



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025 (Volume 86, Issue 9)

Next Meeting - AI in ACTION: PRACTICAL WAYS to Use ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Wednesday April 9, 2025 7pm

Elmhurst Public Library - Kossman Room

What is AI? How can I use it? In what ways is it already affecting my daily life? Oh, so many questions we have about Artificial Intelligence!! Luckily for our AAUW branch members, we have John Schuster to explain this (somewhat) new phenomenon and even answer our many questions about it.

John Schuster, our own Sally Schuster's son, is excited to present "AI in Action: Practical Ways to Use Artificial Intelligence." In this session, John plans to explore how to get started with a few free and subscription AI apps, dive into the many ways AI can be used by businesses and individuals alike, and showcase some of its most fascinating capabilities— like asking questions, generating images, and even describing photos. We'll wrap up by brainstorming together what the group would like to see AI do in a live demo, so be thinking about your most curious or creative requests!

In case you have memories about John as that cute little boy in an AAUW Buttons and Bows class, here's an update about this web developer with more than 25 years of experience in his own words:

"A little about me: I've been working with AI technologies for a while now, and I love discovering ways to make complex innovations accessible and useful for everyone. I'll bring my laptop and connect it to the screen so I can share live demos of the apps in action. I hope this hands-on approach will spark ideas and show just how exciting and versatile AI can be."

This program is guaranteed to be not just interesting, but AMAZING! Bring your friends, neighbors, anyone who wants to learn more about Artificial Intelligence. You won't want to miss this meeting!

Please note, this program is on the second Wednesday of April, not the first as is our usual schedule.



Branch Calendar

April 2 - 7pm

Board of Directors

Zoom Meeting

April 9 - 7pm

Artificial Intelligence in Action

Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room

April 11 5 - 7pm

Half the Sky

Elmhurst Public Kossman Room

April 24 - 1pm

Book Discussion Group

Of Human Bondage by Somerset

Maugham

Discussion Leader: Mary Hallman

Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

President's Message

Dear Members,

If you are like me, you probably hesitate to turn on or read the news anymore. One way we can fight back is to help change what is going on during these difficult times.

I encourage you to vote in the upcoming local elections for candidates who support AAUW priorities (<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2023/09/AAUW-Public-Policy-Priorities-2023.pdf.pdf>) and join with members from across the nation signing and sharing letters available through the "Two-Minute Activist."

I hope to see you at our April 9th Program on Practical Ways to Use Artificial Intelligence. We will be having our Annual Business Meeting to elect our new board members immediately after the Program, so I hope you can attend in person.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
February 28, 2025	
<i>Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance</i>	
February 28, 2025	
Bank Accounts	
Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	1,659.53
General Fund	<u>5,689.92</u>
Total Checking	7,349.45
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	15,657.92
CD General Account	<u>5,050.96</u>
Total CD at US Bank	20,708.88
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>28,058.33</i>
Totals by Fund	
Fundraiser Fund	17,317.45
General Fund	<u>10,740.88</u>
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>28,058.33</i>

AAUW 205-2026 Budgets

At the board meeting on 2/26/25, the board of directors approved the budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Our branch fiscal year begins on July 1. We have 2 separate budgets: Fundraiser fund and General fund. You'll find links to those detailed budgets in the PDF files below.

Fundraiser Fund:

This budget covers our summer used book sale and any other fundraising activities during the year.

This budget always balances to zero. Per branch policy, all fundraising proceeds (after expenses are paid) are split 50% to AAUW National, and 50% retained for local scholarships.

General Fund:

This budget covers all regular, non-fundraising income and expenses for our branch.

For the upcoming year, we are budgeting to spend \$1,102 more than we'll receive in income. The board is comfortable with this budget because typically we don't spend all the money budgeted for expenses and we currently have over \$10,000 in our General Fund that will provide a cushion if needed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the 2025-2026 branch budgets.
Jennifer Jordan, Finance Director (jennifer@jordan-dmm.com or 630-328-3857 (c))

Half the Sky

Half the Sky is joining the Conrad Fischer Girl Scouts, led by Amy Lippert to make snack bags for ICDI - Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants.

We had so much fun last year that we are doing it again in April!

Note that our meeting date has changed to Friday April 11, 2025 from 5-7pm to coincide with the Girl Scouts meeting date. We will meet in the Kossman Room in the Elmhurst Public Library.

Our job will be to create snack bags not just for those traveling via Greyhound but also for local immigrant children whose parents who cannot easily able to obtain food due to the current environment.

Pat Motto has asked us to add more fruit and healthy foods to the bags. Not just applesauce, but fruit cups too if possible. And perhaps not many cookies and sweets, but granola bars and and Nature's Bakery Fig Bars for example.

Half the Sky can join the Scouts in an on-line sign up.... Here is Amy Lippert's note:

"I will try to have our Brownies make some positive, encouraging artwork (with words of support, primarily in Spanish) to include in the bags during our 3/22 meeting, that I can then color copy and have ready for the snack bags. "

Here is the sign-up for items to donate for the snack bags:

Amy has created this online list to keep everyone in the know of what is being brought.

"As we discussed, we're aiming for relatively healthy, non-perishable items. I told the families that if they don't know how many items they can donate, to just pick the type(s) and they can fill in the exact quantity later. This will help us gauge how many bags we have to assemble. As anyone from last year will remember, the girls were incredibly efficient at this--especially since your AAUW ladies set up the assembly line so well around the table! I think our Scouts got to work before I could even tell them what to do!"

Here is a quick take of items to total 10-12 in a gallon ziplock bag:

Looking for fresh fruit cups and applesauce

Nuts

Protein bars and breakfast bars

Sun chips -- or baked snacks not fried.

Plan to have a delightful time!

Any questions?, please contact Betty Laliberte - bettylaliberte2007@gmail.com or leave a message 630 832 9010

Trivia Night hosted by Phase Three Brewing Company

Thanks to Phase Three Brewing Company for hosting AAUW Elmhurst for a fun Trivia Night! Our organization is the brewery's "charity of the month", so enjoy a meal/drinks and round up your bill for AAUW during the whole month!



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

Yes, Spring will be here by May, and we love a time together with delicious food and delightful conversation.

Make sure you read the details of our May luncheon in the flyer below and sign up to attend. It should be a great time and a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear from our scholarship winners.

Click on the Luncheon Reservation button below to print the reservation form. Hope to see everyone there.



Spring Lunch



Saturday, May 5, 2025

11:30 AM: Cocktails and Conversation/12 Noon

River Forest Country Club
15W468 Grand Avenue - Elmhurst, IL
\$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
545 S. Fern Ave. - Elmhurst, IL 60126

Reservations are due no later than April 25, 2025.



Luncheon Reservation

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch, NFP | PO Box 243 | Elmhurst, IL 60126 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)