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CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER MEETING



What: AAUW Meet and Greet

When: Saturday, September 10th

Time: 10:30am- 12:30pm

Where: Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State (between Van Buren St. and Congress Parkway) 8th floor

Directions in Library: Take the escalator to the 3rd floor of Library. Pass security checkpoint, walk straight to bank of elevators. Take elevator to 8th floor and give the name AAUW to librarian at Reference Desk.

<http://www.chipublib.org/branch/details/library/harold-washington/>

Cost: free. Members may eat lunch after meeting in area.

Parking: Street parking, meters, area pay lots, or public transportation

RSVP: To Barbara Spiegel by Sept. 8th
spiegelba@gmail.com or 773-973-3024

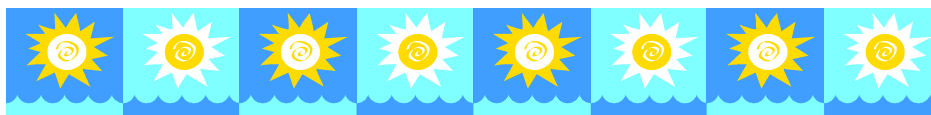
In this first meeting of the 2011-2012 AAUW year, we're making a special effort to renew old AAUW friendships and create new ones. We're having a Meet and Greet Social. We will start with an ice-breaker to get re-acquainted (and newly acquainted) and socialize as we peruse our Branch activities fair. We will also have introductions of board members, recap of the National Convention in Washington DC, and preview of the AAUW events planned for the coming year. Also special prizes will be given to members who bring guests.

Please bring a friend to our 2011-2012 kick-off meeting.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

September 17, 2011
October 15, 2011
October 29, 2011
November 12, 2011
December 3, 2011

Jane Addams Birthday Celebration – Cedarville, IL
Rape Victims Advocates, DePaul University (note date change)
AAUW-IL Fall State Conference – Stronghold Castle, Stronghold, IL
Educational Opportunities Fellows meeting – Partheon Restaurant 11:30am
Holiday Tea – Drake Hotel



President's Message

Welcome back to AAUW. The summer flew by - sometimes literally because of the storms. I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe summer

Megan Moser and the Planning Committee are at work to bring you a great 2011-2012 year, with interesting and enjoyable programs. Among the programs will be presentations on Women in Non-Traditional Professions, women in the Civil War, the Triangle Fire, women in today's Rwanda, and our always popular Education Funds Fellows meeting. To begin the AAUW year, we invite you to the Branch's opening event on September 10th. Join us for a sociable morning where you'll learn more about your fellow members and AAUW itself.

The State's Districts 4/5 Fall Conference will be October 29th at Stronghold in Oregon, Illinois. This is a short drive from Chicago. Let me know if you would like to attend -- if the Branch has several attendees, we will organize carpools. Look for more information on the Conference from the State and in the Chicago Edition.

Lastly is the sad news of the passing on July 30th of long-time member Tina Johnson. AAUW extends our condolences to her family.

*Barbara
Branch President*



Thank You

A big **thank you** to Arlene Alpert for hosting our summer program planning meetings in June and July for the branch. Also thank you to all the board members and branch members that had suggestions and are helping to plan events for our 2011-2012 year. It will be another great year!



Condolences

The Board is sorry to announce the passing of long-time Branch member Tina Johnson on July 30th, after a battle with cancer. A donation will be made in her name to AAUW Funds.

Tina had been an active member since 1987. She held several positions on the Board and was a lively participant in the Book Club, over the years suggesting several of the books we read. As an amateur photographer, Tina recorded the meetings and events of the Branch, creating a history to pass on. She will be missed.

We extend our condolences to Tina's daughter, son-in-law and grandson. Cards can be sent to her daughter – Lisa Johnson, 6941 North Ozark Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631.



