

Branch Focus Areas

Since the Branch's founding in 1956 and its first Book Sale in 1961, the Branch's focus has been to support education and advancement for women. We annually award *Higher Education Incentive Awards* to four local high school students who will continue their education at the College of DuPage. We also support national AAUW's projects to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our annual fundraisers provide financial contributions to fund local scholarships and national projects.

Used Book Sale



Our 2023 Used Book Sale was a wonderful success! We look forward to our next Used Book Sale. Information about our 2024 Used Book Sale will be made available as planning progresses.

Fall Walk



Our annual Fall Walk Fundraiser will take place at Hidden Lake Forest Preserve on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Our Branch activities support gender equity, education and advocacy. For example:

Science Girls on the Go™



This initiative is designed to encourage the pursuit of studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It provides parents with easy access to **At-home Science-based Projects**, which are available in three neighborhood locations. These kiosks, modeled on "little libraries", each have a supply of free science projects. They include detailed instructions and all needed materials. Kiosk locations can be found on the Branch website (click the "STEM" link). In addition, Branch members are sponsoring three **STEM Outreach Workshops** at the Glen Ellyn Public Library this Fall. These after school programs provide students in 2nd through 5th grades with hands-on scientific experiences.



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.
Principled.
Inclusive and Intersectional.

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

Book Discussion Groups.



Four book 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. The gatherings include AAUW members, spouses and friends who enjoy viewing and discussing the latest movies.

Spice Routes.



Several times a year, members research and dine on authentic cuisine of the Silk Road, the Spice Routes, and beyond.

Cultural Arts.



Members participate in a variety of group outings to theater, fine arts venues, museums, restaurants and more throughout Chicagoland.

Public Policy.



Members are alerted via Branch emails and 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. We get involved!

To attend an **Interest Group** meeting as a guest call either of our Membership Vice Presidents:
Sue Hagerty at (630) 210-2953
Sarah Allen at (630) 988-8231

AIR Study Group

Our AIR (Aging: Information and Resources) Study Group continues to develop information and resources that will be helpful to members as they age or as they care for others who are aging.

Programs

Branch Meetings



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The Branch generally meets at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month from September through April. Meeting locations are in public locations in Wheaton or Glen Ellyn. Each meeting offers speakers on relevant topics. Zoom options are available for some meetings. Visit the Branch website and click on “Branch Meetings” to review upcoming programs.

All meetings are open to visitors. Contact our Membership Vice Presidents for more information.

Other Activities

Winter Gathering. We traditionally meet in December to hear a speaker who has received an AAUW Fellowship or Grant. A Fellowship recipient will discuss her field of study. A Grant recipient will discuss the project or projects undertaken with her AAUW Grant.

Spring Installation. In the Spring, we again meet as group to celebrate the past year’s accomplishments and install officers for the upcoming year.

Other activities may be announced from time to time by email or in the TWIGS newsletter.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an associate, bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited university or college. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Dues are \$101 per year, of which \$88 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 either of our Vice Presidents, Membership:

Sarah Allen: (630) 988-8231

Sue Hagerty: (630) 210-2953

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



Join AAUW



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