

Choose the Fall Conference that best fits your schedule and location!
Renew your commitment to AAUW. Meet our state officers.
Reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saturday, October 12
Lincoln Public Library
Carnegie Rooms North and South
326 S. 7th St., Springfield



(Free parking available in the garage underneath the library.)

- Remarks by President Jennifer Urish
- Moving Forward to Economic Security
- Beginning CDL Classes at Richland CC
- The Career Journey of an Aerospace Engineer
- Our Branches: Mission-Based Programs

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, October 19
Illinois Institute of Technology Rice Campus
201 E. Loop Rd, Wheaton



- Kendra Davis, SVP of Advancement and Partnership, from AAUW National
- How AAUW helped a fellowship recipient
- Opportunity to network and learn about new initiatives

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Registration Method 1: Print out this page and complete the appropriate form below. Scan it and save a copy, attach it to an email, and send it to the conference organizer listed on the form. Then go to <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/district-conferences>, click on the PayPal button for your conference, and pay online.

Registration Method 2: Print out this page, fill out the appropriate conference form and mail it with a check made out to AAUW-IL to the appropriate conference organizer.

**REGISTRATION FOR SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
October 12, 2019**

Name _____ Branch _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

The conference will begin at 11:00 AM, but come earlier to visit with fellow conference attendees! There will **NOT** be coffee available (BYOC). Bottled water will be available. Lunch will be catered by **Panera Bread**, featuring tea or lemonade and the ½ sandwich, ½ salad Box Lunch that includes a cookie, and choice of apple **or** chips.

Please check your lunch choices:

_____ Sierra Turkey + Classic Salad _____ Sierra Turkey + Caesar Salad
_____ Ham & Swiss + Classic Salad _____ Ham & Swiss + Caesar Salad
_____ Mediterranean Veggie + Classic Salad _____ Mediterranean Veggie + Caesar Salad

Plus choice of: _____ apple **or** _____ chips

Cost is \$20.00. Mail this registration form plus a check for \$20 payable to AAUW-IL, to Judy Griffin, 231 E. Lakewood Street, Morton, IL. 61550, to arrive no later than **Monday, October 7th or e-mail** the registration form to Judy and pay through **Pay-Pal**. (refer to directions at the top of this page.) **Questions?** Contact Judy Griffin, 309-253-8227 or grifjua@gmail.com.

**REGISTRATION FOR NORTHERN CONFERENCE
October 19, 2019**

Name _____ Branch _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

A buffet breakfast with protein and fruit will be offered as well as coffee, tea and juices. Doors open at 8.30 AM, with a program start of 9.30 AM, so there will be an opportunity to network and meet and greet other branch members. Kendra Davis, Senior VP of Advancement and Partnerships from the National AAUW office is scheduled to speak. We celebrate major branch anniversaries for Chicago, Inc – 130 years, and Aurora – 100 years -- as well as Rockford 90 years, Downers Grove – 70 years, and Lombard and Arlington Heights – 60 years. And we will hear from one of our recent Community Action Grant recipients, Dr. Elizabeth Hopwood, Acting Director of Loyola University, Chicago, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities (AAUW Community Action Grant was funded by D4/D5 branches to support Loyola’s Girl Who Code Chapter). Cost is \$25. Mail this form and a check (**make check payable to AAUW-IL**) to Sue Stauffer, 1031 Seaview Court, Schaumburg, IL 60193 (847-985-5560) by October 12 or email form to staufferrw@sbcglobal.net. Then go to <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/district-conferences>, click on the PayPal button for your conference and pay online. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna Jean at djsimon@questillc.com (630-248-2213) or Jo-An at jtakamoto@gmail.com (847-727-5158).

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Message from the President

Jennifer Urish



As I write this, there are exactly 7 days left until my son leaves for college. I'm not sure where 18 years went so quickly, but my nest will soon be empty. By the time you read this, he will be starting an exciting new adventure and I couldn't be prouder!

The AAUW-IL state board met in July and made some plans for the upcoming year. In October, we will hold our annual Fall Conferences. Districts 1,2,3 will meet in Springfield on October 12th and Districts 4,5 will meet at IIT in Wheaton on October 19th. Registration materials and schedules are in this Link. Please plan to attend the conference most convenient for you—these conferences offer a great way to network, learn, and get energized for the upcoming year.

