



HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW AURORA AREA BRANCH
CELEBRATING 101 YEARS

SPRING 2021

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We are tenacious and trailblazing—advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future.

Mission: Gender Equity & Economic Security

Values: Intersectional. Inclusive. Intergenerational. Empowering.

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Comments from Andi's World

HELLO AAUW AURORA AREA BRANCH!

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a nice holiday season, however and when ever you celebrated. We did a lot of Zooming with our family but did miss our midnight hugs on New Years Eve.

We are now about halfway through our program year and I am pleased that so many of you have participated in our study groups and branch events; it is very important for us to stay connected and engaged, as our mission is even more critical in these unprecedented times.

Our kickoff meeting in September was absolutely wonderful! The weather cooperated; the bees stayed away (my personal fear,) and it was just so nice to see people's faces! Well.....half-faces at least, as we did act responsibly and mask up. The food was good and the information provided by our very own voting expert, Joy Bowling, was inspiring. Then Tracey inspired us to rally ahead of the upcoming election – GOTV – Get out the Vote...in Florida and Texas and Kentucky and Georgia....AND WE DID!

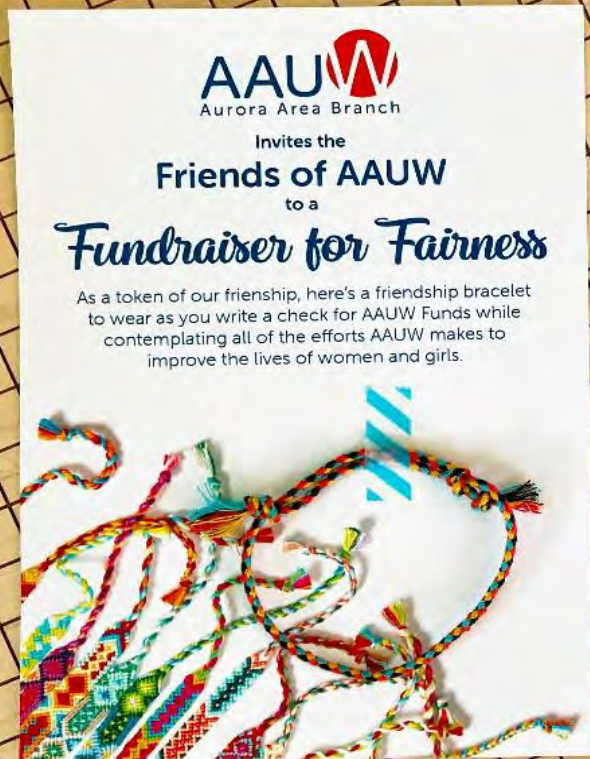
Our October Zoom with Steve Andersson, who fights for the Equal Rights Amendment as a Republican and former State Representative, was very well-attended with several AAUW State leaders, members from other branches, and guests from around the country! His work reminds me that good people on all sides of the partisan divide can work together for a just cause.

The start of the holiday season gave us several opportunities to support AAUW, not just with our programs, but with our purses...and again, I am so pleased at the positive response! Thank you to Vicki, Nicole, Pat, and everyone who worked on the successful virtual fundraiser; the friend bracelet was so perfect for reminding us of our AAUW tribe during these isolating times. And thanks to all of you who supported AAUW Funds that enable our initiatives to promote education and equity for women and girls!

We have a full slate of programs coming up in this new year, but again, the keyword for us is FLEXIBILITY. There is the distinct possibility of changes to our planned line-up, so please watch for emails and specific details as noted in your evites. One positive outcome from having to “work” remotely is that we can join in on programs offered by branches across the state...and country! Just last night many of us logged into the program offered by the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch that featured Linda Hirshman, law professor and author of *Sisters-in-Law*, among other books; a most enjoyable evening!

