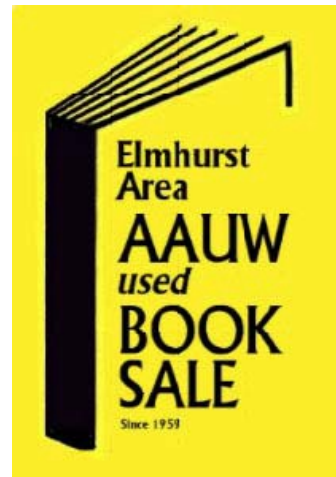


### Get Ready for the Booksale: July 11-14, 2024

Our Elmhurst Area Branch is once again having our used book sale this summer and are thrilled to be back at Sandburg Middle School!

As always, our wonderful members are key to a successful sale. We need your help with sorting, whenever you can spare the time. We will begin setting up and sorting on Monday, June 17 and continue through Wednesday, July 10. As in years past, we sort from 9-noon Mondays through Saturdays. Come any day, stay as long as your schedule allows. There will be no sorting July 4 (everybody gets a holiday!). For new members, this is a great way to get to know the women in our branch, and we promise, it is great camaraderie!



Collection bins will once again be located at the Elmhurst Public Library, Courts Plus, and outside Sandburg Middle School. If you have friends asking where and when they can drop off books, please encourage them to bring them to Sandburg between 9 and noon after June 17. We can assist them with unloading their books.

If you have any questions about the sale, please contact one of the co-chairs: Jennifer Jordan (630-328-3857, [jennifer@jordan-dmm.com](mailto:jennifer@jordan-dmm.com)) or Renee Oshinski (630-842-0513, [reneeoshinski@gmail.com](mailto:reneeoshinski@gmail.com)).

#### Update from Last Year's Used Book Sale

Eric Wood (Jennifer Jordan's husband) has continued to sell our unsold better books online. Since last summer, he's sold four books for a total of \$313.50. These funds will be added into our book sale totals for this year's sale. Remaining unsold books will be returned to the sale this summer in case the right buyer shows up! Thank you Eric!



### Branch Calendar -

**June 13 - 5:30 pm**

#### Book Club

Final meeting at home of Marcia Goltermann 295 Prospect Ave. Please bring a salad or dessert. The book, *Lessons in Chemistry*, will be discussed. Following the discussion, the books chosen for the following year will be shared.

**June 15 - 12 noon**  
**Half the Sky**

Luncheon at  
De Campana Restaurant  
229 W. Grand Ave Bensenville IL  
Phone 630 595 1241

**June 17 - July 10**  
**Used Book Sale Preparation**  
Sandburg Middle School  
9am to 12 noon - Monday through Saturday

**July 11 - July 14**  
**Used Book Sale**  
Sandburg Middle School

**Board of Directors** - next meeting To Be Announced

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of summer for many. For those who could, thank you for attending our branch's 85th Anniversary Celebration in May. We had a great time. I am pleased to announce that the City of Elmhurst is presenting our branch with a framed "Proclamation" in honor of our 85th Anniversary and our service to the community. We were also presented a Certificate by Donna Jean Simon (AAUW Illinois President) at the event.

We are having some "Key Dates", May 17th - Brown v. Board of Education 70th anniversary, May 30-June 1, 39th Annual Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), June 13th LGBTQ+ Equal Pay Awareness Day, June 23rd Title IX Anniversary, June 24th Dobbs v. Jackson anniversary (overturn of Roe v. Wade).

Many of us and the AAUW Board of Directors are disappointed that the initiative to open AAUW's membership did not pass. We are urged to engage with AAUW and support our mission beyond membership. Ways we can do this is to become Two-Minute Activists, to attend webinars and events, to share information from the National website which support women's economic empowerment. For more information on the election please visit the AAUW Election page.

Moira Murray  
President  
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

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## 2024 Returning Scholar Award

Kathryn Wheeler, Edison first grade teacher, received the Elmhurst Area AAUW NFP Returning Scholar Award at the branch's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at River Forest Country Club on Saturday, May 11.

