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A Message from our Co-Presidents

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We had a great kick-off to our 2019-2020 program year at our Pot Luck Dinner on September 23rd to honor this year's grant recipients. We were very impressed with the moving and articulate impromptu speeches by our Tech Trek campers who delighted us with their unforgettable experiences. We have had several AAUW Madison local events and we would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Bottle Hill Day was a success thanks to Becky Moody, Marsha Gepford, Nancy Adamczyk, Jeanne Eisele, Beth and Steve Krawczuk, Marianne Belock, Shirley Mutchler, Peggy Philip, Ann Huber, Ruth Zowader, Jeanne Murdock. We also participated at the Community Day event, at the Madison Area YMCA thanks to Nancy Adamczyk, Susan Mennella and Beth Krawczuk. Our VPs of

Membership are following up with everyone who signed up at these events. On October 12th, Berly attended the AAUW NJ Fall Focus meeting. It began with a leadership conference facilitated by Marge Smith, Non-Profit Consultant, Founder and Chair of Princeton Community Works. We received motivation and leadership tools to empower and engage others. Branch members reviewed our mission issues such as but not limited to **Education** (Higher Education, Title IX), **Economic Security** (retirement security, pay equity), **Civil Rights** (Equal Rights Amendment, Affirmative Action, Human Trafficking.). Branch members were also given a brief synopsis of the AAUW NJ Charitable Trust and how it could help us reach our goals and apply for grants for such programs as Tech Trek and Work Smart.

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Programs & Events

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting
11/18/19
- Book Group
11/13/2019
12/11/2019
- **Holiday Lunch Bunch**
12/16/2019
- Mahjongg
11/11/2019
- Stitch 'n Chat
11/14/19

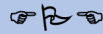


Just in time for election day, Living History Presenter **Carol Simon Levin** portrays **Jeannette Rankin, America's first female member of Congress**, telling the intertwined stories of women's suffrage activism, war service, and the political calculus that

finally brought the support of President Wilson, the U.S. Congress, and state legislatures to achieve passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. **AAUW Madison will host Carol on Monday, November 4th, 2019, at 7:00PM in the Chase Room of the Madison Public Library, 39 Keep Street, Madison NJ.** Carol Simon Levin is a professional storyteller and independent historian who specializes in telling the stories of "fascinating women history forgot" through first

person portrayals. She has authored the book **Remembering the Ladies: From Patriots in Petticoats to Presidential Candidates** which profiles 69 women — well-known and unknown — who worked tirelessly for women's rights in America. Carol holds a BA focusing on women's history and history of technology from Cornell University and a Masters in Library Services from the University of Arizona. She is also the founder of Telling Her Stories.

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



Announcements and Events



The Book Group

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.

November 13 - Madison Library at 1pm
The Crossing Places by Elly Griffiths

December 11 - Madison Library at 1 pm
Elsewhere by Robert Russo
 Note change of day to Wednesday



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.

See sign up on page 5
Holiday Lunch Bunch December 16, 2019

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

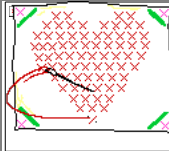


Mahjongg

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.

October 28th, 2019
November 11th, 2019



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 14th, 2019

For direction call Judy Vernon

Board Meeting

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

- 2019** August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- 2020** January 20 (snow 1/27)
- February 17 (snow 2/24)
- March 16 (snow 2/23)
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15

Membership Corner

Membership Directories that were not picked up at the Potluck have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please send me an e-mail.

Welcome to our newest member Barbara Koppersmith. She has a Master's Degree in reading and a Bachelor's in Education.

We are all looking forward to meeting her and getting to know her.

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

Note Invitations on Page 6 from the Summit College Club
For events in November

Branch History (continued)

Community Arts

The **Madison Public Library** has a variety of upcoming interesting lectures and movies. Visit <http://www.madisonnlibrary.org/adults/> for more information. Click on this link for an easy to view listing of available programs.

A reminder that our public libraries offer Museum Pass programs featuring museums in the metropolitan area. This is a great opportunity to see an interesting exhibit at one of our local museums at no cost.

Branch History

Episode VIII – The Eighties

As noted in our history, “Many of the themes studied in the 70s were still of concern to us during the 80s. More women were working outside the home and continuing their education, which was reflected in the AAUW suggested study topics (two every two years).”

