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A Message from our President

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Greetings AAUW Madison branch members!
Happy Spring!

We have a lot to share with you. This month, we had many successful programs.

On March 8th, we had our first in person event, Women in STEM: Invisible No More. It was a fantastic night for young girls to hear from successful local women in STEM careers. It was a great turn out and thank you to Beth Krawczuk for spear heading this much needed program. Beth was also highlighted as a pioneer in her IT and Programming fields and spoke at the NJ Women First panel sponsored by the League of Women Voters Morristown. We are so proud of Beth and her desire to share her talent and experience. You can click on this link to hear

Beth's comments.

Our movie, Without a Whisper, was a big hit. It was co-sponsored by the Summit College Club and the League of Women Voters Union, Plainfield and Hillside. What an informative movie on indigenous women directed by the impressive Katsitsionni Fox. Thank you to our VP of Programs, Susan Mennella for this great event.

We have board positions available and always looking for new people to chair these positions. Please contact myself or Diane Pivarnik for available positions on the AAUW Madison Board.

We are looking forward to seeing you in person April 4th and at our upcoming book sale this June!

Berly

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MorristownAreaLeagueofWomenVoters>
Click on the link and open **NJ Women First 2022 Morristown NJ Part 2**
Beth's comments start at 7:30 into the program

Notes from the Editor

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Book Group
03/09/22
- Board Meeting
03/21/22
- **Program**
02/07/22

The members below welcome a call or card from us.

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/notes and especially calls at 862 812 3911.

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. 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.

April Book April 13 12:30PM

SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE

Bottle Hill Tavern

THE GIRLS IN THE WILD FIG TREE How I Fought to Save Myself, My Sister, and Thousands of Girls Worldwide

By Nice Leng'ete with Elizabeth Butler-Witter

RSVP to: Susan by April 8, 2022 (So far we have: Ruth, Marianne, Linda and Susan attending)



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.**

We are resuming our schedule Monday, March 28 April 11 and 25 will be confirmed

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: April 18 May 16 June 20

Board Requests your thoughts and feedback. 2022 Annual Dinner

Thank you for your feedback regarding our annual dinner. Although we had some options, in general the comments were sooner rather than later in the month and mostly to have outdoor dining. Therefore the board has decided to leep the May 2 date, but rather than dinner we will have a lunch. Details will be availabe as soon as we find the restaurant who will accommodate our needs.

Madison Branch Program

Monday April 4, 2022 at 7 PM

AAUW Madison and the College Club of Summit, are co-sponsoring a free in-person program entitled ***Lesser Known First Ladies*** on April 4, 2022 at 7PM at the Madison Public Library's, Chase Room (39 Keep Street Madison.) Presenter Joan Schaible will take the audience on a journey back in time to meet First Ladies who once lived in the White House but are rarely known today. She will share the personal triumphs and tragedies they encountered as the wife of a US President. A portion of the presentation will focus on first ladies that advocated and promoted education and equality for women. This program is free and open to the public. Advance reservations are not required. Due to the continuing uncertainties of COVID, the board made the decision not to have any refreshments, and asks that you wear a mask in the facility. You may if you wish bring bottled water to the event.

Community News

On Wed March 30, 2022 from 7PM - 9PM our branch member Leah Wandera will be offering a free virtual lecture via *The Adult School*. Pre-registration is required to get the Zoom link. If interested call *The Adult School* at 973-443-9222 to register. If you register online a \$10.00 nonrefundable registration fee will be charged. Details are below.

803) Practicing Social Change Communication

Participants will learn how social change techniques are being used to enlighten and advance behavior to end female genital circumcision. This practice is a social justice issue facing young girls around the world including the United States. Attend and learn how communication is accelerating positive societal change against this practice.

Leah Wandera is currently a second-year graduate student at Drew University, pursuing master's in divinity – Social Justice Advocacy. Leah graduated from Moi University (Kenya) with a B.Sc. in Project Planning and Management in 2016. She worked as young adult missionary (GMF) in Zimbabwe, as a Gender Advocacy Officer, from 2016 to 2018. Leah's life experience motivated her conviction to advocate for education and abundant health for girls. She has worked as the CEO of Hope Foundation for African Women (an NGO that strives for gender justice through ending of violence against women with priority to ending female genital mutilation, promoting women's rights and economic empowerment) and she is the Founder and current CEO for Mama's Smile Health Foundation (an NGO striving for Health and Education equality for girls).

Upcoming AAUW NJ Programs

April 2 - [Willingboro Branch Book & Author's Breakfast 11:00AM](#)

April 30 - AAUWNJ Annual Meeting - 10:00 AM

AAUW National organization has updated its website including everyone's LOGIN. If you have not received this information OR have not updated your Login, please do so SOON. You will need to have a functioning new account to register and pay for 2022-23 membership.

April 2022



I'm very pleased to introduce the new [AAUW Community Hub](#), your personal portal into AAUW. Thanks for your patience over the past week while we prepared this improved system, where you can manage your giving, membership, contact details and personal preferences with ease.

But first things first: We'd like you to create your account login. To access your account, visit <https://my.aauw.org> or click the "Log In" link at the top right corner of the AAUW website. **The first time you log in, you will need to reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.**

Once you create a password and log in, we hope you'll take the time to update your profile with us. You can do this by clicking "My Profile" in the menu on the left side of your "Personal Snapshot" screen. Visit our [Systems Update](#) page for more instruction and video tutorials.

As always, you'll be notified when it is time to renew, vote or take action on other important issues.

I also invite you to attend a [special webinar](#) at 3:30 p.m. ET on Thursday, March 3, for more in-depth training on the new system. If you have additional questions or feedback, please reach out to connect@aauw.org.

AAUW is committed to continuously enhancing our members' experiences, and I hope you find the Community Hub a valuable resource for doing that. Thanks again for your patience and cooperation.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katrina".

Sincerely,

Katrina Sun Breese
Senior Director of Institutional Advancement