Ethnic Dining

Do you like trying different types of restaurants and foods in the city? At this time, the Chicago Inc. branch is looking for a leader/chair for the ethnic dining group. Please contact Barbara Spiegel if you are interested in planning a restaurant outing for the group. Spiegelba@gmail.com.



WITASWAN Movie Club

Come join the WITASWAN Movie Club on Sunday, **August 14th**. Movie will be chosen the week before and details emailed out. The movie group will meet at an area movie theatre.

September – no meeting due to Labor Day holiday

October 2nd

November 6th

December – no meeting due to holidays

Please contact Megan Moser at meganmoser@hotmail.com for more information or to give a movie suggestion. Please RSVP by Saturday, August 13th. Please bring a friend!



Jane Addams Celebration

September 17th 10:00am – 2:00pm

It's a birthday party for Jane Addams! Come to where it all began - the birthplace of Jane Addams – Cedarville Historical Museum 450 West 2nd St., Cedarville, IL. Cost: \$20-

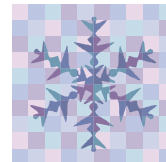
Tour the Cedarville Historical Museum, chat with the local historian, enjoy an informal lunch (with cake!), lay a wreath at her burial site, and see the grounds of her homestead. This event is sponsored by AAUW-IL. More details on <http://www.aauw-il.org/jane.html> and in the Illinois Fall Link.

Looking Ahead to October

The Chicago branch will meet on October 15th for our branch meeting. Please note this is the third Saturday due to the Yom Kippur holiday. We will be meeting at DePaul University, College of Computing and Digital Media 243 S. Wabash Ave (NE corner of Jackson and Wabash) www.depaul.edu

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 coming 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.



Save the Date - Holiday Tea

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

Where: Drake Hotel, 140 East Walton, Chicago, IL 60611 <http://www.thedrakehotel.com/>
Details to come.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Megan Moser meganmoser@hotmail.com

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of August 1st, we have **48** members – **4** 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 and be in this year's Membership Directory. All application forms and checks received by **September 15th** will appear in the Directory. Please send it to Membership VP Melissa Meegan, 8824 Clearview Dr., Orland Park, IL 60462 or melmeega@yahoo.com.

WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch members! These women joined the branch during the summer membership drive. 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
Debra Trude-Suter	trudesuter@yahoo.com
Kara Lenhardt	kara.lenhardt@nl.edu
Jeanne Hartig	Jeanne.hartig@gmail.com
Katherine Christoffel	kathychristoffel@gmail.com

Membership News

Missy Meegan - Membership Vice President

As we begin the 2011-2012 membership year, I reflect on how I became an AAUW Chicago Branch member. Back in 2006, I was a 25-year old graduate student of Women's and Gender Studies at Roosevelt University. I served as President of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance and was contacted by AAUW Chicago to co-sponsor an event on Oct. 16, 2006. Upon learning the event was an evening at the Fine Arts Center with Sarah Chayes, author of [The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan after the Taliban](#) I was eager to be involved and co-sponsor!

The evening of the event, I along with several other members of the Feminist Majority, saw women of all ages engaged in conversations with each other and with Sarah regarding the plight of women in Afghanistan. I was glad to be involved in such an event and raise awareness of the real problems women (and men!) are facing under regime change. Many AAUW members approached us and warmly thanked us for cosponsoring and engaging younger women. I left that evening feeling greatly appreciated. The Feminist Majority was active on campus, and this was our first event cosponsoring with an outside group. We felt like we were part of something bigger, because we were.

I will be honest; I did not get involved with AAUW right after this event. I was a busy graduate student. I was active on campus, taking a full-time course load, writing my thesis, and working a part-time job. My plate was more than full. As the months went by I realized that my days being surrounded by women who were committed to achieving equality for women and girls were numbered. The world was not like my colleagues in the Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Program or committed feminists like the members of the Feminist Majority. It was time for me to branch out!

