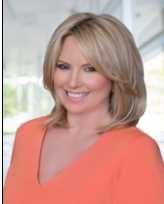


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A Message from our President

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Hello and a very Happy New Year to all our members and families!

We concluded our year with a very festive holiday lunch in Florham Park! It was fantastic to see so many members in person and great to catch up with every one and hear holiday and New Year's plans. Thank you to Judy Vernon for organizing the lunch and finding a perfect venue to get together.

Our first event of the year will be a daytime one Jan 10th. Mary L. Robinson will deliver a program on grief, loss and mourning. A Conversation on Grief will commence via zoom at 1:30pm. Many of us have had loss and we are going to learn coping skills and how to prepare ourselves as well as others.

Please do not miss it and invite anyone you think will benefit. These are challenging times if you know of anyone struggling or needs a cheer up card and phone call please call or email us.

As you probably know, AAUW celebrated 140 years last year. Please visit the AAUW.org website to read about the 140 years of striving for equity and advancement of women past and present!

We have an exciting programming year planned and while it looks like it will remain virtual, we look forward to seeing you and delivering top notch events that keeps you informed and shares in our AAUW missions.

Stay safe and healthy and Happy 2022!

Berly

Notes from the Editor

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

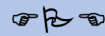
- Book Group 11/10/21
- Mahjongg 11/08/21
- Board Meeting 11/15/21
- Program 11/08/21

Vivian Bull moved closer to her children a couple of months ago. She does not have a phone, but I am sure she would welcome a card or note from us. Merrill Gardens at Glen Mills 52 Baltimore Pike, Apt. 116 Glen Mills, PA 19342

Shirley Virosco is sending greetings to everyone. She is nicely settled at The Oaks in Denville, 19 Pocono Road Apt.486-C, Denville NJ 07834. She can be reached at 973 586 6229 OR on her cell phone 973 868 5737.

Misty Kramer is still recuperating at Morristown Post Acute Rehabilitation Center 77 Madison Ave Rm 414, Morristown NJ 07960. She welcomes cards and notes.

Send information including directory updates to jpvnon@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. Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads. Contact Kathleen Magill or Susan Mennella for more information and to be put on the list for the Zoom link. **NEW MEMBERS welcome!**
Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill to learn more or to be added to the email list.

The Book Group will meet on the second Wed of the month at 1PM.

Wed Jan 12, 2022 at 1PM. The meeting will be at the home of Kathleen Magill **or** via Zoom. Contact Kathleen or Susan Mennella for final decision on meeting location if you would like to attend. New members welcome!

The January book is:

***The choice : embrace the possible* by Edith Eva Eger**



Mahjongg

Mahjongg group is resuming its schedule playing on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at 11:30 am at Shirley Mutchler's home, 12 GROVE ST, MADISON. Bring lunch. **NEW MEMBERS welcome! We will teach you to play.**

**January 10, 2022 WILL BE RESCHEDULED AS IT CONFLICTS WITH THE BRANCH PROGRAM
 January 24, 2022**

Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. We will continue to use Zoom and links will be communicated to board members. Members are welcome to participate and should request login information from **President**. Since we are using Zoom, no snow days are planned
 Check the newsletter & e-mails for changes.

2022: January 17 February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20

Madison Branch Programs

MEETINGS MAY BE IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL VIA THE PLATFORM ZOOM. Due to the pandemic all programming is subject to change. PLEASE CHECK YOUR AAUW newsletter and emails for current information

Monday November 8, 7:00 PM

Hidden Figures of Madison, NJ ***Why Representation Matters*** Kenisha Tucker (Bonfield)-Co-founder and Lessons Coordinator will be our guest speaker; celebrating, sharing, and preserving the stories of underrepresented people of color in our history.

Note is a follow up to this meeting: If you wish to support Hidden Figures you can do it by sending your donation using Zelle and Venmo or PayPal. For those who are uncomfortable using a digital platform, they can write a check and make it out to "Kenisha Tucker." You can mail it or drop it off at 154 Rosedale Ave., Madison, NJ 07940. If you are comfortable with PayPal, the email is (Kenisbonfie@aol.com)

Anyone who wishes to donate must remember that Hidden Figures does not have a 501(c)3 status, and contributions are not deductible.

January Program AAUW Madison Branch

Date: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:30PM via Zoom **Link will be sent out Sat. Jan 8, 2022**

Speaker: Mary L. Robinson, MA, CT Imagine Executive Director and Founder

Program title: A Conversation on Grief

Program Description:

In this presentation you will learn the definitions of grief, loss, and mourning and how they apply to our own lives and to the lives of those we love, live with, and support in our communities. We will come to an understanding of how much of the world is driven by unaddressed grief and trauma and how to support people of all ages who are coping with loss of any kind. You will leave the workshop grief-informed and better prepared the next time you encounter someone who has had a loss whether recently or long ago. As women of the AAUW you will also learn about resources to support women and families coping with loss due to death and how to ensure students are able to thrive and do well in school even when grieving.



Imagine Executive Director and Founder Bio
Mary L. Robinson, MA, CT

Mary Robinson, MA, CT, is the Executive Director and Founder of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss located in Mountainside, NJ. She has over 35 years of business, management, technical, and training expertise in both the corporate and nonprofit sectors. Leaving the corporate world in 1997 to volunteer and work full-time in the field of children's grief support, Ms. Robinson is committed to creating communities where children coping with loss get the support they need to thrive, be resilient and grow up emotionally healthy. Working and volunteering in the field of children's grief support grew out of Mary's own personal experience of loss as a child. Her commitment is to ensure that no child grieves alone and that children in grief grow up emotional healthy, resilient and able to lead meaningful and productive lives.

Mary has a BA in English, an MA in Applied Psychoanalysis and is a Certified Thanatologist. She is a member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, serves on the Board of the National Alliance for Grieving Children, and is Chair of the Board of the Academy for Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis in Livingston NJ.

Prior to working in the field of children's grief support Mary spent 14 years at Prudential Financial, first as a System Analyst and then for five years worked in Corporate Community Relations where she managed the company's volunteer programs and helped give away money to nonprofits.