

**April 3, 2024 Meeting - 7 pm**  
Elmhurst Public Library

### "Local Campaigns 101"

Are you a well-informed voter? Probably. But, do you know all the ins and out of local elections? Even if you are and do, don't miss our April 3rd branch AAUW program. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you will learn.



Diane Lans-Kautz, Precinct Committeeperson and Consultant, and Yeena Yoo, DuPage County Board member, will amaze us, as we discover all that goes into a successful campaign. Diane will share the basics, which include messaging, data analysis, and even more, actually all the details she uses to run a successful campaign. Yeena will inform us about the process from the candidate's viewpoint. Yeena also will explain the services that DuPage County provides to our residents. Do you want to know how your tax dollars are being used for important projects? Can you name one or two county programs that assist women in need? Find out the answers to these questions and to any other burning questions that you might want to ask.

Both Yeena and Diane will not only discuss how to run a campaign but emphasize why it's important. After all, the more we educate, the more people vote and vote intelligently.

Have you thought of running for office or do you know someone who might be interested? Invite them to come to our branch meeting in the Kossmann Room at the Elmhurst Public Library at 7 PM on April 3. You won't be disappointed!



**April 3 - 7 pm**  
**"Local Campaigns 101"**  
Diane Lans-Kautz and Yeena Yoo  
Elmhurst Public Library

**April 15**  
Deadline to apply for  
Continuing Student Scholarships

**April 19-20**  
**AAUW Illinois State Convention**  
Elgin Community College  
Registration deadline: April 8

**April 23 - 7 pm**  
Half the Sky Meeting  
Elmhurst Public Library

**April 24 - 7 PM**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

April 25 - 1 pm  
Book Discussion Group  
"Hang the Moon"  
by Jeanette Walls  
Gathering Room - Elmhurst Public Library

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Branch Members:

I recently received the following notification from National. Due to your efforts, we have been awarded 3 Stars this year in the Five Star Recognition Program.

Thank You.

Moira Murray  
President  
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP



*Dear AAUW Elmhurst Area (IL) Branch,*

*On behalf of the staff and senior leadership at AAUW, I want to extend our sincere appreciation for your participation in the FY23 Branch Impact Survey. Your responses have contributed significantly to our ongoing efforts to measure and celebrate the impactful work carried out by our branches across the country.*

*We are thrilled to inform you that, based on your responses, the **AAUW Elmhurst Area (IL) Branch** has achieved **three stars** in the FY23 AAUW Five Star Recognition Program. This achievement is a testament to your dedication and commitment to advancing our mission, and we applaud your leadership and members for your outstanding contributions in the following categories: Communications and External Relations, Programs, and Governance and Sustainability.*

*Your branch's accomplishments in these areas reflect your efforts in fostering positive change for women and girls within your community and beyond. We recognize that achieving a Five Star Recognition is no small feat and underscores your unwavering commitment to advancing gender equity.*

*While we celebrate the achievement of stars in the various categories, it's important to emphasize that every branch's work in FY23 has been instrumental in furthering the mission of AAUW. Whether you achieved one star or five, your dedication has not gone unnoticed. Each accomplishment, no matter the scale, contributes to the collective impact of AAUW and helps us progress toward a more equitable future.*

*As you reflect on your branch's achievements, take pride in the positive impact you've made and the lives you've touched throughout the past year. Your ongoing support is inspiring, and we are grateful to have branches like yours as integral parts of our organization.*

*Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. We look forward to celebrating the continued success and growth of the AAUW Elmhurst Area (IL) Branch in the coming years.*

*Thank you for your commitment to the AAUW mission.*

*Best regards,  
Tremayne A. Parquet  
Deputy Director of Advancement  
AAUW, 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005*

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## AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch 2024 – 2026 Slate of Officers

The Branch Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of new officers to be voted on for two-year terms (unless otherwise designated) that will start July 1, 2024. The vote will take place at the Branch meeting on April 3, 2024.

