



## Newsletter - March 2026 *Empowering Women since 1881*

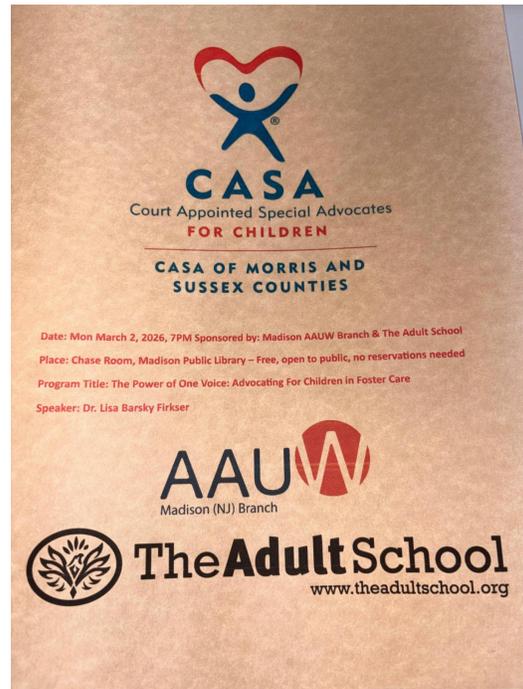


### President's Message

As we welcome March, we also embrace a special opportunity to pause and honor the strength, resilience, and brilliance of women everywhere. March is Women's History Month—a time to celebrate how far we have come, while acknowledging the incredible women shaping our world today.

The theme for Women's History Month 2026 is "**Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future**". This month, we aren't just looking back at those who cleared the path; we are honoring the modern trailblazers designing a more sustainable, equitable future—environmentally, economically, and socially.

Whether it is in business, education, or community leadership, women are leading the charge toward lasting solutions. Let's make this March about empowering one



### THE BOOK CLUB



another to keep building a better tomorrow.

ANN HUBER,  
President



## FIELD TRIP TO MORRIS MUSEUM ON FEB. 6, 2026 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Madison Branch's Field Trip to the Morris Museum was a great hit. Approximately 22 members attended the docent-led tour. The members found delight in the amazing structural art and expressed their appreciation. It was generally agreed that a yearly field trip would be in order.

## MAHJONGG SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

We continue to meet to play mahjongg at Shirley's home on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, beginning at 11:30 am and continuing to 2:30 pm. Please feel free to bring your bagged lunch.

Next game: Feb. 23rd.

We are also happy to teach new players how to play, gently. If

The AAUW Madison Area Branch Book Club, a Special Interest Group, holds hybrid meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

March's book is "*My Friends*" by Fredrick Bachman. The next meeting is March 11th.

For location and time, please contact Marianne at [marianne.belock@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.belock@gmail.com)

MADISON AREA  
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### Speed Dating in STEM

A great way for middle school and high school girls to interact with professional women in STEM, and for college students pursuing STEM fields to network!

Tuesday, March  
10<sup>th</sup> 2026

TIME  
6:30PM-9PM  
LOCATION  
Madison Community  
House, 25 Cook Ave,  
Madison NJ 07940

INSPIRE EACH OTHER, LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT CAREER PATHS,  
AND DEBUNK STEREOTYPES

This program is made possible by funding from the AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust

## SPEED DATING IN STEM

The Madison area branch of AAUW announces a free STEM program for teen girls in Grades 7-12. Based on a speed-dating-format, the female students will be given an opportunity to rotate between small groups to talk with professionals in STEM careers

interested in attending, please reach out to Shirley at [rentatLBI@optonline.net](mailto:rentatLBI@optonline.net)



## AAUW GRANTS 2026

**Please let your friends know**

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Our AAUW Madison Branch is once again offering the

### **Mature Women's Grants**

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants **MUST** meet ALL of eligibility requirements.

- 1 - be a woman.
- 2 - be age 25 or over.
- 3 - be a resident of one of the following NJ towns: Chatham, Chatham Township, East Hanover, Florham Park, Harding Township, Madison, Morristown, Morris Township, Morris Plains, or Randolph Township.
- 4 - use the grant for education-related expenses incurred in

and sample their experiences, history, and careers. This is not the first such program which has shown great success with, and satisfaction from, those participating.

The STEM program is the brainchild of one of Madison's present members and former President, Beth Stuehler Krawczuk, whose mother was a former President, and who herself has a successful STEM career. Beth is also our dedicated web master. The program, supported by a grant from the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust, is being offered on March 10, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. It is being held at the Madison Community House, located at 25 Cook Ave. in Madison. It furthers the organization's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

*Funding for this program is made possible in part by the AAUW New Jersey Charitable Trust. Thank you.*

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BE GENEROUS

**AAUW-MADISON** makes an annual donation of \$2,000 to the Tech Trek. The camp is free to our young students. This year Stockton U. is celebrating 10 years of the Tech Trek Camp.

pursuit of a degree or certification.

The application is on the AAUW website:

<https://madisonareaaaauw.org>

Please address your questions to : [aauwgrant@hotmail.com](mailto:aauwgrant@hotmail.com)

**Feel free to post this on ALL of your Social Media sites!!**



**AAUW**  
Madison (NJ) Branch  
**MAHJONG TOURNAMENT**  
WED. 05/27/26 9:30 - 3:30  
DOORS OPEN at 9:00 am  
  
Madison Community Arts Center  
10 Kings Road , Madison, NJ  
\$60\* pp.- 4 rounds x 4 games  
FREE PARKING PLACARD  
DOOR PRIZE, CASH PRIZES, WELCOME COFFEE, BUFFET LUNCH  
**PRE-REGIST BY 5/20/26**  
<https://madisonareaaaauw.org/mah-jongg>  
OR  
Mail a check to: AAUWMadison,  
POB 935, Madison NJ 07940  
**please include your email address**  
\*ALL FUNDS TO BENEFIT EDUCATION FOR WOMEN (529) AND STEM CAMP FOR TEEN GIRLS

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST, 2026**



The Madison Branch is in serious need of volunteer(s) to take up the cause of our Bylaws. They need updating. If you have an interest in helping us out, we would be very appreciative.

No experience is necessary. We have the necessary

YOU can make your own deductible contribution to the "AAUWNJ Charitable Trust" at <https://aaunwj.org/charitable-trust/> which is a 501(3) c, by designating your donation for Tech Trek.

Contact Becky with questions at [rmood9856@gmail.com](mailto:rmood9856@gmail.com)

## AAUW - MADISON UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT

BOOK COLLECTION  
4/6/26 - 4/9/2026 at the Y & Kriby's Children Center

**DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!**



**NEW MEMBER:**  
**JEANNE BUCKLEY** comes to us from East Hanover, just around the corner. Please reach out to welcome this former special education hero of 33 years! at: [JeanneB0321@gmail.com](mailto:JeanneB0321@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to getting to know you.

templates/samples to guide us along.

If you can help, please contact Ann Huber - [ahuberesq@gmail.com](mailto:ahuberesq@gmail.com)

**Rutgers' alum, Cassandra Vega, who graduated from Rutgers-New Brunswick in 2024, and works for the ACLU, has been named a Cambridge Scholar. Congrats! AAUW mission at its best!**

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