I remembered my great experience with AAUW and contacted Lori Switzer to join in March of 2007. I was on a budget and very excited to pay the half-year dues and get involved. I am proud to be an AAUW member and be around women who are so committed to achieving equality for women and girls through advocacy, research, and education.

AAUW Chicago means to me that I have the opportunity to put my education and my passion for advancing women into practice at every meeting and event. The price of \$81- a year seems small when I think of how I remain a part of the bigger picture of advancing equality. This year I am going to feature a different branch member every month in the *Chicago Edition* to show what AAUW Chicago means to them so we can stay focused on how our branch truly impacts lives.

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.



Give a Grad a free AAUW membership

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a friend, daughter/son, granddaughter/grandson, or niece/nephew—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or them!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education.

Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Best of all, she will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or her! So send no money! Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

Complete the online membership application now at www.aauw.org

Your grad will receive a one-year national membership—a \$49 value.

Special \$130 Anniversary Rate for College/University Partners

AAUW is celebrating our 130th Anniversary with a special rate of \$130 for new C/U partner members. Visit the online directory to see if your local school or alma mater is a member. If not, use these tips to encourage schools in your community to join and give their students priority for AAUW's many opportunities. <http://www.aauw.org/about/join/colleges/index.cfm>



Chicago branch receives multiple AAUW-IL Awards in Peoria

The Chicago, Inc. Branch was awarded several awards at the April 2011 State Convention. We were given an award in recognition of membership retention of 90% or more. So let's continue the great work of inviting new members to join our branch. We were awarded an International Affairs Award because of our awareness to International Affairs in our programming. Member Tina Johnson was awarded the "Spice Award" for her dedication to the branch and participation in interest groups. The Chicago branch also received the AAUW-IL Branch Pride Recognition Award in recognition for the Branch's outstanding achievements in advocating and advancing equity for women and girls through Branch activities. Also thank you to all Chicago Inc. members for your continued donations to AAUW Funds. We donated \$2,465.00 to all defined AAUW Funds for the 2010 year. Congratulations to all branch members, board members and committee chairs for all the hard work all year long.



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.

Victory: Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

AAUW is celebrating the victory of LAF-supported plaintiff Lulu Sun in a case in which she alleged sex and race discrimination in the promotion process at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. After a public hearing, the hearing officer ordered the promotion of Sun to full professor and awarded her lost wages. The university received a civil penalty, and administrators must attend a training session on employment discrimination law.

If you want to make a donation, please send a check made out to AAUW-LAF to Barbara Spiegel 7438 N. Artesian Ave. 1st Floor, Chicago, 60645. Donations are tax-deductible.



Convention Recap - Breaking Through Barriers – Advocating for Change Celebrating 130 years of AAUW

The Chicago Inc. branch was well represented in Washington DC. Eleida Gomez, Jeane Lindeke (dual member with Boulder, CO branch), Kathie Mallow, Laura Malec, Gerry Oberman, Heather Peet, Barbara Spiegel, Ruth Sweetser (dual member with Lombard branch), and Lori Switzer attended the four day convention and participated in all the convention events.

Thursday – After the opening remarks, the afternoon was spent preparing for Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. Inspiring speeches were made by women senators and representatives including Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL), Senator Susan Collins (ME), Rep. Cynthia Lummis (WY), Rep. Gwen Moore (WI), and AAUW fan and friend, Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT). Lilly Ledbetter also attended the convention. It was inspiring to hear from these politicians and know they are working hard to promote equity for women and girls and know they listen to AAUW.

Women in Power in the Obama Administration was a panel discussion moderated by Lisa Maatz. Tina Tchen, chief of staff to first lady Michelle Obama and executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, was joined by the Depart. Of Education Assist. Secretary for Civil Rights, Russlynn Ali, the Justice Department’s Jocelyn Samuels, and the Department of Labor’s Patricia Shiu. Tchen commented that the Obama administration is trying to “change the DNA of the federal government” so that every agency pays attention to women’s issues in life and in the workforce. Russlynn Ali discussed her work to enforce Title IX and reiterated that the 1972 law is about more than sports: It’s about access and safe learning environments. The speakers were impressive advocates in positions to make a difference for women and girls. They are all dedicated and well informed about the issues important to AAUW.

