



# HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW AURORA AREA BRANCH  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

WINTER 2020

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**Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

**Vision: Equity for all.**

**Values: Nonpartisan.  
Fact-based.  
Integrity.  
Inclusion and  
Intersectionality.**

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## Comments from Tracey's World

### President's Message

2019 was a special year for our branch. Turning 100 is a big deal. The achievement was felt by all that attended our celebration in September. Along with our branch members, attendees included members from other branches across the state, a handful of AAUW IL Board members and State President, Jennifer Urish, State Senator Linda Holmes, State Representative Stephanie Kifowit and Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin. It was such an honor to be recognized for the 100 years our branch has dedicated to advancing gender equity for women and girls. Thank you to Andi Danis, the committee chairperson and her committee for all their work in the planning and execution of a very success celebration. It was a wonderful day and we even had a new member join, welcome Richard Irvin to our branch!

I would like to personally acknowledge Nicole Benziger for all her work on our centennial celebration. Nicole designed our 100<sup>th</sup> logo, created the invitations, compiled a thorough historic program, and put together the fabulous display at our event that was a wonderful walk into the past of our branch. Our branch is so fortunate to have such an active, talented member. Thank you Nicole!

Additionally, I'd like to thank everyone that participated in our Virtual Fundraiser in November. Your generosity makes it possible for AAUW to continue the work needed to fulfill our mission. Please read the newest research that AAUW has invested in. Limiting Our Livelihoods: The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers. <https://www.aauw.org/research/limiting-our-livelihoods/>

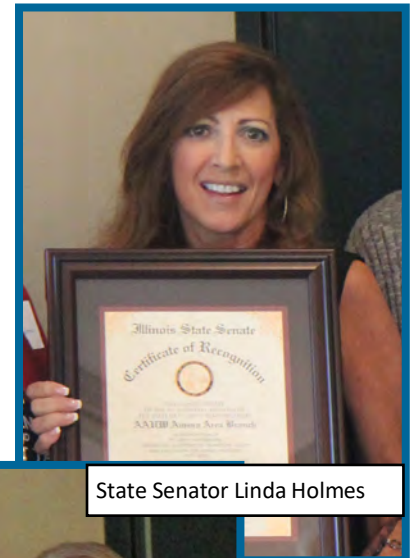
My holiday festivities were kicked off with our December program of gingerbread house decorating and ornament exchange. Lisa Wolanchevich is an excellent engineer of gingerbread! It was fun creating whimsical houses while socializing with fellow members. I hope your holidays were spent with those you love.

Here's to a New Year! Let's all resolve to add AAUW to our 2020 priorities! The future of women and girls depends on it!

President  
Tracey Sherman-Falcon



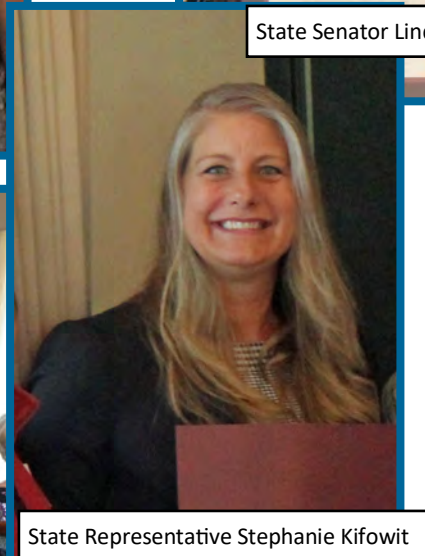
Tracey Sherman-Falcon, Mayor Richard Irvin, Andi Danis



State Senator Linda Holmes



Lisa Cherry, Marla Kim Beniger, Donna - Jean Simon, Andi Danis, Tracey Sherman-Falcon  
State Senator Linda Holmes, State Representative Stephanie Kifowit, Jennifer Urish



State Representative Stephanie Kifowit





Sean and Aubrey Mikos, Denise Curts-Leuth, Nicole and Keith Benziger  
Jan Martinka and Vicki Petersen



