



The primary purpose of AAUW (formally American Association of University Women), is to empower women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States; additionally, we have over 1,000 local branches and 800 college and university partners. Since AAUW's founding in 1881, our members have taken affirming positions on the fundamental issues of the day — gender equity in our educational, social, and economic environments. We are tenacious and trailblazing in advocating for women and girls.

President Ellen Bartling, PhD encourages you to take a few minutes to explore our website and discover some of the ways you can get involved. It is definitely an organization you should consider joining if you share our mission. AAUW is part of a chorus of voices advancing equity in education and the workplace. Our West Suburban-Milwaukee branch is composed of over 155 women committed to making a more equitable world for future generations.

Our branch meets monthly, September through May (except December). At each meeting we feature stimulating speakers on current topics and AAUW's public policy priorities. We have eleven engaging interest groups ranging from golf to Mah Jongg, and an Out and About event every month. Each year our branch grants six scholarships to women attending Alverno, MATC, WCTC, MSOE, Carroll University, and Mount Mary University. We also support the [PEARLS for Teen Girls](#) program that empowers teenage girls to become tomorrow's effective leaders, as well as STEM programs.

If you are interested in information on becoming a member of the West Suburban Milwaukee branch, contact our co-VPs of membership, Carol Surges and Mary Messerlie.

We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you at an upcoming event.

Ellen Bartling, PhD

President