



Branch Calendar

December 4 - 1:00 pm

Book Discussion

The Confidante by Christopher Gorham

Discussion Leader Jeanne Regan

Elmhurst Public Library Gathering Room

December 10 - 6:30 pm

Annual Holiday Party

Marcia Goltermann's Home

295 Prospect Ave, Elmhurst

No Meeting this Month

Board of Directors

Half the Sky



Annual Holiday Party

When: Wednesday, December 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: At the home of Marcia Goltermann
295 Prospect Avenue • Elmhurst, Illinois

RSVP: To: MaryNic Foster at mfoster83@att.net no later than December 3, 2025.

Cost: \$10 per person (guests are welcome). The \$10.00 defray costs and helps to keep the good cheer flowing!

What to Bring:

- Members A–L → a dessert to share and make our spirits bright
- Members M–Z → an appetizer to savor and kick off the night
- Beverages and good cheer provided

Let's celebrate a December to remember. Don your festive finest, lift your spirits high, and join us in company and conversation before the year says goodbye!

Parking Note: Prospect Ave is a NO parking zone. We ask that parking in Marcia's driveway is reserved for those of us who have great difficulty walking. Please park on Claremont or Winthrop. Carpooling is always a great option.

Susan Boyd/Mary Nic Foster
Program Vice Presidents

President's Message

Thanks to all who attended our November meeting with Judge Chantelle Porter. The room was packed with members and guests. What a great speaker and a wonderful opportunity to interact with a leader in DuPage County. And congratulations to our Publicity team who had articles about the meeting published in both the Elmhurst Press and the Daily Herald!

At the meeting, we collected food for ICDI that is being delivered to their distribution center this week. Our contributions will be combined with donations from other organizations and churches to provide a Thanksgiving food delivery to about 50 immigrant families who work with the organization's social workers. Thanks so much for your generosity.

For those who might be interested, the 2026 State Convention has been slated for April 24-25, 2026. It is being held in Rockford. I attended last year, and it was great to meet AAUW members from across the state and hear about their accomplishments.

Hope everyone is looking forward to our Holiday Party on December 10 – big thanks to Marcia Goltermann for hosting at her lovely home! It is certainly one of the highlights of our year! Hope it will be a great opportunity to get to know many of our new members!

I want to remind you about our all-Branch book discussion on Wednesday January 7, 2026. We will be discussing *Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism* by Sarah Wynn-Williams. The discussion will feature an expose of Facebook, Cheryl Sandburg, and Mark Zuckerberg and the conflicting demands on women in the corporate world.

Renee Oshinski
President
AAUW Elmhurst Area Branch NFP

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 31, 2025

Beverly Maguire, Director of Finance

October 31, 2025

Bank Accounts

Checking accounts - US Bank	
Fundraiser Fund	9,454.63
General Fund	<u>5,218.35</u>
Total Checking	14,672.98
CDs at US Bank	
CD Fundraiser Account	9,260.00
CD General Account	5,214.78
Total CD at US Bank	<u>14,474.78</u>
Grand Total	29,147.76
Totals by Fund	
Fundraiser Fund	18,714.63
General Fund	<u>10,433.13</u>
Grand Total	29,147.76

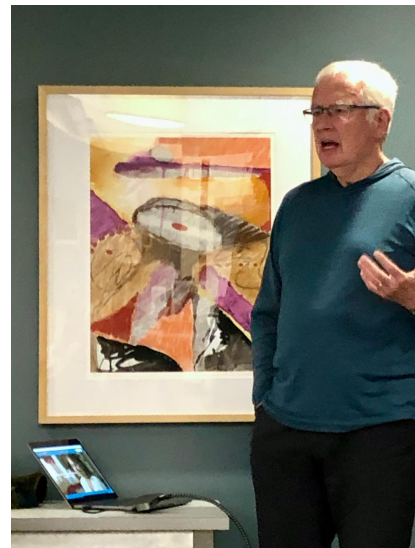
Half the Sky

At our presentation Tuesday Oct 28, 2025, Greg S. Laurent spoke about the Sacred Valley Project in Peru. The non-governmental organization (NGO) has two hostels for girls and supports their secondary school education.

