



### Branch Calendar

**August 27 7:00 pm**

Board of Directors

*Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room*

**September 3 - 6:00 pm**

September Supper

*Wilder Mansion*

**September 23 - 7:00pm**

Half the Sky

Book Discussion - *Lion Women of Tehran* by Marja Kamali

*Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room*

**September 25 - 1:00 pm**

Book Discussion

*A Hundred Years of Lenni and Margo* by Marianne Cronin - Peggy Fox leader

*Elmhurst Public Library Meeting Room B*

### Reminder September Supper

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025 6 PM Wilder Mansion**

Your mouth must be watering as you dream about all the delicious food that you will find at our delightful September Supper at Wilder Mansion.

Our first dinner meeting together is always filled with smiles and hugs, and yummy food. It's a must to be there!

To date your responses have been terrific. For those of you who have not yet replied, please remember that we need your reservation by August 27, 2025.

It's exciting to know that the list of attendees already includes three guests. If you would like to bring a friend, please make sure to include her with your reservation. No cost for guests.



We need you to respond that you plan to attend and if you will bring an appetizer or a salad. (We have plenty of desserts!!) A fee of \$15 per member, payable at the dinner, will include all the extras like paper products and beverages.

Many of you know that the Wilder Mansion usually requires guests to hire a catering service. **We are acting as our own caterers, so please bring any serving items that you might need for the dish that you bring. We must supply it all from salad tongs to toothpicks and serving pieces.**

If you have any questions and/or want to make a reservation, please contact Carolyn Heiney. The evening should provide time to catch up with friends and meet new ones. Don't miss it.

**Sign-up today!**

**Carolyn Heiney**  
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## President's Message

Are you ready for fall? I really am not – this summer seemed to go by too quickly.

Hope everyone is looking forward to our branch's upcoming year and the programs we have lined up for you to enjoy. I don't want to spoil the surprise when we share the schedule for the upcoming year, but you will not want to miss our events on the first Wednesday of the month for the rest of the year!

More information about our September Supper is in this newsletter. So thankful to Carolyn Heiney who took on the challenge of working with the Park District to secure beautiful Wilder Mansion for our event.

AAUW continues to fight for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in higher education, and to reduce barriers to abortion care. Denise Dean, our new Public Policy lead, will keep us informed over the course of the year about initiatives at the national level. Thanks to Denise for taking on this role. Below is information about a virtual fall conference for AAUW-IL conference to focus on the way forward for ensuring access to higher education.

Join us for the AAUW-IL Fall Conference! All branch, state and national members are welcome. Our theme addresses the major governmental policy shifts that will impact women and higher education -- educators and students alike. We'll plan ways that we can advocate to ensure that women have the educational and career opportunities they need and deserve.

[Click here to Register!!](#)

For those of you who might be interested, the Jane Addams Branch is having an online program on Thursday, August 28 at 7pm about communication between the sexes and the role of gender bias in male-female relationships. The program is being given by Sandy Camillo, the president-elect for AAUW New York State, and is the author of several books: *The Journey of an Invisible Woman* and *The Shocking Truth Behind What Men Really Think About Women*. Meeting Registration - Zoom

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer, see you in September!

**Renee Oshinski**  
**President**  
**AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP**

# AAUW-IL Fall Conference

Policy Impacts on Women and Higher Education:  
Learn, Plan, Act

Virtual: Sat., Sept. 27, 2025, 9 - 11 AM



## FINANCIAL REPORT

July 31, 2025

*Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance*

July 31, 2025

### Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	18,480.95
General Fund	<u>5,040.15</u>
Total Checking	23,521.10
CDs at US Bank	
CD General Account	5,133.87
Total CD at US Bank	<u>5,133.87</u>
Grand Total	28,654.97

### Totals by Fund

Fundraiser Fund	18,480.95
General Fund	<u>10,174.02</u>
Grand Total	28,654.97

## Half the Sky

Dear Half the Sky

We are doing something different in September.... reading a historical novel.

At our meeting on September 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm we will be discussing the novel, *Lion Women of Tehran*, by Marja Kamali. The book takes place from the 1950's to the present. Following the book discussion, we will consider the challenging situation for women in Iran today.

If you need a copy of the book the Elmhurst Public Library has 2 copies and one hot copy. LINKIN has 9 copies plus 4 large print. Please feel free to call the library and request an interlibrary loan copy.

I have just learned about the Sacred Valley in Peru project. They have two hostels to house rural girls who need a place near the school to continue education beyond primary school. The project provides house mothers, tutors and support. There is additional information on their website: <https://www.sacredvalleyproject.org>.

I am looking into the possibility of having a representative from the organization as a guest speaker in the future.

**Betty Laliberte**

**Half the Sky Chair**

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## PROGRAMS

Save the Date - October 1, 2025

### *Entrepreneurship and Economic Development*

Melissa Villanueva, a remarkable woman of Elmhurst, will be talking to us about her journey to establish Brewpoint Coffee, a company renowned for its commitment to community, inclusivity and sustainable growth. She is a successful businesswoman who gives back to her community and is a dedicated mentor. She serves as a member of the Elmhurst Community Development Commission and is an Entrepreneur in Residence with Innovation DuPage.



**Susan Boyd**

**MaryNic Foster**

**Program Committee Vice Presidents**

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