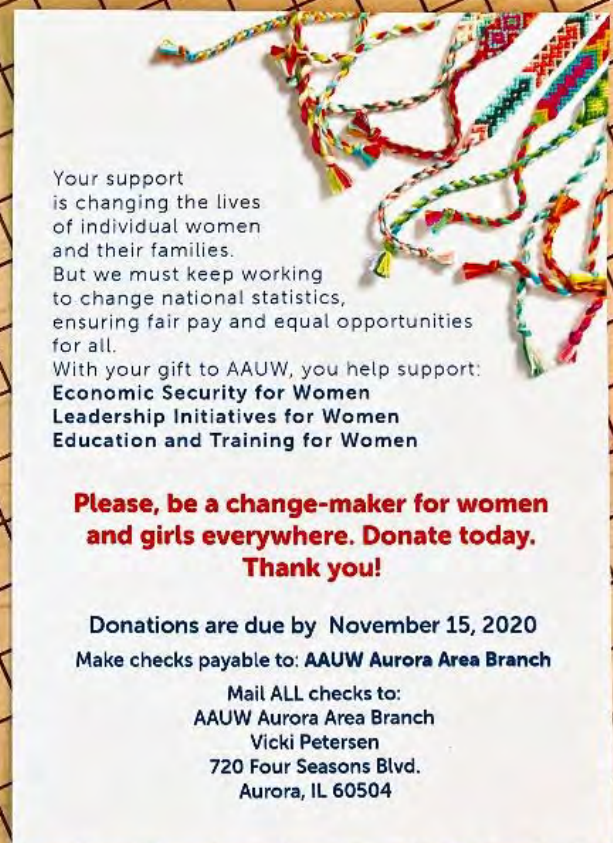
As always, thank you so much for your continuing support of AAUW and for all that you bring to our Aurora Area AAUW community. Please feel free to contact me any time with questions, suggestions, critiques, etc. I am honored to serve as your President and am looking forward to AAUW in 2021!

Andi Danis



2020 AAUW Aurora Area Branch Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser was a success. We had 26 donations which raised a total of \$1,555! Our AAUW Aurora Branch board has a majority vote in approval to send \$1500 to the Great Needs Fund of AAUW Funds in the name of Joy Bowling. We are proud of Joy for her exceptional work on voter registration as well as all contributions she makes to our branch.



2020-2021 Program Dates

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: TBD

Program: An Evening with “**BOOKIN’ IT TO LUNCH!**” The topic is the book *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell—a never-before-told story of Virginia Hall, the American spy who changed the course of World War II. The book was deemed, “a meticulous history that reads like a thriller”, by Ben Macintyre and chosen as book of the year by: NPR, the New York Public Library, Amazon, the Seattle Times, the Washington Independent Review of Books, PopSugar, the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Book Browse, the Spectator, and the Times of London.

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: Brunch 11:00—2:00 (Meet at 10:45)

Place: Little Traveler

Program: Social Event and Strictly Dependent On Health Conditions

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Santori Library, 101 South River Street, Aurora, IL 60560

Program: Meeting with Elected Officials (TBA)

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 5:00

Place: TBD

Guest Speaker: Financial Security for Women—Guest Speaker, Shelly Sypen from Edward Jones

Date: May 15, 2021

Time: Noon

Place: TBD

Program: Annual Business Meeting with Speaker To Be Determined

Programming Continued



Above is an online shot taken on October 15, 2020. AAUW Aurora members and guests were on Zoom enjoying the program on “Equal Rights” with our Speaker, Steve Anderson who is an expected Profiles in Courage awardee for his work with equal rights. The discussion was refreshingly non-partisan and very enjoyable.



The above picture is of our first meeting of the year held outside with masks. The meeting met both Covid regulations and our AAUW mission.



Covid did not stop this fun event. Socially distanced and with masks, participants loved the Christmas tradition of decorating gingerbread houses—houses provided by Lisa Wolancevich.

Evites will be sent out for 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.

Study Groups

AAUW Movie Study Group for 2020-21 @ 6:15 p. m

This group generally meets the second Monday of each month to view a film on video at members' homes, preceded by a potluck and desserts. A great discussion follows. Movies, chosen by each hostess, are selected to support women artists and/or to address the mission and objectives of AAUW. The meal begins at 6:15 p.m., with the viewing at about 7:00.



