



AAUW Somerset Hills- FEBRUARY NEWS

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/HOST
		FEBRUARY 2025 ❤️	
2/5	6:00 PM	Evening Book Group <u>The Bard and the Book</u> By Ann Bausum	Pat Emanuele
2/15** Saturday	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'Alessio
		MARCH 2025 🍀	
3/3	6:00 PM	Evening Book Group <u>The Girls of Atomic City-</u> <u>The Untold Story of the Women</u> <u>Who Helped Win World War II</u> By Denise Kiernan	Pat Emanuele
3/11	5:45 PM	<i>Soaring Women in the Military</i> Speaker: Virginia Hartmann	☀️ SNACKS NEEDED! See below!!!
3/17	9:00 AM	Morning Book Group ZOOM <u>The Book of Everlasting Things</u> By Aanchal Malotra	Jackie D'Allessio ZOOM

****For your information!!! The February 15th meeting will be on SATURDAY at 7:00 PM and will include NJ State AAUW. This will be on ZOOM only!!**

☀️ URGENT need for snacks for our March meeting!!! Please reach out to Jean Aurnhammer (908-227-3861- jaa39@aol.com) if you can help by bringing an item. No snacks? Then just coffee it will be!!! ☀️

🚗 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



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** 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://somerseethills-nj.aauw.net/> Look under "Interests."

January Meeting Recap:

Robin Marion presented a wonderful program on the Balkans. Her historical knowledge, personal travel experiences and humor made for a lovely Saturday morning.



[Poem for the month:](#)

Dust of Snow

By [Robert Frost](#)

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.



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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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