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CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER MEETING



What: Meet the Fellows luncheon

When: Saturday, November 12th

Time: 11:30 am

Where: The Parthenon Restaurant
314 S. Halsted St. Greek Town

Cost: \$25- for lunch

Lunch includes Greek Salad, choice of Athenian Chicken, Braised Lamb or Combination Vegetarian Plate, and Galaktobourekos (a custard pie) soft drinks, coffee

\$5- from your lunch will go to AAUW Funds.

Parking: Free Valet parking at the restaurant

RSVP: To Barbara Thomas 312-587-9087
or thomcla@aol.com by Wed. Nov. 9th

The AAUW Opportunities 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. 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, AAUW funds is providing more than \$3.7 million in 2011–12 in support of 240 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women in the United States and around the globe.

Building on its rich tradition of opening the doors of higher education and opportunity to women, AAUW has provided more than \$80 million to 11,000 fellows and grantees from more than 130 countries around the globe since awarding its first fellowship in 1888. Due to the longstanding, 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.

*****Remember your can goods for our can food drive at this meeting*****

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

October 29, 2011	AAUW-IL Fall State Conference – Stronghold Castle, Stronghold, IL
November 12, 2011	Educational Opportunites Fellows meeting – Partheon Restaurant 11:30am
December 3, 2011	Holiday Tea – Russian Tea Time
January 14, 2012	Three Illinois Women during the Civil War
February 11, 2012	Women in Trades Panel – DePaul University
March 8, 2012	International Women’s Day – Union League Club
March 31, 2012	International SWAN Day



President’s Message

The presentation by RVA (Rape Victim Advocates) at our October Branch meeting was an interesting and informative discussion on the components of the rape culture and gender definitions in our country and how we have to change the way we think about and react to sexual violence. This is a topic that has several aspects and the presentation helped us understand a lot of them. Thanks to RVA. Thanks also to Terry Steinbach for making the room available for the meeting.

Fund raising is part of many organizations, but raising money is often an abstract endeavor since members rarely get to actually meet the recipients of the money raised. AAUW's main fund raising efforts are for what is now known as AAUW Funds. Once every year, our Branch gets to meet several of the year's recipients of AAUW Funds fellowships and grants to hear about the studies and lives of the women. Their stories are always interesting and often inspiring. We hope you will join us on November 12th to meet three of this year's recipients.

December is a busy month so there won't be a Branch meeting, but that doesn't mean there won't be AAUW activities. Many members will join together for a traditional Holiday Tea on December 3rd as well as a Jane Addams Celebration on December 10th.

As the year draws to an end, I'd like to wish you a happy Thanksgiving, a happy Holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year.

*Barbara
Branch President*



Thank You

Thank you Arlene Alpert for inviting the speaker, Carrie Wachter, for the October meeting from RVA(Rape Victims Advocates). Also a big thank you to Terry Steinbach for hosting us in her classroom at DePaul University. Thank you to Barbara Spiegel for bringing the treats. It was a thought-provoking topic and those in attendance had a good discussion.

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

Looking Ahead to January

The Chicago branch will meet on January 14, 2012 for our branch meeting. We welcome historian Betty Carlson Kay for her presentation “Three Illinois Women in the Civil War.” Location – TBD. Time 10:00am



WITASWAN Movie Club

Come join the WITASWAN Movie Club on Sunday, **November 6th**. Movie will be chosen the week before and details emailed out. The movie group will meet at an area movie theatre.

December – no meeting due to holidays

January 8th – next movie date

Please contact Megan Moser at meganmoser@hotmail.com for more information or to give a movie suggestion. Please RSVP by Saturday, November 5th. Please bring a friend!



Book Club Please feel free to join the Book Club at anytime.

Oct. 24 *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

Nov. 28 *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

Jan. 23 *In the Garden of the Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson

Join members for dinner before the book club meeting. A restaurant will be chosen and announced before the next meeting. Questions? Contact Barbara Spiegel spiegelba@gmail.com
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.



Community Service – Wed. Oct. 26th

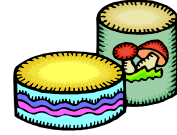
Marah's House Breast Cancer Awareness Event. Please join us as we host a dessert social for the residents of Marah's House, part of Deborah's Place, located at 1456 W. Oakdale at 6:00pm. Please bring friends, spouses, older children to help with the dessert social. We also need members to volunteer to bring fruit and treats. Please RSVP to Pamela Sanner by Monday, Oct. 24th at kandip@aol.com or 773-660-1902.

