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## A Message from our President

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Dear AAUW Madison Members

Our May 3rd program ***From Hell Gate to Golden Gate: Alice Ramsey's Automobile Odyssey*** presented by Laurie Gaulke was a great success. Laurie did an outstanding interpretation of Alice Ramsey's ground breaking adventure. Thank you to her and Susan Mennella for spear heading this impressive program.

Thank you to all members who voted for the AAUW National election for new board members and degree requirement elimination proposal. We are anxiously awaiting the results and will keep you posted!

**UPDATE FROM NATIONAL**  
We have important election news to share. Julie T. Brown, Esq was re-elected to the AAUW National board as well as Malinda Gaul, Elizabeth Hayes and Joseph Bertolino. AAUW's recommendation to remove the college degree requirement did NOT receive the required two-thirds vote to enact the by-laws change. Thus, the college degree requirement (of an Associate or higher Degree) is still intact for membership. Thank you for your "online voices" and the unprecedented voter turnout this election!

At our May 17th Board Meeting we decided to do a **"Phantom Book Sale."** We kindly ask you to please donate so we can continue to support local women and girls education with financial grants. We also ask you to forward the information to your family and friends that have looked forward and enjoyed our book sale these past years. Please read the article on page 3. You will be receiving a separate email with the flier that you can share with friends and family.

The good news is that we are all going to see each other in person very soon! Please bring your chair, lunch and a mask on Monday May 24th for our **Lunch in the Park**. It will be so nice to see friendly faces and come together!

See you soon!

Berly

### Notes from the Editor

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

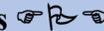
- Negotiating 05/03/21
- Book Group 05/05/21
- Board Meeting 05/17/21

Hello AAUW Madison members

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our **May 24 Lunch in the Park**. Please join us. Don't forget to bring a chair, your mask and choice of lunch. If you plan to buy your lunch please support your local small business, be it a restaurant or grocery store. We ask that you register in case we need to contact you regarding any changes. <https://volunteersignup.org/CA3CF>



Announcements and Events



## The Book Group

All are welcome to join us. The group meets at 1:30 pm. Lots of conversation and sharing ideas on the book, author, and its reviews. Come and join us bringing your suggestions for future reads. Contact Kathleen Magill or Susan Mennella for more information and to be put on the list for the Zoom link. **NEW MEMBERS welcome!**

June 2 at 1:30PM via Zoom

Book [Killers of the Flower Moon : The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI](#) by Grann, David

July 7 at 1:30PM via Zoom

Book *The World's Strongest Librarian* by Josh Hanaganne

## Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Members are welcome to participate and should request login information from President. Check the newsletter & e-mails for changes.

2021: June 21

## Community News

Our speaker for March 2022 filmed a video for the Parsippany Library you tube channel on "Back to School Rural 19<sup>th</sup> Century Style" about one-room schoolhouses. This topic is different than the one she will present to our branch next March and I thought some members might be interested in it. The direct link

is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3ufevicLVc>

## Madison Farmers' Market

Opens today May 20, 1pm-6pm  
Dodge Field

## AAUW-NJ Events

### Save the Date

Saturday, May 22, 2021 – 10 AM  
Panel Discussion

Impact of COVID on Working Women in NJ  
Contact Berly for more information regarding registration to this event

### Save the Date

Saturday, June 5, 2021  
Leadership Training

All branch and state officers meet and have breakout sessions by role

June 2021

## Madison Branch Programs

**MEETINGS MAY BE IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL VIA THE PLATFORM ZOOM. Due to the pandemic all programming is subject to change. PLEASE CHECK YOUR AAUW newsletter and emails for current information**

**May 24**

**12:30PM – 2:30PM**

### **Lunch in the Park**

Everyone is invited to a self-catered (**BYOL, CHAIR AND MASK**) socially distanced event at Cole Park in Madison. **PLEASE REGISTER AT THIS LINK WITH PHONE NUMBER THAT WE CAN REACH IN CASE OF RAIN.** <https://volunteersignup.org/CA3CF>. We need to know who will come in case of any lastminute changes.

**Rain date for the lunch is Tuesday, May 25.**

## Phantom Book Sale

Due to the pandemic, for the second consecutive year we will not have a physical book sale. We all miss seeing each other, the thrill of finding the exact book you were looking for, the happy customers who support us each year and the joy on the faces of the children as they proudly present the books they are buying.

Despite not holding the book sale for 2 years our branch has been able to continue to provide Mature Women Grants in 2020 and 2021 as well as to support the AAUW NJ Tech Trek summer STEM camp for girls. **We now need your help to continue to support our mission - based projects!**

**We cordially invite AAUW Members and fellow book lovers to our *Phantom Book Sale* from June 10 – 14, 2021.**

Your personal invitation is included in the newsletter. Each year our members and friends buy books, spend many hours working at the sale and provide generous donations to cover the expenses associated with the running of the sale. By “attending” our Phantom Book Sale there will be no tired muscles and plenty of time to sit and relax with your favorite beverage and read a good book – maybe one that you purchased at a previous sale. Then, if possible, perhaps contributing to the branch what you would have spent or donated to our book sales for the past two years.

**Voluntary donations of any size will be greatly accepted.** Donate online at

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/RG6PNUT4IO42WGNFGEQH2TB> or make a check payable to AAUW Madison Branch and either drop it in the mail slot of Becky Moody’s home or mail to AAUW Madison Branch, PO Box 935, Madison, NJ 07940-0935. Please note in the memo line that you are donating to the Phantom Book Sale. Our branch is a 501c4 and donations are not tax deductible.

Please consider inviting fellow book lovers via email, in person or via social media. If you are on Facebook, please make sure you have “liked” our page and share our posts - <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWMadisonNJ> Additional copies of the invitation may be requested by emailing Susan Mennella.

The fundraising committee wishes to acknowledge and thank the efforts of Beth Krawczuk and Becky Moody for their work in setting up a secure online donation platform. We also wish to thank graphic designer, Madison resident Jen Gero of *Hero Designs*, for her generous donation of professional time in creating our eye-catching invitation.

Questions? Contact a member of the fundraising committee which consists of: Susan Mennella, Berly Morgan, Meyra Green and Peggy Philp.

**Bring your membership renewal to the May 24th Lunch in the Park**

**Membership Renewal**

You now have two ways to pay your membership dues – online via credit card, or the usual way by check in the mail.

Before the end of April, every member of the Madison Branch, except for Honorary Life Members, will receive an email from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org), with a subject of “AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2022.”

This email will contain a link that will take you to a secure page on the AAUW.org website, where you can use a credit or debit card. The email may appear in a folder other than your inbox, such as Spam or one of the GMAIL folders. It will also tell you that you can mail a check, made payable to Madison

Branch AAUW, to Becky Moody, our branch finance officer.

If you do not receive the email, please use the form below.

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Marianne Belock, VP Membership

**Membership Renewal Application**

Madison Branch of the American Association of University Women

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ business \_\_\_\_\_ cell (optional)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ business

- Please review your listing in the current Directory and check here if any of the above information is a change. Any additional changes to the directory should be provided in the space below or on the back of this page.

**Dues: \$88.00 (National \$62, State \$10, Local \$16) REMINDER \$59 of the National Fee is tax deductible.**

**Please make check payable to AAUW Madison Branch and renew before June 1, 2021**

**Send check and completed form to:** Becky  
Moody

**Check here to make an additional donation for programs. Please attach a separate check.**

Please make the following changes in my directory listing:

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