Paula Sabotta, Arline Hoban, Roberta Devorsky, Mavis Bates, Sandy Hipp  
Connie Dickson and Mary Hinterlong



Brooke Shanley, Kathy Schultz, Jane Zimmerman, Joy Bowling



Fauntie Wilcoxon, Pat Daugherty, Karel Thompson, Penny Cameron  
Sandra Wilcoxon, Elaine Ross, May Keenan





Janis Westlund, Sharon Dunham, Guest  
Nancy Mitchell, Lenetter Stauzinger, Barbara Wyne, Diana Balin, Cynthia Latimer



State Representative Stephanie Kifowit



Keith and Nicole Benziger

State Senator Linda Holmes



Penny Cameron



Vicki Petersen



Mary Hinterlong



Sean and Aubrey Mikos



Arline Hoban

# 2019—2020 Programs

## February—opt in, opt out

February 6, 2020 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Location : Mind and Body

Girls Night Out: Wine, Cheese, & Massages

3535 East New York Street Suite 216

Aurora 60503

Cost : Free (Max 10 Participants)

February 29, 2010

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Brunch at the little Traveler

The Little Traveler Atrium Café

404 s 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Geneva

Cost : \$ 8.95



## March 11 or March 12

Speaker: Emily Burd Thomas, who has presented in front of the United Nations twice, will speak on Empowering Girls and Women in Kenya: the Founding of Dignified Children International, Inc.

**March 11:** 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm @ Waubensee Community College Rm 147 Bodie Hall

**March 12:** 3:00 pm @ Yorkville Public Library

**April 23, 2020** 5:00 pm—6:30 pm

*A Woman of No Importance* Book Discussion

Location : Sugar Grove Library:

125 Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove

Optional Dinner Out After Program



Winter Wonder

**May 2, 2020** 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Annual Meeting—AAUW Fellowship

Speakers

Kennedy Point Restaurant

2245 Kennedy point Road, Bristol

Cost : \$13.95 Beverages Not Included

# AAUW Aurora Area Virtuosity

*Generosity*  
changes everything

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## AAUW Funds & Named Gift Honoree for 2019

We are pleased to announce that the Aurora Area Branch was able to send \$1400 to National as a **named gift** in honor of our branch president, **Tracy Sherman-Falcon**, who has done so much for our branch! Thank you Tracy for all the hours you have spent keeping this branch vibrant and alive! Your leadership has been exemplary!

The AAUW Funds committee would like to report that \$1085 was raised through the *Virtual Tea Party* in November. Thank you to those of you who generously participated! In October, the board approved sending this year's donation to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. By sending to the Greatest Needs Fund, National can apply our donation to any of the funds, depending on current needs. If you were unable to send a check to Assistant Treasurer Vicki Petersen before the end of November, you can still send a check, which will be applied toward the 2020 year fundraising efforts. Also, please remember that any donations you make directly to AAUW National Funds can be credited to the Aurora Area Branch.

Submitted by

Pat Daugherty

*Virtual Fundraiser*

**\$1085**



# Study Groups

**AAUW Movie Study Group** Films are shown on the 2nd Monday of the month, with the pot-luck at 6:15 and film at 7:00. Addresses of each host are in the Yearbook and will be sent with the Evite

## *The Pieces That I Am*

**January 20, 2020**  
**1 hr. 55 mins.**

**Linda Seyler**  
**Documentary**

The movie to be shown is *The Pieces That I Am*, a documentary about Toni Morrison. It has been highly reviewed and is very timely because it came out just after her death (on August 5, 2019, at age 88). The film is a summation of the life of the "most important writer of our century" (NYT December 15, 2019), a recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature, and a great voice in contemporary American Literature.

## *Poms*

**2019 PG 13 Rated**

**February 10, 2020**  
**1 hr. 31 mins.**

**May Keenen**  
**Comedy & Drama**

*Poms* is a comedy about a group of women who form a cheer leading squad at their retirement community, proving that you are never too old to "bring it." The film is based on a true story.

