



### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MADISON BRANCH

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### A Message from our President

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Hello branch members!

It was so nice to see everyone in person at our annual "dinner" lunch meeting at Delicious Heights in Basking Ridge. Thank you for all who turned out and special thank you to Judy Vernon for organizing the luncheon.

We are very excited to once again have our AAUW Madison Branch Book Sale at Saint Elizabeth University in a few short weeks! Please see our sign-up website for ways you can volunteer. (See page 3 Book Sale.) As you know, proceeds go toward our Mature Woman's Grants, funding STEM initiatives and other educational support to women and girls.

On June 4th, AAUW NJ is having their annual meeting/leadership conference in East Brunswick. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

This year's key note speaker is Patty Collins, Special Operations Army Veteran, athlete, executive coach and public speaker. It will be a great leadership training event and to catch up with fellow AAUW NJ members!

There are also positions available for the 2022 Executive Committee: President, Treasurer and Central District Coordinator.

Locally, we have our own board positions available! Please contact Diane Pivarnik for more information and to help our branch maintain its wonderful programs and AAUW mission.

See you at the book sale!

Berly

#### Notes from the Editor

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Book Group 06/17/22
- Board Meeting 06/20/22
- Book Sale 06/06/22 to 06/12/22

This newsletter contains several *time sensitive* information regarding the State meeting in June (pg. 4-7) and our AAUW Madison Book Sale event in June (pg. 3.)

In addition, we are looking for feedback about potential summer programs/events we might pursue (pg. 2.)

Last, but not least our Membership Renewal is the last page of this unusually long newsletter.

Send information including directory updates to <a href="mailto:jpvernon@yahoo.com">jpvernon@yahoo.com</a>. Input for the newsletter is due the day after the board meeting.

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#### 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 <u>second</u> Wed of the month at 1PM.

Friday, June 17, 2022, Noon\* (Note date & time change)

Home of Kathleen Magill – also hope to be able to connect to Wifi and offer a virtual option

\*Bring a brown bag lunch. We will have lunch and then discuss the book.

June Book <u>Hum If You Don't Know The</u> <u>Words</u> by <u>Marais, Bianca</u>

Book selections for summer (one meeting) and September & October are noted below. Dates for these meetings to be announced.

Summer - <u>The Invisible Woman</u> by Erika Robuck

September - <u>Lessons In</u> Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

October - <u>Toms River-Story of Science and</u> <u>Salvation</u> by Dan Fagin



### 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.

May 23, June 13 and 27

## Watch this space for updates

**Lunch Bunch** We are planning a couple of outdoor lunch meetings during the summer. These will be either in a local restaurant or self-catered at a park.

### **Mahjongg Tournament**

We are thinking of organizing a Mahjongg Tournament Open to members and the Public

Let us know if you are interested in either program by sending e-mail to jpvernon@yahoo.com

### **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:** June 20

# Message from the Nominating Committee: (Diane Pivarnik, Ann Huber & Susan Mennella)

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the role of Branch President. This role is crucial for the continued success of our branch. The position can be shared by two individuals. Anyone that steps up will find a strong, knowledgeable and supportive Board to help you. Board meetings will continue on a virtual platform and branch meetings will likely be a combination of some virtual and some in person for 2022-23. Please contact any member of the nominating committee for more information.

#### **Book Sale**

Our committee has made some decisions regarding the book sale in 2022, June 6-June 12. Once again, we will be at Saint Elizabeth University (note the modification of the school's name) in the same room on the lower level of the Mahoney Library. We will **not** accept Text Books, CDs, VHS Tapes or any other Audio Media (cassettes or records.) Preview admission for adults will be \$20 and Bag Sale (including bag) will be \$10 per bag.

COLLECTING  Gently used books  No Textbooks, CDs,  VHS or Audiocassettes	PREVIEW SALE  June 8 6pm-8:30pm  Admission:  \$20 Adults	BOOK SALE June 9 & 10 10am-7pm Free Admission	<b>BAG SALE</b> (\$10/bag) <b>June 11</b> 10am-4pm <b>June 12</b>
<b>June 6 &amp; 7</b> 10am-7pm	\$10 Age 12 and under		10am-2pm
<b>June 8</b> 10am-12 noon	No strollers.		

