

Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter APRIL 2019

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

6:30 p.m. SALAD SUPPER If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a salad to serve about 10 people. We need all kinds: main dish, fruit, pasta, vegetable. The other half of the alphabet will pay \$8. Please bring your own plate and silverware. Rolls and dessert will be provided.

7:30 p.m. PROGRAM: Cathy Jess, Deputy Secretary, WI Department of Corrections. "Civil Rights – Building a Trauma Informed Care Philosophy in the Department of Corrections."

Election of officers will be held during the business meeting, which follows the program.

Hostesses: Gail Stirr, Ingrid Hanson, Lynn Christensen, Barb Sorensen, Helen Brown

We meet in the lower level of the Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sue Richter and Kleo Baruth Kritz

"The book sale belongs to all of us." These words were spoken by Mary Boyd to the members of the Monona/Madison Branch at our March meeting. As Mary said, some members donate books, some will buy a book, others bring friends to the sale to buy books, some post yard signs and posters to advertise the sale, others set up at the Dean House for the sale and volunteer to sell books the day of the sale. What a wonderful message! We all work together on this sale to raise money to fund our scholarships to empower women.

And this is so true of our branch members who participate in our organization whether donating to the Odyssey dinner; socializing at books club or bridge or La Cuisine dinners or bus trips, all of which contribute to our scholarships; promoting political issues relevant to women; keeping all of us informed through writing articles and publishing our *Scope* newsletter and website; or encouraging young women to join AAUW.

We each bring our special gifts, interests, and talents to this organization. As spring blossoms and the snow vanishes (hopefully!!), consider growing your own involvement. Let us know if there is any area which intrigues you. Working with a co-chair or committee is a great way to learn what specific jobs entail. It's also a wonderful way to get to know members you may not know as well as supporting our mission. And a special thank you to all those who have done so much for our branch and need to slow down now and simply enjoy friendships that have been created due to AAUW activities. Remember our organization belongs to all of us.

BOOKSALE, Sharon Knoop & Kleo Baruth Kritz

Keep saving all those books as well as paper and plastic bags for our big book sale on Saturday, May 4, to support our AAUW scholarships. If you have books to drop off, the Dean House will be open Tuesday, April 30, from 9-3 and Wednesday, May 1, from 9-3, which will be our sorting day, so please don't wait to the end of day to drop books off. If this creates problems for anyone please contact Sharon <u>sknoop4270@sbcglobal.net</u> 217-6510 or Kleo <u>kbkritz@charter.net</u> 273-2476 to make other arrangements. The Dean porch will be locked on Thursday and Friday.

We will be passing out sign-up sheets at the April meeting for sorting on Wednesday 9-12 and 12-3. Volunteers are needed for the sale on Saturday, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, and 3-done. If you are unable to attend the meeting and want to sign up, please email me at <u>kbkritz@charter.net</u> and let me know what you wish to sign up for. I will then put your name on sign-up sheet.

We will also have sign-up sheets for yard signs, which will be available for you to take with you. For those of you who enjoy computers and are familiar with the Nextdoor website for community announcements, we have a sign-up sheet and a brief write-up to be posted the week before the sale.

Thank again for all the great books you provide for the sale and all the work you put in to make it a success.

BOOKSALE PUBLICITY, Mary Boyd

Publicity for the book sale is an every member project. If you visit a location, bank, restaurant, coffee shop, library or other business and do not already see a sign for our book sale and there is a bulletin board or other appropriate location, feel free to use the attached flyer. **Be sure to ask permission.** Even if only 1 or 2 people see it and come to the sale, it is worth it. Thanks in advance for your help. Word of mouth is also a great tool. Tell your friends, family,and acquaintances about our fabulous book sale. If they aren't sure about how to find the Dean House, give them directions (corner of Monona Drive and Dean Avenue-next to the Monona Golf Course.) Finally, come to the sale. We will have lots of great books--I'll bet you will find some great books for your summer reading!

MEMBERSHIP: DUES ARE DUE! Linda Voss

A Reminder to all AAUW Monona\Madison members. We would like to collect all dues for the 2019-2020 year during the months of April and May 2019. The total for local, state, and national dues is \$87.00. Checks should be made out to the Monona/Madison AAUW. Checks may be brought to general meetings or mailed to Linda Voss 5701 Pheasant Hill Road Monona, WI 53716 (Membership Chair) or to Gail Stirr 7510 Red Fox Trail Madison, Wi 53717 (Finance VP). Anyone new wishing to join should contact Linda Voss at 608-630-3882 (call or text). Membership applications and brochures will be available at the general meetings also.

Welcome a new member, Laura Jean Nielson, 5611 Thunderbird Ln, Monona. 222-2390, email: <u>gefiondk73@att.net</u>. She received her BSN from UW-Madison.