Continuing 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.



Betty Laliberte
Half the Sky Chair

Membership

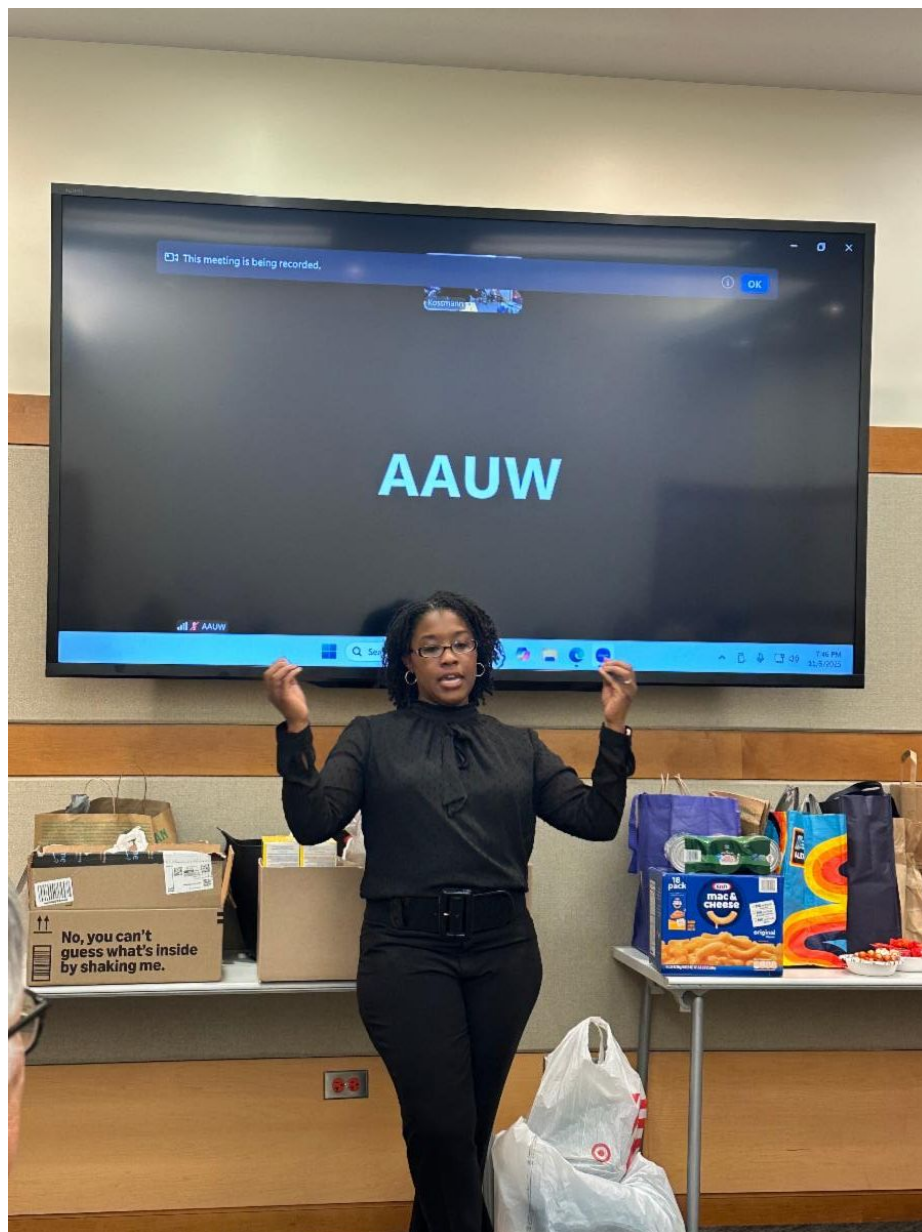
On October 23rd, Sally Schuster hosted a new member gathering at her home. Board members were pleased to be able to introduce themselves and explain their roles to six of our newer members as well as have the opportunity to chat with them.

A big thank you to Sally for her hospitality!

Linda Fisher/Jen Fetty
Membership Vice Presidents



November meeting with Judge Chantelle Porter



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