Friday – Buses took the “Big Teal Machine” of 800 members to Capitol Hill for Lobby Day. Illinois members visited the offices of Senator Mark Kirk and Senator Dick Durbin. Although the senators were back in Illinois, we met with staff members. All AAUW members focused on three issues: Why America Can Afford Social Security, voting for the National Women’s History Museum, and passing the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act. Staffers discussed with constituents the senators’ positions in regard to AAUW issues. The group split up to visit their district representatives.

Saturday – We listened to “**A Conversation on Justice**” with Edith Arana, a named plaintiff in the Wal-Mart vs. Dukes anti-discrimination suit. We heard her story of how she came to be part of the law suit which began 10 years ago. (The Supreme Court made their ruling just days after this session.)

Chapter Leader Playground’s Cynthia D’Amour spoke during our lunch session and energized the attendees with ways to become “*Lazy Leaders*” rather than “martyr leaders” within their branches. She explained how it is more fun to work together and have a party than be a martyr and do all of the volunteer work alone. She said members join AAUW to be a part of a group and volunteer for our mission.

Election results were announced. Over 10,000 AAUW members had cast their ballots by mail or online. All Bylaws and Public Policy items were approved. Carolyn Garfein was re-elected as President, Patricia Ho was re-elected as Vice President. Ten candidates were elected as Board of Directors.

“**Why So Few - 2.0**” **panel discussion** was led by National Education Association VP Lily Eskelsen and included women who are leading programs promoting girls to enter fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Panelists talked about mentoring and encouraging women in STEM from preschool to graduate school, in homes and in the classroom, through branch, professional and personal outreach. Girls need to see role models early on to know they can succeed.

Sunday morning – A panel on “Bullying and Sexual Harassment in America’s Middle Schools” moderated by author Rosalind Wiseman, discussed bullying in schools and provided strategies for students, parents, and teachers to address it. Panel members talked about their prevention programs as well as AAUW branch involvement with their local schools. AAUW is working on a new research report regarding this subject to be released in the fall.

Taking Home AAUW – This was the final session of the convention and Gloria Feldt, author and activist, spoke on how we can change how we think about our power as women. She asked members when we knew we had the power to change something or ask for something in our personal or professional life. After a recap of the convention, we were also invited to the 2013 national convention in New Orleans. We were reminded of our impact as AAUW members and encouraged to **REAP the benefits of AAUW. R – research E – education, A – advocacy, and P – philanthropy.** I would highly recommend attending a national convention. You get to meet lots of members, network, and share ideas from many interesting women and branches. The energy of almost 1,000 AAUW members in one room is pretty amazing.



AAUW-IL members lobbying on Capitol Hill on Friday, June 17th

Front row from left: Lori Switzer, Eleida Gomez and Gerry Oberman and Ruth Sweetser (in pink in the second row)
Chicago branch members

65 AAUW-IL members met with members of the staff of Senators Durbin and Kirk as well as their district representatives.

Lobby Day Accomplishments (and More Work to Be Done!)

AAUW's Capitol Hill Lobby Day at convention was a big success! Our members certainly left an impression that Capitol Hill won't soon forget. Visit the website for information on everything AAUW members and Action Network subscribers did on Lobby Day to advance equity for women and girls.

2011 AAUW National Convention Highlights — 2013 Dates Announced!

The 2011 National Convention was a huge success, with more than 800 people attending the event in Washington, D.C.! Enjoy convention highlights online, including video testimonials, new AAUW videos, workshop and skill-building materials, and more. Don't forget to save the date to join us June 9–12, 2013, in New Orleans!