Wheeler is a life-long Elmhurst resident who attended district 205 schools. She participated in many activities, taking on numerous leadership roles at York. She was nominated for the York High School Citizenship Award three of her four years at York.

In 2019, she graduated summa cum Laude from Elmhurst College with a degree in Elementary Education. She also played three years of collegiate tennis and was awarded the Elmhurst College Female Scholar Athlete of the year award during her senior year. Currently, Wheeler is pursuing a graduate degree in Reading Education at Concordia University Chicago. This degree will allow her to become a reading specialist.

Kathryn's goal is to be the best teacher that she can be to her young students. She eagerly encourages all of her students to reach their highest potential and be lifelong learners. Kathryn would love to be that teacher



that her students remember 20 years later as the best teacher that they ever had.

AAUW is thrilled that our annual used book sale can assist women like Kathryn and make dreams come true.

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## HALF THE SKY

Our final meeting of the year features an ethnic meal on SATURDAY, June 15, 2024, at noon at De Campana Restaurant, 229 W. Grand Ave #K Bensenville IL [630 595 1241]. We will finalize the agenda for 2024-25 Half the Sky.

Thinking ahead to our Sept 2024 Half the Sky meeting: Please read to discuss:

***Last to Eat Last to Learn. My Life in Afghanistan Fighting to Educate Women*** by Pashtana Durrani.

This book celebrates the Half the Sky premise that women are working to effect change within their culture. We have witnessed this in the School for Leadership Afghanistan - SOLA. In this book you will enjoy both Pashtana and her father because they both "break the mold" within their culture.

We have other books that have been suggested. A list of possibilities will be provided and the agenda for next year will be created. Come with ideas!

PLEASE EMAIL [bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com](mailto:bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com) to add your name to our June 15th restaurant reservation. Hope to see you there!

--Betty Laliberte - Half the Sky facilitator

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## Elmhurst Branch Celebrates 85th Anniversary







***RIGHT:***  
 50-Year Members who were at the luncheon.  
 --Standing: Elaine Davison, Janet Hodge, Marcia Goltermann and Genie Urick. --Seated: Sally Allen  
 --Not pictured: Lois Jones and Elaine Libovicz



Scholarship winner, Kathryn Wheeler, and Jo Mulvihill



Branch President Moira Murray and AAUW-Illinois President, Donna Jean Simon



Moira Murray and Jo Mulvihill, Director of AAUW Funds

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Jennifer Jordan  
 Director of Finance

April 30, 2024

### US Bank

Conferences Account	\$1,232.58
Fundraiser Account	10,483.10
General Account	<u>3,612.93</u>

<b>Total US Bank</b>	<b>\$15,328.61</b>
<b>CDs at US Bank</b>	
..... CD Fundraiser Account .....	\$1,000.00
..... CD General Account .....	<b>5,000.00</b>
..... Total CDs at US Bank .....	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total at US Bank</b> .....	<b>\$21,328.61</b>

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**Totals by Fund**

..... Conference Fund .....	<b>\$ 1,232.58</b>
..... Fundraiser Fund .....	<b>11,483.10</b>
..... General Fund.....	<b><u>8,612.93</u></b>
..... <b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b> .....	<b>\$21,328.61</b>

## Time to Renew

Its that time of year when most of our members need to renew their Membership! You should have received an email from AAUW reminding you to renew. You can

- 1) Renew on-line(preferred) OR
- 2) You can send a check for \$101 payable to AAUW Elmhurst NFP to: AAUW Finance Director; PO Box 243; Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Just a reminder that 50 year Members do not pay dues and paid Life Members pay \$29.

To renew online: Go to my [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Log into your Personal Snapshot, click the big blue RENEW button at the bottom and follow the prompts. If you need help, email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or cal 202-785-7782 weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We hope that both our long time members and our new members are enjoying the programs we sponsored this year and are looking forward to another year of outstanding programing!

