continue reaching for their personal and professional goals.

Lunch will be box lunches from Corner Bakery. Please indicate your choice of **tuna on whole grain, smoked turkey and cheese on pretzel bread or tomato and fresh mozzarella on ciabatta roll when you RSVP.** Also included will be chips, fruit, cookie, and drinks.

**Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics**

January 9, 2010	Educational Foundation Fellows meeting and box lunch noon
February 13	Branch meeting – location TBD
March 8	International Women’s Day Luncheon – Union League Club - noon
March 13	The Girl Effect with Donna Sproston – Harold Washington Library
April 10	Women in China – Dr. Jane Wu – 860 N Lake Shore Dr. party room
May 8	Annual Meeting and can food drive - Devon Seafood Grill – noon



**President’s Message**

*Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!*

*As I write this message, we are about to turn over the calendar to the year 2010. Such an exciting time for all of us. A new year is a great time to think about the year ahead. I hope all of you will make time for AAUW and attend some or all of the upcoming branch and state activities. We have a variety of programs, activities, luncheons, interest groups, and events in the coming months.*

*Thank you to Amanda Robertson for stepping forward to fill in for the branch treasurer position at this time. Also included in this newsletter is a proposed budget for the 2009-2010 year. It came to my attention that a budget has not been shown or approved by the branch. The budget will be voted and approved at the January meeting. Please look it over and let me know if you have any questions or concerns at this time.*

*The January meeting will be on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Mary Ellen Smyth has invited area Educational Foundation fellows to speak to the branch regarding their studies. Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting due to the AAUW-IL state board meeting which I will be attending in Bloomington as AAUW-IL state bylaws chair. I will be presenting the revised state bylaws I have been updating with my committee this fall. These revised state bylaws will be presented to all AAUW-IL members this spring.*

**Breaking thru Barriers**

Lori Switzer

Branch President and Newsletter Editor



**Thank you**

Thank you to all who have attended our most recent meetings. We have had great turnouts with guests, new members, and long time members. Our November meeting was a great success at DePaul University downtown. Thank you to Terri Steinbach and Maggie Oppenheimer for hosting the branch at DePaul and for providing a continental breakfast for the group. Also thank you to Gwendolyn Jackson for inviting Jan Fitzsimmons and Dawn Abt-Perkins from the ACI Task Force on Gender Equality in Math and Science to speak to the branch. Thank you to everyone who brought undergarments for Sarah’s Circle Women’s Shelter. The donations were much appreciated.

Thank you to Karen Antine and Barbara Spiegel for planning and organizing the December branch meeting. Also thank you to Mary Ellen Smyth for hosting us in her building. It was a pleasant festive potluck lunch and we all enjoyed a wonderful speaker from the Illinois Humanities Council, Historian Penelope Bingham. Thank you to those who participated in the can food drive for Common Pantry. The donations were delivered mid-December so clients would be able to enjoy the food donations for the holidays.

### ***Looking ahead to February***

The branch is planning on meeting Sat. February 13<sup>th</sup>. Our topic is Social Networking. The meeting is being planned by Laura Malec and Barbara Spiegel. Details will be in the upcoming newsletter.

### ***Membership Update***

Congratulations to all who have helped in recruiting and retaining members! As of December 14, we have **81 members – 20 of which are new to the branch!** Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check. For those who haven't sent in your application form and check, it isn't too late to renew or join. Please send it to Membership VP Amanda Robertson, 6410 N. Hoyne 4W Chicago, and IL 60645.

# WELCOME

### ***Welcome New Member!***

Please welcome our newest branch member! We are so excited to have her as a member and look forward to seeing her at our upcoming events!

**Name**

June Porter

### ***The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer***

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the Feb. Chicago Edition newsletter are due January 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer

[ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com](mailto:ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com)



### ***GEMS Workshop***

There will be a planning meeting in January for the GEMS Conference. Anyone interested in volunteering or willing to work on the planning please contact Pat Newton-Curran at [pnewtoncurran@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnewtoncurran@sbcglobal.net). If you are willing to present about your career, but cannot attend the planning meeting please let Pat Newton-Curran know.



*Mission: The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

### **LAF No-Dinner Dinner**

The Third Annual No-Dinner Dinner for the Legal Advocacy Fund was a definite success. This year we raised **\$473.00**. Thank you to the contributors: Arlene Alpert, Eleida Gomez, Maurie Harris, Diane Hickey, Lynda Korn-Cotton, Gail Patten, Helen Ramirez-Odell, Carolyn Ryffel, Marie Salwonchik, Pamela Sanner, Henriette Simon, Barbara Spiegel, Lori Switzer, and Barbara Thomas. Donations are taken all through the year for LAF, so it's not too late to send in your "Dinner" cost. Any donations received after January 1st will be part of 2010 contributions.

