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A Message from our Co-Presidents

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I hope that everyone enjoyed the Annual Dinner/90th Anniversary Celebration as much as I did! Special thanks to Nancy Adamczyk, Kathleen Magill and Judy Vernon for all their work on this event. It was very nice to have our AAUW NJ State President, Karen Brown in attendance as well as three members from the Summit College Club.

Longer days and warmer weather means that summer is coming but for our branch it also means that it is dues renewal and book sale time. We are planning a terrific 2019/20 so if you have not already done so please submit your dues renewal. Jeanne Eisele, Marsha Gepford, Becky Moody and Judy Vernon have been hard at work on the 2019 book sale. As everyone knows this is our major fundraiser for the year and we need all the help we can get!

Please sign up and if you can, bring a friend or two to help. Assignments can be arranged to your liking. For example if you would like to be sitting while sorting books – that is possible. The book sale is from June 3 – 9 at the College of Saint Elizabeth. **Note BAG SALE Sunday June 9th will be 1PM to 3 PM.** If you cannot volunteer please consider making a donation to cover some of the fixed costs of running the book sale.

We are still looking for a Hospitality Chair or Co-Chair for the Fall 2019/Winter Spring 2020. If you would like to explore what this entails please contact me. We are open to making changes on how we handle hospitality at branch meetings. Also, if you are interested in helping with hospitality but cannot commit to the whole year that's fine too. Any help, at any time is truly appreciated!

Book Sale

Programs

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting 06/17/19
- Book Group 06/13/19
- Lunch Bunch TBA
- Mahjongg 06/10/19
- Stitch 'n Chat TBA

Please sign up to help us with the sorting and selling at a time that is most convenient for you. We still need help Monday, Tuesday evening and Wednesday both morning and afternoon to sort books. Also there are lots of opportunities to help out selling on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Using this system is very easy; just click on the above link, select a time period that suits you and fill in the form.

We are working on our programming for next season. Here are a couple of 2019 dates to book on your calendar! (See President's Message Page 3)

Madison NCC Expo
Book Sale
June 3-9
Madison Farmers Market
Annual Potluck Dinner
Bottle Hill Day
Afternoon Program
October 5
(Tuesday)

Send information including directory updates to Judy Vernon. Input for the newsletter is due the day after the board meeting.



Announcements and Events **



The Book Group



Lunch Bunch

All are welcome to join us. **The group meets at 1 pm.** Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads.

June meeting is moved to June 13° to avoid conflict with Book Sale

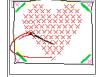
Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant at 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. *Call Judy Vernon no later than the day before the event if you plan to come*. Date, name and location of the restaurant are announced in the newsletter.

Summer schedule will be announce in the next newsletter

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon



Mahjongg



Stitch and Chat

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.

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.

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June 10th, 2019

Board Meeting Board Meeting Board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Members are welcome to attend. June 17, 2019 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.

Community News

Community Arts

The **Madison Public Library** has a variety of upcoming interesting lectures and movies. Visit

http://www.madisonnjlibrary.org/adults/ for more information.

Book Sale Note BAG SALE Sunday June 9th will be 1PM to 3 PM

We are grateful to everyone who comes to help with organizing and selling during the book sale and are eager to make it as convenient and easy as possible for you to help as much as you can. For the last few years we have used this easy signup system, that allows us to communicate with each other and track where we need additional help. We realize that the system is not perfect and at times it does not suit your exact availability. Below are two links to our signup sheet for the June 3-9 Book Sale.

Branch History Episode V –

This month we feature reminiscences from Marilyn Tague, long-term Branch member and President 1966-1968. She was unable to attend our May $6^{\rm th}$ dinner, but wanted to send her greetings.

We had recently moved to Madison. In September 1963 Hortense Gibson knocked on the door to talk about joining AAUW. How did she know I even existed? It turns out Dawn Smith was sharing a room at Morristown Hospital with my husband's cousin, both having given birth. Dawn contacted Hortense.

Branch History (continued)

After a time I was accorded the dubious honor of putting together a float for a big parade celebration in Madison. Suffice it to say it wasn't awful. Pat Crane, Anne Post, Denny Kitchell and Dawn Smith were on board. In 1966 I followed Judy Ahlfield as president. A daunting task! We continued to have strong book sales. The branch was among the top per capita donors to the Scholarship Fund. We enjoyed new member teas at the president's house at Drew, courtesy of Dalys Oxnam. They were always at the time of the Chrysanthemum Festival. I had the honor of representing the branch at the dedication of the "new" Madison Library in 1969.

The Recent Grads group was very active. We studied China and Russia with rigor. We also added Restoration Drama. This bunch morphed into the Book Group.

When my term ended in 1968, I turned the gavel over to Gwen Bush who appeared in a dress absolutely identical to mine.

A subsequent highlight was our annual Arts Night. At one we featured Jane Bunnell who had just won the Met Opera's Young Artist Competition. Jane had a very successful career with the Met which I think just ended. We also had Curt, Joyce Streetman's son, who became a bass soloist with St. Thomas Church Choir, a noted institution in New York City.

Other will undoubtedly remember more details of this era. My fondest memories are of the dear, wonderful friends I have as a result of being involved with AAUW – most of 50+ years!

My great regret is not being with you tonight. Here's to another 90 years. Excelsior!!

Marilyn Tague

President's Message

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We are also forming a Program Committee to book speakers for 2019/2020. If you have any ideas for speakers or would like to help contact Berly Morgan.

Also, mark your calendars now for some upcoming community events in which our branch will be participating. They are:

Madison Newcomers Community Connect Expo (at Community House) – June 8, 2019 from 10AM -1PM

Madison Farmers Market – August 8, 2019 from 2PM –
7PM

Bottle Hill Day - October 5, 2019 from 9AM - 5PM

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to the Board and all the members for your support over the past year. A special thank you to Kathleen Magill who is leaving the board after serving as Recording Secretary the past 2 years (Kathleen has served in many other roles too over the years). We are very excited to welcome Ursula Sanjamu and Amy Raffel to the 2019/20 Board. I am thrilled that Berly will be serving as Co-President with me starting in July.

I am looking forward to a successful book sale and a wonderful 2019/20 branch year!

Susan