At Marah's House, they provide a permanent home to 30 women with disabilities. Women enjoy the comfort of private bedrooms, while participating in communal meals and upkeep of the program. Women set individual goals, work with case management, and use the on-site learning center as they prepare to meet their employment and educational goals.

Deborah's Place is Chicago's largest provider of supportive housing exclusively for women and is recognized as an innovative leader among homeless service providers locally and nationally. Since its founding in 1985, they have worked collaboratively with participants, offered a range of high quality services and tried new approaches – putting Deborah's Place at the forefront of agencies making a difference to those in need in Chicago. For more information on Deborah's Place, go to <http://www.deborahsplace.org/home/>.

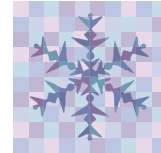
AAUW-IL Fall Conference – Oct. 29th

"Fall into AAUW" The Fall AAUW-IL conference will be held at on **Saturday, October 29th**, at the Stronghold Castle, Oregon, IL. www.strongholdcenter.org All members are invited. Oregon, IL is about 80 miles west of Chicago. Members will be carpooling. If you would like to drive out on Friday, Friday evening will feature a "night at the movies" with discussion led by Jan Lisa Huttner. Saturday includes sessions on getting women to run for office, using social media to promote your branch, as well as state district meetings. More details from the state and registration forms will be available at www.aauw-il.org. Be on the look out for your fall issue of the Illinois Link for all the details. Registration extended to Oct. 18th.



AAUW Chicago Winter Community Can Food Drive- Nov. 12th

We are having a can food drive to support Care For Real. Please bring your donations to the November 12th branch meeting or the Nov. 28th book club. We will then donate the food items on behalf of the Chicago branch of AAUW. The pantry helps neighbors in the Edgewater community by providing food, clothing and counseling services to those in need. They do this through on-site food distribution, deliveries to the homebound, a free clothes closet and a case-management program to help clients connect with other services they may need. On average, CFR distributes almost 60,000 pounds of food each month. www.careforreal.org
I am looking for someone to deliver the donated food in November. Any volunteers? Please let me know. -Lori Switzer chicagoaauw@hotmail.com



Join us for Holiday Tea

When: **Saturday, December 3, 2011**

Where: Russian Tea Time Restaurant, 77 E. Adams St, Chicago

Time: 2:00pm

Cost: \$36 – for Full Tea Service (includes taxes and gratuities)

To RSVP, please mail your check made out to “AAUW” and name, address, email, and phone to: Megan Moser, 4641 N. Paulina Street, Apt 410, Chicago, IL 60640

For more information or to RSVP, contact Megan meganmoser@hotmail.com or 773-784-2754,



Save the Date – Jane Addams Day Celebration – Sat. Dec. 10th

What: Chicago's 5th Annual Jane Addams Day Celebration

Where: Chicago Temple (Dixon Chapel on 2nd Floor)
77 W. Washington, Chicago (across from Daley Plaza)

When: Sat, 12/10/11 (10 AM -- Noon)

Cost: \$10 per person (continental breakfast)

Who: Space is limited & preference will be given to AAUW & IWPA members (& members of other groups Jane Addams belonged to personally)

For more details, contact Jan Lisa Huttner jan_huttner@msn.com or 312-663-5832

On Saturday, September 24, the Chicago Park district held a rededication for the Jane Addams “Helping Hands” memorial sculpture. The group of sculptures by artist Louise Bourgeois in honor of the Nobel Peace Prize winner and AAUW Chicago branch member, was installed in their new home at the Women's Park & Gardens at 18th and Indiana, adjacent to the oldest house in Chicago, the Clarke House Museum. Jan Lisa Huttner was in attendance as “Jane Addams” herself. For more details on the rededication, go to <http://www.thehotpinkpen.com/?p=1993>

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Oct. 15, we have **71** members – **9** of which are new to the branch! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check... Please send it to Membership VP Melissa Meegan, 8824 Clearview Dr., Orland Park, IL 60462 or melmeega@yahoo.com. It is not too late to send in your renewal and receive a directory and take advantage of all the Chicago, Inc. branch has to offer.

WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch members! These women recently joined the branch. We are so excited to have each of them as members and look forward to meeting everyone at our first meeting in September!

Name	Email Address
Rose Williamson	rs_wllmsn@yahoo.com
Yvonne Williamson	
Donna Zimmerman	donnamz@sbcglobal.net

Membership News

Missy Meegan - Membership Vice President

Membership interview with Megan Moser, branch program VP

My mom gave me a membership after I graduated college. (Give a grad) My mom has been a member since 1979 so I always knew what AAUW was. I do remember after graduating 4th grade and having 5 years of schooling under my belt if I could join AAUW but she said I would have to wait.

