



HIGHLIGHTS

AAUW AURORA AREA BRANCH
CELEBRATING 101 YEARS

FALL 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!

I hope you have all been enjoying your summer, and maybe even got a change to do some leisure traveling! We (grandparents, kids, and grandson) were able to escape to Door County for a week in June, and do a getaway for just hubby and I in July to our favorite Florida resort for a few days. It was nice just to see some different scenery, relax on a beach, and what else? READ!

But never fear, your AAUW committees have been hard at work this summer as well, putting together fabulous plans for our upcoming program year! Watch for an early Evite to hit your email inbox so that you can register for the September meeting. In addition to our regular opening meeting, complete with yearbook distribution, we will support an APL program that features a local woman author who is also a Cuban immigrant – she will share her story!

In addition to this opening program we have a great lineup of events planned, but...since we can't seem to shake this 'Covid Creature', we once again must be patient with details and flexible in our planning. Please continue to watch your email for last minute updates, especially as to how and where we will offer specific programs.

Both the Movie Group and Bookin' It to Lunch have held their planning sessions and the results are truly inspiring! If you have never attended these study groups, I urge you to take a look at the lists of great movies and books that our members will be experiencing – Wow!

I attended a meeting of the northern branch presidents last weekend and we are making plans for a Fall Conference, but details are still being decided as to when and how that will take place. That is also true for a spring State Convention; plans are being made for late April or early May, however that will also depend on the state of "normalcy" (or not) that exists as we move through the year.

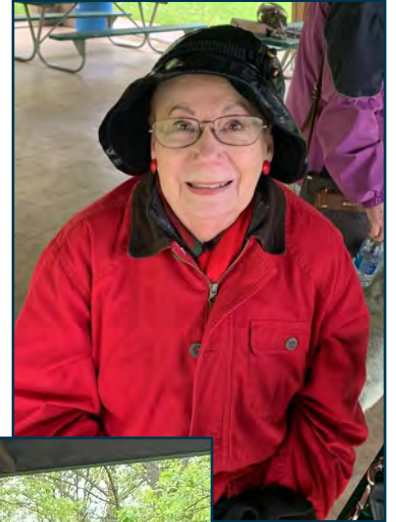
I also want to acknowledge Pat Daugherty, one of our dearest members, who is in a tough fight to regain her health right now: Pat, we are all thinking of you and wishing you the best!!

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.

Andi Danis, President

AAUW Aurora Area Branch

Cold and Dreary Not When We Are Together!!



AAUW of Illinois Announces 2021 Agent of Change Recipient

Joy Bowling of the Aurora Area Branch was honored as the AAUW-IL 2021 Agent of Change recipient at our 2021 (virtual version) 96th State Convention for her 40+ years as a voter registrar, but most specifically for registering 67 voters in 2020 during a pandemic.

Before the Covid-19 pandemic, Joy could be found registering voters at candidate forums, several area churches and even at the MLK Jr Tribute at the Chicago Sinfonietta.

After the pandemic hit, she continued her work. Joy passed out QR code cards so people could register on their smart phones while they were waiting in lines at the food pantry. She registered 4 physical therapy assistants while at her doctor's appointment, as well as 5 dental assistants while at the dentist. Her proudest moment was registering 7 women at the Lifespring Center, where they offer safe shelter for women and children that have lost their housing due to addiction, abuse or financial crisis.

Joy also partnered with the Quad County Urban League and conducted two voter registrar classes that resulted in 10 African American new voter registrars.

She also participated in GOTV initiatives that included postcard writing campaigns and made 500 phone calls to GOTV.

Per the AAUW website "increasing voter turnout was a priority for the 2020 election. The more people who vote, the better our representative democracy will function." Joy's work of inspiring voters and connecting with activists helped get our country's first woman of color elected as Vice President along with changing the administration that was that was going in the direction that did not support equity for all.

Congratulations Joy!

Here she is accepting the award at our virtual AAUW-IL State Convention in May 2021.



