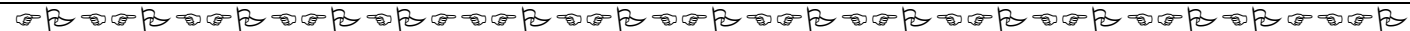


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A Message from our President

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Dear AAUW Madison Members
Congratulations and welcome new AAUW board members: **Ruth Zowader**, Co-Program VP, **Nancy Adamczyk**, former President, returning as Recording Secretary and **Berly Morgan**, continuing as Public Policy Chair – your new energy, dedication, and insight, inspire us. Thank you, continuing board members who are taking on additional responsibilities in order to keep our AAUW Branch going. Eighteen members responded, all positively to elect the board. We have already met as the newly constituted Board. We are very hopeful this will be a good year for the Branch!

I am very excited about all our programs for this year, but particularly so about the first one on Sept. 12, 2022. This is a joint program with the Morristown League of Women Voters on the huge role women have taken in battling climate change. This summer’s heat and drought bring the problems associated with climate change into more serious focus. Look for more details about the panel which will be discussing the issues and addressing questions from our members in this newsletter.

I am also excited to announce that our Branch will be sponsoring its first ever Mahjong Tournament on November 16 in



Madison’s new Community Arts Room on Kings Rd. You still have time to learn how to play if you would like to join us! This fun, fundraising event is open to all, whether members or not, and will attract players from surrounding communities.

On another note, the Supreme Court’s spring decisions on various issues including a Constitutional protection for a woman to make her own decisions about her body, highlight and I quote, **Karen Brown**, AAUW NJ President, “The need for AAUW [NJ] to strive to be more effective in shaping public policy debates – this is not the time for us to give up. I see more and more often in the news that people are starting to voice what we’ve been saying all along: it’s wrong to devalue a person’s body, or to discount their work, based on their sex, or the color of their skin, or any physical trait. We have to keep calling out what’s wrong until what’s right becomes the new normal.” I could not say it better.

I welcome your comments and support and look forward to working with you all in our endeavors over the next year. See you in September!

Ann Huber, President

Notes from the Editor	
<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Group 09/14/22 • Board Meeting 09/19/22 	<p>Catch up on members...</p> <p>Kathleen Magill and Nancy Adamczyk visited Barbara and Frank Benedict this week at Cedar Crest in Pompton Plains. Barbara continues to enjoy gardening and quilting and has joined a book group. Shirley Virosco is settled in and doing well at The Oaks in Denville. She sends her regards and looks forward to hearing from us.</p> <p>Misty Kramer continues to improve and enjoys visitors and calls.</p> <p>Marsha Gepford AND Diane Pivarnik both welcomed a new addition to the family.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have sad news to share about Dr. Vivian Bull, who passed away on August 12. "In the resolution of distinguished service that officially bestowed her president emerita status (at Drew), Bull was praised for the attributes that set her apart – her selfless service, exceptional wisdom, creativity, fairness, patience, and offering the valuable perspective from her long an exemplary career as an educator, a university administrator, and a scholar." She was that and more to all of us in the community who knew her – a valued friend.</p>
<p>Send information including directory updates to jpvernon@yahoo.com. Input for the newsletter is due the day after the board meeting.</p>	

👉 Announcements and Events 👈	
 <h2 style="margin: 0;">The Book Group</h2>	 <h2 style="margin: 0;">Mahjongg</h2>
<p>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!</p> <p>Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill to learn more or to be added to the email list.</p> <p>The Book Group will meet on the <u>second</u> Wed of the month at 1PM.</p> <p>Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 at 12:30PM*</p> <p>Home of Kathleen Magill – also hope to be able to connect to Wi-Fi and offer a virtual option</p> <p>Kathleen's address is 135 Longwood Avenue, Chatham</p> <p>*Bring a brown bag lunch. We will have lunch and then discuss the book.</p> <p>September - <u>Lessons In Chemistry</u> by Bonnie Garmus</p> <p>October - <u>Toms River-Story of Science and Salvation</u> by Dan Fagin</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Resuming in September, Shirley will send out notice. If you want to learn Mahjongg so you can join the tournament in November, send ME an e-mail and we will keep you posted of the schedule.</p>
	<h2 style="background-color: #00bfff; display: inline-block; padding: 5px;">Directory</h2>
	<p>Now is the time to check your listing and make sure that you send updates you wish to include to jpvernon@yahoo.com.</p>
	<p>PLEASE send by September 4</p>

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:	Sept. 19	Oct. 24	Nov. 21	Dec. 19		
2023:	Jan. 16	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Apr. 17	May 15	Jun. 19

Programs / Special Events

Various Programs / Special Events are in the planning stage. Co-VPs of Programming are working on in person events, events using ZOOM and some in partnership with the Summit College Club. Detailed description along with time and location will be shared during the summer. At this time we suggest you reserve the following dates on your calendar:

2022:	Sept. 12	Oct. 17	Nov. 7	Dec. 11	
2023:	Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Apr. 3	May 1

The Future is in Our Hands

The American Association of University Women (Madison Branch) and the League of Women Voters (Morristown) will hold a joint program **“Women Taking the Lead on Fighting Climate Change”** at **7:00 PM, September 12, 2022, at the Florham Park Library**, 107 Ridgedale Ave. Florham Park, 07932. **We invite the public to join us at this free and highly informative event. Advance reservations are not required.**

Panelists

Nancy Hedinger, League of Women Voters Morristown Area (LWVMA) –

Chris Schorr, Chair of Friends of Madison Shade Trees and board member of Friends of the Drew Forest

Claire Whitcomb, author, editor, environmental advocate and Chair of Madison’s Environmental Commission

Program and discussion

Nancy Hedinger is an active member of the NJ and local League of Women Voters Morristown Area. She will update us on the League of Women Voters’ activities to help fight climate change, at the state and national levels.

Chris Schorr has chaired the Friends of Madison Shade Trees since 2015. She will be speaking on the irreplaceable value of canopy shade trees, individually and in woodlands and forests.

Claire Whitcomb will talk about the climate impact of our built environment; specifically, the use of building materials and plans to update our aging building stock to achieve the needed energy efficiency. Selecting the type of energy used is equally important.

Special December Program

There are two tickets for the matinee performance of *Twelfth Night* on **Sunday, December 11, 2022** at 2PM. The special group price is \$53.00pp - a \$16.00 savings! Tickets are nonrefundable once purchased. Eight members from Summit and seven from Madison are already signed up. Seats are in the orchestra center rows I and J.

Contact Susan Mennella at smennella@verizon.net or 201-424-1267 (voice or text) for more info or to purchase the tickets.