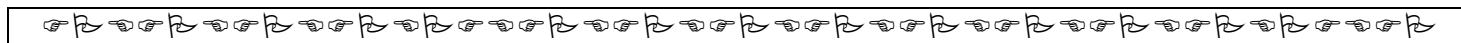


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A Message from our President

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Dear AAUW Madison Members

I was doing some research, working on a list of trivia questions about AAUW. I came across a book, written in 1931, on the 50th anniversary of what was originally the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA). It piqued my interest because at the recent focus group of non-members, there were questions about why, in order to belong to the organization, women had to have a college, or equivalent, education to join. I didn't know.

According to one of the original founders of the ACA, the Association was formed by a half dozen young women who had the opportunity to attend and graduate from college, but were later outcasts from their communities for doing so. They, unlike other women, were not interested in only marriage and children, but an education, too. That same founder who wrote about the history of the Association recounted:

“Her husband, Professor George Herbert Palmer, told the Association at its twenty-fifth anniversary, in speaking of the fellowship established as a memorial to his wife, that she

believed the Association should exist and be fostered for the sake of society, for the sake of knowledge, and for the sake of the individual members themselves. She thought it was important that women who had gone to college should carry the college idea far and wide in the community and make it a rightly valued thing for a girl to go to college. She desired to set up a standard for the higher training of women, to insist that it be held there, and she thought it important that those young women who go out from the colleges into different occupations should feel the helpful influence of an unseen but guardian company close around them. Professor Palmer said that she had rejoiced when steadily she saw these aims being realized.”

This was a revelation and an inspiration to me. It explains our mission and propels our work still as we try to support education for women, be it in STEM careers or any other endeavors. Without a doubt, this is a worthy cause because even more than 100 years since our founding, we are still fighting for equity.

Ann

Notes from the Editor

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

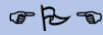
- Book Group
02/08/23
- Board Meeting
03/20/23

Catch up on members...

Margery VanCourt has moved to Cadbury Commons, an assisted living facility. She is looking forward to hear from us.

Margery VanCourt
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66 Sherman Street
Cambridge, MA 02140

Send information including directory updates to 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.

The next meeting of the AAUW Madison Book group is scheduled for **Wed** March 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 March is: Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro. New participants welcome! Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill for more information and to receive the address for the in person meeting or the Zoom link.



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.**

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Leah Wandera and Peter Karanja welcomed their daughter, Esther, on Monday, Feb 13. They are living in Omaha Nebraska and Leah has been studying for a master in public health.

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.

Welcome New Members

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Emory University. BA 1978
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 Special Education Teacher

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 Mature Women's Grant Committee and Hospitality

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Marist College, BS 1994
 Fordham University, MBA 2000
 Marketing and Research

Interested in Advocacy, Education Issues, Status of Women,
 Book Club, Social/Cultural Activities, Promotion
 Committee, Website Design

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: 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: **Mar. 16** Apr. 3 May 1

Up Coming Events

Thursday, March 16 @ 7:00 pm

This program is a virtual event, link will be sent to branch members on Wednesday, March 15.

Speaker Dr. Mary Segers will review: ***The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor, and His Moral Conscience***

Dr. Segers, is a professor of political science and religion at Rutgers, will review the book and lead a Q&A. Although not required it is recommended to read the book before this event.

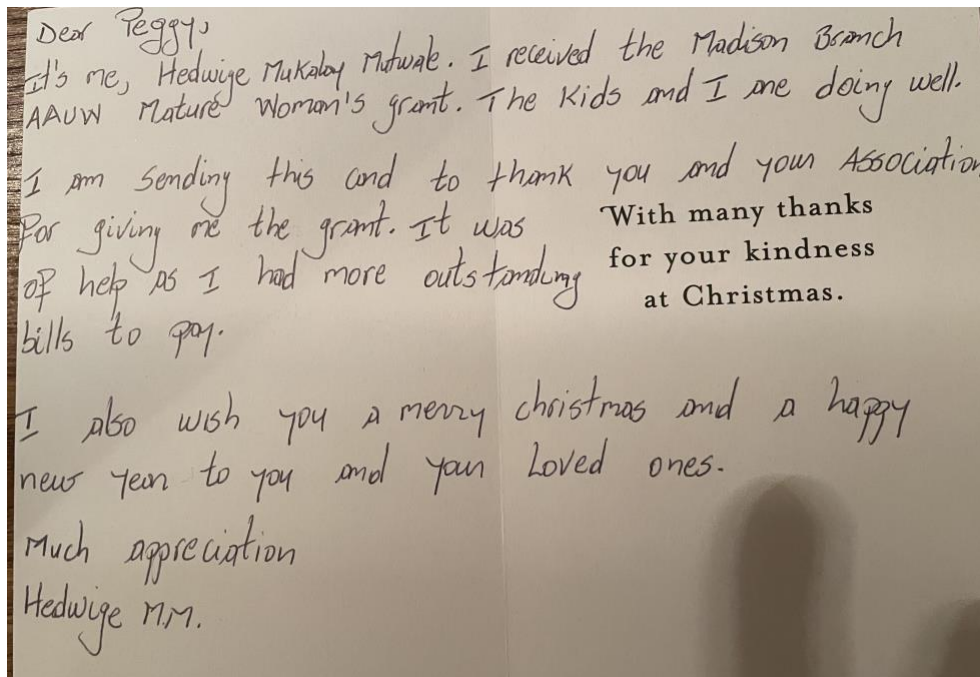
Note: this event was listed as an afternoon program in the directory, that has been changed.

The Board is working on the following events:

- A program in April on Women in STEM. This will be held in person at the Florham Park Library.
- Also, in April we will hold a one-day Book Sale. Books can be brought to the Madison YMCA between March 1 – April 25. We will do a one-day sale on the same day as the boroughwide garage sale (April 29, 9AM to 4PM)
- We are exploring having a joint lunch celebrating the Spring and our cooperative programming with the Summit College Club sometime early May.
- On May 10th we will repeat our very successful Mah Jongg Tournament. If you wanted to sign up the last time but needed some lessons, come to our Semi-Monthly game and we will teach you. Call Eileen Ryan for details.

If you know someone who would like to apply for a Mature Woman's Grant direct them to our website for application. Make sure they are aware of our eligibility and submission guidelines.

A Note from one of our Mature Woman's Grant recipients:



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