When I moved back home, I attended my Mom's branch in Crystal Lake for about a year. At the 04 state convention, my mom and I attended and I met Barb Spiegel. Barb invited me to come to the book group in the city since I lived there. Once involved in the book group, I started attending the monthly meetings and was asked to be Secretary. Then I was asked to be the host of a monthly movie group focusing on women directors, writers, or actresses. It can be a struggle to find a movie written, directed or heavily acted by women. It just goes to show that women's rights are always important and should be at the forefront of entertainment, education, politics and any other platform women wish to enter. I have followed up with the board position of VP programming this year. I have been a member of AAUW for 11 years.

Being an AAUW member means being apart of a history. AAUW is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country. I like being in the know about women's rights and strides we are making in the fight for equality. Plus, the friendship and rapport are fantastic!

My favorite event is the book group. I have read a lot of books I normally wouldn't read. (My favorite books are mysteries.) I read The Lovely Bones, Loving Frank, The Help, etc. There is nothing better than reading a new book!

New 2011-2012 Branch Directory

The new 2010-2011 Chicago Branch directory is in the mail. Thank you to Missy Meegan and Lori Switzer for updating and getting the directory printed and mailed out. Thank you to Megan Moser for helping with the address labels.

AAUW - CHICAGO, ILLIOIS BRANCH, INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DATE: October 1, 2011

BRANCH CHECKING ACCOUNT

A.	<u>09-01-11</u> Beginning Balance	\$1,804.77
B.	Deposits	712.00
C.	Checks Written/Posted	640.74
D.	<u>09-30-11</u> Balance	\$1,876.03



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

Legal Advocacy Fund Update

LAF works to combat sex discrimination through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports. In collaboration with the Public Policy and Government Relations department, LAF seeks amicus curiae opportunities in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace. LAF is also transitioning toward supporting landmark sex discrimination cases that have the potential to make a difference for all women.

Board Votes to Disburse \$33,000 to Ongoing Cases

In late September, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute funds to seven ongoing LAF cases based on their current needs.

- ☐ *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, Virginia, \$3,000
- ☐ *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*, \$6,000
- ☐ *Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College*, California, \$3,000
- ☐ *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California*, \$6,000
- ☐ *Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth*, \$6,000
- ☐ *Thein v. Feather River Community College*, California, \$3,000
- ☐ *Wartluft v. Feather River Community College*, California, \$3,000

LAF Informational Conference Call

On September 29, 2011, more than 50 AAUW members participated in a conference call led by LAF staff to learn about LAF updates and program information. If you missed the call, a transcript is available. E-mail laf@aauw.org.

Crossing the Line Report Update

The new report on sexual harassment in grades 7–12 is still scheduled for release in mid-November. AAUW members will receive more information about the release closer to the date.

October 15 Summit on Workplace Sexual Harassment

AAUW was a co-sponsor of "Anita Hill 20 Years Later: Sex, Power, and Speaking Truth," a daylong summit and evening performance on workplace sexual harassment held on October 15, at Hunter College in New York City. AAUW co-hosted a lunchtime discussion about sexual harassment in schools and on the streets. If you missed the conference, you can view it on C-Span's website.

Football Star and Homecoming Queen: Good Work, Title IX

Brianna Amat, a senior at Pinckney Community High School in Michigan, made national headlines when she scored the winning field goal in the homecoming football game and was crowned homecoming queen the same day. A soccer player since age three, she became the first girl to ever make the school's varsity football team. Were it not for Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Amat would not have had the opportunity to try out for the team.

Despite the benefits of sports participation, the talents of many girls, and the legal requirements of Title IX, some high schools do not offer equitable opportunities for girls and boys. This year, you can use LAF's Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box to investigate your local high school athletics programs for Title IX compliance. The details provided in the program make the project easy to implement and effective for your community.

Reminders

Apply for Funds to Hold a Campus Program

AAUW members may apply for up to \$750 to help hold a campus event on a sex discrimination topic. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For event ideas, review the LAF Campus Outreach Program in a Box.

Also watch your mailbox for an invitation to participate in a No-Dinner Dinner to raise funds for the Legal Advocacy Fund. It is an easy way to participate in fundraising without dressing up for a big event. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to LAF to help balance the scales of justice for women.** Mail checks to AAUW-LAF to Lori Switzer, 2746 W Morse Ave, Chicago, IL 60645. Donations are tax-deductible.

