

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MADISON BRANCH

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### A Message from our Presidents

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We started the year on a bit of sad news when 50 year member, Sen. Leanna Brown, passed away. At her memorial service, Rodney Frelinghuysen said. "Leanna broke the glass ceiling before many others." She started on the Chatham Boro council, won a seat as a Morris County freeholder, and was elected to the State Assembly prior to winning a State Senate seat in 1983. Although not too active in our branch lately, as she had moved out of the area, she will be missed.

Those of you who saw the documentary "Top Secret Rosies" at our February meeting, would probably enjoy the new film "Hidden Figures" at the Madison Cinema (if it's still there).

It's about the work women did for NASA in the space program. Or, if you can't see the movie, you might enjoy the book HIDDEN FIGURES by Margot Lee. It's a true story and the basis for the motion picture.

We are looking forward to the program on Monday, February 6, when Dr. Michael Brownstein will be sharing with us his work on implicit bias, its effect on women in the workforce and in society in general. This, as most of our programs, is open to the public.

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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting 02/20/17
- Book Club 02/16/17
- Stitch 'n Chat 3/29/17
- Lunch Bunch 03/08/17
- Mahjongg 02/13/17

### Programs

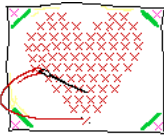



**Unless otherwise noted the meetings are held at the Madison Public Library - Chase Room, starting at 7:30 PM.**

**Feb. 6: *Implicit Bias*** Dr. Michael Brownstein is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at CUNY/John Jay College of Criminal Justice. His research is at the boundary between philosophy and psychology. He specializes in understanding implicit bias. Dr. Brownstein's published work has considered the nature of implicit biases, whether we are responsible for acting in ways that we don't intend, and how we can most effectively change our unwanted and sometimes biased inclinations. He will introduce the audience to the literature on implicit bias, with a focus on gender bias and its effects on hiring, inclusiveness, and diversity in higher education and elsewhere. He will also dedicate some time to discussing what the data show regarding the most effective strategies for combating implicit gender biases.

**Mar. 6: *Bridge Builder in Petticoats*** Carol Simon Levin brings to life the lost stories of fascinating and forgotten women like Emily Warren Roebling, who in 1881 stepped in for her ailing husband to supervise the building of the Brooklyn Bridge. Carol is a Youth Services Librarian at the Bridgewater Branch of the Somerset County Library. She is an experienced storyteller and a member of the New Jersey Storyteller's Network and the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators. She has always been fascinated by the history of technology and women's history.

**Apr. 3: *A Journey to India*** is a travelogue our member Jeannie Eisle will share with us from her trip to Bhutan and India.

**\* Announcements \* Upcoming Events \***

<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>Stitch and Chat</b>	<b>Newsletter Input Due Dates</b>
<p>All board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>February 20 (snow date 27)                      March 20 (snow date 27)                      April 17                      May 15                      June 19</p>	<p>Stitch and Chat meets from 1 pm to 3 pm at Judy Vernon's home. Stitching is optional, but chatting is required. All dates are announced in the newsletter.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>For direction call Judy Vernon</p> 	<p>Send information for the next Newsletter to <a href="mailto:jpvernon@yahoo.com">jpvernon@yahoo.com</a>. <b>Input must be received the day of the board meeting. See due dates on the left.</b></p>
<b>The Book Group</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	<b>Mahjonn</b>
<p>The Book Group has agreed to the following schedule and books. All are welcome to join us. The group meets at 12:30 pm and everyone brings a sandwich to share. Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads.</p> <p><b>February 16</b>  <b>Book</b> - <i>A Hero of France</i> by Alan Furst  <b>Hostess</b> - Barbara Benedict</p> <p><b>March 16</b>  <b>Book</b> - <i>Summer before the War</i> by Helen Simonson  <b>Hostess</b> - Dawn Smith</p> <p><b>April 20</b>  <b>Book</b> - <i>Select a Poem</i> - Why you chose the poem and a short bio about the poet  <b>Hostess</b> - Mary Campbell</p> <p><b>Please remember to contact the host if you are coming.</b></p> 	<p>Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Judy Vernon no later than the day before the event if you plan to come. Date, name and location of the restaurant are announced in the newsletter.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Florham Park Diner 182 Ridgedale Ave</b></p> <p>For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon</p> 	<p>As always we are looking for interested members to join. Knowledge of game is NOT required. Having fun is mandatory.</p> <p>Group meets at 11:30 am on the second Monday of the month at Shirley Mutchler's home. Bring lunch, drinks and sweets are provided.</p> <p><b>Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> 