To begin this year, we will be showing the films via Zoom meetings. All of you will be notified of every film by the Evite system, but you will be notified when in-person meetings can begin again. If anyone needs instruction in how to join a Zoom meeting, instruction will be provided by a fellow-member. It's fun—and *almost* personal.

Everyone is to RSVP to the hostess and to watch their email notifications and updates. All Branch members are welcome to come once or to attend every meeting,

January 11, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: Jerre Henriksen
Movie: *Be Natural: The Untold Story of Alice Guy-Blaché* 2018
Genre: Documentary: Pamela B. Green's energetic film about pioneer filmmaker Alice Guy-Blaché is both a tribute and a detective story, tracing the circumstances by which this extraordinary artist faded from memory and the path toward her reclamation.
Director: Pamela B. Green
Writers: Pamela B. Green, Joan Simon
Stars: Alice Guy-Blaché, Richard Abel, Marc Abraham

February 8, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: May Keenan
Movie: *Emma* 2020
Genre: Romance/Comedy: Jane Austen's classic has had many filmed versions; this one is especially funny and wicked, with a great lead performance by Taylor-Joy. Set in 1800s England, a well-meaning but selfish and deluded young woman meddles in the love life of her friends, usually with disastrous results.
Director: Autumn de Wilde
Writers: Eleanor Catton (screenplay), Jane Austen (novel)
Stars: Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn, Mia Goth

Movie Group Continued

March 8, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: Linda Seyller
Movie: *The Good Liar* 2019
Genre: Crime Thriller: Consummate con man Roy Courtney has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish, who has millions. This time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a real cat-and-mouse game. The ultimate stakes are left in doubt as you romp through this fun thriller.
Director: Bill Condon
Writers: Nicholas Searle (novel), Jeffrey Hatcher (screenplay)
Stars: Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey

April 12, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: Joy Bowling
Movie: *A Ballerina's Tale* 2015
Genre: Documentary: This feature film tracks the amazing life and achievements of Misty Copeland, who became the first African-American to become a principal dancer with the NYC Ballet Company. Her potentially career-ending injuries and her struggles with body image and self-concept are shown in-depth, as are her prodigious successes that conquer the elite ballet world.
Director: Nelson George
Stars: Misty Copeland, Deirdre Kelly, Susan Fales-Hill

May 10, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: Sandy Hipp
Movie: *The Vote* 2020
Genre: History/Documentary: This PBS documentary, from The American Experience series, tells the dramatic culmination story of the hard-fought campaign waged by American women for the right to vote—a transformative cultural and political movement that resulted in the largest expansion of voting rights in U.S. history. Each part of this two-part series is 113 minutes; thus, we can see the first and save the second for a later date.

June 14, 2021

5:15 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Film

Hostess: Elaine Ross
Movie: *Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice* 2019
Genre: Documentary: With one of the most memorably stunning voices that has ever hit the airwaves, Linda Ronstadt burst onto the 1960s folk rock music scene in her early twenties. The film shows her struggles and successes in that scene. We hear the music and commentary of many great performers and fellow-singers such as Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, and Bonnie Raitt. You can hear, again, many of Ronstadt's greatest hits and performances.
Director: Rob Epstein, Jeffrey Friedman
Stars: Linda Ronstadt and an array of 1960s performers

Movie Group Continued

July 12, 2021

6:15 p.m. Social

Planning Mtg./Potluck

Hostess: Denise Curts-Lueth

Sources: The Independent Movie Database (IMDB), PBS Website, and Elaine Ross

The 10 Best Films of 2020

Written by David Sims of The Atlantic

As we look back on film in 2020, maybe the strangest year in the medium's history, the question will be whether it was an accelerant or an aberration. The coronavirus pandemic closed most movie theaters in the United States by mid-March, and though many reopened over the year, cinema attendance has dwindled. Has 2020 brought us closer to a new movie-watching reality, in which the at-home experience has supplanted the theatrical one, and audiences can find new releases only by sifting through a trove of streaming and on-demand offerings? Or will 2020 just be a strange, asterisked era, a housebound interruption that dents but doesn't destroy the appeal of the collective viewing experience?