AAUW NEWS AND EVENTS

AAUW Attends White House STEM Event

AAUW President Carolyn Garfein and Executive Director Linda D. Hallman visited the White House in September for the announcement of a new [National Science Foundation initiative](#) to promote workplace flexibility in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. AAUW was recognized for our contributions to research and grassroots advocacy in promoting women's increased participation in STEM.

Coming Soon — New AAUW Research Report

AAUW's new research report, [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School](#), will be released in November. Based on findings from a national survey conducted this spring, the report presents the most comprehensive research to date on sexual harassment in grades 7–12 and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative effects it has on students' education.

AAUW Celebrates 130 Years on November 28

November is National AAUW Month! In honor of our anniversary, we invite all branches to host a [Cocktails and Convos](#) happy hour event on Tuesday, November 8 — approximately one year before the 2012 presidential elections. The focus of the evening will be the AAUW Action Fund's new [My Vote campaign](#) and registering young women to vote.

Cocktails and Convos Teleconference

[RSVP now](#) to join a teleconference on Tuesday, October 25, at 8 p.m. EDT and learn how to put together a fabulous [Cocktails and Convos happy hour](#) to celebrate National AAUW Month! The nationwide event will take place on November 8. Don't miss this chance to introduce your branch and the new My Vote campaign to your community.

AAUW Celebrates Four Women in Seneca Falls

AAUW was proud to sponsor the recent induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame of four special women who have played roles in our history: pay equity advocate Lilly Ledbetter, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), national member Helen Murray Free, and AAUW awardee Donna Shalala. [Learn more on AAUW Dialog!](#)

Board Votes to Disburse \$33,000 to Ongoing LAF Cases

In late September, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute a total of \$33,000 to seven ongoing AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund cases based on their current needs. Read the details of the cases on the [AAUW website](#).

AAUW Works for Working Mothers

AAUW staff members are attending [Working Mother Media's Work Life Congress](#) in New York City, October 18–20. At the event, experts from the [100 Best Companies](#) will share best practices for employers. AAUW will be focusing attention on the work we do for American women through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Lisa Maatz Honored by Women's Chamber of Commerce

At its 10th anniversary event, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce honored AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Director Lisa Maatz. She received the prestigious Trailblazer award in recognition of her work on behalf of women and girls. Read the [full list of awardees](#).

AAUW in the News

AAUW Senior Researcher Christianne Corbett was quoted in a [Washington Post](#) column focused on the gender imbalance in STEM fields. Corbett argued that bolstering women's representation in those fields can boost our country's economy and competitiveness.

AAUW ON CAMPUS

Elect Her—Campus Women Win Sites Announced!

AAUW and [Running Start](#) will be training college women to run for student government at [30 campuses in 2012!](#) The five-hour Elect Her trainings provide students with research and information about women and politics, inspiring local speakers, and interactive campaign exercises. [Learn more](#) and ["like" Elect Her](#) on Facebook.

2011–12 National Student Advisory Council Announced

AAUW has selected 10 exceptional college women to serve on the 2011–12 National Student Advisory Council. The students are engaged with AAUW throughout the year as ambassadors on their campuses and in their communities. Read more about the [new SAC members](#) and learn about [the program](#) online.

Plan Ahead for NCCWSL!

The 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders [website](#) has launched! Share the [conference flyer](#) and learn how to support student leaders with the [NCCWSL Program in a Box](#). If you are a student, find out how to obtain [funding to attend](#). And ["like" NCCWSL](#) on Facebook to stay in the know!

MEMBER NEWS AND RESOURCES

AAUW Earns Four-Star Rating!

AAUW has [received a four-star rating](#) from independent charity evaluator Charity Navigator. This rating is the highest the organization bestows on nonprofits.

AAUW Nominating Committee — Call for Candidates

AAUW is accepting applications for the AAUW Nominating Committee, which is responsible for evaluating and selecting a highly qualified slate of candidates for elected and appointed positions on the 2013–15 AAUW Board of Directors. Learn more and [download the application](#) online. The deadline is November 15.

How to Market Your Branch Kit Coming Soon

Keep an eye out this fall for this inaugural supplement to your [Annual Starter Kit](#), which branch and state membership vice presidents received in late summer. Use these new tools to find out how to market your branch to your local community and media outlets.

AAUW Collaborates with *Miss Representation* for Branch Fundraiser

Miss Representation, a film focusing on how the media portrays girls and women as sexual objects, was screened at the AAUW National Convention in June. Showings can now be used as branch fundraisers, and details can be found in the [Program in a Box](#). Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to reach out to your community with this [powerful film](#).

Look Out for the Fall *Outlook Magazine*

The Fall issue of [AAUW's magazine](#) is on its way to your mailbox. Read about women's retirement issues, our fight for the National Women's History Museum, and our rediscovery of our very first research report from 1885. And see if you recognize our cover girl — she might look familiar to those of you from AAUW of New York!

