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A Message from our Presidents

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Membership and Annual Dinner

We are looking forward to seeing you at our May 7 Dinner at Cosy Cupboard. Hopefully spring will truly be here in time for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, good food and a bit of AAUW business.

Please volunteer to work at our Book Sale scheduled for June 4 - 10 at College of St. Elizabeth. The Book Sale Committee needs your help - bring a friend or two to assist and help publicize the Sale. This is our prime fundraiser which supports the Branch's Mature Woman Grant program as well as our donations to AAUW's fellowship program, Tech Trek, etc.

Nancy and Berly Teele represented the Branch at the Annual Meeting of AAUW-NJ in March. Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's United Nations Representative, discussed AAUW's strategic planning process and some of the changes underway in the national organization. AAUW is thinking beyond the current membership model by offering a proposed change to the bylaws; eliminate the requirement of a college degree for membership. The day also featured a panel discussion "Sexual Harassment and Power Abuse: Times Up!" The Woman as Agent of Change

Award was presented to Laurel Brennan, Secretary-Treasurer, NJ State AFL-CIO. Further information is available on the website – aauw-nj.aauw.net. As you look at that website, note that there is also a need for volunteers to assist at 2018 Teen Tech: A Day of Hands-On Technology Workshops for High School Girls.

Watch for an e mail from AAUW regarding voting on the national bylaws changes. In addition to the elimination of the degree requirement, the other proposed changes provide for a 3-year staggered term for Board members and opening the national Board to non-AAUW members.

Although our formal meetings will end with the May 7 Dinner, we will continue to be busy in the coming months with Book Sale and Farmers Market.

It has been our pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents for the past two years. We know we are leaving the Branch in good hands.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting 05/21/18
- Book Group 05/03/18
- Lunch Bunch 05/08/18
- Mahjongg 05/14/18
- Stitch 'n Chat 04/17/18

BOOK SALE

Please register to help **JUNE 4 – JUNE 10** with **Sorting (Monday – Wednesday) and Selling and Clean-up (Wednesday Evening – Sunday.)** **It's easy to sign up; click on the link below, then click on the desired time fill in the form (type the name of the fruit) and click "Agree and Sign up".**

Collection and Sorting

www.volunteersignup.org/PCLWY

Sale and Clean-up

www.volunteersignup.org/JY8DT

Programs

We are working on our programs for next year! If you have any ideas or suggestions for specific speakers or topics, please send them to Berly Teele (bteele@klsir.com)

See details on page 4 for our May Annual Dinner. **MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!**

Send information including directory updates to jpvernon@yahoo.com. Input for the newsletter is due the day after the board meeting.



The Book Group

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.

May 3

Book – *Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick

Hostess – Mary Campbell

June 7

Book – *The Nest* by Cynthia d'Aprix Sweeney

Hostess – Susan Hilgendorff

Please remember to contact the host if you are coming.



Mahjongg

As always, we are looking for interested members to join. Knowledge of game is NOT required. Having fun is mandatory.

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.

Monday, May 14th

Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Members are welcome to attend.

May 21

June 18



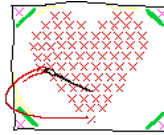
Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant at 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.

Tuesday, May 8th

**LaDiDa Café, 12 Village Rd New Vernon
(Harding Township)**

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427



Stitch and Chat

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.

Thursday, May 17th

For direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

Membership Corner

Welcome to **Amy Raffel** and **Dr. Rozella Clyde**, who joined our branch from Madison and Chatham respectively.

Amy graduated from Ohio Wesleyan Univ BA in Elementary Education and from Eastern Michigan Univ with an MA in Elementary Education.

Rozella holds degrees from Indiana Univ BS (Ed) Social Studies/Geography, Touro Univ MS School Administration and Capella Univ PhD Instructional Design for online learning. In addition, she has a Certificate from Mass College of Liberal Arts in (School) Administration and Supervision.

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.

May 2018

Book Sale

Please note the Book Sale event on your calendar June 4 – June 10 and register to help with Sorting (Monday – Wednesday) and Selling and Clean-up (Wednesday Evening – Sunday.) **It's easy to sign up; click on the link below, then click on the desired time fill in the form (type the name of the fruit) and click "Agree and Sign up".**

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If you have a friend who would like to help, please send them the links and ask them to register. After our experience last year, we realized that the enthusiasm for sorting did not match the volume of collection. (We had a lot of help on Monday morning but not enough books AND the reverse was true on Wednesday afternoon.) So, we made some changes to Wednesday's activities; first we cut off the collection earlier in the PM and second, we're scheduling extra people on Wednesday to be sure that the room is organized for the Preview. So please, sign up to help out as often as you can.

Big Thanks to all who have already signed up. Everyone who registers electronically will be receiving an em-mail reminder at the end of May!

Hospitality

Our hospitality process worked out well. So, we'll continue to create a list of volunteers. At our Potluck Dinner in the Fall we will ask members to pick one or two events for which they will bring refreshments.

In the next newsletter you will find the dates and times of our programs, so you can plan ahead. In the meantime, please contact Susan Mennella smennella@verizon.net if you are willing to assist with hospitality for a particular meeting.

Community News

The Madison Summer Seminars sponsored by Friends of the Madison Senior Center and the Friends of the Madison Public Library will kick off on July 9th and run through the first week in August. These free adult programs will be held on Mondays and Thursdays starting at 10:30AM. Each session lasts 60 – 75 minutes and is held at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room. Advance reservations are not taken. Seating is first come/first served. A wide variety of lecture topics and a Broadway singer are planned for this summer. The full schedule should be available from the Madison Public Library by the end of May. Visit www.madisonnjlibrary.org or call 973-377-0722 for more information. AAUW Madison members Meyra Green and Susan Mennella serve on the Summer Seminar Volunteer Committee.