One Member, One Vote

Members voting in AAUW's historic 2011 election — our first-ever popular election — selected officers for the AAUW Board of Directors and passed all the proposed bylaws amendments and all the amendments to the Public Policy Program on the ballot. Congratulations to our newly elected board members!

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| <i>AAUW President</i> | <i>AAUW Vice President</i> |
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Breaking through Barriers Major Gifts Campaign

Thanks to generous donors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the Breaking through Barriers Major Gifts Campaign raised more than **\$1.1 million** to support critical AAUW programs not funded by the endowment!

AAUW Disappointed in Wal-Mart Decision

In a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Wal-Mart in Wal-Mart v. Dukes, prohibiting the case from moving forward as a class action. Although the court did not rule on the merits of the case, each woman must now file her claim individually or perhaps in smaller, reformulated class-action groups. AAUW will continue to support the case in some form going forward.

Namukelekile, Delegates! Join our delegation to South Africa this fall, as we meet with government agencies, NGOs, university faculty, and other groups to discuss issues of gender equity. Come learn and explore with us in the country where you're welcome in any language!

AAUW Opposes Cuts to Social Security AAUW released a statement in opposition to cuts to Social Security following media reports that the White House and congressional leaders from both parties might consider proposing cuts as part of a deal over raising the public debt limit. Social Security funding is separate from the federal budget and doesn't contribute to the federal budget deficit or debt. Tell your members of Congress that slashing benefits is not an option.

2011 NCCWSL a Great Success - Thanks to You!

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders provided a life-changing experience for more than 500 college women thanks to your support! Check out the inspiring testimonials from attendees and view other highlights of this amazing leadership conference. Start planning now to work with your colleges and universities to support student attendance in 2012.

New Branch Marketing Kit on the Way

Early in the fall, state and branch leaders will receive a "How to Market Your Branch" kit, which will supplement the Starter Kit. Full of tips from our media experts and exciting new ways to gain exposure for your branch, this kit will provide competitions and challenges to help you make your branch more successful than you've ever dreamed!

Take a Bow!

AAUW appreciates the time and effort of our many 2010–11 volunteer leaders throughout the country, who have been an integral part of our recruitment and retention efforts in support of our mission. AAUW welcomes our 2011–12 volunteer leaders as partners in the preservation and expansion of the AAUW community. Thank you for your membership and leadership!

AAUW Earns Another Top Rating from Great Nonprofits

Great Nonprofits has recognized AAUW as a top-rated education and women's empowerment organization. This month they added "top-rated social justice organization" to the list. Read the stories about AAUW to find out why we have a five-star rating and then tell your own story. How does AAUW help you work for social justice?

Teaming Up with Working Mothers

AAUW and Working Mother Media are joining forces to spread the word about AAUW. We'll be exhibiting at their Work Life Congress Event in New York this October and advertising in their annual Top 100 Best Companies for Working Women issue. Working women are a wonderful source for potential members, and we're excited to include them in our recruitment efforts!

AAUW in the News

The AAUW media relations team works behind the scenes to show our teal pride for our great organization. Whenever you see AAUW mentioned in the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Huffington Post, or even on C-SPAN, it isn't by accident. Check out some of AAUW's media highlights.

AAUW Fellowships and Grants: Spread the Word!

Summer is in full swing — and it's also application time for AAUW's fellowships and grants. Applications for all programs will be available August 1. Deadlines and eligibility requirements are posted on our website. Need 2012–13 recruitment brochures? Visit ShopAAUW and order yours today.

Selection Panelists Needed

AAUW's review and selection panelists are seasoned experts in academia and the professions who analyze the thousands of applications for AAUW's fellowships and grants. We are always seeking new talent and expertise. Visit the Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels web page, and please pass the information on to your networks!