Whatever the future holds for this industry, 2020 has challenged my perception of what a movie is. The rise of Netflix and its many online rivals has been blurring the line between TV and film for years, luring viewers out of packed theaters and diminishing the importance of opening weekends and instant buzz. I saw many of the year's best movies this year on my couch, alone, while in search of distraction, and they still had the power to transport, amaze, and provoke me. But the experiences I reflected on most fondly were on the big screen, in a room with strangers and friends having that otherwise-unattainable emotional catharsis of seeing a movie together. I hope we'll all be able to do it again.

The list of this author's 10 best films includes:

***DA 5 BLOODS - NEVER RARELY SOMETIMES ALWAYS—TENET—
BACURA—NOMADLAND—MANK—I'M THINKING OF ENDING THINGS—
THE NEST—LOVERS ROCK— FIRST COW***



BOOKIN' IT TO LUNCH! 2020-21 Fourth Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

JANUARY 21: Via Zoom Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

A Woman of No Importance, by Sonia Purnell

This will be an all-branch program

FEBRUARY 25: Via Zoom

White Fragility, by Robin Diangelo

MARCH 25: Via Zoom

This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color, edited by Cherrie Moraga & Gloria Anzaldua

APRIL 22: Via Zoom

The Namesake: A Novel, by Jhumpa Lahiri

MAY 27: Via Zoom

Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland, by Patrick Radden Keefe

JUNE 24: Via Zoom

Heart Berries: A Memoir, by Terese Marie Mailhot

JULY 22: PLANNING SESSION

AUGUST 26: TBA

Separated: Inside an American Tragedy, by Jacob Soboroff

Zoom is the default “location” as of this planning, but subject to change as noted above or as conditions allow. Please watch for and respond to the E-vites so we can follow up with attendees regarding. latest updates and information.

Questions: Contact Andi Danis at danishouse@sbcglobal.net

**“Ah, how good it is to be among people
who are reading.”– Rainer Maria Rilke**



AAUW Branch Treasurer Report/Dues

Treasurer's Report as of October 24, 2020

Ending Balance from 09/26/20		\$2947.66
Deposits:	None	
Expenses:	Programs:	\$ 246.51
	Reimb Andi for lunches	
	Office Expenses:	\$ 30.32
	Cost of checks	
Total Expenses	\$ 276.83	\$2670.83
Balance as of 10/24/20		<u>\$2670.83</u>

Assistant Treasurer's Report As of Oct. 24, 2020

Balance 8/8/20 \$629.28

Deposits: None

Checks: None

Current AAUW Funds Balance: \$629.28

Submitted by:

Vicki Petersen
Assistant Treasurer

AAUW Branch Minutes

Minutes for Aurora-Area Board Meeting of October 24, 2020 at 9:00 a. m. Remote Zoom Meeting in Fox Valley, IL

In attendance:

Nicole Benziger, Joy Bowling, Valerie Burd, Andi Danis, Pat Daugherty, Roberta Devorsky, Jerre Henriksen, Vicki Petersen, and Tracey Sherman-Falcon.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a. m.

Minutes:

The minutes from August 8, 2020 were approved via e-vote in preparation for the September branch meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Tracey's report was reviewed. Primary activity was due to recent branch programs as well as an outstanding check from Joy. **The balance as of October 24, 2020 was \$2,670.83.**

Tracey ordered checks and a new check needs to be submitted to Joy due to the inadvertent destruction of the original. Insurance will be paid in the next month or two.

Asst. Treasurer's Report:

Vicki P.'s report was reviewed. **The balance (in EF/LAF) is \$629.28** reflected no change from the previous meeting.

Programs:

Andi D. recapped the programs for FY2021:

September 26 (Noon) – The program was successful and eventful. A big “thank you” to presenters Joy B. and Tracey S. There were three (3) volunteers who became election judges as a result of Joy's presentation, which is excellent.

October 15 (7 pm) - Via Zoom – was extremely successful in that 27 people attended. Much appreciation to Val for securing our speaker.

