



Branch Calendar

October 1 - 7:00 pm

Entrepreneurship and Economic
Development - Abbey Cannon
Elmhurst Public Library Kossman Room

October 23 - 1:00 pm

Book Discussion
Briar Club by Kate Quinn
Discussion Leader Carol Carlson
Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

October 28 - 7:00pm

Half the Sky
Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

October 29- 7:00 pm

Board of Directors
Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room



Next Meeting - ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday October 1, 2025 7pm

Elmhurst Public Library - Kossman Room

Abbey Cannon, a remarkable woman of Elmhurst, will talk to us about establishing Aunt Tina's Kitchen and the new Lake York Business Association recently formed to promote North Elmhurst businesses. Abbey and her husband own Aunt Tina's Kitchen, a restaurant serving southern comfort food. The restaurant and its food truck (Aunt Tina's Sound Bites) aim to foster community through food and music — in a world filled with division, they know that food and music bring people together! They also own a spice company and teach cooking classes, all with the motto that

we are “better together”.

Susan Boyd/Mary Nic Foster
Program Vice Presidents



Aunt Tina's Sound Bites

President's Message

What a great event we had at the Wilder Mansion for our September Supper! We had about 45 attendees, one of our largest gatherings in quite a while. The setting was beautiful, we had loads of great food, and the conversation was outstanding!

Carolyn Heiney did an amazing job working with Park District staff to get the venue and organize all the attendees for set up and clean up – what would we do without her? And Amy Allen was instrumental in working with the Garden Club to get our linens for all the tables.

While bringing our own food makes things more reasonably priced, there is a lot of time and work behind the scenes by volunteers to make this feasible. We would love to get feedback from attendees about the dinner, and whether moving this to a restaurant might be another option for next year.

We are hearing from the national and state organizations about multiple webinars and meetings on national and state policies impacting women and girls. These meetings are open to all members, you simply have to register for an online zoom link. Denise Dean is our Public Policy Chair, so contact her if you have any questions.

For those of you who were not at the dinner, we announced that for the second consecutive year, we have been named a 5 Star branch for our work across five areas: advancement (essentially maintaining or increasing membership), public policy advocacy, governance, programming that aligns with the AAUW national strategic plan, and communications. So very proud of all the members who contribute to the mission of advocating for women and girls in education and the workplace—Thank you ! People notice!

See more information in this newsletter about upcoming activities. Look forward to seeing lot of members at our October meeting!

Renee Oshinski
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 31, 2025

Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance

August 31, 2025

Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	18,508.95
General Fund	<u>5,354.15</u>
Total Checking	23,863.10
CDs at US Bank	
CD General Account	5,151.00
Total CD at US Bank	<u>5,151.00</u>
Grand Total	29,014.10

Totals by Fund

Fundraiser Fund	18,508.95
General Fund	<u>10,505.15</u>
Grand Total	29,014.10

Half the Sky

Half the Sky will be meeting Tuesday Oct 28, 2025, at 7pm at the Elmhurst Public Library in the Gathering Room. Study topic to be announced at the general meeting.

Half the Sky projects:

1. We are collecting plastic grocery bags to be reused at the Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry. These bags will be used for toting the cleaning supplies and dry goods given to patrons. The money saved from not needing to buy the bags will be used for food. If you have extra bags, please bring them to the general meetings or the Half the Sky meetings.

2. Jane Jegerski, who is working at a DuPage community garden, is asking for help obtaining plastic hinged boxes (those used for fruits and vegetables) to use for harvesting foods. If you have any to reuse, please bring them to either our AAUW general meetings or to the Half the Sky meetings.

Collecting plastic grocery bags and hinged boxes are ongoing projects this year.

Betty Laliberte
Half the Sky Chair

Membership

Please welcome our new member, Ann Lobdell, into our fold. She was a former member who has rejoined us. Welcome back, Ann!

Linda Fischer/ Jen Fetty
Membership Vice Presidents

September Supper at Wilder Park





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