



## NEWSLETTER - October 2024 (Volume 87, Issue 3)



### **Don't Miss the October Meeting**

#### **Fair Pay and Economic Equity for Women in Illinois**

**Susana A. Mendoza**  
**Illinois Comptroller**

**Wednesday, October 2nd at 7pm**  
Elmhurst Public Library

Jointly sponsored by the AAUW Elmhurst Branch, the League of Women Voters Elmhurst and the Elmhurst Public Library, this meeting will be held on October 2nd, at 7pm at Elmhurst Public Library. All are welcome to attend.

Our Illinois Comptroller, Susana A. Mendoza, will speak about the status of Fair Pay and Economic Equity for Women in the state of Illinois. This program will be live and virtual.



### **Branch Calendar**

**October 2 - 7 pm**  
**Fair Pay & Economic Equity for  
Women in Illinois**  
**Susana A Mendoza**  
*Elmhurst Public Library*

**October 22 - 7 pm**  
**Half the Sky - Micro  
Financing/MicroLending to Women**  
*Elmhurst Public Library*

**October 24 -1 pm**  
**AAUW Book Group**  
*The Secret Life of Sun Flowers by Marta*

**October 30- 7pm**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
*Elmhurst Public Library*

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

August 31, 2024

*Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance*

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### **Bank Accounts**

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	25,772.46
General Fund	<u>5,752.44</u>
Total Checking	31,524.90

### CDs at US Bank

CD Fundraiser Account	1,015.34
CD General Account	<u>5,076.60</u>

Total CD at US Bank 6,091.94

*Grand Total* 37,616.84

### **Totals by Fund**

Fundraiser Fund	26,787.80
General Fund	<u>10,829.04</u>

*Grand Total* 37,616.84

## **Branch Fiscal Year End Update**

Our branch fiscal year ended on June 30. Financially, it was a positive year for our branch. Our membership numbers were strong as we gained additional members through strong recruiting and mission-based programming. The previous summer's book sale (held at Christ United Methodist Church in July 2023) was successful, given the constraints that we faced with the smaller and more remote location. The book sale allowed us to make a \$6,281 donation to the national AAUW organization as well as to award 1 local scholarship of \$3,500. (A 2nd scholarship of \$3,500 was planned but not awarded due to a lack of qualified applicants.)

Overall, our branch received \$3,624 more in income than we spent during the last fiscal year. This is primarily due to the unawarded scholarship. If the scholarship had been awarded, then our income would have exceeded expenses by just \$124.

At the end of the fiscal year (6/30/24), the branch had healthy balances in all three of its funds, with a total of \$18,028 in the bank:

- ☐ Conferences Fund \$1,108.32
- ☐ Fundraiser Fund \$7,850.74
- ☐ General Fund \$9,068.98

As a reminder, as of the current fiscal year which began 7/1/24, the Conference Fund balance of \$1,108.32 was transferred to the General Fund for future Conference expenses. Only the General Fund and Fundraiser Funds will be used going forward. The board approved this simplified financial tracking earlier this year as large AAUW national conventions are no longer anticipated to be held.

Complete financials reports have been provided to the Finance Committee and are available to any branch member upon request.

Please let me know if you have questions or would like further information about the branch finances.

Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance (jennifer@jordan-dmm.com) or 630-328-3857)

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee sponsored an event at Effigy Lounge on September 17, 2024. All the members who attended agreed that it was a great opportunity to not only recruit members but to also get to know some of the newer members in a casual relaxed environment. We are hoping for at least one new member as a result of this event. Please remember to invite friends to the October presentation - we welcome new members at any time.

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## HALF THE SKY

HALF THE SKY will meet Tuesday October 22, 2024 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 and considering new developments/ findings within the last 10 years. The October Topic is OPIC Micro Financing / Micro Lending to Women. Jennifer Jordan will lead our discussion. All are welcome to join us.

For questions contact Betty Laliberte bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com.

### **HALF THE SKY invites AAUW ELMHURST BRANCH MEMBERS to join our 2024-2025 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

**Menstrual Care** - sanitary pads, tampons

**Foot Care** - Foot powder/spray, foot cream

### **Recycling Grocery Bags**

If you have extra paper grocery bags or plastic grocery bags, please bring them to a 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. More funds can go to buying food.

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

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## **SEPTEMBER PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

What a night! We had a great turnout for the Progressive Dinner on September 4th.

Special thanks to everyone who made it happen, especially co-chairmen Carolyn Heiney and Susan Boyd and the members who opened their homes to us: Carolyn Heiney, Jennifer Jordan, Lauren Pitelli, Moira Murray, Jan Alexander and Tsue Ostermann.



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