- Lori Switzer

Please send your contributions for LAF. Make checks out to AAUW-LAF and mail to Lori Switzer, 2746 W. Morse Ave, Chicago, 60645. Donations are tax-deductible. Deadline is Dec. 15, 2010.



### **Board Positions for 2010-2012 term**

We have positions up for election this April including president, treasurer, membership vp, and two directors-at-large. We also need volunteers for our nominating committee. We also have open appointed offices and committee chairs listed in your directory. The positions don't take a lot of time and we will teach you all you need to know to succeed. No prior experience necessary. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our branch, please contact [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com) or fill out the attached nomination form.

### **Half Year Membership Offer - January 1 thru March 15**

During the period of January 1, 2010 thru March 15, 2010, any new members only pay half the current national dues rate of \$24.50 for regular memberships and \$8.50 for student affiliates. This covers membership through June 2010, after which the new member would be up for renewal for fiscal year 2010-2011. A new member is someone new to AAUW or whose membership has lapsed for two years or more. A current member-at-large or a renewing/returning member of less than two years would not be eligible for this offer. This offer can not be used in conjunction with any other offer. The total including branch and state membership is **\$45.50**.

Please mail to Amanda Robertson 6410 North Hoyne 4W, Chicago, IL 60645.



### **International Women's Day – March 8, 2010**

International Women's Day began as a remembrance and celebration of the struggle faced by women around the world in the name of equality, justice, peace and development. Chicago is host to dozens of organizations focused on a myriad of women's issues, both domestically and internationally. The International Fair will feature the vast resources available to women and the international community in the Chicago land area. AAUW-IL will be a sponsor of this event to be held at the Union League Club on Monday, March 8, 2010 at noon. The keynote speaker will be Maryn McKenna. Ms. McKenna is an independent journalist specializing in domestic and global public health, health policy and medicine. More details to come. For more information, online registration, and credit card payments: [www.chicagowomensday.org](http://www.chicagowomensday.org)



### **WITASWAN Movie Club**

The WITASWAN Movie Club will meet the 1st Sunday of the month, October through May.

**January 3** *It's Complicated* starring Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, and Steve Martin  
Written and directed by Nancy Myers  
<http://www.itscomplicatedmovie.com/>

**February 7** *TBD*  
An email will be set out the Thursday before the event with more information about show times and locations. Please RSVP by Dec. 30th to Megan Moser if you are able to attend.  
[meganmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:meganmoser@hotmail.com)



**Book Club** Please feel free to join the Book Club at anytime.  
**January 25** *Sin in the Second City: Madams, Ministers, Playboys and the Battle for America's Soul* by Karen Abbott  
**February 22** *If Beale Street Could Talk* by James Baldwin  
**March 22** *Finding Iris Chang: Friendship, Ambition, and the Loss of an Extraordinary Mind* by Paula Kamen

The Book Club of Chicago, Illinois Branch Inc. of the American Association of University Women is free and open to the public and meets on the fourth Monday of the month (except December and May) from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Conrad Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.



### **Ethnic Dining**

Ethnic dining will not meet in January. Please contact Nina Whitsel with suggestions and times for meeting. The group will plan to meet in February 2010. Chair - Nina Whitsel at [ninawhitsel@rcn.com](mailto:ninawhitsel@rcn.com).

### *Annual Holiday Tea*

Thank you to Pat Graunke, Anita Moore and Missy Meegan for planning and coordinating the annual AAUW holiday tea at Russian Tea Time Restaurant. It was attended by 15 members and guests. Attendees commented on the great location, hot tea, and delicious food. It was a festive afternoon. Thank you Pat, Anita, and Missy!

### **Fundraising Opportunity for Chicago Branch**

It is almost tax time. If you have your income taxes done by H&R Block this year, *the Chicago Branch will receive \$25- per new client.* To find the nearest H&R Block location, go to [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com). Just give the attached/enclosed referral form to your tax professional. Any questions, ask Lori Switzer [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com)

### **AAUW-IL Ruth Sweetser Honorarium Fund**

The AAUW-IL State Board has established an honorarium in Ruth Sweetser's name entitled **AAUW Illinois Ruth Sweetser Honorarium Fund** as a tribute to Ruth's impressive service to AAUW. All donations will go toward the 2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington DC. To donate to Ruth's honorarium, please mail your check to Kathleen Brenniman 428 W Ethel, Lombard IL 60148 Checks should be written to **LTI** and **Fund #4340** must be written in the memo line on the check. Deadline is April 1, 2010.