**Membership Corner**

Diedre Browne, our newest member joined our branch just after her daughter attended "Tech Trek". This is only the second year that AAUW has sponsored Tech Trek: a week long summer camp of STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) Workshops designed to help rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls understand the many careers in these fields. Diedre's daughter was one of only 60 girls chosen in NJ for Tech Trek 2016. Diedre says that her daughter loved her workshops and the mentors she met there and is now heading for a career choice in Electrical Engineering.

## Community News

### Madison Public Library

**Free events at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room**

Some events require pre-registration. Visit [www.madisonnjlibrary.org](http://www.madisonnjlibrary.org) or call 973-377-0722 X2 for more information. **Drew Mini courses will start in April.**

### Free Movies at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room - Wednesday evenings at 7pm

No registration required. Seating is first come, first served.

#### Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

**Indignation** -2016/111 min/R

Dir. James Schamus (adapted from the novel by Philip Roth) Stars Logan Lerman, Sarah Gadon

#### Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Café Society** -2016/96 min/PG-13

Dir. Woody Allen, stars Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Steve Carell, Blake Lively

**Madison Public Library, Chase Room – Free Music Program – Advanced Registration Requested – Register at [www.madisonnjlibrary.org](http://www.madisonnjlibrary.org)**

#### The Chamlins

**Sunday, February 19, 2:30-3:30pm**

**Paul and Rochelle at the Movies**

In their newest show, the Chamlins present selections from the bountiful trove of songs featured in motion pictures. Films represented range from the sublime (*Meet Me in St. Louis*) to obscure (*Agatha*), with eclectic choices from a wide range of composers and lyricists.

Paul Chamlin has been an integral part of the NYC cabaret scene as a Musical Director/singer for many years. Rochelle Chamlin trained and performed as a classical vocalist. The couple met in 2005 at a singing gig, sparking a relationship that lead to marriage and an inspired musical partnership. The popular “Cabaret Couple” appear frequently in New York cabaret rooms and other venues throughout the metropolitan area and beyond.

*Registration requested, but drop ins welcome as seating space permits.*

### The Adult School

Registration is now open for classes with the nonprofit Adult School. A wide variety of subjects and trips are offered.

Day and evening options.

Visit [www.theadultschool.org](http://www.theadultschool.org) or call 973-443-9222.

## Membership Corner (continued)

Diedre herself is a Physical Therapist presently working with geriatric and developmentally disabled patients at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Morris Plains. Welcome Diedre!

We hope that others interested in providing STEM career opportunities to girls can join our Branch STEM Chair, Beth Krawczuk in volunteering for “**Tween Tech**” Day. This is for all 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who wish to explore their STEM career opportunities, with lunch and 3 workshops in a single great day! [The January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, TweenTech was a great success. TweenTech 2018 will be announced in the fall 2017.]

Mariel Kolker, AAUW NJ Stem Chair hosted a program for girls at Morristown High School, sponsored by the Morris Educational Foundation. Beth Krawczek was one of the panel members.



The MEF sponsored the Morristown High School STEM Academy's community screening of the film *CODE: Debugging the Gender Gap* in October. An esteemed panel of women STEM professionals followed.

*Maryanne*

*Editor's note:*

*Please send news or announcements about a member (including you) for our Membership Corner column to Maryanne or Judy. We like to recognize the accomplishments of our members as well as significant events in their lives.*