Stars: Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Celia Weston & a whole cast of great women characters

Writers: Shane Atkinson & Zara Hayes

Director: Zara Hayes

## *Captain Marvel*

**2019 PG 13 Rated**

**March 9, 2020**  
**2 hrs. 5 mins.**

**Pat Daugherty**  
**Fantasy & Science-fiction**

*Captain Marvel* is a 2019 American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics' Carol Danvers. Produced by Marvel Studios, distributed by Walt Disney Studios, and set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). Brie Larson stars as Carol Danvers. The film also stars Samuel Jackson, Annette Bening, Jude Law, and a huge all-star cast. Set in 1995, the story follows Danvers as she becomes Captain Marvel. Earth is caught in the center of a galactic conflict between two alien civilizations.

Writers: Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, with Geneva Robertson-Dworet

Director: Anna Boden.

## *The Natural- The Untold Story of Alice Guy-Blache*

**2010 NR**

**April 13**  
**1 hr. 41mins.**

**Jerre Henriksen**  
**Documentary**

Alice Guy-Blache, as the founder of her own studio, writer, director, and/or producer of 1,000 films, was erased from history—until now. Her documented story makes a compelling drama in its own right.

Written by Pamela Green and Joan Simon

Director: Pamela B Green

## *The Hate U Give*

**2018 PG 13 Rated**

**May 11, 2020**  
**2 hrs. 13 mins.**

**Joy Bowling**  
**Drama & Crime**

Lead character Starr Carter witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressure from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right. Starr is constantly switching between two worlds—the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she lives and the wealthy, mostly white prep school that she attends, but the uneasy balance between these worlds is soon shattered. *The Hate U Give* is based on the 2017 young adult novel of the same name by Angie Thomas.

Writer: Angie Thomas (the novel); Screenplay: Angie Thomas

Director: George Tillman Jr.

## *The Wife*

**2017 NC 17 Rated**

**June 8, 2020**  
**1 hr. 41mins.**

**Elaine Ross**  
**Drama**

Joan and Joe remain complements after nearly 40 years of marriage. Where Joe is casual, Joan is elegant. Where Joe is vain, Joan is self-effacing. And where Joe enjoys his very public role as the great American novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace, charm and diplomacy into the private role of a great man's wife. As Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work, Joan starts to think about the shared compromises, secrets and betrayals.

Writer: Meg Wolitzer

Director: Björn Runge

Awards: Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Motion Picture – Drama

Nominations: Academy Award for Best Actress

**July 13**

**Denise Curts-Lueth**

**Planning Mtg. for 2020-21**

Sources for these descriptions are Independent Movie Data Base, Google Search, and V. E. Ross.

# BOOKIN' IT TO LUNCH!

2019-2020

**Fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (unless otherwise stated)**

JANUARY 23:	Panera Bread <i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama	154 W. Wilson St., Batavia For National Mentoring Month
FEBRUARY 27:	Pal Joey's <i>An American Summer</i> by Alex Kotlowitz	2030 Main St., Batavia For Black History Month
MARCH 26:	Two Brothers Roundhouse <i>Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA</i> , by Amaryllis Fox	205 N. Broadway, Aurora For Women's History Month
APRIL 23 – 5:00 p.m.	Sugar Grove Library <i>A Woman of No Importance</i> , by Sonia Purnell	125 Municipal Drive, Sugar Grove

**This will be an all-branch program with the option to go to dinner afterwards**

MAY 28:	Arline Hoban's House <i>The Collected Schizophrenias: Essays</i> , by Esme Weijun Wang	Refreshments TBA For Mental Health Awareness Month
JUNE 25:	Arline Hoban's House <i>They Called Us Enemy</i> , by George Takei	Refreshments TBA
JULY 23:	The Holmstad Town Center PLANNING SESSION	700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia
AUGUST 27:	The Spartan House <i>The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World</i>	1032 Prairie St., Aurora

Questions: Contact Andi Danis at [danishouse@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danishouse@sbcglobal.net)

