



NEWSLETTER - January 2025 (Volume 90, Issue 6)

Next Meeting - Annual All Branch Read

Wednesday January 8, 2025 7pm

Elmhurst Public Library

Our regular Branch meeting will be a week later than usual because of New Year's Day. The year's all-branch book discussion title is [The First Ladies](#) by Marie Benjamin and Victoria Christopher Murray. It's the fictionalized, but fact-based, story of the friendship between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the most important Black educators, civil and women's rights leaders, and government officials of the twentieth century. With themes of friendship, social justice and political action, it's a timely read and should make for a lively discussion.

Sarah Caltvedt



Branch Calendar

January 8 - 7 pm

All Branch Read

***The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict
and Victoria Murray**

Elmhurst Public Library

January 23 - 1 pm

Book Discussion Group

No Ordinary Assignment

by Jane Ferguson

Discussion Leader: Peggy Fox

Elmhurst Public Library Meeting Room B

January 28 - 7 pm

Half the Sky

Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

January 29 - 7pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Elmhurst Public Library

President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and will have a Happy, Healthy New Year!

I would like to share some great news I just received from National regarding the Five Star Program thanks to all of you and your help and contributions to our Elmhurst AAUW Branch.

Moira Murray
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

Dear AAUW Elmhurst Area (IL) Branch,

*What an extraordinary accomplishment! It is my absolute pleasure to inform you that the AAUW Elmhurst Area (IL) Branch has achieved all five stars in AAUW's **FY24** Five Star Program. This is the highest level of recognition, reflecting your branch's outstanding dedication to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.*

Earning all five stars signifies exceptional work across the program's key areas: Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations. Your branch has demonstrated exemplary leadership, collaboration, and commitment to making a meaningful impact in your community and beyond.

We will soon update the AAUW website to reflect all branches that have earned stars this year, but we couldn't wait to share this incredible news with you. Your branch's achievement will be proudly highlighted, serving as a model of excellence and inspiration to others across the organization.

On behalf of AAUW, thank you for your leadership and the tireless efforts of your members. This recognition is a testament to what is possible when we work together to advance equity.

Congratulations again on this well-deserved honor!

*Regards and Happy Holidays,
Tremayne A. Parquet
Deputy Director of Advancement
AAUW, 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005
p. 202.728.7611 | f. 202.463.7169*

FINANCIAL REPORT

November 30, 2024

Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance

November 30, 2024

Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	1,729.53
General Fund	<u>5,588.52</u>
Total Checking	7,318.05
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	15,500.00
CD General Account	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total CD at US Bank	20,500.00
Grand Total	27,818.05

Totals by Fund

Fundraiser Fund	17,229.53
General Fund	<u>10,588.52</u>
Grand Total	27,818.05

In accordance with the branch approval from our November business meeting, a donation of \$9,500 was sent to National AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund, from proceeds of last summer's Used Book Sale. The remainder of the proceeds have been invested in a short term CD which will mature in time to award local scholarships in May.

Funds Committee Report

The Funds Committee will meet in early January to start our advertising campaign for our AAUW Scholarships . We are offering three \$4,500 scholarships. The qualifications are on our website.

A copy of our flyer is at the end of the newsletter.

Josephine Mulvihill
Funds Committee Chairman

Half the Sky

Half the Sky will meet TUESDAY Jan. 28, 2025 in the Gathering Room of Elmhurst Public Library at 7pm. We are revisiting some of the topics of the book Half the Sky by Kristoff and WuDunn. We are considering new developments and findings within the last 10 years.

January Topic is Investing in Education [Chapter 10]. Jane Jegerski will lead our discussion. All are welcome. Please join us.

For questions contact Betty Laliberte bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com.

ICDI PROJECT

During our 2024-25 year, Half the Sky would like to support the ICDI Illinois Community for

Displaced Immigrants' request for household supplies. We will have a hamper at the entrance door of our monthly general meeting. If you are interested in supporting these efforts, please feel free to add an item or two to the collection. ICDI is looking for these items to assist families as they set up households with essential supplies.

Cleaning Supplies:

All-Purpose Cleaners - disinfectants, glass cleaner, floor cleaners

Cleaning Tools - microfiber cloths, sponges and scrubbers, mops, buckets, brooms and dustpans

Restrooms Supplies - toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper

Kitchen Supplies - dish soap, trash bags, dishcloths and scrub brushes

Personal Hygiene Items:

Personal Care Items - tooth brush, deodorant, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, body wash/soap, razor, shaving cream

Skin Care- moisturizer, sunscreen, facial cleanser, facial cleanser, hand cream

Hair Care - hair brush/comb for different kinds of hair, hair styling products

Feminine Hygiene - sanitary pads, tampons

Foot Care - Foot powder/spray, foot cream

ELMHURST YORKFIELD FOOD PANTRY

Recycle those plastic and plastic grocery bags. If you have extra grocery bags, please bring them to an AAUW general meeting or the Half the Sky meeting. We will deliver them to the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry. Any bags that we donate will mean fewer bags that the food pantry will need to purchase and more funds can go to buying food.

See Darlene Van Meir or Betty Laliberte with bags or questions.

Membership

Congratulations are in order for two of our members. Rosemarie Dressander and Tsue Ostermann have achieved the honor of 50-year membership. We applaud their dedication to AAUW Elmhurst.

Linda Fischer and Renee Oshinski
Membership Vice Presidents

Happy Holidays

Holiday Party was held on Wednesday December 4, 2024 at the home of Marcia Goltermann. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you, Marcia.





2025



Returning Student Scholarships

\$4,500

The AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch
is offering **three (3) grants of \$4,500 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 23 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 or call 630-207-4851.

Application Deadline is April 15, 2025

