

Branch Focus Areas

Since the Branch's founding in 1956 and its first Book Sale in 1961, our fundraising efforts have supported education for women. We annually award Higher Education Incentive Awards to four local high school students continuing their education at the College of DuPage. Proceeds from our fundraisers also support national AAUW's mission to advance gender equity and economic security for women and girls.

in **2022-23**, the Branch expects to hold three fundraisers and will continue to support our STEM initiative, **Science Girls on the Go**®.

Fall Walk/Run



Our annual Walk/Run Fundraiser is scheduled for **September 23, 2022** at the **Hidden Lake Forest Preserve**.

LUNAFEST Film Festival

LUNAFEST is a cultural event and fundraiser that features award-winning short films made by, for and about women. The **2022 LUNAFEST Film Festival** will be held on **October 15, 2022** at **Center Stage Theater**, Naperville.



Used Book Sale

Information about the **2023 Used Book Sale** will be available as planning progresses. It is typically held in May or June.



Science Girls on the Go



This Branch project provides parents easy access to at-home science-based projects. Kiosks, each with a supply of science projects, are available at 1445 Brentwood Lane, Wheaton and 373 Oak Street, Glen Ellyn. In 2022, the Branch plans to resume its STEM Outreach Workshops at local libraries.



Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP

AAUW Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a national community that breaks through educational and economic barriers for all women. Locally, our Branch offers lifelong learning, service to the community, personal growth and friendship.

Mission

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

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Intersectional.
Inclusive.
Intergenerational.
Empowering.

AAUW: Breaking through barriers for women and girls since 1881.

*Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch:
Celebrating over 65 years of
empowering women and girls!*

Interest Groups

AM and PM Non-Fiction, AM and PM Fiction book discussion groups meet year-round. For reading lists, visit: wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/ and click on "Book Groups".



Film Group. "Film Night Out" is a monthly gathering of film fans. AAUW members, spouses and friends enjoy viewing and discussing the latest movies.



Public Policy. Members are alerted via Branch social media to participate in advocacy actions in support of AAUW's Public Policy Priorities. (AAUW is non-partisan but takes a stand on crucial public policy issues affecting women, such as, equity in education and the workplace, civil rights, and health care reform. AAUW acts on legislative programs at the national, state, and local levels. We get involved!)



Cultural Arts. Participate in a variety of group outings to theater, fine arts venues, museums, restaurants and more throughout Chicagoland.



Spice Routes. Research and dine on authentic cuisine of the Silk Road and Spice Route, and beyond.



To attend an **Interest Group** meeting as a guest, send an email request to wge-aauw@comcast.net. Any questions, please call our VP, Membership, **Nancy Possinger at (630) 800-0611**.

Programs

2022-2023 Branch Meetings

Monthly Branch Meetings are generally scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Some will be via Zoom and others will be by hybrid, offering in-person and Zoom options. **All meetings are open to visitors.**

September 7, 2022 **Nafia Khan**
Fair Housing 101

October 5, 2022 **Dr. Steve Macek**
Citizens United, Dark Money and Gender Equity

November 2, 2022 **Deanie Brown**
Implicit Bias and How it Affects Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

January 4, 2023 **Dr Mary Virginia Orna**
Women in Waiting...Still Waiting

February 1, 2023 **Julie Strauss**
Women's Rights and the Supreme Court

March 1 2023 **Kelwin Harris**
The Politics of Place - Confronting Racism and Creating Equitable Communities in A COVID World

April 5, 2023 **Dr. Donna Kiel**
RISE - Reflection, Inquiry, Self-Awareness, Empathy

Other Activities

Particulars about other activities, such as, periodic Public Policy calls for action, Cultural Arts outings and the December and May Banquets, will be announced in our TWIGS newsletter and on our website, wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net, as planning progresses.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an associate, bachelor's or equivalent degree or higher from an accredited university or college. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Dues are \$96 per year, of which \$83 is tax deductible.

By joining the *AAUW Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Branch, NFP*, you also join a national organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and more than 800 college and university members. AAUW (American Association of University Women) uses its influential network to disseminate information, raise awareness and effect change on women's issues.

For further information and to join, contact our Vice President, Membership:

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Visit the Branch website to learn more about AAUW and print a membership application:
wheatonglenellyn-il.aauw.net/join/



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