## Amazon Best Sellers of 2019

1. Where the Crawdads Sing.
2. Becoming
3. Educated: A Memoir. ...
4. Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls: From the Creator of Captain Underpants (Dog Man #7)
5. Girl, Wash Your Face: Stop Believing the Lies
6. Wrecking Ball (Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 14)
7. The Wonderful Things You Will Be





**AAUW advances equity for women and girls  
through  
research, education, and advocacy.**



**The 2020 AAUW 11-State Regional Convention!**  
June 18-20, 2020  
[The Bend in East Moline](#)

Join us at [The Bend/Hyatt House](#) in East Moline, Illinois  
June 18-20, 2020

Confirmed speakers:  
[Kim Churches](#), [Kendra Davis](#), [Lisa Maatz](#),  
[Denise Lieberman](#)

The Quad Cities, an Iowa/Illinois central location  
in the heart of the region,  
is an exciting destination:

<http://www.visitquadcities.com>  
Please check out the area!

Pre-convention activities planned for June 17  
For more information, email [Jennifer](#)

# Public Policy Report

## Public Policy Report

Many issues of Public Policy continue to require that, as AAUW members, we take action. We are asked to “Donate Now,” or “Provide Matching Gift Funds,” or take a Two-minute Action online, or to contact our legislators. These requests are communicated via our email accounts; we just need read them to stay informed and then to ACT! You can also learn about the issues from the national website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), and the state website, [www.aauw-il.aauw.net](http://www.aauw-il.aauw.net). Also, as the Aurora Branch, we offer programs and study groups that address ways to promote greater equity for women and girls.

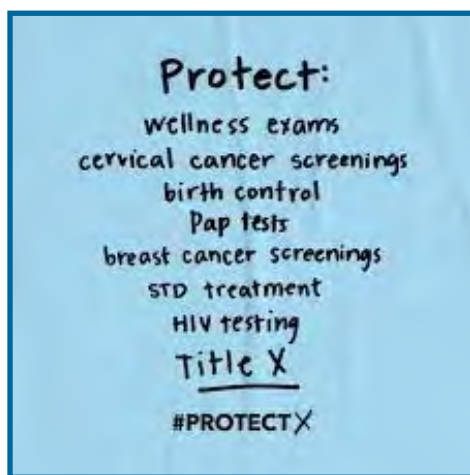
Some of the specific issues that we are currently concerned about are:

Title IX, Title X, the Gender Pay Gap, and Reproductive Health and Freedom. Specifically, here are some of the important matters at hand:

Title IX stipulates that federally funded institutions are legally required to provide students with equitable sports opportunities, but Title IX continues to be compromised and outright violated by institution after institution, with very little pushback or legal consequence. It is a constant battle for organizations such as ours to keep Title IX in place—and working!

Title IX also ensures the rights of sexual assault survivors in federally supported educational programs, but the Department of Education, under Betsy DeVos, has constantly cut back the requirements that protect victims. Even in the #MeToo era, schools are finding it easier to evade accountability under her argument that the accused have not had equal (enough) protection or strong (enough) due process.

When the recent national spending bill was passed and signed by the president, it contained the national Gag Rule, which requires health centers that have any federal funding provide no advice or counseling about the option of abortion. This rule forces these health centers out of Title X funding. Some centers, such as in Missouri, have decided just to operate without the federal funds, but this, too, is a constant battle. More than 100,000 people, including many AAUW members and supporters, submitted comments about their objections to this rule. Furthermore, Title X pays for testing and doctor visits for many patients who cannot afford to pay but who have serious health scares, such as cancer. Title X must be protected and enforced because health care for women is in jeopardy and too often is dependent on the patient’s ability to pay.



# AAUW Branch Minutes

## Minutes for Aurora-area AAUW Board Meeting of August 10, 2019 at 9:00 a. m.

### Harris Bank, Orchard Road

In attendance: Tracey Sherman-Falcon, Nicole Benziger, Joy Bowling, Jerre Henriksen, Elaine Ross, and Lisa Wolancevich

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a. m., following a presentation to the group by Lizel Esquivar, Branch Manager.

Minutes from the June 29 meeting were reviewed and approved (Tracey; Nicole) as written.