MILESTONES

Wishing Helen Dyer a quick and complete recovery, and Mary Pringle too.

PUBLIC POLICY, Wanda Nelson

One of AAUW's top federal legislative priorities—the Paycheck Fairness Act was intended to be brought for a vote on the House floor as soon as the week of March 25 th .

Other AAUW public policy concerns include the \$4.75 trillion budget request. It is the largest request in federal history. Among many items of concern to AAUW are a proposed 12 percent cut to the Department of Education and significant reductions in Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program funding.

The Healthy Families Act, which would ensure workers can earn up to seven jobprotected sick days each year, was introduced in both chambers of Congress. AAUW supports this Act, which would ensure that women and working families no longer have to choose between their health and their economic security.

A bipartisan Building Blocks of STEM bill has been introduced in the House. This AAUW-supported bill would create additional STEM education initiatives for young children through the National Science Foundation and specifically aims to further increase the number of girls in computer science.

The bipartisan Equality Act was introduced to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, public education, housing and public accommodations. AAUW supports swift passage of the Equality Act to ensure federal protections for all LGBTQ

individuals.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Department of Education will no longer enforce the provision in federal law that prohibits religious organizations from providing federally funded educational services to private schools.

BRIDGE MARATHON, Mary Boyd

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY REPS, Bobbi White & Donna Anderson

FABRIC NEEDED FOR AAUW UW-MADISON STUDENT GROUP Please remember to bring any fabric scraps you have to the next meeting. These will be collected, curt into 5x7 inch squares, and used for the AAUW-UW students for a fundraiser and gifts to homeless shelters. All fabric is welcome! Thanks to everyone who wants to get rid of leftovers. They will be used for a worthy cause.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Reta Harring, Val Murphy, Sue Richter

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2019-20: Co-President, Donna Anderson; Paula O'Neal as the new Co-Secretary, and Betty Schmidt and Liz Senseman as the Membership Co-Chairs. The election will be held at the April meeting. Installation of officers will take place at the May meeting.

HOSPITALITY, Mary Pringle

Every member should sign up to host at least one meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next two general meetings.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS UPDATES, Kleo Baruth Kritz

Our branch now has a detailed job description for each officer/chair position due to Sue Richter's hard work last year in having each officer/chair write up what each actually does. This is the last obligation of each job: "Update job description at the end of the year and pass on to the new officer/chair."

Please read over your position and see what needs to be corrected or added in terms of what you actually do.

- **If changes are needed**, print out a copy to revise and give to me at a meeting or email your changes to me. <u>kbkritz@charter.net</u>
- **If no changes are needed,** you still need to tell me at either a meeting or email me.

You cannot make changes directly on our website. I will compile all the updates on a master copy and send it to Jan Robertson, who will then replace entire old document with the entire new master copy.

FINANCE, Gail Stirr

MARCH 2019 Beginning balance: \$11,035.93 (includes \$5,391.00 estate gifts for scholarship) Deposits and Expenses None during this month; March statement closed 3/31/2019 Ending balance: \$11,035.93 Account balance minus estate gifts = \$5,644.93

JUNE LUNCHEON, Mary Boyd June 1st Date for Year End Luncheon

Sign up now for our AAUW Annual Luncheon **at Buck and Honey's Restaurant** in Sun Prairie. If you need a ride to attend we will do our best to find one for you. Let Mary Boyd (222-7673) know if you need help. We would love to see a large turnout. This is a wonderful way to celebrate a successful year and meet our scholarship recipients.

The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. with a cash bar and conversation. Introductions and lunch start at 12:15. See the enclosed flyer for menu choices, for directions from Madison and a registration form. <u>Send registrations and payment to: Bobbi White, 4909 Groton Lane, Madison 53711</u>.

Guests are always welcome. What a wonderful way to introduce someone to AAUW or to thank someone special!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, March 26, 2019

Co-President Sue Richter called the meeting to order. She thanked hostesses Pat Ruppert, Liz Senseman, and Robby Sonzogni. Helen Dyer was listed as a hostess; however, Helen has had lung surgery. She is recovering at Capitol Lakes, 333 West Main Street, according to Mary Boyd. Mary reported that Helen would appreciate cards and calls during this time of healing.

The following visitors were introduced: Kathy Bell introduced Laura Nielsen; Gail Stirr, Sheila Reaves; and Reta Harring, Marina Rybakovar, her house guest who is visiting Madison with the "Open World" program from Moscow.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Scope.

Finance Report There has been no change since the last report printed in the *Scope*. Lois Hindhede willed \$5,391 to the Branch. At the last board meeting, with input from Lois's family, it was decided that \$5,000 would be sent to our Fund for Excellence scholarship fund at the University of Wisconsin. Three hundred and ninety-one dollars (plus \$9 from the general fund) would be designated for the high school scholarships--\$200 each added to Monona Grove High School and LaFollette High School awards this year.

Sue noted that a \$25 memorial will be sent to the national AAUW in memory of Judy Lund. It was requested that the board meeting minutes be printed in *Scope*.

Committee Reports

Book Sale Kleo Baruth Kritz reported that the Dean House back porch will be open from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, April 30, and Wednesday, May 1, for members to drop off books. Members are asked to sign up to organize books on Wednesday, May 1st and to work shifts on the day of the sale—Saturday, May 4th. She asked members to sign up to provide publicity on neighborhood sites on the Internet.

Sharon Knoop will greet buyers at the book sale to ask where they heard about the sale. This will facilitate a better job of publicity in the future. Sharon also asked members to save both paper bags and large plastic bags.

Mary Boyd asked members to take yard signs and to sign them out. She handed out book marks and flyers for members to distribute prior to the book sale.

Public Policy Wanda Nelson reported that she will be placing a "Public Policy Report" in the *Scope* each month listing the current topics on the AAUW national agenda.

Fund Raising Mary Zins reported that the trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum has 22 members signed up. Additional fund raising trips were discussed, but no decisions were made.

Historian Sue Richter is asking members to e-mail her pictures of branch activities that she can use for the poster she is preparing for the state convention. She would especially appreciate any pictures of the book sale.

Nominating Committee Reta Harring announced the following candidates: Donna Anderson for president; Paula O'Neal for secretary; and Liz Senseman and Betty Schmidt for membership vice-presidents. The election will be held in April with installation of new officers at the May general meeting.

Odyssey Project Ellie Beck shared a thank you note from Odyssey Project students. Sue will add the note to the poster she is preparing for the state convention. Ellie will be asking members to contribute to this meal project at the September meeting.

Newsletter Editor Sally Keyel announced the deadline for articles in the Scope is April 3rd.

Hospitality Dee Zimmerman passed around sign-up sheets for hostess committees for next year's meetings. She reminded members that the person who signs in the first slot is the chair of that month's committee.

University Student Branch Bobbi White announced that the student branch members are preparing posters to advertize "Equal Pay Day" next year. They will be done with the current semester in six weeks.

Interest Groups Jan DeVoe and Elaine Kloepfel are retiring as co-chairs of the Film Group. Kleo asked for volunteers to take their place.

New Business Kleo asked all officers and committee chairs to review their job descriptions on our website and to e-mail her any additions or corrections. If there are no changes, Kleo asked that she receive an e-mail so stating.

Dues Carrie Wurz announced that she is accepting checks for membership dues for next year. The cost is \$87, with \$59 going to national, \$13 to state and \$15 to the branch. \$56 is tax deductible.

State Convention Donna and Kleo will be staying overnight at the convention. Anyone interested in joining them is welcome. Bobbi will be attending for the day with Sydney from the University Branch. It was decided at the board meeting that the branch would pay Sydney's expenses at the convention.

June Luncheon Mary Boyd announced that the June luncheon will be held at Buck and Honey's in Sun Prairie on June 1st. More information will be printed in the *Scope*. High school scholarship winners will be invited to attend. We will have a private room for the luncheon.

The next meeting will be a salad supper held on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Check the *Scope* for more information on which members are asked to bring salads and which members will pay for their suppers.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Nelson, Acting Secretary

AAUW BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Sue Richter. Sue thanked Kleo Baruth Kritz for being the hostess for the meeting.

Present: Sue Richter, Liz Senseman, Wanda Nelson, Helen Brown, Bobbi White, Kathy Bell, and Kleo Baruth Kritz

Minutes of board meeting October 9, 2018, were approved as read. A reminder was given that minutes must be processed within seven days and emails sent to all members present plus officers not in attendance.

Judy Lund, a member of our branch, unexpectedly passed away. Stephanie Sorensen sent a card to the family. Reta Harring moved and Wanda Nelson seconded that \$25 be given to the National Education Fund in Judy Lund's memory according to our branch policy #19.

Finance: Our current balance is \$5644.93 minus estate gifts.

Membership: Sue Richter referred to Linda Voss's letter which stated that Carrie Wurz would be taking over membership duties until Linda's return. They will be collecting dues for 2019-20 at the April and May meetings.

Public Policy: Wanda Nelson commented about the value of the "Take Action" feature on the national AAUW internet site. The board agreed that keeping our membership informed is vital, and Wanda said she will be writing a monthly article to be published in the *Scope* on current public policy issues identified by the national office.

Educational Funds and Scholarships: Liz Senseman had prepared a detailed written report on the scholarships set up by the Madison AAUW Branch prior to merging with the Monona Branch. The Fund for Excellence was established in July, 2013, with \$20,000 from a house that was donated by an AAUW member, and this fund is handled by the UW-Madison.

