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A Message from our President

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Hello AAUW Madison Members

This year is off to a great start! We had a very informative January program, A Conversation on Grief presented by Madison resident, Mary Robinson. Mary is the founder of Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss. Many of our members and their families are suffering from loss or know someone who is. This program gave tools and insight how to alleviate the pain of loss and how to help others. It was a very special and timely program. Thank you to Susan Mennella for putting it together with such an impressive and thoughtful speaker. If you missed the program or would like to see it again, the link is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Did you know as an AAUW member you have the right to comment on any proposed changes to our organizations by-laws before they are put up for a vote? This is an election year for AAUW! [See more on this on the last page of the newsletter.](#)

Great news! Our annual book sale is on! We will be having our iconic book sale the first week of June. Please keep this in mind to volunteer and spread the word. We are looking forward to a successful book sale and we will be in touch with more news shortly. As you know, this funds our Mature Woman's grants and Tech Trek so please consider donating books, time or financial support. It is greatly appreciated and much needed.

We are looking forward to getting back to "normal" but in the meantime, we will continue our super informative programs on zoom and cannot wait to see everyone there.

Please stay healthy and safe and see you soon

Berly

Notes from the Editor

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Book Group
02/09/22
- Board Meeting
02/21/22
- Program
02/07/22

Vivian Bull moved closer to her children a couple of months ago. She does not have a phone, but I am sure she would welcome a card or note from us. Merrill Gardens at Glen Mills 52 Baltimore Pike, Apt. 116 Glen Mills, PA 19342

Shirley Virosco is sending greetings to everyone. She is nicely settled at The Oaks in Denville, 19 Pocono Road Apt.486-C, Denville NJ 07834. She can be reached at 973 586 6229 OR on her cell phone 973 868 5737.

Misty Kramer is still recuperating at Morristown Post Acute Rehabilitation Center 77 Madison Ave Rm 414, Morristown NJ 07960. She welcomes cards/notes and especially calls at 862 812 3911.

Send information including directory updates to jpvernon@yahoo.com. Input for the newsletter is due the day after the board meeting.

👉👈 **Announcements and Events** 👉👈



The Book Group

All are welcome to join us. 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!** Contact Susan Mennella or Kathleen Magill to learn more or to be added to the email list.

The Book Group will meet on the second Wed of the month at 1PM.

Feb 9, 2022 at 1PM

Virtual meeting*

Book:

[Project Hail Mary a novel](#)

Author : [Weir, Andy](#)

March Book

[The dictionary of lost words: a novel](#)

Author [Williams, Pip](#)

April Book

THE GIRLS IN THE WILD FIG TREE How I Fought to Save Myself, My Sister, and Thousands of Girls Worldwide
By Nice Leng'ete with Elizabeth Butler-Witter



Mahjongg

Mahjongg group is resuming its schedule playing on the second and fourth Monday of the month. We meet at 11:30 am at Shirley Mutchler's home, 12 GROVE ST, MADISON. Bring lunch. **NEW MEMBERS welcome! We will teach you to play.**

Will resume as Covid 19 allows. Watch this space.

UPDATES for your Calendar Mature Woman's Grant Application

We will announce the availability of the grant in the next few weeks. Applications will be available on line by mid-February.

BOOK SALE

At the January Board Meeting we have agreed to hold our annual book sale. Details will be available later this spring. Set up starts June 5, and collection will be June 6-8, sale 8-12.

Board Meeting

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. We will continue to use Zoom and links will be communicated to board members. Members are welcome to participate and should request login information from President. Since we are using Zoom, no snow days are planned. Check the newsletter & e-mails for changes.

2022: February 21 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20

Madison Branch Programs

UPDATE: Our **January program** was very well attended and successful. We have recorded it for those of you who could not participate or wish to see it again.

Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/lir0wvPID0-7lykNH4HUIlotuQ857Nh13-keuPzEMRGzXwDS6-dUGdxCu1ZqkCT-T.ulLMsHTaSOhTLAsK>

Madison Branch Programs

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Monday February 7, 7:00 PM Virtual link will be sent out Saturday Feb 5, 2022

The New "Normal"- Implications for NJ Women

Speaker: Kimberly Iozzi, PhD, Executive Director Dress for Success

Dress for Success Northern NJ-10 Counties works with a diverse array of corporate partners and serves hundreds of women each year at various stages in their careers. As a result, we get a bird's eye view of workplace shifts and trends in NJ and how they impact women. In this important discussion, we will take a closer look at what the "New Norm" actually means for us and what we can expect in 2022 and beyond.

Dress for Success Northern NJ-10 Counties empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. In 2021, we served 1200 women - many of whom are 50+, educated, experienced, recently downsized-unable to find work and stripped of their confidence in a new world. We provide all services at no cost to all women and are funded by individual and corporate donations, grants, and sponsorships.



Kimberly Iozzi joined Dress for Success Northern NJ – 10 Counties as its Executive Director in 2018. She is a results-driven executive with over twenty years of experience in government and nonprofit management. She has dedicated her entire career to empowering low and moderate-income families achieve economic self-sufficiency, personal development and growth. Prior to her tenure at Dress for Success, she spent fifteen years as the Executive Director of the Newton Housing Authority, earning Congressional Certificates of Merit, as well as national and regional recognition from her peers for program innovation. In addition to having the type of experience that lends itself to her current role, Kimberly has extensive

training that has provided her with the technical aspects of planning, organization and management. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Seton Hall University and later, a doctoral degree in Organizational Psychology from Capella University. Kim resides in Mount Olive with her husband and two boys, ages 6 and 9.

Thursday, March 17, 2022: Program Time 7:00PM NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE

Program: *Without A Whisper* – We will have streaming rights to film a week before the discussion.

Speaker: Katsitionni Fox, Film Producer

Co-sponsored by College Club of Summit & LWV of Union, Plainfield, and Hillside

Virtual program - **Link will be sent to you in separate email around March 10, 2022**



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AAUW could not be more proud to name Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala as its distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee. The award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession.

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Did you know that, as an AAUW member, you have the right to comment on any proposed changes to our organization's bylaws before they are put up for a member vote? As we prepare for AAUW's national election in the spring, now is the time to share your thoughts! **The comment period is open, and we invite members to weigh in through February 2, 2022, at 5 p.m. ET.**

The changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee this year would streamline two important organizational functions: nominations for the board and timing for those eligible to vote in AAUW elections.

To learn more about the proposed changes and submit your feedback,

please visit the [election page on the AAUW website](#).

We encourage your participation and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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Board Chair