#### Officer and Committee Reports:

Programs: Lisa W. said she will email her list of planned programs; she will condense the list for the post-card mailer, yearbook, and website. Each planned program was discussed, with some information and details still missing. Lisa is working hard to get everything determined as soon as possible so that the newsletter and Yearbook deadlines can be met. Lisa said she needs volunteers for the Nov. Chili/Spaghetti Supper Program. Elaine said she will get a “zippy” title for the November program that she and Andi will present.

The Virtual Fundraiser: Tracey has asked Vicki P. to step up as the “point person,” and she has agreed to do so. This fundraiser will be coordinated with Giving Tuesday, 11/27.

Membership: Valerie B. sent her report to Tracey. We have two new members, two solid prospects, and a few other possibilities she is working on. Everyone is encouraged to bring guests to events. Nicole has edited the printed form for membership applications (attached). Joy will take copies of the form to her retired teachers’ meetings. Everyone was encouraged to renew if they have not done so.

Treasurer: Andi D. submitted the report on membership renewals (attached) and the proposed budget (attached), which shows projected expenses of \$2815.26, the same as the projected balance for 2019-20. The projected budget vs. the actual budget for 2018-19 was also provided (attached). The actual amount in the treasury was \$2842.34 versus the projected budget for the same year, \$2926.34.

Assistant Treasurer: Vicki P. submitted her report ahead of the meeting (attached). The current balance in EF/LAF funds is \$944.28.

Audit Report: The report, done by Valerie Burd and Jerre Henriksen, was provided (attached). Both books were in order.

100th Anniversary Event and Historian’s reports: Nicole B. updated members on her work with the archives for the 100th Anniversary Event. She also said she is still working on getting all materials from Susan Bohme, who is organizing and cataloguing what she has with the help of her husband.

Public Policy: Elaine R. gave her report, which was very abbreviated since not much had been happening (legislatively) over the summer. She will send the AAUW published Public Policy Priorities List, adopted in May 2019, for the newsletter along with her written report.



## Minutes Continued

Social Chair: Joy B. submitted her report (attached) and gave an update regarding her sister, whom she recently lost.

Yearbook: Pat D. sent word that she will be able to compile the Yearbook. Everyone will make sure they get new information to her.

Study Groups: Bookin' It to Lunch (the new title) is still planning its programs for 2019-20.

Movie Study Group has planned its year's program; Elaine R. handed out the typed list of movies, dates, and venues (attached).

The programs will be in the newsletter and the Yearbook.

Regional Convention: Tracey S-F. announced the upcoming 11-state Regional Convention, to be held June 18-19, 2020, with pre-convention/family activities planned for June 17. The venue will be Hyatt Place in East Moline, IL.

Tracey announced the date of the next board meeting: November 2, 2019.

Tracey adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a. m.!!

Respectfully submitted,

V. Elaine Ross, Secretary

## **Minutes for Aurora-area Board Meeting of November 2, 2019 at 9:00 a. m.**

### **Harris Bank, Orchard Road**

In attendance: Tracey Sherman-Falcon, Joy Bowling, Valerie Burd, Andi Danis, Pat Daugherty, Elaine Ross, Lisa Wolancevich

Call to order: Tracey S-F called the meeting to order at 9:06 a. m.

Minutes: The minutes from August 10, 2019 were approved as written (Tracey moved/Valerie seconded.)

Treasurer: Andi D. gave her report early (attached). The balance in the AAUW general account is \$2,880.46.

Bookin' It To Lunch: The upcoming meeting will be at the Turf Room on 11/21 at 11:30, the 3rd Th. of the month due to Thanksgiving. This is also the date of the November branch meeting in the eve (5:30).

Social Chair: Joy presented a report on her activities as chair (attached).

League of Women Voters: Tracey reported that The League has appealed to our Branch for support in its initiative on the Fair Tax initiative in Illinois, which will be on the November ballot. Tracey pointed out that if we do sign-on, our action would co-ordinate with AAUW's new 5-star program.

