



A Message from our Presidents

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For those of us who braved the cold just after the snow, we certainly enjoyed photojournalist Jim DelGiudice's lecture on New Jersey women who were integral to American history. To hear about many famous

women, so close to home was very exciting. Now that we can put the melting snow behind us (hooray), we can confidently move forward with more wonderful meetings and events. Our April 6th meeting, we will be having Patrick Enright, the dean for the Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology Division at the County College of Morris (CCM). Patrick will inform us of all the STEM initiatives that CCM has and how the AAUW recently awarded them a \$4,730 grant so the college can broaden its reach to encourage more women to major in science, technology, engineering and math. Our Co-President, Susan Mennella, was very impressed when she attended their luncheon where CCM students spoke to a group of high school students about their experiences in STEM classes and their future plans seeking STEM careers. Now we will get to hear all about that and feel wonderfully that our collaboration and support of our college and university partners is really having an impact! We would love for everybody to join us for our May 4th meeting. We will be discussing and learning about serving on the board! It's that time of year again

where we look for officers to fill critical positions. We need every member's ideas and active involvement to keep our branch running successfully. At this meeting we will have fun and mingle with refreshments. We are trying to reschedule our speaker, who will be lecturing on the health benefits of chocolates, for the May 4th meeting, as well. So don't miss out.

Don't forget to register for the NJ Annual 2015 meeting, taking place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe TWP. You can register online or mail in the form. Both can be found on <http://aauw-nj.aauw.net/membership/annual-meeting/>.

We will be donating a basket or two at the NJ Annual meeting. The theme is Madison Potluck, and can contain all sorts of goodies. We were motivated by the "Shop Madison" campaign and supporting our local communities and would love items from various shops in town. Please bring your basket donations to the April meeting or contact Judy Vernon.

We are continuing to refine the details of our Assertiveness workshop for girls in 4th and 5th grade taking place this November in collaboration with the Girl Project. We will keep you posted in upcoming newsletters.

Lastly, **Save the Date:** Our Annual dinner will be on June 1st! More details to follow in an upcoming newsletter. As always, we would like to say a big thank you to all members for always stepping up when we ask for help – it makes our job easy

Susan and Beth

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

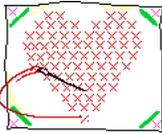
- Book Club
04/16/15
05/27/15
- Stitch 'n Chat
04/30/15
- Lunch Bunch
May TBA
- Board Meeting
04/20/15
- Mahjongg
04/17/15

Patrick Enright will be our guest speaker, Monday April 6th, at 7:30 pm at Madison Public Library (Chase Room). His program is on a very hot topic; STEM which is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, women fill only 24 percent of all science, technology, engineering and math jobs. Female STEM enrollment at County College of Morris mirrors that national data. Recognizing the value of pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering and math had in their own lives, a group of female professors at CCM last year banded together to inspire more women to do the same. They organized a "Women in STEM" club for CCM students.

The national organization of AAUW announced that it will be awarding County College of Morris (CCM) a \$4,730 grant so the college can broaden its reach to encourage more women to major in STEM subjects. We are looking forward to hear of their progress and plans to engage high school students in the future.

Our branch has been along time supporter of encouraging girls to study and enjoy math in particular. Our "Let's Read Math" programs met with a lot of enthusiasm from the participants. If you know someone involved in a local STEM program in your town, invite them to our April 6th program. They will surely enjoy hearing and potentially finding new resources.

* 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. 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. Thursday, April 30th 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. 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 as noted below. April 16 1:30PM Book – Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown Hostess – Isabel Broschek May 27 12:30PM Book – Queen Victoria's Granddaughters by Christina Croft Hostess – Kathleen Magill</p> <p>Bring a sandwich to share, cut into squares</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. To be scheduled for May 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. Dates are announced in Newsletter. Bring lunch, drinks and sweets are provided. Hosted by Shirley Mutchler Friday, April 17th 11:30am</p> 

Membership Corner

Hello! Tell us what's happening in your neck of the woods. We want to hear from those living near and far so we can keep in touch!!
 Let us know when you might be in town so we can schedule one of our interest groups or just a special get together!

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.

For Women in Transition looking to Re-enter the job market



Editor's Corner

Last month in this space we announced the March 20th workshop AAUW Madison hosted with The Women's Center at the County College of Morris for those interested in rejoining the workforce.

