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CHANGES Fall Focus		Programs
<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting 10/15/18 • Book Group 10/04/18 • Lunch Bunch 09/27/18 • Mahjongg 09/10/18 • Stitch 'n Chat 09/13/18 	<p>The AAUW NJ Fall Focus meeting is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:30AM – 2PM. "Twin Lights" on lower level of The Warner Student Life Center on Brookdale Community College Lincroft campus 765 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ 07738</p> <p>They are especially looking for members involved in branch programming to attend this meeting. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Registration information is included in this newsletter. I may not be able to attend as I am scheduled to work as an Administrator for the local Adult School that day.</p>	<p>Potluck Dinner on Monday, September 24th. There is still time to sign-up.</p> <p>October Movie afternoon will be on the 22nd (1PM) at the Chase Rm of the Madison Library. We'll be showing the movie "Granny's Got Game."</p> <p>Note on your calendar our first evening program November 5th, <i>"The Conscience of Politics – NJ" women in American Politics</i></p>
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.



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.

Thursday, September 27th

The Bottle Hill at 13 Weaverly Place Madison

Tuesday, October 23rd

Charley's Aunt in Chatham

For reservation and direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

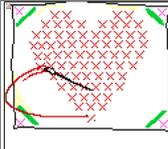


Mahjongg

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.

October 8th (this meeting will be at Judy Vernon's)



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.

Wednesday, October 17th

For direction call Judy Vernon 973 455 0427

Board Meeting

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

September 17, 2018
 October 15, 2018
 November 19, 2018
 January 21, 2019 (snow date 28)
 February 18, 2019 (snow date 25)
 March 18, 2019 (snow date 25)
 April 15, 2019
 May 20, 2019
 June 17, 2019

Membership Corner

Barbara Smith would like her AAUW friends to know that she is now living in New York State on a permanent basis. Her contact information for her Lake George home is included in the Directory. Barbara is a life member of AAUW and wants to remain a part of the Branch and maintain contact with her friends. She has served in many capacities, most recently as Co-President 2016 – 2018. We will miss Barbara, but know it's important for her to be living near her family.

New Membership Directories will be handed out at the Potluck Dinner on Monday. If you are not present they will be mailed to you in a few days. Contact Judy Vernon if you do not receive your directory by October 10th.

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.

2018 Mature Woman's Grant Recipients



Racquel Housen was born and raised in the Caribbean for 16 years where she completed her high school education. Thereafter she moved the U.S, and completed an Associate degree in Exercise Science followed by a Bachelor's degree in Public Health. Her Bachelor's degree afforded her the opportunity to serve the public as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S) working in Morris County. At present she is studying Clinical Nutrition at the University of Bridgeport Connecticut through an online program. It is safe to say that she has a passion for health and wellness and helping others. However her desire to complete this program stemmed from personal health struggles. She has seen first-hand how proper nutrition can be beneficial to health and would like to extend that knowledge to the public as well. In the popular quote by Hippocrates "let thy food be thy medicine". She would like to use this degree to provide mentoring services for future professionals and volunteer her time in underserved communities educating them on the benefits of optimal health and nutrition.



Hyunmin Lee after being a pastor's wife for over ten years and mother of two boys, I decided it was time to receive the formal bible training I so desired. My deep concern for the lack of faith and purpose among children is the impetus for my pursuit of theological education. I see today's young people suffering in broken families, under the pressure of success in school and to achieve material well-being. As a religious leader, I seek to educate children spiritually with a competitively developed curriculum, leading them to become responsible purpose-driven men and women who will in turn serve their church, country and family. I also view technology as an underutilized resource within churches. I see an opportunity for technology to work to assist in developing culturally relevant ministries for children and youth that meet the demands of the 21st century.



Amelia McLaughlin. I am a lifelong resident of Madison, New Jersey. I have two teenage boys, a 14 year old and a 17 year old who attend Madison High School. I am a 1992 graduate of Wesley College in Dover Delaware where I obtained an Associate Science in Nursing degree. I have worked for Atlantic Health System for 26 years. I started my nursing career at Morristown Medical Center. Currently, I am an RN at Overlook Medical Center as a pre and post-operative nurse. In the ever progressing medical field, it was important to return to school to obtain my BSN. This will help me advance in the field that I truly love. I am grateful and honored to receive the 2018 mature women grant. It has helped me in funding my return to college after a very long hiatus.



Sarah O'Brien is entering her second year of coursework in the PhD program in Philosophical and Theological Studies at Drew Theological School with concentrations in women's and gender studies and ecology. Sarah received her B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 2013 and her Master of Theological Studies from Iliff School of Theology in 2017. While in graduate school Sarah fell in love with the mountains and immediately saw the impact of climate change and the intersection of environmental activism and women's equality. During her second year of graduate school Sarah traveled to Nepal and South East Asia to complete an independent study on religion and environmental activism in Nepal. She quickly fell in love with the people and culture of Nepal and saw the effects of eco-tourism and globalization for the Nepali people. Sarah plans to complete her dissertation on the intersections of philosophy, religious thought, and international environmental policy as they emerge in mountain landscapes such as Nepal, with particular attention to the impacts these have on women. Upon graduating Sarah hopes to continue to teach at a community college, find practical ways to engage her scholarship, and attend law school for international environmental policy down the road. When Sarah is not studying or engaging in environmental work she can be found mountain climbing in the Colorado Rockies with her dog Nugget.

September 2018

Community News

Public Library Programs

Several local public libraries offer a Museum Pass program. Borrowing privileges are generally limited to local library cardholders and the policies vary. Check your local library's website for details. For example, the Museum Pass Program at the Madison Public Library is underwritten by the Friends of the Library. Passes are available for 15 museums in the metropolitan area including the Frick Collection; Grounds for Sculpture; Museum of Early Trades & Crafts; Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum and American Museum of Natural History. Borrowing is on a first come-first serve basis and available to Madison Public Library cardholders only.

Madison Public Library Programs

Monday, September 24 at 7pm Communication Strategies for People with Hearing Loss and People They Communicate With
Presented by Pat Dobbs, President, HLAA-Morris County Chapter and Hearing Loss Advocate

Monday, October 1 at 11:15 am Chair Yoga

Wednesday, October 7 at 7pm In Search of the Fountain of Youth – 4 key anti-aging strategies
Presented by Dr. Jared Cooper, Moment Institute

Tuesday, October 23 at 7 pm The ABCs of Candy
Presented by the Museum of Early Trades & Crafts

The Drew Mini-courses, co-sponsored by Drew University and the Friends of the Madison Public Library, begin next week. See www.drewminicourses.org for more information.

The Morristown and Morris Township Library

Tuesday, September 25 at 7pm Pattern Books: Printed Precedents in American Architecture
Presented by Janet Foster, architectural historian and teacher

Madison Historical Society

Tuesday, October 16 at 7 pm Who Really Discovered America? – The True Significance of Columbus's Voyages and their Relationship to Other, Preceding Voyages to the New World
Presented by Dr. Salvatore Prisco, Professor of Humanities, Stevens Institute of Technology
Held in the Madison Public Library's Chase Auditorium