



NEWSLETTER - August 2025 (Volume 87, Issue 1)



Branch Calendar

August 27- 7:00 pm
Board of Directors
Zoom

September 3
September Supper
Details to follow

President's Message

Dear AAUW Branch Members,

Just a quick newsletter to keep in touch over the summer, and make sure that you all have September 3 on your calendar for our September Supper. We are still working on the specifics for this event, but will keep you informed once the details have been finalized.

As you will note later in this newsletter, we do have several new members, and it would be great to have an evening together and to talk about the exciting program line up for the coming year.

This is my first message as the incoming President, so want to take a minute to once again thank Moira Murray for her leadership over the years. She has promised to help me navigate the upcoming year, and I am very grateful to her and all the long-term members who help so routinely with the wisdom gained over years of membership. Enjoy the rest of the summer – see you in September!

Renee Oshinski
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2025

Jennifer Jordan, Director of Finance

June 30, 2025

Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	20,813.19
General Fund	<u>5,294.12</u>
Total Checking	26,107.31
CDs at US Bank	
CD General Account	5,083.92
Total CD at US Bank	<u>5,083.92</u>
Grand Total	31,191.23

Totals by Fund

Fundraiser Fund	20,813.19
General Fund	<u>10,378.04</u>
Grand Total	31,191.23

Membership

We are thrilled to announce that we have six new members who joined our branch during our recent Shape the Future drive.

Jane Evans has a BBA in Finance from the University of Michigan.

Kathleen Martin has a BS in Chemistry from Northeastern Illinois, and a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Loyola Chicago.

Karen Norquist has a BS in Nursing from the University of Illinois.

Mary Stellmack has a BS in Chemistry/French from Northeastern Illinois and an MS in Chemistry from Loyola Chicago.

Val Stewart has a BA in Interdepartmental Communications from Elmhurst University.

Kathy Urgo has a BA in Psychology from Augustana University and an MA in Psychology from Aurora University.

We all look forward to getting to know these ladies and working with them to further our mission of increasing equality for all women.

Linda Fischer

Jen Fetty

Membership Committee Vice Presidents

PROGRAMS

Save the Date for the September

Supper

When: Wednesday, September 3rd

Where: Angelo's Ristorante & Banquets 247 N.York Rd Elmhurst

More information to come

Susan Boyd
MaryNic Foster
Program Committee Vice Presidents



Elmhurst Area AAUW Used Book Sale A Success

Our AAUW Used Book Sale was a success again thanks to the efforts of our wonderful members! We could not have raised the money for our scholarships without the energy, enthusiasm, and tenacity that was expended in support of this year's sale.

We did have fewer books donated than in recent years (except for some areas such as business, real estate, and religion, which aren't typically our big sellers).

Despite this, we raised a solid amount of money and had many wonderful books left over to donate to hospitals, Bernie's Books, the League of Enchantment (who marched ahead of us during this year's Memorial Day parade), and one young man from Elmhurst working on his Eagle Scout project, to set up little libraries at laundromats in the area.

After that, the media was donated to Scarce, and the books were boxed and sent to our reseller/partner, Better World Books.

We can't call out every individual, because 50 members and invited friends volunteered their time to sort books, hang up signs, set up the space, work during the sale, take down the space, pack books, and deliver leftovers to recyclers and other charities! What a testament to the wonderful women who make being an AAUW member a priority.

An added benefit of the annual sale is the opportunity that it gives us to recruit new members as they witness the good work that we're doing in our community. Jen Fetty created a bookmark that we handed out and Kasia Byrne set up the discounted membership application on our website. This gave us an easy way to have conversations with women that might be interested in becoming members. So far 6 women have joined! You can read more about that elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are still in the process of finalizing the financials. We grossed just over \$18,000 at this year's sale. We anticipate the expenses will be approximately \$3,500 once all reimbursements are complete. This will allow us to make a nice donation the AAUW National, and still earmark additional funds for local scholarships.

Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you!

Jennifer Jordan and Renee Oshinski
Used Book Sale Co-Chairs

Thanks again to all our Volunteers!



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