## ***AAUW News from Washington D.C.***

### ***AAUW Research Report Coming Soon!***

AAUW will complete a new research report on women and girls in math, science, technology, and engineering in time for presentation at state conventions. The report and presentation materials will be available in March 2010. Limited funds are available from our National Science Foundation grant to send staff and reports to state conventions or other AAUW events. Please contact [Christi Corbett](#) for more information.

### ***End-of-Year Philanthropy***

Many generous members remember AAUW as one of their philanthropic priorities near the end of the year. If you are considering a tax-deductible donation to your favorite AAUW program, please [donate online](#) or contact us at 202/785-7766 or [development@aauw.org](mailto:development@aauw.org). Thank you for your support!

### ***Nominating Committee Members Needed***

Applications are now being accepted for members of the AAUW Nominating Committee, who will develop a slate of candidates to serve on the AAUW Board of Directors for the 2011–13 term. The application notice is posted on the [AAUW website](#), along with a description of the qualifications for appointment and an application form. Nominating Committee members will be announced by January 31, 2010.

### ***AAUW 2010 Art Contest***

Attention AAUW artists! Last year more than 200 members participated in our art contest, and the winning entries were featured on the spring AAUW note cards. Starting on January 8, you can submit your art and photography for this year's contest. Winning entries will be featured in a calendar that will be sent to members this summer and on new note cards available at ShopAAUW. Visit the [AAUW website](#) for more details

### ***Join the Dialog***

Have you visited AAUW Dialog lately? If not, you missed a [series of blog posts](#) on The Shriver Report — A Woman's Nation Changes Everything. AAUW members [Kathy Braeman](#), [Elizabeth Kristen](#), [Marcy Leverenz](#), and former LAF plaintiff [Linda Brodsky](#), M.D., who recently became a regular contributor, joined the dialog with guest blog posts. Our audience continues to grow, but we are still missing your voice in the conversation. Visit [AAUW Dialog](#) online or [subscribe](#) to have new blog posts e-mailed directly to you.

### ***College/University Partnerships Webinar***

AAUW will host a college/university webinar on January 25, 2010, at 1 p.m. EST for college/university representatives and at 6 p.m. EST for AAUW member leaders. The webinar will provide an overview of [AAUW's college/university partner member program](#) as well as highlight the wide array of benefits available to students.

[E-mail](#) AAUW to RSVP and receive webinar instructions. You can also [visit our blog](#) to read about AAUW's first annual college/university luncheon, which took place at the AAUW national office in November.

### ***New Items at ShopAAUW***

Check out the newest "must have" items for your branch on the [new arrivals](#) page at ShopAAUW. While you're there, visit the [branch creations](#) page, which features items supplied by our branches that contribute to their fundraising efforts. [Branch necessities](#), [AAUW-branded wear](#), [great speaker gifts](#) — it's all here!

### ***Resources on Title IX Compliance in High School Athletics***

LAF's new program [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score](#) makes a great branch activity or a group project for AAUW members and their friends. If you missed the October webinar about the new [Program in a Box](#), you can [download it](#) from the AAUW website and view it at any time or share it at a branch meeting. Contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) if you have questions, plan to use the Program in a Box, or would like to have a workshop on this topic at your 2010 state convention.

### ***Close the Wage Gap with \$tart \$mart***

[\\$tart \\$mart Salary Negotiation Workshops](#) empower women college students to negotiate fair and equitable salaries after graduation. More than 200 facilitators, mostly AAUW members, were trained this summer to spread this workshop nationwide. Keep the momentum going and be trained as a facilitator and/or promote \$tart \$mart workshops by filling out an [online registration form](#). Questions? E-mail [leadership@aauw.org](mailto:leadership@aauw.org).

### ***AAUW Campus-Based Programs***

During the current academic year, [10 college student leaders](#) are serving on AAUW's national [Student Advisory Council](#), advising AAUW on issues of importance to students and helping lead the [2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#). This spring, [10 campuses](#) will host [Campaign College](#), the only program in the country that trains women to run for student government. A record 12 campuses will use [Campus Action Project](#) grants to [hold initiatives](#) focused on breaking through the barriers girls and women face in entering and staying in [science, math, and technology fields](#). Special thanks goes to the [Mary Ann Ahrens – Iowa Giving Circle](#) for providing substantial support for the 2008–09 and 2009–10 Campus Action Projects. You can [donate](#) to the giving circle [online](#).