We're continuing to send out the Connection e-newsletter every month. This allows for flexible and timely communication with you and your branch. Branches are encouraged to send in calendar items and let the rest of the state know what you're doing. The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month. Send those items to me at JenniferUrish@gmail.com.

I encourage everyone to use our state website (aauw-il.aauw.net) and the AAUW website (aauw.org). The state website has a Members Only tab that has contact information for the Board and other documents. The AAUW website has the Member Services Database that allows you to update your contact information, and includes lots of other important information, like our Public Policy statement, bylaws, and salary negotiation workshop materials.

Illinois is hosting an 11-state convention June 18-19, 2020 in East Moline! This is a huge undertaking and committees are working furiously on making this a great event. You will be receiving lots of information, but for now, mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Quad Cities area is full of activities for your whole family and there will be pre-convention tours to take. I would like a huge Illinois presence and this convention will take the place of our annual state convention. Watch your email for more information!

Thank you for all the support and guidance that you've given me this past year. The upcoming year will be an exciting one and I'm looking forward to showing off Illinois to our ten, sort of neighboring states!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions, or even complaints. Good luck to you and your branch this year!

Jennifer Urish
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2019 AGENT OF CHANGE

PAULA PURDUE



Paula Purdue was honored as our 2019 Agent of Change recipient at our State Convention.

Paula Purdue has been a member of AAUW since 1983 and has seen many changes and advancements for women as well as attempts to erode women's rights. Paula, raised in a conservative family in Southern Illinois, received her Bachelor's degree in education from Illinois State University in 1969, her Master's degree from Michigan State and her second Master's in Political Science from U of I in Springfield in 2007.

After a short teaching career, she became the state lobbyist for the Illinois Education Association—a job she held for 28 years. As an educator, many of the bills she supported were also of importance to AAUW. In June of 1983, Peg Breslin from Ottawa, introduced a bill that required math and science to be taught in Illinois high schools for all four years. It was discovered some schools did not have one science or math class for any high school grade level. The bill was passed and Paula was instrumental in lobbying for its passage.

After leaving the IEA she started her own firm and served as AAUW's lobbyist. Through the years passage of the ERA has been on her mind. Distressed that this did not pass in Illinois when it was first proposed in 1972-1973, Paula began lobbying for passage in 1976. Forty some years later, and officially retired as a lobbyist, she was still working to pass ERA in Illinois. In anticipation of action on this piece of legislation, Paula stayed in Springfield for weeks lobbying and ever so slowly working for the needed votes. The Amendment passed in May of 2018—certainly a result of pressure from many quarters but none more dedicated than Paula.

Her efforts and other AAUW Illinois members were recognized by the Illinois **Women's Institute for Leadership** after the passage of ERA in Illinois.

In 2012 Paula retired for a second time and moved to Chicago, where she has mentored the next generation of women influencers. It was during this period that Paula, in cooperation with the Chicago, Inc. Branch, presented PUBLIC POLICY 101 in Chicago and at our State Convention.

Perhaps as important as her career and dedication to causes that are near and dear to AAUW, is her reputation for integrity, thoroughness and knowledge among the public policy supporters in the membership.

We congratulate Paula on being our Agent of Change 2019.

Congratulations, Paula!

History of the Agent of Change Award

The Agent of Change Award was instituted in 1984 by the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Division, now AAUW-IL, Inc. This prestigious award is presented annually to an AAUW member who has served as a catalyst to bring about positive societal change and visibility to AAUW. The five District Directors are charged with selecting the Awardee from nominations submitted by AAUW-IL branches.

All efforts that relate to AAUW's mission will be considered, with special emphasis placed on activities that relate to current AAUW priorities and initiatives. For example, individuals who have actively promoted change in the areas of education, equity, advocacy, and/or public policy, and have brought visibility to AAUW, should be among those considered as nominees for this prestigious award.

The Agent of Change Selection Committee chose to honor Paula Purdue for her work on getting the Equal Rights Amendment passed in Illinois with the 2019 award. The committee wishes to thank Carol Heisler of the Crystal Lake Branch for nominating her. Paula was named the 2019 Agent of Change at the AAUW-Illinois State Convention on May 4, 2019.

