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A Message from our Presidents

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We are very excited about the 2014/15 year for the Madison Branch of AAUW. **Berly Teele** has put together another great line up of programs - we will look

at issues important to all women, learn some history, get healthier (with chocolate!) and be entertained! Our daytime meeting was so popular last spring we have added another daytime meeting for this fall.

Our Potluck Dinner on September 22, 2014 is always one of our favorite meetings. Great company, delicious food and the chance to meet our scholarship recipients – what could be better?! We hope to see you there and think about bringing a friend to this wonderful evening. Thanks to the efforts of Misty Kramer our updated membership directory will be distributed at the Potluck dinner.

Bottle Hill Day is a week earlier this year. It is being held on September 27, 2014 in downtown Madison. As usual, we will have a table (with a tent to protect us from sun) where we will sell books and give out information on our Branch. This is always a fun day and your assistance is needed! Please contact Susan (smennella@verizon.net) to sign up for a time slot.

Speaking of scholarships, our Book Sale was a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of Nancy Adamczyk, Kathleen Magill, the Book Sale team, our members and friends and spouses of our members. We could not have done it without all of you! We were very fortunate to have received a wonderful donation of books from the Estate of Joseph Scibilia. Our customers loved these books and purchased them quickly.

We appreciate all of your past and know that we have your continued support going forward. Please consider chairing, co-chairing or working on a committee in the coming year. The committees are listed on page 1 of the membership directory. Contact either one of us for more information. We will make sure that we help you find an assignment that will fit the time you can give and your interests.

We would like close with a special thank you to the **AAUW Madison Bridge Interest Group** that supports our scholarship program while having fun playing bridge.

See you soon!

Susan and Beth

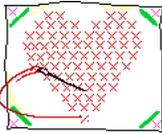
2014-15 Programs

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Book Club September
- Stitch 'n Chat 10/06/14
- Lunch Bunch 10/16/14
- Board Meeting 09/15/14
- Mahjongg 09/24/14

September 22 6:30 PM	Annual Pot Luck Supper Meet the 20014 Mature Women's Grant recipients	February 2 7:30 PM	"Heart Health: Nutrition and the Benefits of Chocolate"
October 17 Friday 1 PM	"Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life and Times of Katrina Gilbert"	March 2 7:30 PM	"The Quiet Revolutionaries: Famous American Women in New Jersey"
November 3 7:30 PM	"Alice Paul: NJ's Heroine for Equality"	April 6 7:30 PM	"STEM Initiatives: Breaking Barriers for Women and Girls"
December 8 7:30 PM	Holiday Musical Celebration	May 4 6 PM	Annual Dinner

* Announcements * Upcoming Events *

<p>Board Meetings</p>	<p>Stitch and Chat</p>	<p>Newsletter Input Due Dates</p>
<p>All board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.</p> <p>September 15 October 27 November 17 No Board Meeting in December January 19 February 23 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15 or 22 (depends on date of booksale)</p>	<p>Stitch and Chat meets from 1 pm to 3 pm at Judy Vernon's home. Stitching is optional, but chatting is required. All dates are announced in the newsletter.</p> <p>Monday October 6th</p> <p>For direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427</p> 	<p>Send information for the next Newsletter to jpvernon@yahoo.com. If you need to send hard copy, please alert me by calling ahead. Input must be received the day of the board meeting. See due dates on the left.</p> <p>Judy Vernon 973 455 0427 24 Eagle Nest Road, Morristown, NJ 07960</p>
<p>The Book Group</p>	<p>Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>Mahjonn</p>
<p>The Book Group has agreed to the following schedule and books. Meeting will start at 7:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted in an updated newsletter.</p> <p>Summer Reading: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt</p> 	<p>Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Judy Vernon no later than the day before the event if you plan to come. Date, name and location of the restaurant are announced in the newsletter.</p> <p>Thursday, October 16th Prospect Tavern, Madison</p> <p>For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427</p> 	<p>As always we are looking for interested members to join. Knowledge of game is NOT required. Having fun is mandatory.</p> <p>Group meets at 11:30 am at Shirley Mutchler's home. Dates are announced in Newsletter. Bring lunch, drinks and sweets are provided.</p> <p>Wednesday, September 24th</p> 

Membership Corner

Please welcome our returning member Gloria Fisher she lives in Madison where both her children graduated from Madison High School. Her son and his wife are close by in Manhattan with her new grandson born June 2013. Gloria is interested in poetry, politics and women's issues. Her email is gloriafisher7@gmail.com and the phone # is: 973 377-0719. (continues on Page 3)

Be sure to pick up your directory at Potluck Supper. If you are not there it will be mailed to you!

