AAUW MONTHLY MEETING
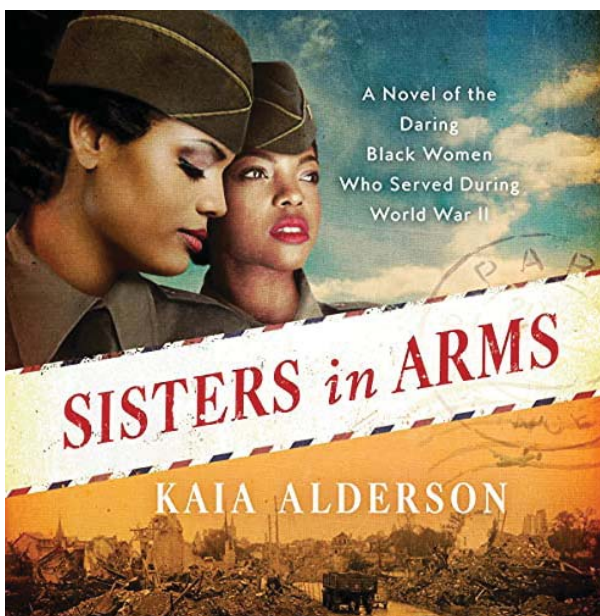Wednesday - January 4, 2023
Elmhurst Public Library - 7:00 pm

The AAUW Book Group will lead a discussion on *Sisters in Arms* by Kaia Alderson, revealing the untold WWII story of the all black female 6888 battalion.

We will present its relevance to our own branch as well as to women of our local area. We will also present recent articles written about 6888 battalion, receiving long overdue recognition.

There will be small group breakout with questions. Guests are welcome. See page 5 for instructions on how to participate via Zoom if you are unable to attend the meeting in person.

A Novel of the Daring Black Women Who Served During World War II

SISTERS in ARMS

KAIA ALDERSON

January 2023

Branch Meeting
January 4, 2023
7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library & Zoom

Book Discussion Group
January 23 , 2023.
The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts and Harrimans: A story of Love and War by Catherine Grace Katz
Discussion leader: Peggy Fox
Hostess: Marcia Goltermann

Half the Sky
January 24, 2023
7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public LIbrary

Board of Directors
January 25, 2023
7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

FINANCIAL REPORT
November 30, 2022
Jennifer Jordan
Director of Finance

Fundraiser Fund	$22,012.53
Conferences Fund	2,611.75
General Fund:	8,754.34
Total	$33,378.62

Happy New Year. Several AAUW members recently met for an informal gathering at the home of Azra Haque to celebrate the holiday season. The international dinner featured Italian, Pakistani and American fare.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU

Half the Sky will meet Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7pm in the Gathering Room of the Elmhurst Public library. Topic: Women's Organizations Within Yemen.

An announcement: Half the Sky has provided a $500 scholarship to a York High School Alumna recommended by the World Language Department chair.

The student will be taking her final course to complete the College of DuPage's Nursing Assistants Certificate. She has been taking classes as she could afford them and has shown tenacity in her effort to follow this to completion. Half the Sky wanted to recognize this young woman who is so close to completing the certificate by supporting a portion of her tuition.

We met the student when Half the Sky became aware of the immigrant population in the northwest corner of our Elmhurst School District #205.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2022 is coming to an end. Hopefully, everyone is having a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Tsue and Jerry Ostermann's lovely home on December 7th. It was fun trying the various treats you brought and being able to chat with many of you.

I am glad we transitioned to meeting "in person" this past year. I thank all of our branch officers who have volunteered so many hours to help continue our very important mission. I am looking forward to attending our meeting on January 4th to discuss *Sisters in Arms.* I downloaded it from the Elmhurst Public Library, since I didn't find a "hard copy" available.

Looking over the past year, our branch had the most successful book sale ever, and as usual, we had fun doing it. Our loyal group of sorters worked 6 days a week, filled every table with books to sell, and along with a crew from York High School Football Team, made quick work of clean up and recycling. We were able to keep thousands of books out of landfills and grossed over $20,000. We thank Carolyn Heiney and Jennifer Jordan for their hard work to organize this important fund raiser.

Under the leadership of Judy Ekblad, the Funds Committee made a proposal which membership approved for the disbursement of the profits: Using the additional funds from the Conference Account, the Funds Committee proposes that $10,000 be used for local scholarships and $10,000 be sent to the national AAUW organization. The committee recommends that the Elmhurst Area Branch offer three $3,000 scholarships to returning students and one $1,000 scholarship to a Dare-to-Dream Scholarship student. It is exciting to be able to offer these substantial scholarships.

Our donation of $10,000 to the national organization would be divided as follows: $5000 to the Greatest Needs Fund; $2,500 to the Education and Training Fund; $2,500 to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarships (Note: The acronym is pronounced: "Nicwhistle").

Wishing you a lovely holiday season and every blessing in the New Year!

Moira Murray
President

December Holiday Party

Thanks to all of you who attended and contributed to the December Holiday Party. We had a great time. The appetizers and desserts were all delicious, and very much appreciated. Special thanks to Tsue and Jerry Ostermann for opening their beautiful home to us. Everything was perfect!

Committee members were Susan Boyd, Chris White, Moira Murray, Jane Klenck and Suzanne Stock. Thanks!

Instructions for Attending AAUW Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - 7:00 pm

Computer/Mobile Device: http://elmlib.org/videochat
From this page, click on the link for "Virtual Meeting Rooms" or "Information Desk Video Chat"
If clicking one of those links does not automatically open the meeting, attendees can join by starting Zoom and entering the Meeting Number and Password shown below.

Phone(in Chicago): (312) 626-6799
Meeting Number: 929 5003 7460#
Participant ID: # (just push #)
Password: 534043#