Highlights for the decade:

Examples of the AAUW study topics were *Take Hold of Technology*, *Families Facing Change*, and *Women’s Work/Women’s Worth*.

The early 1980s saw strong national support for the Equal Rights Amendment, so several branch programs focused on the topic.

In 1987 men became eligible to join AAUW – George Alvey joined the branch in 1992.

A biennial creative arts festival showcased the talents of our members.

Three new study groups were formed – Art Appreciation, German Conversation, and Mixed Media. However, Recent Grads, Play Reading and French Conversation disbanded. The reconstituted Gourmet Group was very popular including husbands and friends.

Our annual Pot Luck Dinner began in 1981 to kick-off the year; the Annual May Dinner continued with the highest attendance in 1983 when it was held in the Great Hall of Drew (105 members and guests attended).

Volunteerism was a theme of the decade with many of our members actively involved with other local organizations including the Friends of the Library, YMCA, Cheshire Home and the

Environmental Commission. Members assumed local elected and appointed offices at all levels. In 1986 Nancy Schaenen served as the first female chair of Drew University’s Board of Trustees.

The December meeting usually featured music and we traveled to different venues – Acorn Hall, Macculloch Hall, and the “Castle” (home to General Drafting in Convent).

Fundraisers included the annual book sale held at Drew University, silent auctions, theater trips, wine and cheese parties and sale of calendars. Members sorted and priced over 30,000 books each year with much of the work done in the basement of 42 Cook Avenue.

In 1983 the branch membership directory was expanded when members chose to add a descriptive line or two about their current employment, previous experiences, etc.

The Legal Advocacy Fund was established in the early 1980s aiding women in high education to deal with sex discrimination. In 1988 AAUW’s Educational Foundation celebrated 100 years of AAUW Fellowship Grants.

The Branch continued to award scholarships to the woman graduate with the highest average at each local high school. The Mature Women Grant program was established in 1984 to assist local women over age 25 in continuing their education.

Membership declined since women had less free time. The branch staffed tables at Chatham’s Fishawack Day and Madison’s Bottle Hill Day.

The Branch supported AAUW’s newly-formed Judith Resnik American Fellowship Endowment named after the astronaut killed in the 1986 Challenger space shuttle explosion.

Nancy Adamczyk

November 2019

Tech Trek Volunteers NEEDED

Everyone who attended the Pot Luck would agree that one of the highlights of the evening was hearing the **Tech Trek** campers and their parents talk about how worthwhile this camp is. The camp is completely run by volunteers and it is a huge commitment. The Atlantic and Cape May branches organize the camp but other help is needed. **To run the camp in 2020 AAUW NJ has requested that each branch commit to the items to the right, which the Madison Board reviewed and discussed at its October meeting.**

Our branch already fulfills many of the needs; we have volunteers who conduct the interviews and Beth has participated every year in the Professional Women's Forum. Beth and Judy can tell you firsthand how appreciated and needed this camp is. **We are very fortunate that Beth has volunteered to cover responsibility #2 – staying at the camp and helping for the week. The purpose of this note is to identify ALL who are interested to provide additional support to ensure the continuation of this very worthwhile and necessary program. Since we are able to fulfill all the requirements the board will be making this commitment to AAUW NJ. However, we would like to have another volunteer or volunteers who could stay at the camp for either all or part of the time, July 26, to August 1, 2020.**

Please review the responsibilities in the column to the right and contact Judy Vernon if you would like to volunteer for any item noted or to ask additional questions about the program. More information is available by visiting www.aauwnj.org or www.aauw.org.