November 19 (5 pm) – Switching to ZOOM due to current mitigation efforts in Illinois. There will be a virtual chili/spaghetti supper followed by Woman's History Jeopardy.

December 12 (Noon) – A large location will be needed, possibly Lyon Farm (or via ZOOM). The activity will be Gingerbread house decorating with an ornament exchange (We need to indicate on the invitation to bring \$10 and a bag of candy to share).

Membership:

Valerie B. invited 20 people to the October ZOOM meeting but there was a County Board meeting as well as one of the National Debates. Overall, attendance was good (27 attendees) with several area leaders in attendance as well as out of state individuals dialing in.

Minutes—Membership Continued

Val was contacted by WSPY-FM which had an immediate special deal for buying time on their formats (radio station/online) for \$100. Overall, Andi and Pat were not confident that this would have solid, long-term positive exposure for the branch.

Janet Nelson's membership transition from the Naperville, IL branch to Aurora, IL branch is pending with National.

Communications:

Nicole B. updated the website for the FY2021 branch programs. Roughly half the links are not working due to updates to the National site. She has checked on them and updated them.

Nicole suggested a general email to membership on general ZOOM etiquette. Tracey expanded the suggestion to general etiquette based upon September's branch meeting.

Nicole is awaiting the transition of National's new website - the new colors/logo. National has control of updating branch websites (now there are 250 content pages). Nicole is now using the newly designed colors/logo. As noted during previous meetings, the rollout is being done in phases--with branches to follow over time (tentatively October/November 2020).

Nicole B. and Tracey S. are active on posting to Facebook which is wonderful. Nicole encouraged us to send screen shots from ZOOM meetings to evidence that we are an active, engaged branch. Joy will be sending the September group picture for the website and Facebook page.

AAUW Funds:

Pat D., Vicki P., and Nicole B. updated us on the virtual fundraiser this year. Cards are ready and printed with friendship bracelets attached. They simply need to be put into the cards and mailed by the end of the week (October 31). Joy has offered to help with the mailing. Nicole B. believes that this is a good idea to forward to the State for use with smaller branches.

Donations from the virtual fundraiser will need to be sent into National with an official e-vote when Vicki has most of the funds received. The due date is mid-December. There was a consensus that the funds be directed to the Greatest Needs Fund. There is an option to make the donation "in honor of" someone's name if there is at least \$500 to be donated.

Joy B. mentioned an online raffle idea with a request to forward the information to Tracey.

Public Policy:

Tracey S. indicated that there were 100 "GOTV" postcards written and sent to other states as a result of the September branch meeting.

There were 20 attendees at the Fair Tax presentation with good questions and follow up.

National has been sending out statements relating to the Supreme Court Justice nomination as well as how to get involved with current public policy matters. Nicole B. has been posting these items on the Facebook site.

Social Chair:

Joy B. gave her report which was submitted for the meeting. A card for May Keenan was signed at the September branch event and sent out on September 26. A "thinking of you" card was sent to her on October 1 due to additional testing. She is doing much better

Minutes Continued

Newsletter:

The next general meeting is January 21, 2021 so the publication date for the next issue will be January 11, 2021. **The deadline will be January 4 - 8** for submissions for the next newsletter so that it goes out before the next general meeting. Andi needs to submit an article. Tracey will submit any public policy ideas. An update related to the virtual fundraiser will also be included.

Yearbook:

Pat D. was frustrated due to printing challenges and the rising cost. The cost was \$127.49 (double from last year). An initial printing mistake was made, and they needed to be redone (vendor used: Office Depot which takes the AAUW discount). Only 55 yearbooks were printed this year. Pat has extra yearbooks and will coordinate to get them to Val.

Study Groups:

Bookin' it to Lunch has technologically adapted. The October meeting was a success via ZOOM. The next meeting is December 3 at 11:15 am on His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope, by Jon Meacham.

Movie Study Group will be on ZOOM. The October movie, *The Wife*, was excellent and included a lively discussion after the show. The next one will be *Harriet*, on November 9 at 6:15 pm. (Joy B. will be hosting the November meeting with Andi launching the event at 5:50 pm. Andi and Nicole have conflicts. Denise, as co-host, will be sharing/streaming the movie).