2021-2022 Program Dates

SEPTEMBER: Welcome Back – AAUW Mission & Purpose

Business Meeting and Author Visit: Lucy Girolamo

- Date: Wednesday—September 15, 2021
Time: Meeting: 4:45-5:45; Program 6:00-7:00
Location: Santori Library: AAUW Branch Meeting is upstairs in the Teen Room;
Program is downstairs in Community Room
Cost: \$0
Notes: Refreshments Provided—Business meeting to pick up yearbooks, vote on budget, outline the program year. Pre-registration is required through the APL website or through Andi Danis.

OCTOBER: Critical Race Theory – What it is....What it is Not!

- Date: Wednesday—October 15, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Santori Library Community Room
Cost: \$0
Notes: A panel discussion of Critical Race Theory from the perspectives of education and the law.
Will be open to the public and requires pre-registration through APL or Andi Danis.

NOVEMBER: Chili/Spaghetti Supper and Program on Women’s Economic Security

- Date: Thursday—November 18, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Churchill Clubhouse, Oswego
Cost: Prepared sign-up sheets for items needed for supper will be available. Contact Joy Bowling.
Notes: Shelley Sypien will present on Women’s Economic Security.

DECEMBER: Holiday Tea and Craft at Esther’s Place

- Date: Saturday—December 4, 2021
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Esther’s Place, Big Rock
Cost: \$12
Notes: We bring desserts/snacks. Ester’s Place furnishes tea, coffee, cocoa and the craft, a needle felted holiday gnome. Minimum: 8; Maximum: 16

Programming Continued

JANUARY: No Program

FEBRUARY: Little Traveler Brunch

Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022
Time: 11:00
Location: Little Traveler, Geneva
Cost: \$9.95 plus TIP
Notes: Reservations will go through the Evite with a deadline of Feb.1; a reservation made is a reservation paid!

MARCH: Public Policy Program—TBD

APRIL: All-Branch Book Club: All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis, by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson, Eds.

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2021
Time: 6:00p.m.
Location: TBA
Cost: TBA

MAY: Spring General Meeting and Review of State Convention; Officer election and Installation

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2021
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: TBA
Cost: TBA

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 2021-22 @ 6:15 p. m

Movie Study Group meets the second Monday of each month. Movies are selected to support women artists and to address the mission and objectives of AAUW. All selections deal with issues specific to the lives of women and girls, most having women writers, directors, and featured actors. Evites are sent to notify branch members of the upcoming event and to give the hostess an accurate account of those who will attend. Everyone brings a dish to pass for the potluck before the viewing and discussion. **Please RSVP. SOCIAL TIME: 6:15 p. m.; FILMS: 7:00 p. m.**

Aug. 9, 2021 Ask for Jane 2019

Hostess: Elaine Ross
Genre: Period drama set in the 1960s
Director & writer: Rachel Carey
Plot: A group of determined Midwestern women begin providing safe but illegal abortions; based on a true story.



Sept. 13, 2021 The Vote: Part II 2020

Hostess: Sandy Hipp
Genre: Documentary; from the PBS series, The American Experience
Director: Michelle Ferrari
Narrator: Kate Burton
Actors: Patricia Clarkson, Audra Mc Donald, Mae Whitman, Laura Linney
Plot: Part II continues from Part I from last year; covers the period from 1909-20. Movement leaders debate the use of militant, even violent tactics, as well as hunger strikes and relentless public protests. The battle upended previously accepted ideas.

Oct. 11, 2021 Ma Rainey's Black Bottom 2020

Hostess: Penny Cameron
Genre: Biographical musical drama, based on the play by August Wilson
Actors: Viola Davis, Chadwick Boseman
Plot: Tensions rise when trailblazing Ma Rainey and her band gather at a recording studio in Chicago in 1927. Based on history.

Nov. 8, 2021 The Bookshop 2017

Hostess: Denise Curts-Lueth
Genre: Drama
Writer/Director: Isabel Coixet; based on the novel by Penelope Fitzgerald
Actors: Emily Mortimer, Bill Nighy, Patricia Clarkson
Plot: Set in England in 1959 in a small coastal town; Florence Green decides to open a bookshop but soon detects devious resistance from the town's grand dame; she gains support from some townsfolk who want to read, especially from the town's wealthy recluse who befriends her. Does she succeed?