Program Co-Vice President -To be determined  
Membership Co-Vice President - Linda Fischer (1 year)  
Director of Publicity/Communications - To be determined  
Director of Public Policy - Moira Murray  
Chair - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Jan Alexander  
Co-Chair Fundraisers - Renee Oshinski

Nominations from the floor will be accepted subject to approval by the nominee. The committee thanks these ladies for agreeing to serve on the Board.

The Nominating Committee is composed of directors Jennifer Jordan and Suzanne Stock and Branch President Moira Murray.

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## HALF THE SKY

Tuesday, April 23 7-8:30pm  
Kossmann Room - Elmhurst Public Library

We will begin to explore the background of the Venezuelan crisis and initially focus our attention on CEPAZ. Further information will be provided via email in April.

CEPAZ: Supports Venezuelan Organizations in caring for women and girls amid the complex humanitarian emergency <https://cepaz.org> <https://www.iusticiaverdad.org/en/center-of-justice-and-peace-cepaz/>

In September 2024, our group will discuss the book **Last to Eat, Last to Learn: My Life in Afghanistan Fighting to Educate Women** by Pashtana Durrani, with Tamara Bralo. Please place this title on your reading list!

Incidentally, if you have extra paper grocery bags or plastic grocery bags, please bring them to a general AAUW meeting or a Half the Sky meeting. We will deliver them to the **Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry**. Any bags that we send will mean fewer bags that the food pantry will need to purchase. See Darlene Van Meir or Betty Laliberte with bags or questions.

--Betty Laliberte

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**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, May 11, 2024**  
**11:30 Cocktails and Conversation**  
**12 Noon Lunch**  
**River Forest Country Club**

It's Our Elmhurst Area AAUW  
**85th Anniversary**

Make sure that you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share fun, fellowship, and food with your AAUW friends, as we together celebrate **85 years** of contributing to the welfare of women and girls, both locally and nationally. It will be a celebration! Click on the link below for a copy of the registration form. The deadline for reservations is May 4, 2024.

[Lunch Reservation Form](#)

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennifer Jordan  
Director of Finance

February 29, 2024

### US Bank

Conferences Account	\$1,332.58
Fundraiser Account	4,294.52
General Account	<u>3,141.25</u>
<b>Total US Bank</b>	<b>\$8,768.35</b>

### CD at US Bank

CD Fundraiser Account	\$7,138.90
CD General Account	<u>6,094.78</u>
<b>Total CD at US Bank</b>	<b>\$13,256.94</b>

**Total at US Bank**                      **\$22,037.33**

## AAUW 2024-2025 Budgets

At the board meeting on 2/28/24, the board of directors approved the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

With the beginning of this next fiscal year (beginning 7/1/24), we will change from tracking the branch finances in 3 different funds, reducing to 2 funds. We will be eliminating the Conferences fund, which was created years ago when there were more significant expenses associated with the national convention and the branch president's travel to attend that convention. It does not appear that type of convention will be held in the future, and the Finance Committee has recommended dropping the Conferences fund in order to simplify the tracking of the branch finances.

We will retain both the Fundraiser fund and General fund, and you'll find those budgets by clicking on the budgets below.

Here is how we will be handling the elimination of the Conferences fund:

- We will budget for conference registrations and travel expenses in the General fund
- We will budget for book sale entry fees income (first night) in the Fundraiser fund

The carryover balance from the Conferences fund will be allocated to the General fund to cover future conference registration and travel expenses

The carryover balance is estimated to be \$932 as of 7/1/24

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the 2024-2025 branch budgets.  
Jennifer Jordan, Finance Director ([jennifer@jordan-dmm.com](mailto:jennifer@jordan-dmm.com) or 630-328-3857 (c))

General Budget 2024-25

Fundraiser Budget 2024-25



2024

**AAUW**

**Returning Student Scholarships**

**\$3,500**

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch is offering two (2) grants of \$3,500 each to local women who need financial assistance to continue their education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Eligibility includes:

- Resident of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, or Villa Park
- Age 25 or older
- Completion of at least 12 credit hours at an accredited community or undergraduate college/university
- Full or part time enrollment

For an application or more information, go to [www.aauwelmhurst.org](http://www.aauwelmhurst.org) or call 630-207-4851.

