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A Message from our President

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As the days get shorter and November is quickly approaching my thoughts are turning to feeling grateful – for family, friends and especially the support and friendship of AAUW Madison members! Whenever there is an appeal for help members do step up for which I am very grateful! A very big thank you to **Nancy Adamczyk** and the team that helped on Bottle Hill Day! (See separate article in this newsletter.) It was again a great success with many people stopping at our booth and expressing interest in learning more about our Branch.

November also means Election Day. With our November meeting the night before, our program is by photojournalist, Jim DelGiudice is a fitting topic - ***The Conscience of Politics: New Jersey Women in American Politics.*** We are very fortunate to live in a country where we have the right to vote so please exercise this right and VOTE on November 6th!

BUT don't forget our Monday Movie day on October 22, 2018 from 1PM– 3PM at the Madison Public Library will be a fun and informative afternoon. We

will be watching, *Granny's Got Game*. This film is an inspiring documentary of a senior Women's basketball team. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to all who offered to help with November hospitality. We could still use some help in December and next year. Details on the help that is needed for December is in this newsletter. Helping out with hospitality is a great way to give some time to the branch without making a huge commitment. Pick a month (or two) and your responsibility is done and completed in a day. If you have any extra time on November 5th – come a little early to help with set up or stay for a few minutes after the meeting concludes to help with clean up. Many hands make light work.

Best wishes for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Bottle Hill Day

Programs

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting
11/19/18
- Book Group
11/01/18
12/06/18
- Lunch Bunch
10/23/18
12/18/18
- Mahjongg
11/12/18
- Stitch 'n Chat
11/08/18

Once again our Branch participated in Bottle Hill Day. A number of people visited the booth, participated in the drawing (books were the prizes) and took the AAUW information. Many thanks to all the members (and spouses) who assisted that day – Beth and Steve Krawczuk, Judy and Peter Vernon, Jeanne Eisele, Susan Mennella, Marianne Belock, Ruth Zowader, Eileen Ryan, Peggy Philp, Ann Huber, Jeanne Murdock, and Becky Moody.

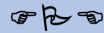
Nancy Adamczyk

October Movie afternoon will be on the 22nd (1PM) at the Chase Rm of the Madison Library. We'll be showing the movie "Granny's Got Game."

Note on your calendar our first evening program November 5th, "*The Conscience of Politics – NJ*" women in American Politics

SAVE THE DATE! January 7th, 1PM for the movie "Miss Representation"

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.

November 1

Book: *A Different Kind of Daughter: The Girl Who Hid from the Taliban in Plain Sight* by Maria Toorpakai and Kathleen Holstein

Hostess: Barbara Benedict

December 6

Book: *Movable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway

Hostess: Amy Raffel

Please remember to contact the host if you are coming.



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, October 23rd
Charley's Aunt in Chatham**

**Reserve the Date!
Tuesday, December 18th
Location TBA**

Please send a note to me if you are interested in joining the group. For this time of the year to pick a location we need to have an approximate number of members by Nov. 10th.

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

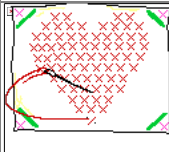


Mahjongg

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.

November 12th, 2018



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, November 8th

For direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

Board Meeting

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

- November 19, 2018
- January 21, 2019 (snow date 28)
- February 18, 2019 (snow date 25)
- March 18, 2019 (snow date 25)
- April 15, 2019
- May 20, 2019
- June 17, 2019

Membership Corner

New Membership Directories will be handed out at the Potluck Dinner on Monday. If you were not present they were mailed to you. Contact Judy Vernon if you did not receive your directory.

Welcome Ursula Sanjamino to our AAUW Madison branch. Ed.D. in Leadership from St. John's University, an M.A. in Counseling from Kean University and a B.A. in English and Government and Politics from St. John's. Ursula joined us at Bottle Hill Day.