The Five-Star Program: Tracey explained what the new Five-Star Program is. She read the five criteria that constitute the program, and she reviewed some of the ways that our Branch can meet these criteria next year, plus ways we have already done so. She said that we can go through the portal to document our compliance as we go forward. More information on this program is forthcoming.

## Minutes Continued

Wine Raffle: Joy B. brought up the possibility for a wine raffle such as we have done in the past. She was concerned about ways we can raise more funds, so all agreed that there will be a wine raffle at the February event. Since two events are scheduled in February, as the opt-in, opt-out month, it was not clear which of the two events was agreed upon. This needs to be clarified.

Assistant Treasurer: Vickie P. gave her report (attached). The current balance in the LAF/EF accounts was \$944.28.

Newsletter: Jerre H. said that the deadline for the winter newsletter is **January 6, 2020.**

AAUW Funds: Pat D. said she would send out an email to ask for approval of the amount that would be sent to National from our Branch for AAUW Funds. Pat extended a thank-you to Nicole and Vicki for their help (during her time of being sidelined) in handling the AAUW Funds.

Public Policy: Elaine R. gave a reminder about the **January 23rd** event that is to take place in Chicago, an anniversary celebration of Roe v. Wade. She gave the flier to Tracey and will share the information in the newsletter and through Vicki, as an Evite. Speakers include Tammy Duckworth, Cher Bustos, Robin Kelly, Lauren Underwood, and many others. (Flier attached.)

Movie Group: Elaine R. shared information about the upcoming Movie Study Group to be held at the home of Joy B. The movie will be *Grandma* starring Lily Tomlin, on November 11, 2019.

Concerning our Branch's 100th Anniversary Celebration: Tracey reported that we have received recognition from Governor Pritzker of our anniversary and that Andi has this document. She also said that she is trying to get the photo that was taken at the City Council meeting, but has not been able to get it so far.

Fall Conference, 2019: Tracey gave a report on the conference. She said that Kendra Davis (Senior VP for Advancement and Partnerships—AAUW) spoke about the Five-Star Program; also, the main speaker was Dr. Hopwood, who presented "Girls Who Code." She also reported that our Branch's anniversary was recognized and that the Chicago Branch was recognized for its 130th Anniversary. Tracey was enthusiastic about the value of the conference.

Yearbook: Pat D. mentioned that the Yearbook needs to be updated regarding AAUW Funds.

Tracey mentioned that two of our previous presenters have applied for Community Action grants and have asked for the support of our Branch for their applications. Tracey had sent an email earlier to ask for this but had received little response. These presenters were Kimberley \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_ and Jetara Perry, I believe.

This needs to be clarified.

The March 10 Board meeting needs to be rescheduled. Tracey S-F will let us know a new date for March.

The upcoming Board meeting will be January 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a. m.

Respectfully submitted by

V. Elaine Ross

# AAUW Branch Treasurer Report/Dues

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF January 4, 2020

Ending Balance from 11/1/2019 \$2880.46

DEPOSITS:	Deposits: Dues	\$ 270.00
	Program Deposit Refund	\$ 100.00
	Add back in Check #198	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 395.00	\$3275.46
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EXPENSES:	National/State Dues	\$ 207.00
	Programs	\$ 182.50
	Pat Daugherty	\$ 65.18
	Joy Bowling	<u>\$ 11.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 465.68	\$2809.78
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Balance as of 1/4/20 \$2809.78

Respectfully Submitted,

Andi Danis, Treasurer





# Membership Renewal Form

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Annual membership dues are **\$ 90**

National: \$ 59\*

State: \$ 10

Branch: \$ 21

Total Dues: \$ 90

For those who are prepaid Life Members of the Association, dues will be **\$ 31**  
(\$ 10 for State and \$ 21 for Branch)

Please check Membership Status:

☐ Annual (\$ 90) –Correct status for Most members

☐ Association Life (\$ 31)—status of only a few members who prepaid in the late 1980's

Contribution to AAUW's Mission: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fund designated for your contribution: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **AAUW Aurora Area Branch**

Mail To:

Andrea Danis

24 Scarsdale Rd

Montgomery, IL 60538-2517

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please select communication preference:

\_\_\_ I prefer to receive newsletters and reminders via email. (This is the most cost effective for the branch.)

