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Highlights of the Branch from the 1980's

1980—Mother's Day ERA march in downtown Chicago joining thousands of women from many organizations, all dressed in white. 90,000 women in total

—Branch 25th Anniversary Celebration. Edith Back, early branch President and author/activist awarded Life Membership.

1981—Chicago Area Council of AAUW supports bringing Lake Michigan water to suburbs.

—Judy Langford Carter, daughter in law of Jimmy Carter, addresses branch on ERA.

1981-83—AAUW Study topics: Taking Hold of Technology and Money Talks

1982—60 Seconds with a Technology Sister presented at each branch meeting.

1982-83—Branch receives an Educational Foundation Program grant to write and publish Facing Divorce: A Practical Guide to Financial, Legal, and Emotional Survival. Member/Editor Judy Baxter awarded COD's Adade Wheeler Award for outstanding project development. Local experts in law, social work, finance consulted for content and advice. Publication placed in local libraries and wherever requested.

1983—Branch member/President Jackie DeFazio elected President of AAUW-IL. Served two terms.

Branch Membership reaches 285.

1987—Branch completes \$100,000 American Fellowship endowment through Book Sale profits. Starts the Wheaton-Glen Ellyn Research and Projects endowment in AAUW National Ed. Foundation Funds

—Math Mentoring and Career Shadowing project begun in local middle schools by Women's Work/Women's Worth Task Force (second year of the AAUW two year study/action program.)

1989—First W-GE American Fellowship awarded by AAUW National to support a woman scholar at the PhD level.

—Jackie DeFazio "Returning to Learning Scholarship" established to support a woman returning to college after a break for work, child rearing, finances, etc. Preference for COD enrollment.

—Gwendolyn Brooks, poet laureate of Illinois, speaker at branch for Martin Luther King Day. Other branches invited to attend.