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A Message from our President

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Membership and 4 Annual Dinner

As I write this message it is officially the first day of summer. Summer is my favorite time due to long days, outdoor concerts and swimming. It is also a time of transition for our Branch as new officers take over on July 1st.

A very big thank you to our outgoing Co-Presidents **Nancy Adamczyk and Barbara Smith** for doing such a terrific job leading our branch for the past two years. Nancy will be staying on the and serving as Community Chair. Barbara is leaving the Board and will be missed. However, she plans on remaining an active member and she has indicated that she'll be working hard to find new members!

The Board is also saying good bye and another big thank you to **Mary Anne Walldorf** who has served for a number of years as our Vice President of Membership. Mary Anne has done a terrific job and we are happy that she will remain as an active member of our branch.

The Board is pleased to welcome **Marianne Belock** as our new Vice President of Membership. Marianne has already jumped in with tremendous enthusiasm. Would you like to join our board for 2018/19?

We are still looking for a Hospitality Chair or Co-Chairs. This job entails The Board is covering the arrangements for the Pot Luck Dinner. It would be great if the Hospitality Chair or Co-Chairs could also work on the May dinner but if that is not feasible we will make other arrangements. We can make this job fit your schedule and needs. For example, if you only want to coordinate refreshments for the fall (Nov, Dec meetings) or the winter/spring (Feb, March, April) let me know and we will make it work. The Hospitality Chair or Co-Chair is *not* responsible for bringing the refreshments – they just coordinate all the arrangements for the night and assist with set up and clean up. Our board works so well together and we all support each other- consider stepping up and working with a great group of women! Contact me for more information.

Speaking of our branch meetings, **Berly Teele** is already hard at work planning a variety of informative programs that will focus on the AAUW mission.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Board Meeting 08/20/18
- Book Group 10/04/18
- Lunch Bunch on hiatus
- Mahjongg 07/09/18
- Stitch 'n Chat 07/24/18

Tech Trek

Tech Trek is coming up July 15. The coordinators have reached out to us to see if we would like to donate Snacks and Juice drinks for the girls. Several of us have agreed to take on this challenge.

If you would like to participate with a \$10 donation, please call Judy 973 455 0427 by Wednesday evening.

Thank you in advance

Programs

We are working on our programs for next year! If you have any ideas or suggestions for specific speakers or topics, please send them to Berly Teele (bteele@klsir.com)

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. **The group meets at 12:30 pm and everyone brings a sandwich to share.** Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads.

No meeting in September

October 4

Book – *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan

Hostess – Kathleen Magill 973-635-5436

Please remember to contact the host if you are coming.



Mahjongg

As always, we are looking for interested members to join. Knowledge of game is NOT required. Having fun is mandatory.

Group meets at 11:30 am on the second Monday of the month at Shirley Mutchler's home. Bring lunch, drinks and sweets are provided.

Monday, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, and October 8th.

Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at Misty Kramer's home, at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Members are welcome to attend.

August 20, 2018

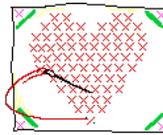


Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch meets periodically at a local restaurant at 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.

On hiatus for the summer

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427



Stitch and Chat

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.

Tuesday, July 24th and Thursday, September 13th

For direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new VP of Membership, Marianne Belock and many thanks to out-going VP Mary Anne Walldorf.

Editor's note:

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

July 2018

Book Sale

The Book Sale was a great success! Our **net profit** for this year was **\$9,062**, making this the most profitable sale since 2003. Many thanks to all of the members who helped by donating time and/or money. Several of our newer members gave a lot of time. Even with all the help from members and friends, we needed to increase the paid helpers from prior years. We had a new group of helpers, mostly students from St. Elizabeth and Drew. Your generous donations of \$1,245 did not cover their cost. Our other significant expense was cost of table rental and incidentals to the College of St. Elizabeth for \$1,728.

We have already scheduled a sale in the same location for June 3-9, 2019. Looking ahead, we will need more help if we are to continue holding a book sale. Please keep the dates in mind as you schedule yourself for next June and try to give as much time as you can to the sale. To make it easier for everyone to participate, we are reorganizing the collection as well as the selling days creating tasks that can be accomplished sitting and we'll make the schedules more flexible. If you know of any book lovers who would just like to volunteer for a few hours of sorting or selling, please recruit them.

Books For Taiwan is an organization that ships books to Taiwan and distributes them all over the country. For the past few years they have been a tremendous help in taking leftover books and helping us clean up on the last day. We can use more organizations to take leftover books on Sunday afternoon next year. Let us know of any group that might want leftover books, especially adult books. This year every single children's book was sold or donated.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Jeanne Eisele, Marsha Gepford, Becky Moody and Judy Vernon

Community News

The Madison Summer Seminars sponsored by Friends of the Madison Senior Center and the Friends of the Madison Public Library will kick off on July 9th and run through the first week in August. These free adult programs will be held on Mondays and Thursdays starting at 10:30AM. Each session lasts 60 – 75 minutes and is held at the Madison Public Library, Chase Room. Advance reservations are not taken. Seating is first come/first served. A wide variety of lecture topics and a Broadway singer are planned for this summer. The full schedule should be available from the Madison Public Library by the end of May. Visit www.madisonnjlibrary.org or call 973-377-0722 for more information. AAUW Madison members Meyra Green and Susan Mennella serve on the Summer Seminar Volunteer Committee.

Potluck Dinner

Participation in the Fall Potluck and the Annual Dinner in May has been mixed. The Board would like to get some feedback from you regarding potential changes that would help increase participation. Please call Judy 973 455 0427 or send email to jpverson@yahoo.com with your answers

- 1) I would be more likely to come if the event was during daytime
- 2) I would be more likely to come if someone gave me a ride
- 3) I would be more likely to come if I did not have to bring a dish
 - a) Pay extra \$10
 - b) Do not pay extra
- 4) **Any other changes you suggest the Board consider**

Hospitality

Our hospitality process worked well. But we would like to have a coordinator, so please volunteer to take on November and December meetings. At our Potluck Dinner in the Fall we will ask members to volunteer for the next two meetings or if they wish for the next half of the year.

In the next newsletter you will find the dates and times of our programs, so you can plan ahead. In the meantime, please contact Susan Mennella smennella@verizon.net if you are willing to assist with hospitality for a particular meeting.

President's Message

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Our book sale just came to a successful conclusion. This event is well loved by the community and is our major fundraiser. The book sale would not be possible without the hard work of our very dedicated co-chairs – **Jeanne Eisele, Marsha Gepford, Becky Moody, Judy Vernon** and the support of our members! Mark your calendars now for our **2019 book sale at the College of Saint Elizabeth's – June 3 – 9, 2018.**

Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you at our **Potluck Dinner on September 24th!**

Susan Mennella
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Happy Summer to one and all!

**Save the date Thursday, August 23, 2018
1:30-7:00PM for Madison Farmers Market**

Sign up to volunteer

www.volunteersignup.org/Q74FX