2020 AGENT OF CHANGE AWARD

The process for selecting our next recipient for this prestigious award will begin in January 2020. Branch presidents will receive a packet with instructions, criteria, nomination forms, and a list of past winners. The deadline for nominations will be March 1, 2020. Conversations regarding possible candidates should not be delayed. Nominees should be outstanding models who have actively promoted change in education, equity, diversity, and/or public policy. The nominee's accomplishments should show direct involvement with the member's branch and/or other AAUW national initiatives.

This award emphasizes promotion of AAUW's mission and purpose as well as bringing visibility to AAUW.

- Nominations may come from individual members or branch boards.
- Current AAUW board members may be nominated.
- There is no longer a "during the past year" requirement for accomplishments.
- Individual members or branch boards may resubmit previously-nominated individuals.

For more information, please contact Jo-An Sabonjian, AAUW-IL District 5 Director: jtakamoto@gmail.com or 847-727-5158.

Looking for a Program? Contact AAUW GEF of IL, Inc.

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The AAUW Gender Equity Fund of IL, Inc. (GEF), formerly called the Gender Equity Fund, is a 501(c)(3) corporation, formed in 1996 by Illinois AAUW members to promote equal opportunities for women and girls. GEF financially supports the transportation expenses of AAUW member leaders to present AAUW mission-based research at branch-organized events around Illinois. Currently, the topics available are Barriers and Bias (Leadership), Solving the Equation (Women in STEM), and The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap. GEF also loans DVD or theater media copies of *Equal Means Equal* for public showing, a movie that demonstrates the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment. If your branch is interested in organizing an event featuring either a GEF speaker or the movie, call Andi Danis at 630-892-6366.

Your 2019-2020 AAUW-IL State Board





Sally Vogl
Co-Membership VP

Membership Matters



Nann Hilyard
Co-Membership VP

As the 2019-20 program year gets under way, we are happy to introduce ourselves as your new Co-Vice Presidents for Membership and wish every branch a good membership year. We hope to support branches' recruitment and retention of members by bringing to bear the resources, incentives, and strategies made available by AAUW as well as our own long experience within AAUW.

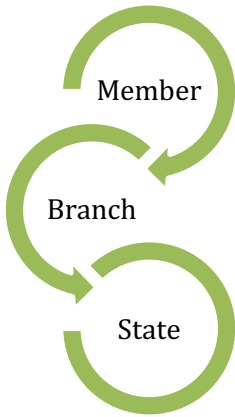
To Branch Members: None of us needs to be convinced that AAUW is an organization to be proud of, a great use of our time and energy, and a wonderful way to make friends with like-minded women. Sometimes, though, we do need to be convinced to act as part of the cosmic membership committee by sharing AAUW with those we know. We hope you'll offer your friends, neighbors, and family members the opportunity to contribute to greater equity for all women and girls. Much has been accomplished, but much remains to be done, and every member is important.

To Branch Membership Vice-Presidents: We're very aware that each branch is different and that local circumstances vary. Our plan is to reach out to you so we can learn about your branches and your membership challenges. Of course, we also invite you to contact us any time you believe we might be able to assist you.

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TRIO Program **RETURNING FOR 2019-2020**



Sallie Miller

Members who have never attended a State or National Convention are eligible. Stipend recipients will be paired with mentors to make sure they get the most out of the Convention experience.

WHAT?

The TRIO program is a stipend to be used as an incentive for first-time attendees to the AAUW-IL State Convention (at the multi-state convention) in June 2020 in East Moline.

WHERE? WHEN?

The State Convention will be held concurrently with the multi-state convention (June 18-19 at the Hyatt in East Moline, IL)

WHY?

The State Board feels that attending conventions is a great way for members to feel connected to AAUW and to the AAUW mission.

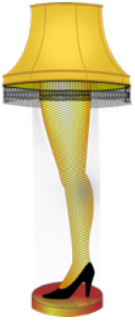
HOW?

Branches may designate one first-time attendee; the State agrees to pay the registration fee (estimated at 1/3 of the total convention expense) with the suggestion that the branch pledge to pay 1/3 and the member pay the remaining 1/3. The designated applicant will indicate on the convention registration form found in the Spring LINK Newsletter that she is using TRIO. Stipend recipients will be paired with experienced AAUW members who will share all the convention details. Further details and registration information will be provided in the Spring LINK.

