



NEWSLETTER - May 2025 (Volume 86, Issue 10)

Next Meeting - Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 3, 2025
11:30 Cocktails and Conversation
12 Noon Lunch
River Forest Country Club
15W468 Grand Avenue – Elmhurst, IL



It's Luncheon Time!

Reservations Due Now!

Make sure that your space is reserved for our May Luncheon at River Forest Country Club, 15W468 Grand Ave. in Elmhurst on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Cocktails start at 11:30 AM and Lunch at Noon.

You choose either chicken, salmon, or steak to top your Summer Salad of delicious greens and fruit. Bread, dessert, coffee, and tea are included. Cash bar is available. Send your choice with a check for \$50 payable to AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP to:

Carolyn Heiney
545 S. Fern Ave.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Reservations should arrive no later than April 25th . This is a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our branch and meet our scholarship winners. Don't miss your chance for a delicious meal and great conversation with our fun, fantastic branch members.

A reservation form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Branch Calendar

May 3 - 12 Noon
Spring Luncheon
River Forest Country Club



May 27 - 7pm
Half the Sky
Elmhurst Public Library-Gathering Room

May 28 - 7pm
Board of Directors
Elmhurst Public Library

No Meeting This Month
Book Discussion Group

President's Message

Dear Members,

This week I had the opportunity to watch a recording of a recent (April 1, 2025) AAUW webinar titled "Building a stronger AAUW, Tips for Branch Fundraising Success". The webinar was fun to watch and provided some interesting fundraising ideas and resources.

I was not surprised that the most popular type of fundraiser was a Used Book Sale! I was also pleased to see our Elmhurst branch had provided information and great photos about last year's Used Book Sale that were listed as part of the resources . I am looking forward to us having the book sale again at Sandburg Middle School at the end of June.

The webinar also highlighted two new "Funds" that AAUW has established; the "Defend Higher Education Fund" and the "Public Policy Fund."

In recent years our branch has donated to the **Greatest Needs Fund**, which is a vital source of unrestricted support that allows AAUW to respond effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities.

The **Defend Higher Education Fund** will enable AAUW to elevate the critical higher education issues impacting women, mobilize advocates across the country, provide strategic resources to students, staff and faculty on campus, and fuel investments in the infrastructure and technology necessary to move our mission forward.

The **Public Policy Fund** supports the advancement of AAUW's Public Policy Principles and Priorities. AAUW is focused on increasing the impact of our Action Network through growing the number of advocates across the country and providing timely, accurate, and actionable information about our key issues.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our May 3rd luncheon.

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President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2025
Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance

		March 31, 2025
Bank Accounts		
Checking accounts - US Bank		
	Fundraiser Fund	1,626.69
	General Fund	<u>5,388.22</u>
	Total Checking	7,014.91
CDs at US Bank		
	CD Fundraiser Account	15,706.30
	CD General Account	<u>5,066.58</u>
	Total CD at US Bank	20,772.88
	Grand Total	27,787.79
Totals by Fund		
	Fundraiser Fund	17,332.99
	General Fund	<u>10,454.80</u>
	Grand Total	27,787.79

Membership

Congratulations to two of our members for achieving the status of Honorary Life Membership. Rosemarie Dressander and Tsue Ostermann have both been members of AAUW Elmhurst for 50 Years! That is quite an achievement!

Linda Fischer and Renee Oshinski

Half the Sky

HALF the SKY worked with Amy Lippert's Brownies to assemble 130+ snack bags for the Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants.

These bags will be used for immigrants with a focus on the children.

The multigenerational activity was a joyous activity. The Brownie troop energized our Half the Sky team. Everyone left in a very positive mood.

Betty Laliberte



Elmhurst Area AAUW Used Book Sale

Sale Dates: June 26-29, 2025

Our Elmhurst Area Branch will have a used book sale again this summer at Sandburg Middle School!

As always, we need our members to help with sorting. We will begin setting up and sorting on Monday, June 9, and continue thru Wednesday, June 25. As in years past, we will sort from

9-noon Mondays through Saturdays.

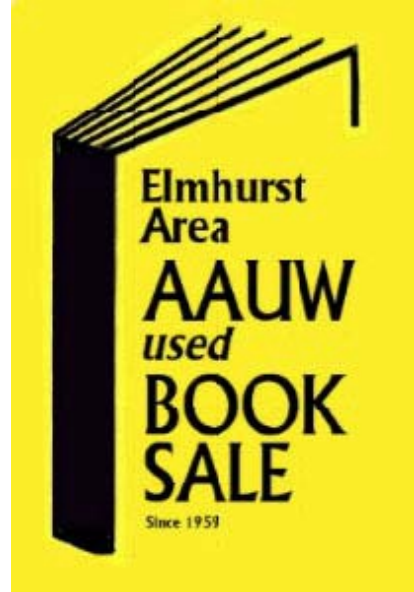
Collection bins will be at the Elmhurst Public Library, Courts Plus, and outside Sandburg. If you have friends asking where and when they can drop off books, please encourage them to bring them to Sandburg between 9 and noon after June 9. We can assist them with unloading their books.

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

Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade

Are you available to walk in the Memorial Day parade this year? We need members to help carry the banner advertising the book sale. The timing is good this year because we'll begin collecting books just 2 weeks after the parade.

Please contact Jennifer Jordan (630-328-3857, jennifer@jordan-dmm.com) or Renee Oshinski (630-842-0513, reneeoshinski@gmail.com) if you're able to participate. We'll also have a sign up sheet at the May Luncheon.



AI in ACTION: PRACTICAL WAYS to Use ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Usually, our branch gives our program speakers a thank you and a stipend or a donation in their names to a 501(c)3 of their choice. This month our excellent AI presenter, John Schuster, is gifting us a gift. John works with a local tea company and has offered our members a 20% off coupon for any purchases we might make.

The website can be reached at <https://steepersonly.com/>

Use coupon code: aauw

Thanks, John!



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\$50 per person

Menu

SUMMER SALAD:

Mixed Greens, Gala Apples, Strawberries, Dried Cranberries,
Blue Cheese Crumbles, Poppy Seed Dressing
With Chicken, Salmon, or Steak
Bread and Crackers included

DESSERT:

Assorted Dessert Bars

COFFEE , TEA, SOFT DRINKS included
CASH BAR for Alcoholic Beverages

Please send the portion below the dashes to Carolyn with your reservation.

I will attend the May lunch and am enclosing a check for \$50 made payable to AAUW Elmhurst Branch.

Name _____

Select One: Chicken___ Salmon ___ Steak ___

If you have dietary restrictions, please let us know what they are so they can be accommodated.

Send your reservation with your check to
to Carolyn Heiney
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Luncheon Reservation

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