MaryAnne

Editor's note:

Please send news or announcements about a member (including you) for our Membership Corner column to Jeanne or MaryAnne. We like to recognize the accomplishments of our members as well as significant events in their lives.

Community News



Registration to Open in September!

**2014 New Jersey
Women on Wednesdays
Symposia
October 1, 8 and 22**



WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS

Good Morning Carol,

The NJ Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division on Women (DOW) is pleased to announce its 2014 **NJ Women on Wednesdays (WOW) Symposia**. Please save the dates below and keep an eye on your email inbox for announcements about registration opening in September!

Date & Time:	Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 8:30am - 12:30pm
Location:	Northern NJ
Theme:	Chronic Health Impacts of Violence Against Women
Date & Time:	Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 8:30am - 12:30pm
Location:	Central NJ
Theme:	Women's Leadership and Advocacy
Date & Time:	Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 8:30am - 12:30pm
Location:	Southern NJ
Theme:	Women Business Leaders

Women leaders are encouraged to attend these empowering events, where they will explore issues of importance through dynamic speaker presentations and Q & A sessions.

Each Symposium is free to attend, but pre-registration is required. **Registration will open in September and will be announced via email!** Rutgers University is facilitating logistics for this program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I'm happy to help.

Sincerely,

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PS: Please [forward to a friend](#) to friends and colleagues who may be interested!

DATES to remember

SEPTEMBER 22,
Pot Luck Dinner will be held more to come

SEPTEMBER 27,
 Bottle Hill Day will be held in September 27, as the first Saturday in October is Yom Kippur.
SIGN UP NOW FOR A SPOT ON THE SCHEDULE. CALL SUSAN MENNELLA 973 822 2743

Membership Corner (continued)

We are very happy to report that *The Bridge Group* has once again reached its membership target. Members are looking forward to a fun season. AAUW Madison branch members interested in joining the Bridge Group, should call Shirley Virosco to discuss the process. Good Luck to all we wish you the best.



Editor's Corner

In case you missed it, take a look at the last page... our organization is 85 plus years young!

By the time you got to this part of the newsletter, you have filled in all the critical dates on your calendar. But did you know that this October we will celebrate the 130th "Birthday" of Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW NJ is focusing on her all year? AAUW Madison will join the state organization in acknowledging Mrs. Roosevelt's many significant accomplishments and wisdom. Starting with an appropriate quote to kick off our Annual Potluck Supper... *"The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience."* ...this is what our Mature Women's Grant Recipients are helping us experience this evening, as they share their aspirations and accomplishments. Is it not wonderful to know that we are helping them achieve their dreams?

Judy

Come meet our 2014 Mature Women's Grant Recipients at our Potluck Supper on Monday, September 22nd.

Read the brief introduction below. They are a wonderful example of what women can and do achieve!

LUCIANN COOKE

Is a resident of Madison. She attended several local colleges and earned a bachelors degree in psychology. She is starting her masters in social work with a focus on addiction counseling at Rutgers this fall. Her short-term goal is to finish up at Rutgers and start counseling those suffering from addiction. But Luciann has bigger dreams and a long-term goal; to get her Doctorate in Social Work and open her own counseling center.

SUZANNE DOWNING

Is a resident of Madison. She graduated from SUNY Stony Brook, New York in 1988 with a Bachelors of Arts in Social Sciences. Suzanne worked in publishing for Hearst and Time Inc. for 19 years in various sales capacities ending up as a Sales Development Director. During that time she married, moved to Madison and had 2 boys (Max and Teddy). In 2008 she decided to take some time off to be home with her children. In May of this year she started working on classes required to apply for the Respiratory Therapy program at the County College of Morris. "It's my goal to graduate before my oldest son Max graduates from Madison High School", she said.

BETH WOLFE

Resides in Florham Park. In 1986, she graduated from Binghamton University with a Bachelors degree in math, and immediately began a 27-year career as an actuary, which included innumerable hours studying for and passing a series of 10 actuarial exams. In 1990, Beth married her husband, Terry, and went on to raise two beautiful daughters, Caroline and Leah, now 19 and 17 years old. Many times during her actuarial career, she felt a pull to make a change in order to make a difference, but it was never the right time. About two years ago, the right time came, it was "now or never", and so she began taking the nursing program prerequisite classes (such as anatomy & physiology and microbiology) at County College of Morris (CCM). After completing those classes, she made the drastic life change of leaving the actuarial field and entering the nursing program at CCM. Currently she works as a per diem nursing assistant at Goryeb Children's Hospital at Morristown Medical Center. Her plan is to earn an Associate degree from CCM in May 2015, sit for the NCLEX exam that summer, and then start a career as an RN while pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree online.

Certificate of Honor

In recognition of the

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of the

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AND DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.



Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW President