Contact current TRIO Coordinator, Sallie Miller, millersallie@hotmail.com or 217-722-9029 with questions or for more information!

Note: The State Board has set aside reasonable funding for the TRIO program but reserves the right to limit the number of attendees if the budgeted amount is exceeded.

AAUW-IL Grants Awarded July 2019



Local Engagement Grant (LEG-Up) Recipients

The **Crystal Lake Area AAUW Branch** was granted a **Local Engagement Grant (LEG)** to continue the REEL LIFE program. They have entered into an agreement with the Crystal Lake Public Library that each quarter, the library will show a currently released film with strong female leads or director followed by discussion. The event is open to the public.

Work Smart Grant Recipient

The **Rockford Area AAUW Branch** received a **Work Smart Grant** to conduct a Work Smart Workshop for approximately 40 participants on September 28, 2019.



How can your branch apply?



Your branch can be next on this list. The simple application forms can be downloaded from the website at <http://aauw-il.aauw.net/grants-for-branches/>. LEG grants are intended to help branches fund programs that promote and reflect the mission of AAUW. Time deadlines have been removed to better facilitate the application process. Local Engagement Grant (LEG), Start Smart and Work Smart Grant applications can be submitted any time during the year and will be acted on within 30 days.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Schjelderup at cs_schj@yahoo.com.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICERS, FY 2020-2022

Sallie Miller, Nominating Committee Chair



Now that Fall is here it is time to think about our talented AAUW members who can help lead our branches and state by serving on the AAUW-IL, Inc. State Board! This is an opportunity to serve AAUW and work with members from throughout Illinois.

Nominations are now being accepted for the offices of:

- ***Vice President of Program**
- ***Director of Finance-Elect (3-year term)**
- ***AAUW Funds Director**
- **Director of Bylaw and Policy**
- ***Chair of Nominating Committee**

AAUW-IL NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2018-2020

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Please contact any of the above members of the Nominating Committee if you know of someone who might be interested in serving at the state level, INCLUDING YOURSELF! **Nominations are due to the committee by November 30, 2019!!**

*State Board experience required



PUBLIC POLICY AND YOU!

**Susan Scott and Tracey Sherman-Falcon
Public Policy Co-Directors**



Tracey

Susan

We are currently enjoying our summer while there is a lull in our duties as IL Public Policy Co-Chairs for AAUW. The Illinois Legislature is not currently in session and that explains the lull. That being said, there are ways you can stay engaged while they are not in Springfield, and back home in their districts. 1. Do you know who your IL State Senator is? Or your IL State Representative? If not, do a simple Google search and find out. Ask your yearbook editor to include the information of your branch’s legislators in your branch yearbook. 2. Sign up for their newsletters and follow their social media. 3. Attend town hall meetings they are holding. (these meetings are usually announced on their Facebook pages or in their newsletters.) I know that my representative and neighboring districts have held community meetings on the opioid crisis, environmental panels, and gun issue meetings this summer. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know them, and to see where they stand on issues. Also, you’ll feel more comfortable when you need to reach out to them when we put out a call for you to contact them when they are in session.

You can find the Public Policy Priorities here <https://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/>
Enjoy the rest of your summer, and stay engaged!

Tracey Sherman-Falcon and Susan Scott

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, September 20, Waukegan Branch LUNAFEST

Saturday, September 28, Rockford Branch Work Smart Workshop

Saturday, October 12, Southern Districts 1,2, &3 Conference, Springfield, 11 am to 3 pm

Saturday, October 19, Northern Districts 4&5 Conference, IIT Rice Campus, Wheaton, 9 am to 1 pm

Saturday, March 21, Tech Savvy at Triton College

Saturday, April 11, Deerfield Branch, Fellows Luncheon at Lambs Farm, Libertyville

Saturday, April 18, Crystal Lake Branch Fundraiser

Thursday, June 18 & Friday, June 19 (pre-convention activities planned for Wed. June 17) AAUW REGIONAL [11 states participating so far!] CONVENTION

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

**STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs**

*Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research*



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

**Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security**

*Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund*



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

**Career
Workplace
Training**

*Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL*

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