Movie Group Continued

Dec. 13, 2021 Philomena 2013

Hostess: Karel Thompson
Genre: Drama, comedy, road-trip adventures
Director: Stephen Frears
Actors: Judi Dench, Steve Coogan
Plot: This is the true story of Philomena Lee, who fought for 50 years to find the son secretly adopted out by the convent where she was held as a pregnant teenager. She is assisted on her journey by the real-life comedian, Steve Coogan, who plays the journalist who took up her cause. Unexpected twists occur, but without clichés or sentimentalizing.

Jan. 10, 2022 Let Them All Talk 2020

Hostess: Elaine Ross
Genre: Drama
Director: Steven Soderbergh
Writer: Deborah Eisenberg
Actors: Meryl Streep, Dianne Weist, Candice Bergman, Gemma Chan
Plot: A famous author (Streep) takes the Queen Mary across the ocean with the goal of receiving a highly prestigious award in England. She is allowed to take guests with her and chooses two good friends from her past; her nephew also goes along. The troubles and conflicts of the past emerge into the present scene intended to bring luxury and fun to the passengers.

Feb. 14, 2022 The Best of Enemies 2019

Hostess: Joy Bowling
Genre: Drama
Writer/Director: Robin Bissell
Actors: Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell, and many other well-knowns
Plot: Set in Durham, NC and based on the book by Osha Gray Davidson, the film tells the true story of the rivalry between Ann Atwater and Ku Klux Klan leader C. P. Ellis. They try to settle issues about school integration after the black school burns; very untried methods are used to resolve the conflicts and fears.

Mar. 14, 2022 The Life Ahead 2020

Hostess: Linda Seyller
Genre: Drama (sub-titled)
Director: Edoardo Ponti (Sophia Loren's son)
Actors: Sophia Loren, Ibrahima Gueye
Plot: Set in seaside Italy, this is the last film starring S. Loren. Loren plays a former prostitute and madam but who now runs a kind of daycare center. She is also a former Holocaust survivor, a matter that affects every aspect of her life. Taking in a 12-year-old street kid who has robbed her, she meets the challenge of her life—and the greatest reward.

Movie Group Continued

April 11, 2022 On the Basis of Sex 2019

Hostess: Jerre Henriksen
Genre: Docudrama
Director: Mimi Leder
Actors: Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer, Sam Waterston, Kathy Bates
Plot: Based on the life and early cases of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the film takes us from her years in training as a lawyer through the many obstacles she has to overcome to rise to being an Associate Justice of the U S Supreme Court. She was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

May 9, 2021 Herself 2020

Hostess: Elaine Ross
Genre: Drama
Director: Phyllida Lloyd
Writers: Clare Dunne, Malcolm Campbell
Actors: Clare Dunne, Molly McCann, Ruby Rose O'Hara, Harriet Walter
Plot: A truly inspiring story of a young mother's escape from her abusive husband and her fight against a broken housing system and her culture. Set in Ireland, this single mother enlists a community of friends and supporters to "beat the system" by building her own house. What she builds is her own life and self-worth.

June 13, 2021 Changing the Game 2019

Hostess: May Keenan
Genre: Documentary, Drama, Sports
Director: Michael Barnett
Writers: Amanda C. Griffin, Michael Barnett, Michael Mahaffie
Actors: Sarah Rose Huckman, Mack Beggs, Terry Miller
Plot: Transgender high school students from across the country compete at the top of their fields in their individual sport while fighting the many perceptions that hold them back. Boundaries are made to be challenged; discrimination is there to be called out.

July 11, 2022 Planning Potluck Hosted by Denise Curts-Lueth

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

Mae West



AAUW Book Study Group 2021-2022

BOOKIN' IT TO LUNCH!