Application Deadline is April 15, 2024

## RETURNING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch is offering two (2) grants of \$3,500 each to local women who need financial assistance to continue their education at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Resident of Elmhurst, Addison, Bensenville, Berkeley, Northlake, Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, or Villa Park
- Age: 25 or older
- Completion of at least 12 credit hours at an accredited community or undergraduate college/university

Full or part time enrollment permitted. Prior scholarship winners are not eligible.

For an application or more information, go to [www.aauwelmhurst.org](http://www.aauwelmhurst.org) or call 630-207-4851.

**Application Deadline is April 15, 2024**

[Click here for a copy of the scholarship flyer.](#)

## Public Policy Update

Illinois' spring legislative session is in high gear. These are bills being considered. I have highlighted (\*) bills related to AAUW's Mission (Gender Equity and Economic Security).

### **Protect Illinois Wetlands (SB3669 / HB5386)**

Creates a state program that protects critically important wetlands.

### **Reduce Single-Use Plastic (HB2376 and HB4448 / SB2211)**

Bans foam foodware and plastic carryout bags from Illinois.

### **\* Protect Domestic Violence Survivors (HB4469)**

Also known as Karina's Bill. Authorizes judges to issue search warrants with orders of protection to remove guns from the hands of abusers.

### **Collect Candidate Email Addresses (HB4153)**

Amends the Election Code to add a line for candidates seeking office to submit an email address where they can be reached when they file their paperwork to run for any office—making it far easier for media and community groups to contact candidates and find out what they aim to do if elected.

### **\* Protect Pregnant People in Prison (SB3600 / HB5431)**

Bans the use of restraints for pregnant or postpartum people in jail or prison in Illinois under most conditions.

### **\* Prevent Discriminatory Housing Practices (SB3680 / HB5314)**

Prohibits so-called "crime-free housing and nuisance property" ordinances (CFNOs), which can unfairly lead to the eviction of survivors of domestic violence and people with disabilities. These tenants may call for

emergency services or the police out of need or external threat—not because they are bad tenants.

### **Accuracy in Offense Titles (HB 4500 / SB 2864)**

Changes the misleading titles of Unlawful Use of a Weapon (to Unlawful Possession) and Armed Habitual Criminal (to Persistent Unlawful Possession) because the current language unfairly misstates the severity of the crime and impacts people's ability to secure housing and employment.

### **\* Fund a Child Tax Credit**

Request funding for a \$300 per child Child Tax Credit (CTC), an immediate, meaningful way to directly support the families of half of Illinois' kids.

--Maira Murray, President

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## **“Microaggressions”**

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Mary E. Kies Recreation Center, Centennial Park - Multipurpose Room** 151 E. St. Charles Road, Elmhurst, IL

(one block east of York Road; parking available on site)

Join us for a workshop on Microaggressions led by Dr. Jessica Sim, Elmhurst University professor and social psychologist specializing in diversity, equity, and inclusion. This program is co-sponsored by the Elmhurst Branch of the American Association of University Women, ComeUnity, and the Elmhurst Park District, on Thursday, May 2, at 7 pm.

This workshop aims to enhance participants' understanding of the impact of microaggressions on various identities, such as race, gender, disability and more.

Through small group discussions and interactive activities, you will develop a deeper awareness of microaggressions, learn to differentiate between intention and impact, recognize common forms of microaggression, and gain practical strategies to address them in everyday life.

This workshop provides valuable insights on fostering inclusive communities where individuals from all backgrounds can feel a sense of belonging.

This program is free and open to non-Elmhurst residents. Registration is required and is open now, so please register early. Register by calling the Elmhurst Park District at (630) 993-8193.

--Elizabeth Neill - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion