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## A Message from our Co-Presidents

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Greetings AAUW Madison members! We hope you are enjoying these last weeks of summer. We are looking forward to an exceptional 2019-2020 program year! This is a very exciting time to be an AAUW member both locally and nationally.

We want to thank our outstanding Book Sale Co-chairs, Marsha Gepford, Jeanne Eisele, Becky Moody and Judy Vernon and everyone who tirelessly helped for another successful book sale year.

We are excited to meet this year's four grant recipients as well as our Tech Trek campers, at our annual Potluck Dinner on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We would like to thank everyone who helped at the Madison Farmers Market August 8th. It was an excellent opportunity to showcase our AAUW Madison branch events and programs and meet potential members. Our next community event

is Bottle Hill Day on Saturday, October 5, 2019. We will have a table and could really use the help of members to staff the table that day.

Nationally, AAUW continues to focus on ensuring economic security for women. Please visit the national website for more information on AAUW Five-Star recognition program. AAUW needs your help in closing the gender pay gap by 2030 and training over 10 million women to negotiate their salaries by 2022. Through a grant by Coca-Cola, AAUW has trained more than 100k women to become savvy negotiators.

Please visit [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) for more information and if you know anyone entering the work force or re-entering. There is valuable free information that all women need to know and share.

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### Community Outreach

### Programs & Events

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting 09/16/19
- Book Group sept /2019
- Lunch Bunch 10/23/19
- Mahjongg 09/09/19 10/28/19
- Stitch 'n Chat 11/14/19

Big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help at the Madison Farmers' Market on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to your efforts we have several people who expressed an interest in our organization. We hope to see many of them at a future event. Special Thank You to Beth for spending the entire afternoon at the market.

**Our next event is Bottle Hill Day on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a drawing for adult books and student books. Please sign up at link below for one or more of the 90 minutes slots. Nancy Adamczyk will be coordinating the volunteers.**

<https://volunteersignup.org/77DT8>

We are working on our programming for next season. Please note dates and book on your calendar! Make sure to note correct DAY and TIME for each! March Program has been updated!!!!

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Annual Potluck Dinner  | September 23                    |
| Bottle Hill Day        | October 5                       |
| AAUW NJ Fall Focus     | October 12<br>(Sat. 9-2)        |
| AAUW NJ Annual Meeting | April 18 , '20<br>(Sat. 8:30-3) |

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Send information including directory updates to [jpvernon@yahoo.com](mailto: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. **The group meets at 1 pm.** Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads.

**Book for September: *Duty to the Dead* by Charles Todd.**

Location will be announced in the August Newsletter.



## Lunch Bunch

**Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant at 12:30 pm.** Everyone is invited to attend. ***Call Judy Vernon no later than the day before the event if you plan to come.*** Date, name and location of the restaurant are announced in the newsletter.

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019  
Charley's Aunt, Chatham**

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon

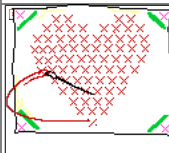


## Mahjongg

As always, we are looking for interested members to join. Knowledge of game is NOT required. Having fun is mandatory.

Group meets at 11:30 am on the second Monday of the month at Shirley Mutchler's home. Bring lunch, drinks and sweets are provided.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



## Stitch and Chat

**Stitch and Chat meets from 1 pm to 3 pm at Judy Vernon's home.** Stitching is optional, but chatting is required. All dates are announced in the newsletter.

**Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

For direction call Judy Vernon

## Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Members are welcome to attend.

- 2019** August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- 2020** January 20 (snow 1/27)
- February 17 (snow 2/24)
- March 16 (snow 2/23)
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15

## Membership Corner

Membership Directories will be available at the Potluck Dinner.

**Jeanne Eisele's step father passed away earlier in August.** Memorial service to celebrate the life of John Fenimore will be held Saturday, September 28, 2019, 11 AM at United Methodist Church in Madison, 24 Madison Avenue, Madison. Reception to follow at 35 Vinton Road.

**Misty Kramer's brother passed away August 29.** Here are the funeral arrangements: for her brother Edward Izbicki.

**Monday, Sept 2nd:**

3:00-5:00 pm - Viewing at Funeral Home  
Mastapeter Funeral Home 270 Route 9 South, Bayville, NJ

**Tuesday, Sept 3rd:**

10:00 am - 10:30 am family viewing  
11:00 am - Funeral Mass, followed by Burial at cemetery. Church St. Barnabas Church, 33 Woodland Rd, Bayville, NJ

1:30 pm - luncheon for family only

<https://mastapeterfuneralhome.com/>

*Editor's note:*

*Please send news or announcements about a member (including you) for our Membership Corner column to Marianne or Judy. We like to recognize the accomplishments of our members as well as significant events in their lives.*

August 2019

## Community News

### Community Arts

The **Madison Public Library** has a variety of upcoming interesting lectures and movies. Visit <http://www.madisonnlibrary.org/adults/> for more information. Click on this link for an easy to view listing of available programs.

A reminder that our public libraries offer Museum Pass programs featuring museums in the metropolitan area. This is a great opportunity to see an interesting exhibit at one of our local museums at no cost.