### ***Members Active in Passage of National Women's History Museum Act***

AAUW [Action Network](#) members were vocal in their support of the National Women's History Museum Act of 2009 ([H.R. 1700](#)), which passed the House of Representatives on October 14. The bill would permit the [National Women's History Museum](#) to purchase land near the National Mall for a museum in appreciation of women's many accomplishments and contributions to our nation. AAUW is a strong supporter of H.R. 1700 and a proud member of the [NWHM Coalition](#).

### ***Policy Recommendations Provided for A Woman's Nation Report***

AAUW took the lead in releasing [policy recommendations](#) for [The Shriver Report — A Woman's Nation Changes Everything](#). The report, from Maria Shriver and the Center for American Progress, was co-edited by a former AAUW fellow and senior economist for the center, Heather Boushey. Read AAUW's recommendations on topics including pay equity, work-life balance, and education, and use our [Program in a Box](#) to see how you can turn the recommendations into action with your branch or community.

### ***Holiday Book Discounts***

Barnes&Noble.com is offering AAUW members special holiday book discounts! From now until December 31, you will receive a minimum of 10 percent off on all books, with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more (see site for details). Just go to [www.bn.com/aauw](http://www.bn.com/aauw) to get your discounts! Discounts are applied at checkout.

**CHICAGO ILLINOIS BRANCH, INC.  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

**2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET  
(Based on 75 Branch members=\$22.00/Member =\$1,650.00**

<b>LINE ITEM</b>	<b>July 09 OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>PROPOSED ALLOCATION</b>	<b>NEW BALANCE</b>
1. Postage/Xerox Mailing **	\$101.30	\$ 48.10	\$150.00
2. Membership-Directory	60.61	339.39	400.00
3. Newsletter/E-Newsletter: Printing, Postage, fees **	73.24	326.81	400.00
4. Program Fund: Speakers**	542.10	-42.10	500.00
5. Program: Meeting Expenses/Food**	523.67	76.33	600.00
6. Annual Recap	-16.07	66.07	50.00
7. Public Information/ Communication/PR/Website	75.00	25.00	100.00
8. Community Service: GEMS	200.00	0	200.00
9. Funding Raising Expenses	22.45	125.55	150.00
10. Public Policy	100.00	100.00	200.00
11. Book Club	25.00	0	25.00
12. College/University Relations	25.00	0	25.00
13. Educational Foundation	0	50.00	50.00
12. Legal Advocacy Fund	0	50.00	50.00
13. Gender Equity Fund	0	0	0
14. Awards	26.26	23.72	50.00
15. Swan Day Movies	0	50.00	50.00
16. Hyde Park Swans	0	25.00	25.00
17. Sunshine Fund	5.00	45.00	50.00
18. President's Fund	102.50	47.50	150.00
19. Treasurer's Funds	-34.88	84.88	50.00
20. Secretary's Fund	25.00	0	25.00
21. Insurance fund	140.00	10.00	150.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1997.18</b>	<b>1124.44</b>	<b>3470.00</b>
23. Dues- Association **	2250.00		3185.00
24. Dues – State **	750.00		750.00
25. Dues – Branch **	3075.00		1650.00

\*\* Approximate total  
Dec. 2009

# ***NOMINATIONS***

**Chicago, IL Inc. Branch 2010-2012**

**Deadline: February 15<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Please print. All of the offices are for a two year term. More than one person can hold an office (co-leaders). Thank you.**

**President:**

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**Membership Vice President:**

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**Treasurer:**

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**Director at Large:**

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**Nominated by:**

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**Send to Committee Chair: Karen Antine**

**Or email [antine44@comcast.net](mailto:antine44@comcast.net)**

**Thank you!!**

**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.*

*The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.*

*AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

### **Important Dates**

April 30 – May 1, 2010 AAUW-IL State Convention, Lisle, IL Hyatt Lisle  
June 16-19, 2011 AAUW National Convention, Washington D.C., Renaissance Hotel  
AAUW National website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
AAUW-IL website: [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org)  
Chicago branch website: [www.aauw-il.org/chicago](http://www.aauw-il.org/chicago)  
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*Address correction requested*

*Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 120<sup>th</sup> year.*

