



MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

When I joined my first organization, the Sisterhood of the Morristown Jewish Center, I did not volunteer for anything. I was either too shy or too intimidated, who knows. But after I attended a couple of general meetings in which I felt little connection to the women, I was flattered when I was asked to volunteer. I did not hesitate to take on my first assignment to seek out contributions from local businesses for a Chinese Auction. in the



Spring Fling Luncheon

AAUW MADISON SPRING FLING ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 6, 2024

Noon Networking/Socializing
12:30 Lunch Buffet at Harvest Bistro

With Summit College Club

RESERVATION FORM

process I got to know some members better and they got to know me. And, as they say, the rest is history.

I know you we are all busy, but you know that other expression - "if you need something done, give it to a busy person." For the past two years a small group of very busy members have taken on multiple tasks with the hope that a new generation of members will step up. However, our Nominating Committee has had little success. As other organizations have found, today's Generations X and Y are not big on commitment to social service or maybe no one asked them.

The Board has now decided to try a different approach. To organize a Membership, Programs and Communications Committees. By spreading the responsibilities around, becoming a committee member with limited time commitments may be more appealing and doable.

I urge you to try to do your share.

Ann Huber



MORRIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Yes, I will attend the AAUW Madison Spring Fling Luncheon on May 6th at Harvest Bistro, 50 ½ Main Street, Madison. Cost \$35.00 pp (check), \$36.35 pp (online). **Reservation and payment needed by April 25, 2024. Checks should be made payable to AAUW Madison Branch** and sent to: Becky Moody, 15 Page Street, Madison, NJ 07940 or **register online at <https://aauwmadisonnj.square.site/madison-Rarea-aauw-annual-luncheon>**

Name _____

Phone # _____

Guest _____

Phone # _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

For special diet requests contact Susan Mennella at smennella@verizon.net

MADISON BRANCH SLATE OF OFFICERS to be voted at May 6, 2024 at Luncheon

- ANN HUBER President, re-elect
- MARIANNE BELOCK, Member VP re-elect
- RUTH ZOWADER - Programs VP re-elect
- SUSAN MENNELLA - Programs VP re-elect
- NANCY ADAMCZYK - Recording Sect'y
- MARY K. JOYCE - Corres. Sect'y
- BECKY MOODY - Treas. re-elect

Many thanks the Nominating Committee: Shirley Mutchler, Chair, Nancy Adamczyk, Susan Mennella and Judy Vernon

APRIL 1ST MEETING was NO APRIL FOOL'S DAY JOKE

A small group of dedicated members attended our last meeting to hear Dr. Audrey Fisch discuss "More Than

Did you know you, too, can join the MCDWC? I never knew that. "Our membership fees represent one of the largest sources of funds we share with the women running in Morris County. With reproductive rights being attacked on many levels, it's more important than ever to elect women. We need to ensure that we have a seat at the table where decisions are being made! "

Renew Your Caucus Membership for 2024!

Mark Your Calendars on May 19th for Our Annual 'Rosé All Day'

Join us as we celebrate our candidates running in 2024 at a home in Chatham from 3:00-5:00pm on May 19th. The conversation will be lively and the bubbles will be flowing! Proceeds go to support the campaigns of our member candidates.

Jill Rhodes, Chair, MCDWC



AAUW MADISON FINAL REPORT TO AAUW NJ CHARITABLE TRUST

Thanks to the generous support of the AAUW NJ Charitable Trust, our Branch sponsored an evening with STEM professionals on March 12, 2024 at the Madison Community House from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The girls rotated between 4 stations at which each had an opportunity

Bootstraps." Their work with the City of Passaic has seen success with first generation college students from low income families. They have placed students in such schools as Princeton, Dartmouth, Rutgers New Brunswick, Montclair State, Wellesley etc.

Dr. Frisch was a dynamic speaker with amazing dedication to the students. I do not exaggerate when I tell you that she had our members enthralled with her. The Foundation operates with an all volunteer staff and generous grants.

