







AAUW Somerset Hills- JANUARY NEWS

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY | CONTACT/HOST |
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| | | JANUARY 2025 Happy New Year!! 🎉 | |
| Mon 1/6 | 6:00 PM | Evening Book Group ZOOM <u>Irena's Children</u> By Tilar J. Mazzeo | Pat Emanuele |
| Sat** 1/11 | 10:00 AM | <i>The Balkans: Still a Powder Keg</i> Speaker: Robin Marion | Robin Marion |
| Mon 1/20 | 9:00 AM | Morning Book Group ZOOM <u>The Covenant of Water</u> By Abraham Vergese | Jackie D'Allessio |
| | | FEBRUARY 2025 💕 | |
| 2/5 | 6:00 PM | <u>The Bard and the Book</u> By Ann Bausum | Pat Emanuele |
| 2/15** | 7:00 PM | Human Trafficking- In conjunction with NJ State AAUW | ZOOM ONLY |
| 2/17 | 9:00AM | Morning Book Group ZOOM <u>The Women</u> By Kristin Hannah | Jackie D'Allessio |

****For your information!!! The January 11th meeting will be on SATURDAY, at the Long Hill Township Library. The February 15th meeting will be on SATURDAY at 7:00 PM and will include NJ State AAUW. This will be on ZOOM only!!**

 **Carpool coordination:** Sharon Hayden (sharon.hayden323@gmail.com). (908-229-6915) If you need a ride, or can provide a ride!

  **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE** - Please notify the committee if you know of a member whose life circumstances are such that they could use a little SUNSHINE. The committee will extend a supportive connection on behalf of the Branch!
Please contact Jean Aurnhammer (908-227-3861, jaa39@aol.com) or Lee Delitzscher (908-647-4497) ladybearlee@aol.com)

 **We are in need of volunteers to provide snacks at our meetings!** We value the **PARTICIPATION** of all members. We cannot be a strong group without your support. Please reach out to Jean Aurnhammer if you can help by bringing an item. We can all do a little! 



BUYING BOOKS as gifts or for yourself?

At this time of year we are all looking forward to seeing what's available at the Book Sale. If you want to be sure of getting just the specific title or topic you have in mind, search on the [ThriftBooks.com](https://www.thriftbooks.com) website. This company continues to be a valuable partner helping us to reap the benefit of books donated for our annual sale and not sold immediately. They can be a great source for YOUR book purchases!

AAUW BOOK GROUPS: Please contact Jackie D'Allessio (3rd Monday- mornings) or Pat Emanuele (1st Monday- evenings), the coordinators, to be put on the list to receive information for whichever Book Group meetings best fit your schedule and your interest in titles. **For a full list of dates and titles, go to our website:** <https://somersethills-nj.aauw.net/> Look under "Interests."

Quote for the month: "World peace through nonviolent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Thus we must begin anew... Those of us who believe in this method can be voices of reason, sanity, and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred and emotion. We can very well set a mood of peace out of which a system of peace can be built." – Martin Luther King Junior-*Dreams of Brighter Tomorrows* in Ebony Magazine, March 1965.



It is with great sadness that we announce that fellow AAUW member Mary Lynne Norris (center) passed away recently. Mary Lynne was with our Branch for 23 years and enjoyed being involved with Hospitality at our monthly meetings, Charter Day, the annual dinner and working with the book sale. Her perfectly printed signs are used each year!



Peace is all we need!!



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TAKE ACTION

Two-Minute Activist

Join AAUW advocates in the fight for equal pay, equity in education, paid leave, protections against sexual harassment and more. Sign up to get regular alerts on when and how to engage, including sending letters to your legislators, writing letters to the editor and other timely calls to action.

SIGN UP

an uncertain future

Observers predict another round of Title IX changes to begin after Donald Trump takes office in January, causing further disruption and uncertainty. Hear from our experts what we can expect in 2025 and beyond.

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 23
7 PM**

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of New Jersey

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  **TAX Implications of our AAUW Dues and Donations:**  

Please note that 2024 tax preparations will be underway shortly for most of us. It's worth covering an update about the tax implications of contributing to AAUW.

Generally, AAUW dues are tax deductible as 501(c)(3) charitable contributions, except for \$3 of National dues and \$10 State dues which support 501(c)(4) non-partisan lobbying efforts. This means that \$102 of the \$115 membership dues we paid for the 2023-2024 membership year and all dues paid by our Friends of the Branch are tax deductible. While the NJ State portion of our membership dues are not tax deductible, contributions to the AAUW-NJ Charitable Trust, including those in support of Tech Trek, are.

Log onto National's aauw.org site, click on the "Orders and Donations" button in your "Personal Snapshot" screen. Charity donations made to the AAUW National funds will come up and can be printed as backup for your tax records.

Our AAUW Somerset Hills Branch is a separate fully recognized 501(c)(3) with NJ Exempt Organization ID 237-005-372/000. Donations to our Branch and our annual Branch Book Sale are tax deductible. Individual donations have been acknowledged and receipts have been issued. Call me (908-285-8385) or email (bonniegould@verizon.net), if you need more clarification or think I have missed acknowledging a donation.

Bonnie Gould, Branch Treasurer

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