We just want to report that it was a resounding success. Anyone who wishes to follow up should contact the Women's Center directly or talk to one of us present at the workshop. (Susan M., Beth K., Loretta H., Judy V.)

The Women's Center at County College of Morris 973-328-5025 or womenscenter@ccm.edu.

AAUW Madison Baskets for State Convention

We are getting baskets ready for the state meeting. Please bring your contribution to our April Meeting. Remember our theme this year is "Madison Pot Luck". We want to encourage the winner to come to Madison and enjoy what this beautiful town has to offer.

Merchants are willing to support local organizations. Crowley Cupcakes, has given us two gift cards and just to be sure the winner has all the incentives they need, we are packing a box of mini-cupcakes into each basket.

Stop in to see your favorite merchant, and ask if they would be willing to support us for a great cause... women's education! Proceeds go the AAUW-NJ (our state organization) scholarships.



"Human resources are the most valuable assets the world has." is a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt.

We need to remember this periodically. It has always been true, but perhaps reminding ourselves now and again, and recognizing the word "human" applies to both genders is timely as we look forward to our next guest speaker. I went to see a documentary shown at the Madison Library a few weeks ago and walked away with proof of just how true a statement this. I also think that every woman and teenage girl should see this program.

"Top Secret Rosies" covers a time (1942,) when computers were human and women were underestimated. It tells the story of a group of female mathematicians who helped win a war and ushered in the modern computer age. **But it took sixty-five years to finally tell, their story.**

I purchased the DVD and will schedule a daytime showing in the near future with a discussion to follow. Keep looking for updates.

Judy

Community News

VOLUNTEER AT A STEM EVENT

Madison Public Library

TECH TOPIC: Online Sites to Store & Share Your Photos
Wednesday, March 25 • 2 p.m.

Learn about various online photo site options, including Facebook, Picasa, Flickr, Shutterfly, Pinterest, and more. Presentation will include information on privacy and permissions, download/printing, sharing, and options to order photo gifts and books from Shutterfly. FREE and open to the public. Please register by calling or stopping by the circulation desk. Walk-ins welcome, too.

ACE: Adult Creative Expression: Japanese Notan
Friday, March 27 • 2 p.m.

A Japanese cut paper craft that allows you to easily make framable artwork. Sign up online or at the Circulation Desk.

WEDNESDAY FILM CLASSIC

Easter Parade • Wednesday, April 8 • 7 p.m.

1948 • 1 hour 47 minute • USA • musical–romance

ACE: Adult Creative Expression: Painless Poetry

Friday, April 10 • 2 p.m.

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating some poems of your own. The emphasis will be on formulaic poems that are easy to create with terrific results (haiku, magnetic poetry, mad-lib poems, etc.). Bring along a favorite short poem to read (original or not). Sign up online or at the Circulation desk.

Walk-ins welcome, too.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOCUMENTARY:

Into the Arms of Strangers, Stories of the Kindertransport

Wednesday, April 22 • 7 p.m.

2000 • 1 hour 57 min • UK • PG • documentary • war

The story of the Jewish child refugees who were transported to Britain to live with British families in order to escape the Nazi Holocaust. Narrated by Judi Dench.

Trans Options is a transportation-oriented non-profit, that delivers programs and services that improve mobility, the environment and overall quality of life in northwestern New Jersey. They have a number of different programs including STEM initiatives. One example of a STEM Program is the Junior Solar Sprints initiative. JSS engages students to design, build and race solar-powered model cars with materials (including solar panels) that TransOptions provides, free of charge. Trans Options is looking for volunteers to help out on race day. They have two events at Ridgedale Middle School (Division 3 race and Inter-County Final race) on May 13th and May 28th. For both events they are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Vehicle Judge – These individuals should have an engineering background or basic knowledge of building. They will use a matrix to award 1-5 points in categories for Craftsmanship, Engineering and Best Use of Recycled Materials. These individuals will sit under a tent.
- Line Judge – These individuals should have the ability to stand for 3-4 hours in the sun and the ability to determine “fair and clean” starts on the race track and/or determine the order of cars finishing the race.
- Fix-it Table Guru – These individuals should be comfortable around basic tools such as a glue gun, soldering iron, glue, etc. The main purpose is to help and supervise students at the fix-it table.

All volunteers will be given a short training presentation upon arrival at the races. Time commitment is from 8am to 1pm.

Contact Cindy Reuther
[creuther@transoptions.org] for more information.

If you decide to volunteer mention that you are a member of AAUW Madison.