AAUW Blog Readership Keeps Growing

Readership on [AAUW Dialog](#) continued its record-breaking year in September and is poised to do it again in October. Don't miss the engaging discussions and varied perspectives from AAUW members, staff, interns, and guests by [subscribing today](#) or leaving your own comments. Please tell your friends, too!

Where in the World Are the Membership Resources?

The AAUW Membership Committee and staff are proud to present the [AAUW Membership Online Resources and Tools Webinar](#). All leaders should watch this online presentation to learn where to find all the membership resources on the AAUW website.

130th Anniversary Membership Campaign

In November, AAUW will celebrate our 130th Anniversary with our first-ever [National AAUW Month](#). Branches are encouraged to hold [recruitment events](#) and use the [Shape the Future campaign](#) and special \$18.81 anniversary rate for graduate students and \$130 rate for new AAUW college/university partner members. Let's celebrate 130 years of commitment to women and girls!

Membership Campaign Winners, Redeem Your Prizes!

Congratulations to our 130th Anniversary [individual and branch winners](#) thus far! These members and branches have risen to the [recruitment challenge](#). If you have not yet redeemed your free memberships to use in recruiting a new member, please contact us for the form to do so before November 30.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fellowships and Grants Deadlines Approaching

Applications are currently being accepted for AAUW's fellowship and grant programs. [Deadlines and eligibility requirements](#) are posted on our website. It's not too late to get the word out! The deadlines run from November 15 to January 15. Need 2012–13 recruitment brochures and bookmarks? [Visit ShopAAUW](#) and order yours today.

Is Your Branch Going Global?

October is U.N. Month, but AAUW activities that bring attention to the issues affecting women and girls globally take place every month around the country. Share your event or activity by e-mailing jal@aauw.org. Your program could be featured on the [international corner](#) of our website!

Fellows and Grantees Gather at AAUW Luncheon

This month, AAUW hosted a luncheon for current and past fellowship and grant recipients and current panelists. Attendees connected with other fellows and grantees, met staff, and heard about AAUW initiatives. Staff members gave a presentation on the importance of sponsors, telling the stories of the remarkable women who have funded AAUW fellowships.

AAUW MEMBER BENEFITS

Special IRA Tax Benefits End December 31

Enjoy special tax incentives that are good only until the end of the year. Those ages 70 and a half and over can make tax-free gifts to AAUW directly from their IRAs. Help AAUW and eliminate your minimum required distribution for 2011. Hurry, gifts must be completed by December 31. For more information, contact [Carol Rognrud](#) at 202/728-7627.

Whale Watch from Your Private Balcony!

AAUW members qualify for Gohagan Travel's better than two-for-one, early-bird discount to cruise Alaska on the all-suite (many with private veranda) Silver Shadow! The discount includes airfare from 23 major cities, a \$500 shipboard credit, personal butler service, and some of the most beautiful scenery on earth! [Learn more](#).

AAUW's 130th Anniversary Grad Student Rate

AAUW is offering a special 130th Anniversary introductory rate for graduate students (masters or PhD candidates). Students in graduate school can join our branch for only \$50-! (This promotion is only available to new members and runs until November 30, 2011. We are also working on starting a Chicago Area Graduate Student AAUW branch. Please contact Debra Trude-Suter debra.trudesuter@nl.edu if you are interested in helping with this group or joining if you are a graduate student.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
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BOOK CLUB
2010-2011 Reading List

- August 29 *The Lost Summer of Louisa May Alcott* by Kelly O'Connor McNess
- September 26 *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers
- October 24 *The Paris Wife: A Novel* by Paula McLain
- November 28 *Freak The Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- January 23 *In the Garden of the Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson
- February 27 *Same Kind of Different as Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent
- March 26 *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America* by Linda Hunt
- April 23 *People of the Book: A Novel* by Geraldine Brooks
- May 21 *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff
- June 25 *Mennonite in A Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home* by Rhoda Janzen
- July 23 *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand: A Novel* by Helen Simonson
- August 27 *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West* by Dorothy Wickenden

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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

October 29, 2011 AAUW-IL Fall State-Wide Conference, Stronghold Castle, Oregon, IL
April 27-28, 2012 AAUW-IL State Convention Holiday Inn, Itasca IL (near Woodfield Mall)
June 9-12, 2013 AAUW National Convention Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA

AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

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

Chicago branch website: www.aauw-il.org/chicago

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

Join the Chicago branch on Facebook:

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



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 122nd year!