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

SEPTEMBER 23 TBA

The Undocumented Americans, by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

OCTOBER 28 TBA

The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear, by Kate Moore

DECEMBER 2* ZOOM

New Women in the Old West: From Settlers to Suffragists, an Untold American Story, by Winifred Gallagher *This is a week later due to Thanksgiving

DECEMBER: NO ADDITIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 27 ZOOM

The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East, by Sandy Tolan

FEBRUARY 24 ZOOM

How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America, by Clint Smith

MARCH 24 TBA

All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, A Black Family Keepsake, by Tiya Miles

APRIL 28 (6:00 p.m.) **This will be an all-branch program.**

All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis, Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Katharine K. Wilkinson NOTE: Johnson is an AAUW American Fellow Recipient

MAY 26 TBA

When the Apricots Bloom, by Gina Wilkinson

JUNE 30 TBA

The Killing Season: A Paramedic's Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Opioid Epidemic, by Peter Canning.

AAUW Branch Treasurer Report/Dues

Treasurer's Report as of August 14, 2021

Ending Balance from 6/19/21		\$2326.12
Deposits:	Dues	\$ 354.00
Expenses:	Programs (Zoom, Esther's Place)	\$ 199.90
	State and Nat'l Dues	\$ 144.00
Balance as of 8/14/21		\$2336.22

Outstanding check to reimburse Joy for cards and postage. \$26.08

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Sherman-Falcon, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer's Report As of August 14, 2021

Balance 6/10/21	\$684.28
Deposits: From Food Truck Fundraiser	\$50 .00
Checks: None	
Current AAUW Funds Balance:	\$734.28

Submitted by:
Vicki Petersen
Assistant Treasurer



AAUW Aurora Area Branch
2021-2022
Proposed Budget

Carryover from 2020-2021 \$2281.22

Projected Additional Income:

 Dues from 35 members @\$21 \$ 735.00

Total Available Revenue \$3016.22

Projected Expenses:

 Conventions/Conferences \$ 200.00

 Memorials: 2 @ \$25 \$ 50.00

 Membership Committee: \$ 200.00

 Programs \$ 900.00

 Printing: Yearbooks/ Newsletter \$ 150.00

 President's Expenses \$ 75.00

 Treasurer's Expenses \$ 75.00

 Social Chair \$ 50.00

 Insurance: Yearly Liability \$ 225.00

 Board Reserve Fund \$1091.22

Total Projected Expenses: \$3016.22

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey Sherman-Falcon, Treasurer

I have increased the insurance expense \$25.00 figuring the cost would increase.

I have increased the printing expense \$50, since we went over budget and figured that cost would increase.



AAUW Branch Minutes

Minutes for Aurora-Area Board Meeting of August 14, 2021 at 9:00 a. m. Remote Zoom Meeting in Fox Valley, IL

In attendance:

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

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a. m.

Minutes:

The minutes from June 19, 2021 were approved. Tracey moved for approval of the minutes.

Nicole seconded. All approved. (*Need to correct the spelling of Vicki's name*).

Treasurer's Report:

Tracey reviewed her written report. Items of note are: Additional activity from the report was due to minor membership updates. The December program fees as well as state and national dues were paid. There are still outstanding checks for membership renewals that need to be deposited. **The balance as of August 14, 2021 was \$2,336.22.**

Tracey reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-2022. Joy moved for approval of the budget. Nicole seconded. All approved. The budget has passed as recommended to the membership.

Asst. Treasurer's Report:

Vicki reviewed her written report. **The balance (in EF/LAF) is \$734.28.** Item of note is: The Food Truck fundraiser money (\$50) was submitted.

Programs:

Andi reviewed the programming planning agenda for the 2021/2022 fiscal year that was included in your packet. The program meeting on Monday, July 12 went well. As a result, no immediate replacement for the VP – Programs will be named at this time.

Items of note are: The Wednesday, September 15 meeting will be held at the Santori library, followed by a library program featuring a local author. We need to post signage to direct members for the branch meeting. Yearbooks will be available for pickup.

Additional Fall programs include a program in partnership with the Santori Library on Critical Race Theory in October; the Chili/Spaghetti supper in November, along with a program on Women's Economic Security, and a holiday craft party at Esther's Place in December.

Winter/Spring Events include brunch at Little Traveler in February, an all-branch book discussion in April and our wrap-up meeting in May.

Minutes—Membership Continued

The vision for the March Public Policy Program is to have a ZOOM meeting with the Batavia branch and have a local legislator panel meeting to discuss current policies and bills. Working with another branch for programming is part of the Five Star Program. The date and specific topic(s) are to be determined. March schedules for legislators can be challenging so we could also leverage the AU program in March with Chris Wallace if necessary.

