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## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2025 (Volume 92, Issue 8)

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### **Next Meeting - The Supremes: Women of Scotus**

**Wednesday March 5, 2025 7pm**

Elmhurst Public Library

A meeting about the Supremes??? Could it be we're going to listen to the Motown superstars Diana, Mary, and Florence? No, not those Supremes, but we will hear about Sandra, Ruth, Sonia, Elena, Amy, and Ketanji. That's right. Our March program is The Supremes: Women of SCOTUS

As is our custom, our Elmhurst Area AAUW branch is partnering with the Elmhurst Public Library to celebrate National Women's History Month for our March meeting. Make sure you don't miss hearing about the Supremes, that is The Supremes: Women of SCOTUS.

Join Tauva Forst, Professor of Justice at the College of DuPage and Richard J. Forst, attorney, as they discuss the only six women who have been appointed to the United States Supreme Court. It should be a fascinating program. Of course, it will be available in person or online.

At the request of the library, we ask you to take time to register. The link is below. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. In fact, we will run a Shape the Future membership campaign that allows women (and men) who would like to join the branch to become a new member for a little over half price. What a deal! Spread the word.

So "Run, Run, Run," "Pretty Baby," to the Elmhurst Public Library on March 5th to hear about the Supremes.

Click the link below to sign up for the March program at the library:

<https://elmhurstpubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/12457054>



## THE SUPREMES: WOMEN OF SCOTUS



### Branch Calendar

**March 5 - 7pm**

**Women Supreme Court Justices**

*Elmhurst Public Library*

**March 25 - 7pm**

***Half the Sky***

*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

**March 27 - 1pm**

**Book Discussion Group**

*Looking for Jane* by Heather Marshall

Discussion Leader: Carol Carlson

*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

**No Meeting this month:**

*Board of Directors*

## President's Message

I hope you have been able to be a part of celebrating Black History Month in February and will do the same for Women's History Month in March.

I am looking forward to attending our upcoming March Program (co-sponsored with the Library) about the Women in the Supreme Court. Please remember to register with the library to attend in person or on line.

I am forwarding you an inspiring recent message from the AAUW CEO, Gloria Blackwell, who will be presenting at the upcoming Illinois AAUW Convention in Springfield in April that I plan on attending. This brings us up to date on AAUW's stance on several issues.

"As I look back on the incredible work we accomplished, I am filled with pride for all that AAUW has achieved and the lives we have impacted. Fiscal Year 2024 was a banner year for advancing gender equity. Together, we awarded \$6.2 million in fellowships and grants to 285 brilliant women and 18 organizations, helping them break through barriers in fields where they are underrepresented. These investments have a ripple effect, creating opportunities not only for the recipients but for entire communities as these women become leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

A big hurdle AAUW will be contending with in our next Fiscal Year is the outcome of the 2024 U.S. election. The new administration has taken alarming steps that abandon the government's legal commitment to ensuring inclusive and equal opportunities in the schools and the workplace. This administration will shape the future of gender equity. But there is hope. AAUW is well-positioned to influence the policies that affect women's economic security, educational opportunities, and civil rights. Our advocacy efforts in Fiscal Year 2024 were stronger, with our Lobby Corps making their presence felt on Capitol Hill. We fought for equal pay, reproductive rights, and the Equal Rights Amendment while expanding our efforts to engage voters through the "It's My Vote!" campaign.

We must continue to stand for our values and lean into AAUW's mission. We are constantly expanding the reach of our programs, helping more women and girls gain the skills and confidence to achieve financial independence and thrive in STEM fields. Our communications efforts amplified our voice, reaching millions through media coverage, social media campaigns, and CEO thought leadership.

None of this would be possible without you. The support of our members, donors, and partners is critical to sustaining AAUW's work. It allows us to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities with agility, ensuring we remain a leading force for change. As we move forward, your continued support will help us overcome what lies ahead.

Thank you for being part of AAUW's journey. Now is the time to dig in and fight for women and girls across our country. Your involvement — whether as a donor, advocate, or volunteer — makes it all possible. Let's continue to move forward together."

**Moira Murray**  
**President**  
**AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP**

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP Financial Report - January 2025	
	Jan 31, 25
US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	1,729.53
General Fund	5,689.92
Total Checking	7,419.45
CD at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	15,604.53
CD General Account	5,033.73
Total CD at US Bank	20,638.26
Grand Total	28,057.71
Totals by Fund	
Fundraiser Fund	17,334.06
General Fund	10,723.65
Grand Total	28,057.71

## AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch 2025 – 2027 Slate of Officers

The Branch Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers to be voted on (at the Branch Business Meeting on April 9, 2025) for two year terms (unless otherwise designated) which will begin July 1, 2025.

President - Renee Oshinski

Program Co-Vice President - Susan Boyd (1 year) and MaryNic Foster  
Membership Co-Vice President - Linda Fischer (1 year) and Jen Fetty  
Recording Secretary - Krista Friedman  
Director of Finance - Bev Maguire  
Director of Bylaws and Policies - Moira Murray  
Director of AAUW Funds - Jo Mulvihill  
Director of Public Policy - Denise Dean  
Director of Nominating Committee - Moira Murray  
Editor Branch Website - Kasia Byrne

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 Board approved the slate of officers at the Board Meeting held on February 26, 2025.

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

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## Half the Sky

Half the Sky will meet at 7 pm March 25, 2025 in the Gathering Room of the Elmhurst Public Library. Our discussion will focus on an update of women's health a decade after the publishing of the book ***Half the Sky*** by Kristoff and WuDunn. See Chapters 6,7,and 8.

Darlene Van Meir and Sarah Caltvedt will be leading the discussion.

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## Membership

At this month's March 5th program at the library, our branch will be offering memberships at \$56 instead of the usual \$101. This offer will be good until March 31st. Encourage any friends who might be interested!

Renee Oshinski  
Linda Fischer  
[daboss0410@aol.com](mailto:daboss0410@aol.com)

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## Downers Grove Meeting - April 24

The Elmhurst AAUW is invited to attend a meeting with the Downers Grove AAUW featuring the Elmhurst Backyard Caucus. This event will take place on April 24th at 630pm at the Westmont Library. Margaret Harrell, Jim Parks, and myself will be presenting.

Jan Alexander  
Director of DEI

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## 2024 Member Donations – Thank You!

Many branch members generously donate their time to keeping our branch running, including those on the board, and all the hours worked during our summer used book sale. Our branch would not be successful without these efforts. Additionally, we want to acknowledge those members or former members who made monetary donations to AAUW National and / or to our branch during 2024 – thank you for your generosity!

Bonita Boerger  
Betty Laliberte  
Kasia Byrne  
Elaine Libovicz  
Janice Caudy  
Bev Maguire  
Adrienne Curiale  
Ellen O'Hara  
Elaine Davison  
Tsue Ostermann  
Jen Fetty  
Frances Peshkin  
Linda Fischer  
Suzanne Stock  
MaryNic Foster  
Ruth Thomas

Remember that our branch is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are fully tax deductible!



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## 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](http://www.aauwelmhurst.org) or call 630-207-4851.

Application Deadline is April 15, 2025

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