## Welcome New Members

Following are introductions to three of the new members who joined over the last few months. More to follow!  
 -- *Renee Oshinski, Membership Chair*

**MaryNic Foster**

MaryNic Foster is a long time resident of Elmhurst. MaryNic and her husband Steve have 3 children who attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and York High School -- Nicole, Alexander, and Grace. And in some kind of cosmic accident, she lives at the intersection of Alexander Blvd. and Grace Ave..

MaryNic attended Loyola University for her undergraduate degree in Theology/Political Science and received her JD from Loyola's law school with a focus on employment law. After law school, MaryNic served as an Assistant State Attorney General before joining Cook County Government. For over 20 years, she was the Executive Director/General Counsel of the Cook County Dept of Human Rights, Ethics and Women's Issues. During her tenure at Cook County, MaryNic had the privilege of supporting the advisory Commission on Women and Girls. The Commission took on issues which disproportionately impacted women and girls, and other underrepresented populations. Using research and educational public forums, the Commission tackled challenges such as, human trafficking, pay equity, economic literacy, access to fair and affordable housing, and health disparities/outcomes. MaryNic was nominated, and served a 4 year term as a Commissioner of the State of Illinois Executive Ethics Commission, some of that time as the Chair. More recently, she has been the Global VP for Human Resources, Health and Safety at a number of private sector corporations drawing heavily on her previous experiences in leadership and law, in both the public and private sectors.

MaryNic is passionate about DEI, she completed a certificate program at Northwestern University on the subject. MaryNic brings this passion to every workplace she has been, and she tries to support the good works of the Backyard Caucus, in bringing DEI awareness and action into her own Elmhurst community. MaryNic is excited to now also be a part of the AAUW family!

### **Andrea Hutchinson**

Andrea is a lifelong Elmhurst resident, proud graduate of York High school and Michigan State University. Her two daughters -- Kendall and Sydney -- graduated from York High school. Her husband, George, has dual citizenship with Canada, so they are looking forward to spending more time there with Andrea's recent retirement from DXC (formerly Hewlett-Packard).

Andrea spent her recent career working on the digital transformation of service desks for a variety of clients to improve their responses to customers. Much of the work happened on an international level, requiring travel and understanding of various cultures around the world. She is an extremely active volunteer in the Elmhurst community, serving as a board member for the Spirito Singers, and a regular volunteer for the Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry and Elmhurst Center of Performing Arts. She is very interested in looking at ways to continue the legacy of AAUW in our community.

Andrea loves and celebrates all things Elmhurst! Right now, she is looking forward to the Elmhurst Cycling Classic race on June 8. Look for the band on her driveway on Elm Park Drive as the bicycles race by! Andrea also looks forward to traveling, biking, scuba diving, and swimming in her retirement.

We are lucky to have her as an Elmhurst AAUW member.

### **Debra Moritz**

We'd like to introduce Debra Moritz, one of last year's new members.

Debra and her husband Blake have lived in Elmhurst for 33 years, and their two children -- Alana and Bryant - - attended District 205 schools. Debra attended Creighton University for her undergraduate degree in Finance, DePaul University for her MBA in Finance and Northwestern University for her Masters in Healthcare Management. She forged a career in commercial real estate -- generally a field dominated by men -- with JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle) and Cushman & Wakefield both headquartered in the Chicago area. She now does independent consulting for business growth and transformation and is an active board member of some outstanding Chicago area institutions -- The Hubbard Street Dance Theater and the American Writers Museum.

Debra grew up moving around the globe as part of a career military family, which fostered her love of travel. You will often find her talking about her latest trip (most recently Viet Nam, Laos, Thailand and Malaysia) or planning the next adventure! No surprise, another organization she is passionate about it is the International Women's Forum, where she has filled numerous leadership roles and is currently the Treasurer. Their mission is to unite our global community of women leaders to advance women's leadership today and tomorrow. What a perfect match for our AAUW branch!

Welcome Debra!

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