Book Club Please feel free to join the Book Club at anytime.
Aug. 29 – *The Lost Summer of Louisa May Alcott* by Kelly O’Connor McNess
Sept. 26 - *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers

**Please join us as we welcome, author Kelly O’Connor McNees and discuss
The Lost Summer of Louisa May Alcott at the Aug 29th book club meeting at 7:00pm
at the Conrad Sultz Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, Ave.**

Kelly O'Connor McNees is a former editorial assistant and middle school English teacher. Raised in Michigan, Kelly lived and worked in New York, Rhode Island, and Ontario before moving to Chicago two years ago. *The Lost Summer of Louisa May Alcott* is her first novel.

Millions of readers across generations have laughed and cried with the March sisters—Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy—of Louisa May Alcott’s classic novel, Little Women. And there has never been a more beloved heroine in the history of American letters than Jo March, Louisa’s alter ego and an iconic figure of independent spirit and big dreams. But as Louisa knew all too well, big dreams often come at a cost.

The Lost Summer of Louisa May Alcott imagines a summer lost to history, carefully purged from Louisa’s letters and journals, a summer that would change the course of Louisa’s writing career—and inspire the story of love and heartbreak between Jo and Teddy “Laurie” Laurence, Jo’s devoted neighbor and kindred spirit.

In the summer of 1855, Walt Whitman’s controversial Leaves of Grass has just been released, and the notion of making a living as a writer is still a far-off dream for Louisa. She is twenty-two years old, vivacious, and bursting with a desire to be free of her family and societal constraints so she can do what she loves the most—write. The Alcott family, destitute, as usual, moves to a generous uncle’s empty house in Walpole, New Hampshire, for the summer. Here, a striking but pensive Louisa meets the fictional Joseph Singer. Louisa is initially unimpressed by Joseph’s charms. But just as Louisa begins to open her heart, she learns that Joseph may not be free to give his away. Their newfound love carries a steep price, and Louisa fears she may pay with the independence she has fought so hard to protect.

Join members of the group at Jury's restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Jury's is at 4337 N Lincoln Ave., one block south of the library. www.jurysrestaurant.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.

CHICAGO INC. BRANCH 2011-2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

**2011-2012 PROPOSED BUDGET
(Based on 80 Branch members=\$22.00/Member =\$1,760.00**

LINE ITEM	July 2011 OPENING BALANCE	PROPOSED ALLOCATION	NEW BALANCE
1. Postage/Xerox Mailing	\$13.15	\$ 136.85	\$150.00
2. Membership-Directory	-0.30	450.30	450.00
3. Newsletter/E-Newsletter: Printing, Postage, fees	42.71	307.29	350.00
4. Program Fund: Speakers	450.00	0	450.00
5. Program: Meeting Expenses, Food	-332.47	782.47	450.00
6. Annual Recap	0.43	24.57	25.00
7. Public Information/ Communication/PR/Website	75	0	75.00
8. Community Service: GEMS	50	150.00	200.00
9. Funding Raising Expenses	78.95	46.05	125.00
10. Public Policy	78.38	-3.38	75.00
11. Book Club	20.00	0	20.00
12. College/University Relations	20.00	0	20.00
13. AAUW Funds	105.00	-5.00	100.00
14. Gender Equity Fund	0	0	0
15. Awards	-18.23	43.23	25.00
16. Swan Day Movies	0	50.00	50.00
17. WITASWAN movie club	20.00	0	20.00
18. Sunshine Fund	-112.34	162.34	50.00
19. President's Fund	-20.45	170.45	150.00
20. Treasurer's Funds	-44	64.00	20.00
21. Secretary's Fund	20.00	0	20.00
22. Insurance fund	15.00	135.00	150.00
23. Convention subsidy(state/nat)	101.00	399.00	500.00
24. Aug 26 Equality day event	-96.62	96.62	0.00
TOTALS:	465.21	3009.79	3475.00
23. Dues- Association		3920.00	
24. Dues – State		800.00	
25. Dues – Branch		1760.00	

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!