## ---JOIN US---

You will be joining more than 100,000 graduates in the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in the American Association of University Women. There are 1,300 branches and 500 college and university partners. Since 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change and improving women's lives. But as long as inequity exists, AAUW needs strong advocates to join forces. Women today still need your help, and so does AAUW to do its important work to continue to improve the lives of women and girls. Annual dues are \$107.00. The dues break-down as follows:

National \$72.00; New Jersey State \$10.00; and Madison Branch \$25.00.

Donations to our Projects Fund are greatly appreciated at MadisonAreaAAUW.org

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### ---2023 /2024---PROGRAMS---

Sept 16 Panel Discussion with SparkNJ, a local, nonprofit which awards unrestricted funding to service groups in Northern N.J. whose leadership identifies as Black. Cosponsored, \* & LWV Morristown Area. Madison Community Arts Center at 7:00 PM.

Oct7 Meet & Greet the Madison Area Branch Mature Grant Winners & AAUWNJ Tech Trek Campers, while enjoying a casual supper of pizza and salad.

Oct8 Fighting Hate: Telling Our Stories A moderated Panel Discussion on pushing beyond hate to save our communities, with opening remarks by the NJ Attorney General. Virtual, 7:00 PM, AAUW NJ.

**Nov 1 Becoming a Writer** Andrea J Stein will present a program on writing. \* New Providence Library, 2 PM.

Dec. Holiday Tea or Luncheon Date, time & location TBD.

Jan 19 Documentary & discussion, Little Rock Central Fifty Years Later Discussion will be led by Maureen Grant after the film, \* New Providence Library, 2 PM.

Feb 2025 A Panel on Literacy including a member of a literacy group, a literacy volunteer and a teacher of English as a Second Language.\*Summit Library.

Mar 2025 AAUW NJ Virtual Program. All details TBD.

April 7 Maassai Girls Fund Learn about the Fund founded by Paul Mantell and Avery Hart to save girls from genital cutting and forced child marriage by supporting their education at prestigious Boarding Schools and by providing for basic needs in their home villages.

May 2025 Branch Annual Luncheon. Details TBD

Programs are open to the public and are subject to change.

\* joint programs with the Summit College Club (AAUW)



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Madison Branch
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A dynamic force in the lives of women since 1881

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### ---THE ORGANIZATION---

# AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW was founded in 1881 by Marion Talbot, who became the Dean of the College of Women at the University of Chicago and a leading figure in higher education, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman to earn a degree in chemistry and a leader in the field of home economics.

We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls and support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women, including financial support in the form of fellowships and grants.

In addition, AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. Our work influences the national discussion on topics like the pay gap between women and men, sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses, and the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering.

### Who Is Eligible to Join?

Membership is open to all graduates who hold an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college, university or certification program. By joining AAUW, you belong to a community who will help you break through educational and economic barriers.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

To become a member, visit MadisonAreaAAUW.org

### ---BRANCH ACTIVITIES---

One of 19 branches in NJ, the Madison Branch has been continuously active since its charter in 1929. Over the years, the original 39 members have increased and decreased in number. Today our members come from the greater Madison area, including several neighboring towns.

Meetings are held monthly from September to May on timely topics. These include a variety of programs, at varying times of day, from social gatherings to speakers and panels, covering topics of interest in the community.

The branch focuses on local projects in support of women's and girls' education, including our *Mature Woman's Grant and Tech Trek Camp (STEM.*) Several fundraisers, including a semi-annual Mah Jongg Tournaments, Book Sales and Raffles, are held to finance our local projects. Madison has sponsored a book sale, annually, for more almost 95 years. All members are encouraged, invited and expected to help in some way.

### ---SPECIAL STATE EVENTS---

**AAUW-NJ Fall Meeting** 

**AAUW-NJ Annual Meeting** 

**AAUW-NJ Spring Convention** 

**AAUW-NJ Tech Trek Camp** 

Dates for 2024/25 -TBA at AAUWNJ.AAUW.net

### ---LOCAL PROJECTS---

**Bottle Hill Day-** October 5, 2024 where the Madison Branch and other civic organizations welcome members of the Morris County Community.

Mah Jongg Tournaments- November 20, 2024 and Spring 2025, 4 rounds of stress-free play including lunch, a free chance for door prize, and free parking placard. Preregistration required \$55 pp. Visit us at AAUWMadisonnj.org.

### -- SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS-

Groups are organized by members. Have an idea or a new group, contact the Branch President for information. All interest groups welcome new members and guests.

### --BOOK GROUP--

The group meets every month on the second Wednesday. We read contemporary authors. A virtual attendance is available.



### --MAH JONGG--

Expert and beginning players meet on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Monday of the

month. Join us. We are happy to teach you how to play.

### --LUNCH BUNCH--

We meet periodically at diverse local restaurants for an informal meal and conversation.





### STITCH 'n CHAT

The group meets periodically at members' homes for conversation; stitching is optional.