Editor's note:

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

2018 Mature Woman's Grant Recipients



Racquel Housen was born and raised in the Caribbean for 16 years where she completed her high school education. Thereafter she moved the U.S, and completed an Associate degree in Exercise Science followed by a Bachelor's degree in Public Health. Her Bachelor's degree afforded her the opportunity to serve the public as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S) working in Morris County. At present she is studying Clinical Nutrition at the University of Bridgeport Connecticut through an online program. It is safe to say that she has a passion for health and wellness and helping others. However her desire to complete this program stemmed from personal health struggles. She has seen first-hand how proper nutrition can be beneficial to health and would like to extend that knowledge to the public as well. In the popular quote by Hippocrates "let thy food be thy medicine". She would like to use this degree to provide mentoring services for future professionals and volunteer her time in underserved communities educating them on the benefits of optimal health and nutrition.



Hyunmin Lee after being a pastor's wife for over ten years and mother of two boys, I decided it was time to receive the formal bible training I so desired. My deep concern for the lack of faith and purpose among children is the impetus for my pursuit of theological education. I see today's young people suffering in broken families, under the pressure of success in school and to achieve material well-being. As a religious leader, I seek to educate children spiritually with a competitively developed curriculum, leading them to become responsible purpose-driven men and women who will in turn serve their church, country and family. I also view technology as an underutilized resource within churches. I see an opportunity for technology to work to assist in developing culturally relevant ministries for children and youth that meet the demands of the 21st century.



Amelia McLaughlin. I am a lifelong resident of Madison, New Jersey. I have two teenage boys, a 14 year old and a 17 year old who attend Madison High School. I am a 1992 graduate of Wesley College in Dover Delaware where I obtained an Associate Science in Nursing degree. I have worked for Atlantic Health System for 26 years. I started my nursing career at Morristown Medical Center. Currently, I am an RN at Overlook Medical Center as a pre and post-operative nurse. In the ever progressing medical field, it was important to return to school to obtain my BSN. This will help me advance in the field that I truly love. I am grateful and honored to receive the 2018 mature women grant. It has helped me in funding my return to college after a very long hiatus.



Sarah O'Brien is entering her second year of coursework in the PhD program in Philosophical and Theological Studies at Drew Theological School with concentrations in women's and gender studies and ecology. Sarah received her B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 2013 and her Master of Theological Studies from Iliff School of Theology in 2017. While in graduate school Sarah fell in love with the mountains and immediately saw the impact of climate change and the intersection of environmental activism and women's equality. During her second year of graduate school Sarah traveled to Nepal and South East Asia to complete an independent study on religion and environmental activism in Nepal. She quickly fell in love with the people and culture of Nepal and saw the effects of eco-tourism and globalization for the Nepali people. Sarah plans to complete her dissertation on the intersections of philosophy, religious thought, and international environmental policy as they emerge in mountain landscapes such as Nepal, with particular attention to the impacts these have on women. Upon graduating Sarah hopes to continue to teach at a community college, find practical ways to engage her scholarship, and attend law school for international environmental policy down the road. When Sarah is not studying or engaging in environmental work she can be found mountain climbing in the Colorado Rockies with her dog Nugget.

Hyunmin will be our guest at the November meeting, as she was unable to join us at Potluck.

October 2018

Community News

Thursday Morning Club invites the public to the club meeting on Thursday, November 1, 10 am at the Madison Community House. The program will be "Ask Granny...an Introduction to Genealogy" presented by Jane Mackesy, Past President of the Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Madison will again be hosting the **Holiday Arts Festival** followed by the Holiday Parade on Friday, November 23.

Madison Public Library will feature Tea Tasting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm when Marjorie Wang will present a Chinese tea class. The Library is also offering mahjong instruction starting Tuesday, November 13 at 11am and an adult craft club on the 1st Thursday starting November 1 at 1:30 pm.

AAUW Madison Archives

For many years AAUW has stored its paper files at the Madison Public Library. Last spring we started reviewing these files discovering they include Branch directories; photos; PR scrapbooks; some minutes and Treasurer's Reports, etc.

We would appreciate help from our members. If you have any AAUW paperwork stored in your home, please contact us. We also need help from our longer-term members in identifying people in the photographs. Eventually we hope that the AAUW files will be an organized record of our Branch's history.

Thank you.

Nancy Adamczyk & Barbara Benedict



November 6th, 2018

Every election is important, so make your VOTE count!

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

This website developed by the national organization allows you to contact your congressional delegates on specific issues important to you. It is simple to use.