### Please use the following links to sign up to help:

Sort on Monday through Wednesday <u>volunteersignup.org/QWPFF</u>
Sell on Wednesday (Evening) through Sunday <u>volunteersignup.org/ATCAC</u>



### Annual Meeting of the American Association of University Women of New Jersey

### Saturday, June 4, 2022

Igniting our Post Pandemic Purpose: How we continue to grow while inspiring our next generation of leaders

### **Correct Registration Link!**

Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Executive Meeting Center 3 Tower Center Boulevard East Brunswick, NJ

**Registration Fee: \$40.00** 

includes continental breakfast and lunch. To keep the fee at a reasonable rate, AAUW NJ is subsidizing the majority of this event's costs.

To stay over at the Hilton, book online or call 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667).

Check In 4:00 PM; Check-out 11:00 AM Free parking with validated parking ticket at the front desk.

### **AGENDA**

8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 10:15 Annual Business meeting

10:30 - 11:15 Networking

11:15 - 11:45 Keynote - Patricia Collins

12:00 - 1:00 Hot Buffet Lunch

1:00 - 1:20 Message from AAUW CEO

Gloria Blackwell

1:20 - 2:00 Leadership Peer Group Conference -

all invited to participate

2:00 Wrap Up

### **Guest Speakers**

# Keynote Speaker Patty Collins

Colonel, USA (Ret) Patricia "Patty" Collins served 24 years in the US Army, which included deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, service in Special Operations, and becoming the first woman in the Department of Defense to complete the Military FreeFall Jumpmaster Course. In 2006, while riding her bike to work, she was involved in an accident that ultimately led to her brave decision to amputate her leg above the knee. Upon retirement in 2015, she joined the McChrystal Group as a Principal Consultant for leadership development. She



trained and competed in the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Currently, she is the Deputy Director of US Government Publishing Office (GPO). A native of Hackettstown, NJ, Patty holds a Masters Degree from the National War College and a Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University.



### AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell

Gloria Blackwell is not only AAUW's new CEO but she is also our main representative to the United Nations. Among her many accomplishments is her 15-year management of AAUW's highly esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and overseas.

#### **CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTORS**

The following are the positions to be elected for the 2022-2024 Fiscal Years:

President/Co-Presidents: Open

VP Programs: Karen Kaplan

VP Membership: Diane Crawford

VP Communications: Sharon Suber

Central District Coordinator(s): Open

• Southern District Coordinator: Jackie McGuinness

Nominating Committee Member (2022-2023)

North District Representative: Open

• Central District Representative: Open

South District Representative: Open

#### **Position Continuing 2022-2023:**

Treasurer: Open

Secretary: Linda Harmon

Northern District Coordinator: Diane Crawford

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### **Membership Renewal**

#### **Membership Renewal**

National changed the website earlier this year. Detailed description for renewal is described below. However, IF you are an HONORARY member you will have to call National office to find out how to renew your membership as you do not have any fees. ALSO call to find out how to renew your membership as a member to multiple branches. In either case, please advise Becky Moody <a href="mailto:arpsmoody@optonline.net">arpsmoody@optonline.net</a> and Marianne Belock Marianne.belock@gmail.com that you have renewed your membership.

#### "AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2023." ONLINE

We hope you have UPDATED your account AAUW.org. To renew on-line, log into AAUW.org. In the upper right corner click on Log In and follow the prompts. Under Personal Snapshots click on My Membership and select RENEW. Select Membership Type (MAKE SURE you select NATIONAL,) next select YES for state and branch, SCROLL TO NJ2016 TO SELECT BRANCH, STATE will come up automatically. Follow prompts for payment with Credit or Debit card.

#### Send directory changes to:

Marianne Belock

Marianne.belock@amail.com

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