



NEWSLETTER - November 2025 (Volume 87, Issue 4)



Branch Calendar

November 5 - 7:00 pm

Child Protection and Juvenile Justice in
DuPage County- Judge Chantelle Porter
Business Meeting to Follow
Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room

November 19- 7:00 pm

Board of Directors
Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

No Meeting This Month

Book Discussion Group
Half the Sky

Next Meeting - CHILD PROTECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE IN DUPAGE COUNTY

Wednesday November 5, 2025 7pm

Elmhurst Public Library - Kossman Room

Judge Chantelle Porter will share both her personal journey and the status of the juvenile justice system in DuPage County. Our presentation is open to the public. Please feel free to reach out to friends and neighbors who are interested in Judge Porter's story and an update on juvenile justice in DuPage County. This meeting may be of interest to recent criminal justice graduates, or friends with children still living at home. We hope to see you there!

For more information on Judge Porter follow this link: <https://www.judgechantelleporter.com>

Susan Boyd/Mary Nic Foster
Program Vice Presidents



Judge Chantelle Porter

President's Message

Hope all who were able to attend enjoyed the presentation at our October meeting on entrepreneurship. It was eye-opening and motivating to me! Just recently announced, Abby's husband – Chef Tony – will begin managing kitchen operations for Church Street Brewing Company and BarleyHaus Brewpub, both in Itasca. He is bringing some of the favorites from Aunt Tina's to the location, so put this location on your radar for an evening out in the future!

Important Reminder:

Following the presentation by Judge Porter on Wednesday, November 5, we will have a branch business meeting. We will be presenting recommendations from the Funds Committee about the scholarship offerings for the coming year. We will need input from the membership about the number and amount of the scholarships. Given how successful we were in getting many outstanding applicants, we are anxious to continue this success and get feedback from the group on our strategy for moving forward. One of the issues is how to maximize the use of our 501(c)3 status for our educational mission. Please come ready to give your feedback!

I would like to share some of the information I receive from our State Branch Liaison about activities and opportunities happening across Illinois. These are open to our members. You simply need to register if you have interest.

1) AAUW Action Network

This group informs and mobilizes AAUW members about legislation at the State and National levels that impact women and girls. If you decide to sign up for an issue (you select ones you are interested in), you will get alerts and instructions on ways to give your input from the comfort of your own home.

--Sign up for the AAUW Action Network to receive alert emails. Here's the page to sign up:

<https://www.aauw.org/act/action-network-join/>

--Read the alert emails as soon as possible and take action on the ones that mean the most to you.

2) Meet AAUW Fellows and Grantees

Saturday, November 8 11:00 am via Zoom

Recent AAUW Fellows and Grantees present their research and programs. For the 2025–2026 academic year, AAUW invested over \$5.3 million to support 228 women scholars and community projects. These grants and fellowships are lifelines — especially for women of color and those in STEM fields who continue to face systemic barriers.

Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. Between FY2020-2025, AAUW awarded nearly \$29.6 million in total (this includes multiple award types and organizational grants) to about 1,538 women and community projects. By 2023, more than \$135 million had been awarded in total since program

inception (in 1888) to over 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations. This program is sponsored by the Chicago branch and Jane Addams branch of AAUW.

Register for the AAUW Fellows and Grantees program at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/REznuoHzRP64IAmDaLBmZQ#/registration>

3) Zoom Book club hosted by the Jane Addams branch:

Please join the AAUW Jane Addams Branch and Northwest Suburban Branch on October 28 at 4 pm for a discussion of The Dry by Jane Harper.

A small town hides big secrets in this atmospheric, page-turning debut mystery by an award-winning author. In the grip of the worst drought in a century, the farming community of Kiewarra is facing life and death choices daily when three members of a local family are found brutally slain.

Register for the book club at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/UP_FGckTSXWc0IsWfieTUw#/registration

Next book discussions:

Dec 9: The Paris Novel by Ruth Reichl

Jan 27: Soldiers and Kings by Jason De León

Questions? Contact Kate Skegg at aauwJaneAddams@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday November 5!

Renee Oshinski

President

AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

Finance Committee

Branch Fiscal Year End – Financial Update

Our branch fiscal year ended on June 30, 2025. Financially, it was a very positive year for our branch. Our membership numbers were strong as we gained additional members through active recruiting and mission-based programming.

From a fundraising perspective, this year's financials are skewed compared to prior years because we held 2 book sales (July 2024 and June 2025) during the fiscal year. Both book sales were held at Sandburg and were successful. The July 2024 book sale allowed us to make a \$9,500 donation to the national AAUW organization as well as to award 2 local scholarships of \$4,500. (A 3rd scholarship of \$4,500 was also awarded because it had not been awarded in 2023.)

The breakdown of the donation to national AAUW and scholarship amounts for the June 2025 book sale will be determined later this fall. Overall, our branch received \$13,163 more in income than we spent during the last fiscal year. This is primarily due to the double book sales.

At the end of the fiscal year (6/30/25), the branch had very healthy balances in both of its funds, with a total of \$31,191 in the bank:

Fundraiser Fund \$20,813

General Fund \$10,378

Complete financials reports have been provided to the Finance Committee and are available to any branch member upon request. Additionally, this past July, the accounting firm of Lawton CPAs completed the financial review of the prior 4 years as is customary when our branch changes Finance Directors. They found no discrepancies in the financials.

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

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

Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance (bsmaguire77@gmail.com or 773-447-6371)

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2025
Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance

		September 30, 2025
Bank Accounts		
Checking accounts - US Bank		
	Fundraiser Fund	9,454.63
	General Fund	<u>5,380.25</u>
	Total Checking	14,834.88
CDs at US Bank		
	CD Fundraiser Account	9,260.00
	CD General Account	5,168.19
	Total CD at US Bank	<u>14,428.19</u>
	Grand Total	29,263.07
Totals by Fund		
	Fundraiser Fund	18,714.63
	General Fund	<u>10,548.44</u>
	Grand Total	29,263.07

Public Policy

National's Fall Member Gathering

AAUW National's Fall Member Gathering was presented online September 18, 2025. The National Board recognized outstanding supporters and branches, provided an update on strategic plan priorities, and highlighted AAUW's 5 Calls to Action.

The 5 Calls to Action, which we will be addressing going forward, are for AAUW branches to: 1) appoint a public policy chair; 2) contact an elected official; 3) organize a group action; 4) conduct a voter registration or education event; and 5) hold a program on a public policy topic. If you would like to view this presentation, click of the button below.

Denise Dean
Director of Public Policy

[View Video here](#)