\_\_\_ I prefer to be reminded of meetings via email.

\_\_\_ I prefer to receive newsletters via regular mail.

\_\_\_ I prefer to be reminded of meetings with a phone call.

\*AAUW National Individual Membership dues are \$59:

\$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).

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# New Member Registration Form

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Annual membership dues are **\$ 90**

National: \$ 59\*

State: \$ 10

Branch: \$ 21

Total Dues: \$ 90

Please make checks payable to **AAUW Aurora Area Branch**

Mail To: Andrea Danis  
AAUW Aurora Area Branch  
24 Scarsdale Rd  
Montgomery, IL 60538-2517

## CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPUS LOCATION (CITY, STATE) \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE (MM/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact 800.326.2289 or [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) for information about Student Memberships.

Please select communication preference:

☐ I prefer to receive newsletters and reminders via email. (This is the most cost effective for the branch.)

☐ I prefer to be reminded of meetings via email.

☐ I prefer to receive newsletters via regular mail.

☐ I prefer to be reminded of meetings with a phone call.

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# LIGHTS, CAMERA, CHANGE

LUNAFEST® is not just a traveling film festival, it's a force for change.

For almost 20 years, LUNA has been championing and supporting women.

LUNAFEST was created to provide a platform for women to share their stories with the world. These important films bring fresh perspectives, ideas that rock our future.

LUNAFEST also makes an impact at the local level, helping to raise funds for women's causes while providing a global stage for female filmmakers.

Someday audiences will demand new voices, different storytellers.

That time is now.

**FEB 08, 2020**

**3:00 PM**

Join the Oswego Cultural Arts Commission for LUNAFEST, a traveling film festival of short films written, directed and about women, and championing women in the film industry. With a hand-crafted makers market, light refreshments, live music and lively discussion tables at intermission, LUNAFEST is a perfect opportunity for an afternoon with your favorite gal pals. Proceeds benefit Mutual Ground, which provides domestic violence shelter and sexual violence prevention and counseling services here in Kendall County.

**Early bird tickets are \$20, and general admission tickets are \$25**



## Stay Connected with the AAUW Aurora Area Branch

**Not on Facebook?** We still have our branch website at [www.aurora-il.aauw.net](http://www.aurora-il.aauw.net). The homepage features announcements, latest branch news and upcoming events. There also are sections that explain the AAUW and our branch, how to become a member, branch activities and a newsletter archive.

Remember to take and share photos at branch programs, study groups and events. These photos are posted on both Facebook and the branch website. It is best to send those photos to our branch email address at [aauwaaurorail@gmail.com](mailto:aauwaaurorail@gmail.com) so they do not get buried in my personal email account. Whenever possible include who is in the photo from left to right and a sentence or two explaining where the photo.



Please email Joy Bowling, [joybowling@att.net](mailto:joybowling@att.net) with your birth month and date.

## Reservation Policy— AAUW Aurora Area Branch

**Our branch uses evites to manage reservations for branch events.** Evites will be sent out for study groups, committee meetings and monthly branch programs to all members. Study group hosts and committee chairs can check the evites at any time for reservation updates. Also, be sure to click “Message from host” for more details about events, including registration fees.

Please be sure to update evites with your RSVP. Social Chair Joy Bowling will be making follow up phone calls to members who have not RSVP'd to monthly programs. Reservations for a meal are binding. No-shows and those canceling less than 48 hours in advance are still responsible for payment. A prompt mailing of your check to our Treasurer, Andi Danis, will be appreciated.

## Board Meetings/Membership

**Branch Board Meetings :** Saturdays @ 9:00 a.m..

Harris Bank on Orchard Rd/Indian Trail, Aurora

January 11, 2020

March 14, 2020

June 6, 2020

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AAUW Regional Convention  
June 18-19, 2020  
Hyatt House East Moline/Quad Cities

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