Branch Commitments:

The Tech Trek planning Team needs each branch that sends girls in their communities to commit to the following:

1. Select an interview Chair for your branch/county/area (can be combined branches and/or chairs). County Chair(s) will:
 - a. Recruit volunteers to conduct interviews including supporting the nominees through the process of providing follow up with schools, teachers, and parents to ensure paperwork is submitted by deadlines.
 - b. Maintain parent contact information for future meetings and camper appearances. Notification of requests and interactions with campers will be made to the Tech Trek leadership Team before campers/parents are contacted in accordance with POM.
2. Provide at least one volunteer during camp week to help with daily needs. This includes day counselors and dorm moms. We provide overnight accommodations and meals for all volunteers. Also, we always need help "packing out" camp on the last day, which will be Saturday, August 1, 2020.
3. Provide monetary support through one of the following:
 - a. Branch Fundraiser
 - b. Writing a grant; for example, an AAUW Community Grant, NJ Charitable Trust, businesses/organizations. We provide templates and boilerplate text.
 - c. Donations to the AAUW NJ Charitable Trust
4. Provide any additional support a camper from your area may need. Examples: helping to coordinate transportation, lending a sleeping bag, camp supplies or other expenses.

Message from Co-Presidents

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There have been many successes in 2019 so far! Eleven states have passed fair pay laws in 2019 thanks to the advocacy of AAUW members throughout the U.S. AAUW member advocacy was pivotal in the passage of the U.S. Paycheck Fairness Act by the U.S. House of Representatives in March. AAUW has trained over 102,000 women nationwide, to ask for the salary they deserve either through Work Smart online or in-person workshops thanks to a large grant from Coca-Cola.

It was very inspiring to come together to hear what other branch members are doing and motivate each other for exciting programming and to carry out AAUW's vision for a bold future!

Susan and Berly

November 2019

Holiday Lunch – MONDAY, December 16, 2019 12:30 PM

We will be celebrating the Holiday Season

At The Country Fox Cafe (12 Village Road, New Vernon – next to Post Office)

(although there is on-site parking carpooling is recommended)

Cost per Person

\$25 inclusive

Be sure to add names for each person

You will be able to choose a Salad, or a Sandwich/Wrap, or a Burger from the limited menu below; coffee or tea and cookies included

Soup (if desired) will be \$5 extra per cup

Salads

Asian – Mixed greens, baby corn, bamboo shoots, carrots, broccoli, peppers, teriyaki-marinated chicken, dressing and sesame noodles

Cobb – Grilled Chicken, mixed greens, crispy bacon, crumbled Blue cheese, black olives, grape tomatoes, hard-boiled egg, tossed with House Creamy Balsamic dressing

Sandwich/Wrap – All served with homemade kettle chips and pickle

Tuscan – Grilled Chicken breast, pesto mayo, lettuce, tomato, onion on a Ciabatta

French Dip – Sliced, warm roast beef, sautéed onions, Swiss cheese with au jus, on toasted French roll

Meatball Parm – Four 2 oz. meatballs, marinara sauce, fresh mozzarella, served on French Roll

Chicken Caesar Wrap – Chicken, romaine lettuce, grated Parmesan cheese and creamy Caesar dressing

Roasted Veggie Wrap – Mixed roasted veggies, baby spinach, fresh mozzarella with balsamic vinaigrette

Burger – All served with lettuce, sliced tomato, onion, pickle and crispy French fries

Café – with choice of cheese

California – with Pepper Jack cheese and fresh avocado

Vegetarian – Black bean burger, sliced tomato, chipotle mayo

Guest (name)

If other accommodations are needed or have questions call Judy Vernon

Send completed reservation form, with a check made payable to AAUW Madison Branch, to Becky Moody no later than **Dec. 9, 2019. For a ride call Judy Vernon**

Hospitality for November 4th Program

Set-up Marianne Bielock

Refreshments: Marsha Gepford

Clean-up: Amy Raffel

Susan Mennella

November 2019

This is the same work shop we will hold in the Spring

The program is free, including the refreshments and networking event after the workshop. Do you know someone who might benefit? Have her register at bit.ly/summitwork-smart.

If you would like to attend please note that space may be limited call ahead to find out.

Summit College Club sent an invitation to the Baroque Orchestra Performance on November 10th. Note that it extends to their pre-concert lunch.

NOVEMBER

10 Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey, conducted by Maestro Robert Butts, in a concert featuring composer Florence Price. 3 pm, Dolan Hall, Annunciation Center, College of Saint Elizabeth. Discount code for SCC members: **SCCAAUW. Tickets: **baroqueorchestra.org****

Optional lunch beforehand at Charlie Brown's, 1 pm sharp. Email Susan Kogan at sktba@aol.com to be included in the reservation.

Thank You Summit College Club