- 1. **Single Parent Undergraduate Scholarship** was established in 1993. Using monies from the Fund for Excellence, a \$2000 scholarship is awarded each year to a single parent.
- 2. **Outstanding Returning Adult Student Award**, also known as Swenson-Rosenberry Fund, honoring two of the founding members of national AAUW, dates back to 1988. This fund contributes \$600 which is combined with other funds to make two awards of \$1000 each. The Swenson-Rosenberry Fund usually generates enough to provide the full \$600. If not enough is generated, the Fund for Excellence would make up the difference to the full \$600.

The Fund for Excellence is not an endowed fund and does not generate interest. There is a balance of approximately \$13,000 at this time, enough to continue funding the above two scholarships/awards for just 5 or 6 years more.

Lois Hindhede, a member of our branch, generously bequeathed \$5391.00 to the Monona/Madison Branch to be used for scholarships. Sue read a letter from Lois's daughter Karen and the board conferred with her sister Reta Harring. After discussion, Wanda Nelson moved and Kathy Bell seconded that \$5000 from Lois's estate be added to the Fund for Excellence (especially to be used for the Single Parent Award). The reminder of \$391.00 with the addition of \$9 from our branch treasury to total \$400 will be divided and added to the scholarships that our AAUW branch awards to La Follette and Monona Grove High Schools. The monies will be titled " Lois's Legacy" in her honor.

Programs: Bobbi White explained that a speaker from the International Crane Foundation would cost \$250 for a speaker to present a program next year. Since most of our speakers are free, the board decided that arranging a trip to visit the International Crane Foundation in the future once they finish renovation would be a better idea.

University Relations: Bobbi White said the UW-Madison branch is on a learning curve but doing well. The members are planning activities for Pi Day on March 14 of next year.

State Convention: Kleo Baruth Kritz, Donna Anderson, and Bobbi White will be attending the AAUW State Convention April 26-27. The board agreed to fund \$75 for the registration and meals for Sydney, the president of the student branch, to attend on Saturday with Sydney and Bobbi driving down together. Kleo and Donna will prepare a basket for the silent auction at the State Convention. Our branch will also need a trifold display board to share our branch's successes.

Job Descriptions: Kleo explained as the year ends each officer/chair is required to update the job descriptions posted on our webpage. If changes are needed, print out the page, make additions/corrections and give to Kleo. If no changes are needed, please email Kleo. She has a master copy she will correct and then give the new master to Jan Robertson, the web editor, who will replace the old one with the new master.

Our next board meeting will be June 11 at 2 pm at Lynn Celley's home.

Respectfully submitted, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Co-President





CALENDAR

Apr 17 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club: Home, Kleo Baruth Kritz; Reviewer, Lynn Christensen; *The Women Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone **Apr. 18 at 1 p.m. Afternoon Literature:** Home, Dorothy Hujik; Leader, Dorothy Hujik; *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck

Apr. 23 at 6:30 p.m.: Salad Supper, program and election of officers **Apr. 26 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Literature:** Home, Helen Brown; *Drive: The Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us* by Daniel Pink. *NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION*

May 1: Film Group: Movie, time and place to be announced May 14 at 6:30 p.m.: Bridge finale

Co-presidents: Sue Richter & Kleo Baruth Kritz; Membership: Linda Voss; Newsletter: Sally Keyel. Monona/Madison AAUW website: monona-madison-wi.aauw.net



Our March speaker, Roberta Sladky



Monona Madison AAUW Spring Luncheon

Saturday, June 1, 2019 11:30 am—1:30 pm Come Meet Our Scholarship Recipients! Help Us Celebrate Another Successful Year!

Our annual spring luncheon will take place at Buck and Honey's Restaurant in Sun Prairie at 804 Liberty St. (From Madison, follow Hwy 151 to exit at Hwy 19. Turn right to Bird St. Turn left on Bird to Liberty Blvd—Buck and Honey's is just past Prairie Athletic Club.) We will have our own room.

11:30—12:15 Cash Bar—Camaraderie

12:15-1:30 Introductions/Luncheon

Menu Choices

- 3. **Honey's Chicken Salad: M**ixed greens tossed with organic apples, candied walnuts, raisins, red onions, and grilled chicken. Served with honey mustard dressing on the side. **\$23.00**
- 4. **Tilapia:** Pan fried tilapia drizzled with a lemon butter sauce and served with rice pilaf and grilled vegetables. **\$25.00**
- 5. **Quiche:** Homemade vegetarian quiche served with seasonal fruit and mixed greens Italian salad. **\$20.00**

All choices include one non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity. **<u>Registration</u>** <u>and refund deadline Wednesday, May 23rd</u>.

To register for Monona/ Madison AAUW luncheon: fill out the form below and send to Bobbi White, 4909 Groton Lane, Madison, WI 53711 Questions?(608-238-3940)

Member	Menu Choice
Guest (s)	Menu Choice

Amount enclosed _____