Meetings locations for Spring 2021 are yet to be determined and will be finalized as the year progresses.

Membership:

There was nothing new to report in Johanna's absence.

Communications:

Nicole will be updating the website shortly with the Bookin' it to Lunch and the Movie Group schedules. She updated us on recent Facebook events.

AAUW Funds:

The virtual fundraising idea for November is "Planting the Seeds for the Future". A seed packet will be attached to a card (roughly 75 cards). The deadline for donations is prior to Thanksgiving. Nicole, Vicki, and Joy are the committee members taking care of this.

Public Policy:

Tracey S. has nothing new to report, no one is in session. Andi and Joy are attending training for navigating the Illinois General Assembly website on Monday, August 16.

Social Chair:

Joy B. reviewed her written report. Items of note are: Cards were sent for July and August birthdays; additional cards sent to Pat Daugherty and Cynthia Latimer to let them know we are thinking of them.

Newsletter:

Jerre Henriksen will be doing the newsletter at the end of August. We will approve the August minutes electronically to include in the newsletter.

An events card will go out in the fall. This has been well received by members last year.

A newsletter will also go out in January 2022.

Yearbook:

Andi will be doing the yearbooks this year and deliver them to Tracey for distribution at the September meeting.

Study Groups:

Bookin' It: Andi Danis Will be Thursday August 26 at 11:30 to discuss *Separated: Inside an American Tragedy*, by Jacob Soboroff

Movie Group: Joy/Jerre

Was Monday, August 9 at the home of Elaine Ross where they watched *Ask for Jane*.

Movie Group: Monday, September 13 at the home of Sandy Hipp to watch *The Vote: Part II* (a documentary from the PBS series, *The American Experience*)

Minutes Continued

Additional Reports as Needed:

The audit is being conducted by Jerre Henriksen and Nicole Benzinger. No discrepancies were noted with the Treasurer records; the audit of the Assistant Treasurer's accounts is still in progress.

Old Business:

DEI position on the Board update. This position is not filled yet.

New Business:

Future Board Meetings: Saturdays at 9:00 – how to meet will be revisited as the year progresses.

Saturday October 30, 2021

Saturday January 29, 2022 (dependent on State Mtgs.)

Saturday March 26, 2022

Saturday June 25, 2022

The next board meeting will be on Saturday, October 30, 2021 via ZOOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Devorsky, Secretary



Pat Daugherty has added magic to our organization for an amazing number of years. Now she could use our love and well wishes:

Pat Daugherty
Thrive of Lisle
2850 Ogden Avenue
Lisle, IL 60532

AAUW Public Policy

How have you been staying connected with AAUW public policy initiatives? Even during a pandemic there are ways to stay involved from the comfort and safety of your home. Are you signed up to be a **Two-Minute Activist**? If not, sign up here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>. Are you staying engaged? You can do this by knowing your local Illinois State Representative and Senator and follow them on social media, or get their newsletter emailed to you. Are you taking actions? Like filling out witness slips when asked to do so? Or calling your legislator to ask them to support AAUW priorities? I hope you will join your fellow AAUW members across the state to continue our work to advance gender equity for women and girls. Our mission cannot happen without public policy!

Stay connected, engaged, and active!

In June we wrapped up a busy and productive legislative session. We are very fortunate in Illinois that many bills to support equity and inclusion passed.

Here is an update:

Ensuring Success in Schools Law **HB 3223** passed. This requires appropriate, trauma-informed responses to the needs of every student.

Keeping Youth Safe and Healthy **Act SB 818** passed. This updates the curriculum in schools (that choose to teach Health and Safety education) to be age appropriate, medically accurate, all inclusive, culturally appropriate, and trauma informed.

HB 155 passed. This allows SNAP, WIC, and TANF recipients to use their benefits to purchase menstrual hygiene products and diapers.

HB 641 passed. This requires that public universities and community colleges make feminine hygiene products available at no cost in bathrooms.