Both Pat D. and Joy B. have agreed to give Movie Group updates/reports.

Additional Reports as Needed:

There were no additional updates to ***The Five Star Branch Recognition Program***. There will be an update at the January 2021 board meeting.

Old Business:

Per Joy, remember to vote.

New Business:

Elaine Ross was included on the Board list due to her role in the Movie Group but would prefer to be removed from the Board mailing list. Distributions/reports to her are to be discontinued. Joy B. will be giving Movie Group updates as needed.

Going forward, one compiled WORD document will be sent out to board members by Roberta in preparation for the board meeting.

Next board meeting date: *January 23, 2021 at 9 am via ZOOM.*

Tentative future board meeting dates (awaiting state calendar):

March 20, 2021
June 26, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Devorsky, Secretary

AAUW Public Policy

Good News:

Lilly Ledbetter Act Brings Justice to Indiana Teacher

Since we could all do with some good news, let's turn to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, located in Chicago. They just reversed a district court which had dismissed a teacher's claim of sex based wage discrimination as being too far in the past. When the high school teacher was hired in 2006, she was offered \$32,000 as an annual salary. This seemed low given her masters degree and 10 years of teaching experience. The school's director told her that since her husband had a good job, she didn't need a better salary. The district court agreed with the school that the teacher had waited too long to file a claim. AAUW members likely remember that this was the reason Lilly Ledbetter lost at the Supreme Court against Goodyear Tires. The 2009 Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was a legislative fix for the Supreme Court's narrow interpretation of the Equal Pay Act. AAUW lobbied hard for this change. Now, Cheryl Kellogg's case is revived by a unanimous 7th Circuit panel, and will be tried on the merits (or settled). Congratulations Cheryl and AAUW.

Our own Public Policy Chairman Tracey Sherman-Falcon Reports:

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the November 3, 2020 election. History was made! The first female woman of color was elected as Vice President. Joe Biden has also made history by appointing several women of all colors to Federal positions never been held by women before.

Our own member, Stephanie Kifowit, won re-election as IL State Representative of the 84th District. She is now seeking to be Speaker of the House in Illinois along with Rep. Ann Williams and Rep. Kathleen Willis. Several women's organizations are encouraging the House to vote for a feminist woman for the Speaker position.

Kim Churches, along with several other women's organizations, came together to make a statement on January 9th, 2021 condemning the unconscionable actions that occurred at our Nation's Capitol on Wednesday January 6, 2021. They are asking that our country's leaders remove President Trump from office immediately. See website for full statement.

Governor Whitmer and Governor Snyder Call on Americans to Pray for Unity, Healing

LANSING – Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer and former Republican Governor Rick Snyder joined one another today in calling for national unity.

"What is unfolding today in our nation's capital is truly appalling. Violence, vandalism, and insurrection have no place in this great country of ours. We are a nation of laws, not mobs," Whitmer said.

"While we come from different backgrounds and political parties, Governor Whitmer and I share a deep love for our country," Snyder said. "We must always remember that we are Americans first, and we are not one another's enemy. That's why I join with Governor Whitmer in calling on people of goodwill across America to pray for peace, calm, and healing."

AAUW Washington Update

AAUW Reacts to Stagnant Gender Pay Gap Numbers

Press Release—September 15, 2020

AAUW Chief executive Officer Kimberly Churches issued the following statement in response to figures released today by the U.S. Census Bureau.

