

NEWSLETTER - December 2024 (Volume 89, Issue 5)



<u>ANNUAL AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY</u> Wednesday December 4, 2023 6:30pm Home of Marcia Goltertmann

Oh yes, ladies, it's time to party together. Mark your calendar and join us to celebrate the holidays at the lovely home of Marcia Goltermann. We request that all who attend, bring either an appetizer or dessert. A small fee of \$10 will be collected to cover beverages and incidentals.

This year we ask that members with last names beginning with A-L bring appetizers, and members with last names beginning with M-Z bring desserts.

Parking Note: Prospect Ave is a NO parking zone. We ask that parking in Marcia's driveway is reserved for those of us who have great difficulty walking. Please park on Claremont or Winthrop. Carpooling is always a great option.

Our parties provide a great opportunity to bring guests. What a wonderful way to get to know us! Chatting, eating, laughing. It's always a good time. No need for our guests to bring food or pay a fee. No need for you to sign-up either. Email Carolyn Heiney cheiney@att.net or call her at 630-674-1426 with any questions.





Branch Calendar

December 4 - 6:30 pm Annual Holiday Party *Home of Marcia Goltermann*

December 5 - 1 pm

Book Discussion Group *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J Ryan Stadal Discussion Leader:Jeanne Regan *Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room* **No meeting in December** Board of Directors Half the Sky

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am sharing Nationals' Message with you

While the election results in Illinois were positive, there is a great deal of concern and frustration at the national level. It is expected that the new President and Congress will make it extremely difficult to move forward on AAUW priority issue. This is frustrating, but we will need to work together to limit slippage on progress that has been made.

In response to the election National has put out a Press Release that you can find here: <u>https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-reacts-to-2024-national-election-results/</u>

They have also shared the follow statement:

The results of this election underscore the challenges to women's rights, including access to economic security, higher education, and abortion care. AAUW remains committed to advocating for women's autonomy, equity, and opportunity — especially for women of color. Read our full statement here: https://bit.ly/3YVcJcb. #WomensRights #EquityForAll#ItsMyVote

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday!

Moira Murray President AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT October 31, 2024	
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Bank Accounts	
Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	25,702.46
General Fund	5,503.39
Total Checking	31,205.85
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	1,023.10
CD General Account	5,115.33
Total CD at US Bank	6,138.43
Grand Total	37,344.28
Totals by Fund	
Fundraiser Fund	26,725.56
General Fund	10,618.72
Grand Total	37,344.28

ALL BRANCH BOOK DISCUSSION

Our all-Branch book discussion will be Wednesday, January 8.

We will be discussing *The First Ladies*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, authors of *The Personal Librarian*. It's a fictionalized account of the unlikely friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary MacLeod Bethune, who shared a passion for women's rights, education, and racial equality.

The Elmhurst Public Library owns 5 copies, 4 of them due December 4, and one due November 25. You can place a hold on a copy or request an Interlibrary loan.

If you prefer, send your library card number to Sarah Caltvedt at <u>sarahccaltvedt@gmail.com</u>, and she will make a group request for our book discussion.

If you'd like to have your own copy to mark up, several used book sources have reasonably priced copies for sale - search "the first ladies used book for sale."

We're looking forward to a lively discussion.

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