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You will be joining more than 100,000 graduates in the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in the American Association of University Women. There are 1,300 branches and 500 college and university partners. Since 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change and improving women's lives. But as long as inequity exists, AAUW needs strong advocates to join forces. Women today still need your help, and so does AAUW to do its important work to continue to improve the lives of women and girls. Annual dues are \$98.00. The breakdown of the dues is: National \$72.00°; New Jersey State \$10.00; and Madison Branch \$16.00.

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----2023 /2024----PROGRAMS----

Sept 12 Field Trip to Sustainable Haus Mercantile, Summit. A woman-owned business with a vision to educate & offer better choices for ourselves & our planet. We will learn to make a healthy cleaning product.

Sept 18 Discussion on Gun Violence How gun violence impacts our community and what local organizations are doing about it. Panel: Rep. from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Police, Madison Schools. Cosponsored with LWV Morristown Area, Chatham Lib.

Oct 2 Dessert Meet & Greet Our Mature Grant recipients & Tech Trek Campers. Hear about the recipients' goals & campers' experiences at the AAUW-NJ STEM Camp.

Nov 6 "**How did I get here?**" Speaker Branch President Ann Huber. Book discussion of her Memoir, "Lost & Found," Florham Park Library.

Dec. Holiday Social. Date, time & location TBD.

Jan **15 Film & discussion, "Ruby Bridges"** Florham Park Library, Co-sponsored with LWV Morristown Area.

Feb 13 "Madam C. J. Walker: Her Story and Legacy." A'LeliaBundles, biographer & great-great-granddaughter; member of New Voices Foundation, supporting today's women of color entrepreneurs. Honoring Black History Month. Virtual. Sponsored by AAUW-NJ.

Mar **4 Supporting More Diversity in STEM** Speaker, Cyndi Wilson, Florham Park Library.

Apr 1 It Takes More Than Bootstraps to Succeed in Higher Ed? Audrey Fisch, AAUW Fellow, will speak about empowering first-generation college students to face the obstacles on their journey through higher education. *Programs are open to the public and are subject to change.*



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---THE ORGANIZATION---

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW was founded in 1881 by Marion Talbot, who became the Dean of the College of Women at the University of Chicago and a leading figure in higher education, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman to earn degree in chemistry and a leader in the field of home economics.

We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls and support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women, including financial support in the form of fellowships and grants.

In addition, AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. Our work influences the national discussion on topics like the pay gap between women and men, sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses, and the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering.

Who Is Eligible to Join?

Membership is open to all graduates who hold an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college, university or certification program. By joining AAUW, you belong to a community who will help you break through educational and economic barriers.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

To become a member, visit MadisonAreaAAUW.org

---BRANCH ACTIVITIES---

One of 19 branches in NJ. the Madison Branch has been continuously active since its charter in 1929. Over the years, the original 39 members have increased and decreased in number. Today our members come from the greater Madison area, including several neighboring towns.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month from September to May. These include a variety of programs, at varying times of day, from social gatherings to speakers and panels, covering topics of interest to the membership.

The branch focuses on local projects in support of women's and girls' education, including our Mature Woman's Grant and Tech Trek Camp (STEM.) Several fund-raisers, including Mah Jongg Tournaments in the Spring and Fall & pop-up Book Sales, are held to finance our local projects. Madison has sponsored a book-sale, annually, for more almost 90 years. All members are encouraged, invited and expected to help in some way.

WOMEN IN STEM - INVISIBLE NO MORE

March 12, 2024 6:30PM - 9:00PM Madison Community House, 25 Cook Avenue, Madison

Audience - For Middle School Girls Lean about exciting STEM careers that align with your passions

---LOCAL PROJECTS---

Bottle Hill Day- October 7, 2023 where the Madison Branch and other civic organizations welcome members of the Community.

Mah Jongg Tournaments- November 15, and May 15, 2023 from 10 am to 3:30 pm-4 rounds of play including lunch, aone free chance for door prize, and free parking placard. Pre-registration required \$55 pp. Visit us at AAUWMadisonnj.org.

--SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS-

Groups are organized by members. Have an idea for a new group, contact the Branch President for information. All interest groups welcome new members and guests.

--BOOK GROUP--

The group meets every month on the second Wednesday. We read contemporary authors. A virtual attendance is available.



--MAH JONGG--

Expert and beginning players meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Join us we are happy to teach you how to

play.

--LUNCH BUNCH--

We meet periodically at diverse local restaurants for an informal meal and conversation.





STITCH 'n CHAT The group meets periodically at members' homes for conversation;

stitching is optional.

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