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## A Message from our President

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Dear AAUW Madison Members

Our January Program was a viewing of the documentary, "Speaking Truth to Power," about Professor Anita Hill's testimony before the Supreme Court Judiciary's Committee's Hearing on the appointment of Clarence Thomas. Many of you who are reading this message might remember the hearing as a disappointing time for gender equity and equality. A comparison of that hearing to the more recent one on the appointment of Brett Kavanaugh, highlights the continued need to pursue the fight for gender equity.

Professor Hill was a phenomenal witness in the face of open hostility of the all-male Judiciary Committee which grilled her and though she was on trial. That is not why she was there. However, she did not waiver then, holding on to her dignity as she has since then. Her message in the documentary is that we need to teach the next generation about what constitutes sexual abuse and the need to fight for equity. That's what membership in this organization is all about and we can do that in Madison!

We are lucky to have three universities in our little town of less than 25,000 people: Drew, Fairleigh Dickinson, and St. Elizabeth Universities, all of which are members of our National Organization. I propose we promote the availability of **sponsored** Student Affiliate Memberships for \$44.81 each (\$18.81 for National, \$10 for State and \$16 for our local Chapter.) In advance of the fall semester, we would seek out sponsorships to subsidize the membership of Students Affiliate Members. We will seek to be present at student orientation to promote the memberships. Memberships can offer opportunities to learn and develop new strategies for fighting the battle while affording them the benefits and perks of membership; such as, fellowships or grants for further education, discounts for various services, webinars on discrimination in the workplace or salary negotiation and so on. Join me! I will sponsor the first one! Will one of you volunteer to be Chair(s) of this promotion?

Ann

### Notes from the Editor

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

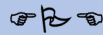
- Book Group 02/08/23
- Board Meeting 01/16/23

**Catch up on members...**

**Morris Museum Gala 2023: Museum in Motion**

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 6 PM  
Honoring Nelson and **Nancy Schaenen, Jr.** for over 40 years of extraordinary support which has advanced the Museum's evolution and success.

Send information including directory updates to [jpvnon@yahoo.com](mailto:jpvnon@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. 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.**

The next meeting of the AAUW Madison Book group is scheduled for **Wed Feb 8, 2023**. It will be a hybrid meeting. Teri Doykos-Milona is hosting. The group will have a brown bag lunch at 12:30PM and the discussion will follow at approximately 1PM. The book being discussed in February is: *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson.



## Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg group is resuming its schedule playing on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at Eileen Ryan's home 11:30 am. Bring lunch. **NEW MEMBERS welcome! We will teach you to play.**

### Directory Update

**Jeanne Eisele's e-mail is incorrect in the directory. Please update your copy.**

[jeisele@att.net](mailto:jeisele@att.net)

## 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. 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:

**2023:** **Feb. 13**      Mar. 6      Apr. 3      May 1

## Up Coming Events

We had a program scheduled for February 6th at the Florham Park Library. Unfortunately, our speaker had to cancel on short notice, so we are going to join the Summit College Club (AAUW Branch) virtual Feb program. It is on the second **Monday night (Feb 13th)**. A flyer is attached with more info on the program. Thus, our program will be on the same day as the Mah Jongg group meeting but there is not a direct time conflict.

*What Inclusion Really Means* Presenter is Edwina Sessions - AAUW NJ Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. **Virtual Program Monday, Feb 13 7:00PM** <https://bit.ly/AAUWSummitFeb13>

January 2023

**AAUW**  As part of AAUW NJ DEI Initiative

**Summit College Club Branch presents**

# What Inclusion Really Means

**Presenter:**

**Edwina Sessions**

**AAUW NJ Director of  
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**



AAUW is dedicated to helping people become more comfortable sharing their perspectives on diversity, equity and inclusion in all aspects of their work and lives.

The organization seeks to encourage ongoing dialogue that will inspire everyone to bring these values to their personal and professional interactions.

**Participants will learn to look for ways to start new habits that promote inclusion. Defining the challenges, outlining solutions and implementing anti-bias activities.**



**Monday, February 13, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Log on to attend at:**

**<https://bit.ly/AAUWSummitFeb13>**