I found it interesting to learn that their name comes from a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr. "It's all right to tell a man to lift himself by his own bootstraps, but it is cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps," he said.

VOTE FOR AAUW NATIONAL

You should have received your ballot for the national election, Voting opened April 3! AAUW members will vote on an amendment to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would open membership to any individual who supports AAUW's important mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Members will also vote on the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors.

If you did not receive your Ballot for the National Election,

see <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/faq/>

Voting ends May 15th, 2024 at 12:00 pm EST

to question the professionals at the table in a give and take. There were also suggested questions available in a small container on each table to facilitate the conversations.

Six AAUW Branch volunteers shared the hosting responsibilities.

Light snacks and drinks were provided for all, and each was provided with a gift bag to take with them to commemorate the evening.

Here is a sample of responses to evaluations after the program:

1. I liked how we all rotated between tables to get different perspectives on career paths from everyone. It really taught me a lot about the diversity within STEM field.

I suggest that pencils should be sharper in the future

2. One thing that I enjoyed during this event is that we had an opportunity to listen from different point of views

One thing that I wasn't a big fan of was that there wasn't any working together/group activities.

3. I thought that this event was well planned and thought out. I learned a lot about jobs in STEAM. What I learned today helped me think about what I want to go in

I did not find that this program needed many changes, but I think that it could be advertised more.

4. I liked that all of the women had different types of careers.

I did not love that some of the people talked for a long time

Thank you to Beth, Maureen, Judy, Ruth, Jeanne, Becky and Susan. YOU made it happen.

Summit College Club Hosting Teatime Concert

Teatime Concert Program

Saturday, May 11, 2024 2:00 PM ET

Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave,
Summit

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Summit College Club will offer a cello concert titled "The Wandering Melody of Love," featuring the talented cellist Qianci Liu. She will be joined by pianist Sherry Li. A variety of teas and refreshments will be available. Summit College Club members and guests are welcome!

Suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

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AAUW Madison Area Book Group,



P.S. Feedback from
the AAUW Charitable Trust Team:

"Thanks so much for forwarding the photos from 'Speed Dating' and their final reports. I felt as if I were there! This was a terrific grant!"

NEXT BOOK SALE 10/19/24
SAME DATE AS TOWNWIDE SALE
BAG SALE 10/20/24
HOLD THE DATES
BOOK COLLECTION 9/23-9/27

This past weekend we pulled off another profitable Book Sale despite a temporarily smaller space and crummy weather. Kudos go out to all our great volunteers and supporters!! We especially want to thank the Madison Area YMCA for so generously sharing their space with us.

We had too many volunteers to list them but we thank each and everyone of them from the bottom of our hearts.

Ann Huber

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

The AAUW Summit Branch is inviting our branch to a virtual presentation

ON: June 6, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

SPEAKER: Dr. Mary Segers, Prof. and member of the Summit College Club

SUBJECT: Patsy Mink, former Congresswoman from Hawaii.

Zoom link to follow when available.

LOOK FOR AN EMAIL ABOUT THE MAY BOOK CLUB MEETING.

The Book club will meet again on June 12, 2024. The reading selection is *Dinners With Ruth* by Nina Totenberg

Susan and Kathleen



MAHJONGG TOURNAMENT IS HERE!!!

Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 10 - 3:30 at the Madison Arts Community Center 10 Kings Road, Madison

Not too late to sign up!! Limited Space.

We now have a Raffle License for our door prize and the 50/50. It's official!!

WANTED!

Donations of small gift items for the Tournament Door Prize; for e.g. wine, chocolates, funny mug, small bag of cookies, theme items, movie tickets, massage cert.

The next game of the Mahjongg Special Interest Group will be held on April 22, 2024 at the Mutchler Home at 12 Grove Street, Madison.

IN THE NEWS:

Many Happy Returns to Ruth Zwader's mother on her 101st Birthday. We hope you had a great day. Stay Well!

Congrats to Becky Moody on joining the Grandparent Club. We wish you and your family much happiness and joy.