### Branch History

#### Episode VII – The Seventies

#### As recorded in the Branch's publication "Fiftieth Anniversary 1929 – 1979"

"The Madison Branch weathered the stormy sixties and carried on into the seventies, a time of reflection, reaction and adjustment. Environment, Economics, Education and E.R.A. were the focal points. Study groups evolved and devolved as branch members explored Cultural Interests; We the People; Crisis in Education; This Beleaguered Earth; and A Dollar's Worth."

Branch members became active locally most particularly with the Passaic River Coalition and the Madison Conservation Commission. "Sandra Fulda's efforts for This Beleaguered Earth gained the Branch a voice in the environmental impact study for a proposed Madison industrial park, the development of the Dodge Estate and the Morris County Planning Board." Three members – Sandra Fulda, Dawn Smith and Dodie Clark - were appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Madison Environmental Commission. Members also continued the tutoring program and sponsorship of the New Teachers Luncheon. Several members were trained in administering the Gesell Test for School Readiness in 1973. Science-in-a-Shoebox was sponsored at the Madison Public Library. Shoeboxes, each containing a scientific experiment, were prepared for use by the children.

### Branch History (continued)

Study groups played very prominently in the life of the Branch. Recent Grads studied topics such as media, education, creativity and nutrition. Long-term group members admitted to no longer truly being "recent grads". We also had very active Gourmet Group and Reading Group.

The January 1973 bulletin asked, "Ladies: are you toying with the idea of going back to work?" There was a large turnout for programs that focused on women *Returning Education*, *Changing Work Patterns* and Drew's Continuing Education for Women Program. This led to creation of a new study group – Women: Searching for Self. These aspirations led to membership decline (although in 1979 membership totaled 224) and difficulty filling the Board positions. In 1977 the Branch had its first co-presidents – Joslin Leonardson and Pat Harris.

The Book Sale continued although the chairmen had difficulty finding enough volunteers for this important fundraiser. Each bulletin included a notice appealing for help with sorting, pricing and selling as in those days the Book Sale was a year-round project. Pricing was done at the barn on Greenwood Avenue and the Community House. A dedicated group of members headed by Mary Pickin researched some of the special books hoping to find valuable titles. Calendar sales supplemented the costs of sending members to conferences.

The Branch celebrated the Bicentennial with a float depicting the Tempe Wick house in Madison's parade. Members also researched the history of local women of 1776. Creative Arts Night programs featured play readings, crafts, and musical presentations by our members. This decade focused on program topics such as *21<sup>st</sup> Century-Environmental Protection*; a study of Alvin Toffler's *Future Shock*; *Tax Reform in NJ*; *A Perspective on the Modern Middle East* presented by Dr. Vivian Bull; and *Threat to National Security – China vs. U.S.*

Nancy Adamczyk

## Message from Co-Presidents

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In addition, do not forget look at our own website [aauwmadisonnj.org](http://aauwmadisonnj.org) for upcoming announcements and events and if you are not on Facebook, please join and like us on AAUW Madison NJ Branch. One of our goals this year is to boost our Facebook presence to highlight our wonderful branch programs and AAUW mission.

Here's to a fantastic Fall and 2019-2020 program season!

Susan and Berly

*August 2019*

**Programs & Events**

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**Bridge Group**

Monday, **September 23, 2019** – 6PM Pot Luck Dinner at the Madison Community House

Tuesday, **October 15, 2019** at 1:30PM Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room

Monday, **November 4, 2019** at 7:00PM Speaker on the Supreme Court at the Madison Public Library Chase Room

Monday, **January 6, 2020** at 1:30PM, "Learning Eco-Ethics in India" presented by Professor Dr. Anne Mocko at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room

Monday, **February 3, 2020** at 7:00PM – Speaker and topic TBA at the Madison Public Library Chase Room

**Sunday, March 22, 2020** - at 2:00PM – Georgia O'Keefe  
This program is a joint event with the College Club of Summit with guest speaker Janet Mandel. It will be held at the MONDO in Summit.

Monday, **April 6, 2020** - at 7:00PM – Speaker and topic TBA at the Madison Public Library Chase Room

Monday, **May 4, 2020** – at 6PM – Annual Dinner, Location TBA

\*Topics/speakers are subject to change.

**Special  
Message**

**Please note ALL dates in this newsletter on your calendar. We will update them as needed, but due to scheduling conflicts some interest group activities are limited this fall. The next newsletter will be short, but will include the bios for our MWG recipients. We will also try to confirm the Date and Location for the Holiday Lunch.**

The AAUW Madison Branch's Round Robin Bridge Group finished its season with a luncheon "Play Off" held at the Wyndham Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Following prizes were awarded

**Group I**

**First Place:** Doris Costello and Dorothy Halloran

**Second Place:** Dawn Nichols and Holly Carpenter

**Group II**

**First Place:** Ann Huber and Judy Forbes

**Second Place:** Barbara Whitmore and Bea Mastracchio

We are all looking forward to playing in the coming season under the leadership of Judy Fogarty. Many thanks to both Judy Fogarty for chairing the Round Robin and to Joanne Binting for once again acting as scorekeeper.