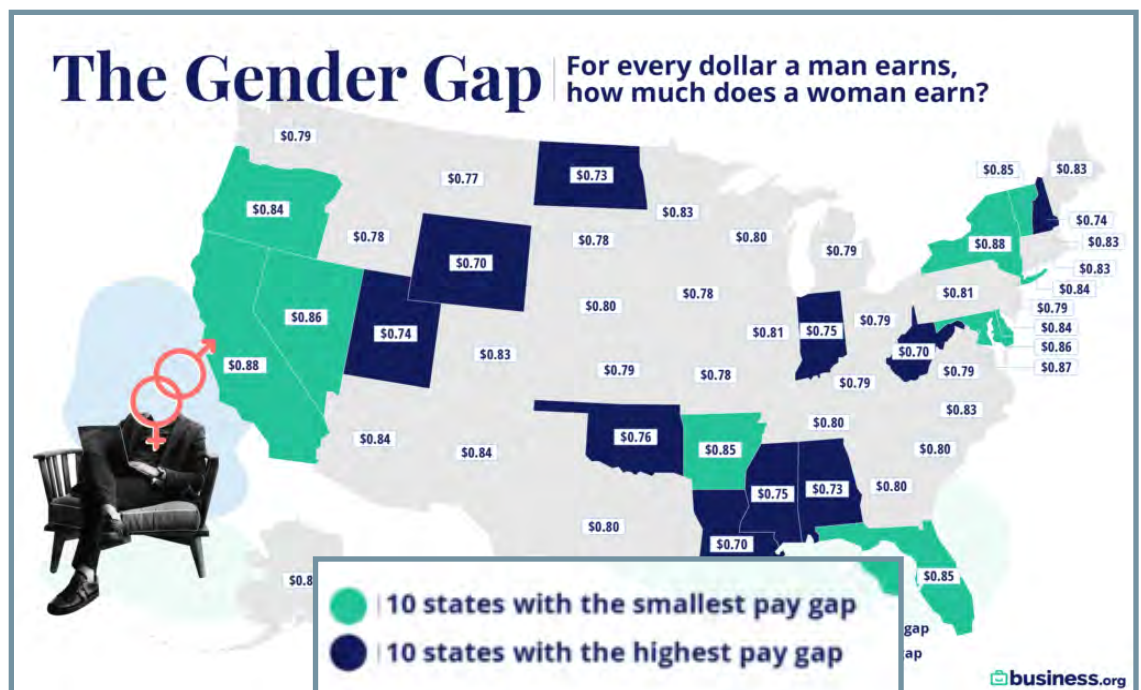
Another year, another frustrating statistic for American women and their families: The wage gap between men and women once again has barely budged. As unfathomable as it seems number don't lie: Women still are paid just 82 cents for every dollar paid to a man. Black women are paid just 63 cents and Latinas 55 cents compared to what white men earn.

These figures reflect a very slight narrowing over last year's numbers: In 2018, on average women earned 81.6 cents for every dollar paid to men, compared to 82.3 cents in 2019; Black women were paid 62% of white, non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018, compared to 63% in 2019; and Latinas made 54% of white, non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018 compared to 55% in 2019. Those changes reflect a hint of movement, but hardly enough to make a difference in our bank accounts. And strikingly, the pay gap actually widened for Asian women, who were paid 89% of white, non-Hispanic men's wages in 2018, compared to 87% in 2019.

If that's not bad enough, the situation will get even worse: These new figures reflect wages from 2018-2019, and there's every indication that the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic fallout could actually widen the gap in 2020. Women have been disproportionately affected by furloughs and unemployment during the pandemic, largely because so many hold jobs in the industries that have shrunk amidst the pandemic. Women of color have been especially hard hit, confronting the cascading effects of both economic and healthy insecurity.

What's more, the challenges of caretaking—exacerbated by virtual schooling, closed daycare centers and isolated seniors—have taken a significant toll on women's careers. With women still shouldering the bulk of domestic responsibilities, many have no option but to reduce their work hours, put off advancement opportunities or quite their jobs altogether. Their reality will compound the difficulties of achieving pay equity any time soon.

But we are not giving up in our battle to demand the equitable wages that most Americans agree women deserve.



New Member Registration Form

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



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 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.

*AAUW National dues are \$59, of which \$56 is tax deductible. The remaining \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill advocacy work and get-out-the-vote activities.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

Stay Connected with the AAUW Aurora Area Branch

Not on Facebook? We still have our branch website at 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 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.

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, Tracey Sherman-Falcon, will be appreciated.



Board Meetings/Membership

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

January 23, 2021

March 20, 2021

June 26, 2021

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Andi Danis

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Joy Bowling