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## A Message from our President

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Dear AAUW Madison Members

As the year 2022 comes to a close, we reflect on all that has been accomplished and all there is still left to do. We are thankful, also, that we have survived another year of COVID 19. We not only survived but have found a new vocabulary: zooming, social distancing, self-quarantine, contact tracing, vaxing and God knows what else. As a result, it has been a good year in which many activities returned to normal.

After a few in person programs, we are looking forward to many more including a repeat of the Mahjongg tournament and a re-imagined Book Sale so our coffers can continue to grow.

In the coming year, we plan to continue our efforts to support Mature Woman's grants and girls' STEM programs so we can advance our mission toward equity through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**From the Madison Branch of AAUW, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season, and thank you for being a part of our AAUW community!**

Ann

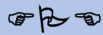
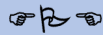
### Notes from the Editor

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- Book Group  
11/09/22
- Board Meeting  
11/14/22

**Catch up on members...**

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.



## 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 second Wed of the month at 1PM.**

**Wednesday, Jan 11th Book: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn**

**Host: Barbara Koppersmith and Zoom option  
12:30PM Brown Bag Lunch with the discussion following at approximately 1PM**

New participants welcome! Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill for more information.

Looking ahead - book selections for Feb - April  
Feb - *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson  
March - *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
April - *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy



## Mahjongg

Mahjongg group is resuming its schedule playing on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at 11:30 am but moved our location to **Eileen Ryan's home at 17 Village Rd, Florham Park.** Bring lunch. **NEW MEMBERS welcome! We will teach you to play.**

**Resuming in January 9, Eileen will send out notice. If you want to learn Mahjongg so you can join the tournament in Spring, send ME an e-mail and we will keep you posted where and when we are playing.**

### Please Note

There are several program notes included in this newsletter. Please make a note so you do not miss any of our wonderful programs.

## Meet the Mature Woman's Grant Recipients



**Standing members of the Grant Committee:**  
Jeanne Eisele, Marianne Belock, Peggy Philp and Meyra Green

**Seated Grant Recipients:**  
Mary Robinson, Yana Kane-Earig, Mukalay Mutwale Hedwige and Sally Lembo

**We shared a bio/plans from Hedwige and Yana in our last full newsletter. The other two recipients' Sally and Mary starts below and continuing on Pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter.**

My name is Sally Lembo and I teach Kindergarten at Kings Road School in Madison. I have been teaching at KRS for 12 years. I love what I do. I love the age I teach. I decided to further my education at TCNJ with a little push from my colleagues. I am so happy that I did. I have been taking classes since last Fall 2021 and I am currently in my 4th class. I am learning so much that I use my new knowledge day in and day out in my current classroom. Thank you for the opportunity and grant money to help pay for my summer class. My goal is to graduate in 2024 with my Masters in Education.

## 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.

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. At this time we suggest you reserve the following dates on your calendar:

2023: Jan. 9 Feb. 6 Mar. 6 Apr. 3 May 1

## Up Coming Events

**Monday, January 9, 2023 - 1:30PM Florham Park Library, Akhoury Room**

Program: Viewing & Informal Discussion of the Documentary *Anita - Speaking Truth To Power\**

The film follows lawyer [Anita Hill](#) who testifies against [Clarence Thomas's Supreme Court nomination](#), exposing the problem of sexual harassment around the world. It also follows Hill after the testimony as she continues to raise awareness of sexual harassment in the workplace.

**\*Note same subject but different film than what was originally announced.**

### Looking ahead:

**February 6, 2023 – 7PM,- Florham Park Library, Akhoury Room**

Speaker Barbara Wyatt, Founder, Women of Encouragement (new Madison non-profit)

**Thursday March 16, 2023 – 7PM\* Virtual Via Zoom**

Joint Meeting with College Club of Summit

Speaker - Dr. Mary Segers,\* a professor of political science and religion at Rutgers, will review the book, *The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor, and His Moral Conscience*.

**\*The time for this program noted in the directory is incorrect.**

**April 3, 2023– 7PM – Florham Park Library, Akhoury Room**

Speaker Dr. Karen Bloom Gevirtz, Assistant Professor of English, Seton Hall University

Program: *Force = mass \* acceleration: Women's Changing Place in STEM*

## Grant Recipient Bio

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**Mary Robinson, MA, CT**, a Madison resident, is currently in Private Practice in Madison, NJ where she works with individuals coping with grief and loss of any kind and other life transitions. The scholarship from the AAUW supports her return to school at The Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis in Livingston, NJ to receive an advanced Certification as a psychoanalyst and to further develop her clinical skills through her work at the institute's sliding scale clinic. "My life purpose is to work with individual and groups to transform suffering into joy and happiness and restore the mind, body, and heart to wholeness.

Mary is the Founder and Executive Director Emeritus of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss located in Mountainside, NJ and the Founder and former Executive Director of Good Grief in Morristown, NJ.

Mary has a BA in English, an MA in Applied Psychoanalysis and is a Certified Thanatologist. She is a member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, serves on the Board of the National Alliance for Grieving Children, and is Chair of the Board of the Academy for Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis in Livingston NJ.