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A Message from our President

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Dear Madison Area Members,

Our fiscal year is quickly coming to an end. It has been such a good programming year, it is worth remembering a few of the highlights. Jointly with the Morristown League of Women voters, we started with a timely panel discussion entitled “Women taking the Lead on Climate Change.” We had a great turnout as our members enjoyed an in-person event.

Thanks to one of our new members, Maria Slabaugh, we spent hours focusing on our messaging, mission, and marketing. There was unanimous agreement that AAUW means purpose, community, and friendship. We also finalized an elevator speech we can all use when “spontaneously” talking about AAUW. Also, check out our much improved web site.

In an effort to preserve our grant-giving capacity, we launched our newest fundraiser – our first ever Mahjongg tournament in November! Enough people registered to make up six tables and enjoyed both a morning pastry and a buffet lunch. Following players’ feedback, we introduced a door prize and a 50/50 raffle at the second-ever tournament in May. These raffles were also a hit.

We finished the fiscal year with a re-imagined one-day book sale. Still running on adrenalin,

we hosted the Spring Fling Luncheon with members of the Summit Club at Madison’s Harvest Bistro. Both the setting and the food were perfectly delizioso!

Lastly, we invited all members to a Special Meeting to discuss the future of our branch, including the dues structure. After a vigorous discussion, we agreed that we did not want to increase the local dues. Rather, we decided to implement a couple of time-saving and cost-saving measures. First, newsletters will be sent out only by email. None will be sent out by snail mail. Second, instead of our printed directory, our website will now contain our membership list in a password protected folder, only available to members.

I appreciate that some changes will take some getting used to, but as I have said before, we cannot keep repeating the old refrain, “That’s not how we’ve always done it.” We need instead, to adapt to changing circumstances. A great **Thank You** to all of you who supported our organization with your time, commitment, and financial contributions. We could **NOT** have done it without you. Happy Memorial Day and have a great summer. See you in September!

ANN HUBER

SAVE THESE DATES

FIELD TRIP to :



**sustainable haus
mercantile**
Summit, NJ

Sept. 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm

\$10 pp includes a demonstration, light snack

Reserve at aauwmadisonnj.com by 9/1/23
Space is limited

3rd **MAHJONGG TOURNAMENT**
NOV. 15TH

REGISTER @ AAUWMADISONNJ.COM

**FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS ON
STEM**

Continuing Program for parents or caretakers about STEM education and careers available for interested parties to attend

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>

**OPEN LETTER TO
DIANE MANN,
EXEC. DIR. MADISON YMCA**

On behalf of a very grateful community, please accept our sincerest thanks for your generosity and cooperation with our recent efforts to raise funds. All the proceeds are dedicated to Education for Mature Women (over age 25) and to teen girls' attendance at STEM Camp. Beginning with our call out to the community, set up the night before, and through the close of the Book Sale this past weekend, the Y staff has been wonderful. Our re-imagined Book Sale came off without a hitch despite the rain and our proceeds exceeded our wildest expectations.

I am enclosing a small token of our appreciation. It hardly touches on the magnificent job the Madison Area YMCA is doing with community engagement. We look forward to our continuing relationship and working with you for the common good. Madison is such a nice place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Ann Huber, President

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century. Our Madison area branch continues to support education with grants, programs that expose teen girls to STEM, topical monthly programs, and member special interest groups such as a book club, a mahjong game, book sales and more. Find *purpose, community and friendship* at aauwmadisonnj.com

Notes from the Editor

**UPCOMING
MEETINGS &
EVENTS**

- Book Group
06/20/23
- Board Meeting
06/19/23

Catch up on members...

DEAR JUDY, We wish Peter (and you) a speedy recovery,
Your Friends at the Madison Area AAUW

Send us a note to let everyone know ALL the good news this spring....
Do you have a new grand child? Anyone getting married or graduating?
Whatever the news we wish everyone the best and are happy to be celebrating with you.

👉👈 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. **NEW MEMBERS welcome! Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill to learn more or to be added to the email and ZOOM list.**

June Book Group Meeting - Hybrid

Date: Tues June 20, 2023

Time: 12:30PM Bring Brown Bag Lunch, 1:00PM Discussion

Host: Kathleen Magill - address will be provided closer to the meeting date

Book being discussed: **Horse by Geraldine Brooks**

Zoom link will be sent closer to the meeting.

Looking ahead to July 18, 2023: **Finding Me by Viola Davis**



MahJongg

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

Next meeting is 6/12 at Eileen's

\$\$\$TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP\$\$\$

EASIEST WAY: USE THE LINK FROM AAUW.ORG OR

MAIL YOUR CHECK (\$98*)

Becky Moody, 15 Page St., Madison, NJ 07940

**AAUW National dues are \$72, of which \$69 is tax deductible. The remaining \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill advocacy work and get-out-the-vote activities. The State dues are \$10 and local dues are \$16.*

Congratulations to our 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners at Second Annual Mahjongg Tournament held May 10th at the Madison Community Arts Center! They came from as far away as Bucks County, PA and Staten Island!

It was a fun & successful day for AAUW Education programs as well as our mahjong players.

Mark your calendar for the next tournament on **Nov. 15th, 2023**. Registration is OPEN @ aauwmadisonnj.com

Thanks to all who helped make it a great day!

Pictured on the right, happy winners of the Mahjongg Tournament.



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 the President, at Annhuberesq@gmail.com. Since we are using Zoom, no snow days are planned.

Check the newsletter & e-mails for changes.

2023: June 19

Programs / Special Events

Co-VPs of Programming are working on In-person 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: Sept. 18 Panel Discussion on *Gun Violence*

Upcoming Events

June 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Madison Recreation Complex Accessible Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
Access from 184 Ridgedale Ave, Madison.

Sept. 30 Book Sale

Our Semi-Annual Book Sale will be a “pop-up” style event coinciding with Madison Garage Sale in the Fall. The event will be at the FM Kirby Children’s Center starting at 9am and closing at 4pm.