HB 156 passed. This provides that menstrual hygiene products shall be made available in bathrooms of every school building that are open for student use in grades 4 through 12 during the regular school day.

HB 310 passed. Provides that feminine hygiene products be available free of charge at all homeless shelters that provide temporary housing assistance to women or youth.

Equal Pay Day Resolution **HR 220** passed.

Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion **HB 1797** did not come up for vote in this session.

HB 012 passed. Provides that an employee of a school district, public university, or community college district who has been employed for at least 12 months and who has worked at least 1,000 hours in the previous 12-month period shall be eligible for family and medical leave under the same terms and conditions as leave provided to eligible employees under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

HB 816 passed. Amends the Employment Teacher School code provides that, in addition to birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, sick leave shall also be interpreted to mean the acceptance of a child in need of foster care.

The Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act (**SB 835**) creates a state run insurance program that allows Illinois workers to use 26 weeks of job protected leave a year. To welcome a new child into the home, to maintain a healthy pregnancy, for their own family member's illness, for reasons related to domestic or sexual violence, and for reasons related to military. This bill was submitted late so there was no movement in legislature. There will be a big push this fall for **SB 835**, so keep a look out for emails on how you can help pass this very important legislation.

Tracey Sherman-Falcon

Public Policy Branch Chair

Deeper in Debt: Women & Student Loan

Student debt is making it nearly impossible for many women to afford their basic living expenses after graduating from college.

AAUW's 2021 Deeper in Debt report finds:

Women hold an average of \$31,276 in student debt, leaving them with a monthly loan payment of \$307 the year after graduation. Given that women graduating with a bachelor's degree expect to earn an average of \$35,338—only 81% of what men anticipate earning—meeting that loan obligation is challenging at best.

One year after college, women spend an average of \$920 per month on housing, \$396 per month on a car loan and, for the 16% of women who are moms, \$520 on childcare, the report finds. Adding in that \$307 student loan payment makes it difficult—if not downright impossible—to make ends meet.

Recent graduates are facing the worst unemployment crisis since the Great Depression — and women are faring worse than men. In the early weeks of the pandemic, women filed nearly 59% of unemployment claims, despite being only half of the labor force.

The growing cost of education compounds the problem. While college attendance is at a record high, the price tag of college education has more than doubled over the past generation. At the same time, household incomes have barely budged.

Women take about two years longer than men to repay student loans. From the moment women graduate from college, most face a gender pay gap — which widens as they age. This makes it even harder to pay off their larger share of student debt.

The global pandemic is also likely to stretch recent grads who rely on side jobs to repay student loans, save for a rainy day or simply make ends meet.

As a result, women may put off saving for retirement, buying a home or starting a business.

How do we solve the problem?

Congress must protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they have to take on to complete a degree. Passing stronger legislation to address the gender pay gap is also critical.

State and Federal Legislators should increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition — and debt-free options for students.

The U.S. Department of Education and lawmakers should make it easier for students to enroll in income-driven repayment options to help mitigate some women's financial difficulties. Student loan borrowers should have protections from abusive and fraudulent practices by schools, lenders and loan services.

Institutions can address both the academic and overall financial needs of students, such as affordable access to child care.

Individuals can join organizations like AAUW that work to close the gender pay gap.

New Member Registration Form

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Annual membership dues are **\$ 93**

National: \$ 62*

State: \$ 10

Branch: \$ 21

Total Dues: \$ 93

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

Mail To: Tracey Sherman-Falcon
AAUW Aurora Area Branch
446 West Park Ave.
Aurora, IL 60506

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 \$62, of which \$59 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.

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Membership Renewal Form

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Annual membership dues are **\$ 93**

National: \$ 62*

State: \$ 10

Branch: \$ 21

Total Dues: \$ 93

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 (\$ 93) –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:

Tracey Sherman-Falcon

446 West Park Ave.

Aurora, IL 60506

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.

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

*AAUW National Individual Membership dues are \$62:

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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 aauwaurorail@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 at 9:00 – how to meet will be revisited as the year progresses.

Saturday October 30, 2021

Saturday January 29, 2022 (dependent on State Mtgs.)

Saturday March 26, 2022

Saturday June 25, 2022

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