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**Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter
MAY 2019**

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

7:00 p.m. Coffee and Social Hour

**7:30 p.m. PROGRAM: Michelle Reimen,
Wisconsin Department of Consumer Protection,
“Identity Theft and Senior Scams.”**

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



**Hostesses: Jan Robertson, Sandy Drew, Sally
Keyel, Lil Genskow, Ann Wenzel**

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sue Richter & Kleo Baruth Kritz

“Where does our money go?” This was the question Co-President Sue Richter asked at our April meeting and then answered this question by distributing a handout (published in this *Scope*) that summarizes the high school and university scholarships our branch supports. But, as Sue stated, our support for women does not end at the borders of our community but extends far beyond through the work of the National AAUW for women; educational opportunities, legal advocacy, public policy, pay equity, and leadership development.

We want to acknowledge these women in the Monona/Madison Branch who have contributed through private donations to National AAUW to pursue those goals: Donna Anderson, Ellie Beck, Susan Becker, Mary Berg, Mary Boyd, Helen Brown, Lynn Celley, Joyce Chern, Beverly Davison, Betty Detter, Jan DeVoe, Helen Dyer, Marian Ehrenberg, Reta Harring, Jean Jamieson, Sally Keyel, Sandy Knesting, Sharon Knoop, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Val Murphy, Mary Pringle, Sue Richter, Jan Robertson, Robby Sonzogni, Elissa Straus, June Suhling, and Dee Zimmerman. These women contributed

\$1805 to National AAUW, most to the Greatest Needs Fund, which allows flexibility to use money where it is needed most.

In addition to the \$1805 that these women generously contributed privately, as part of our branch budgeting, Monona/Madison sent \$2105 to National AAUW. Thus, from January 1 to December 31, 2018, we sent a total of \$3910! At the AAUW State Convention on April 27 the Fund Development VP acknowledged the top five of the 27 Wisconsin branches in donating to National AAUW at the business meeting. We were fifth! What a fantastic group of women who are working together to empower women not only in our community but in the nation and world we share!

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.

FUNDRAISING Mary Zins, Wendy Way, Mary Berg DAY TRIP TO KOHLER, THURSDAY JUNE 13

Join us for a fun day trip to Kohler Wisconsin on Thursday June 13. After boarding the bus at 7:15 am at South Towne, we will visit the Kohler Design and History Center where we will see a 3 level showcase of innovative product design and technology, creative achievement, and American history. Our next stop will be for lunch at Whistling Straits, home of the famous golf course. Enjoy scenic views of Lake Michigan in a rustic Farmhouse setting. We will order off of the menu and receive individual checks. Following lunch, we will visit the Kohler Art Center to view the featured exhibition series Mise-en-Scene. This series features contemporary artists and installations that approach the world as a stage. We will have a docent led tour of the exhibition. At 4:15 pm, we will board the bus to return to South Towne at about 6:30 pm

The cost of the trip is \$65 which includes bus, driver tip, museum docent and contribution to the AAUW scholarship fund. Please send a check made out to AAUW Monona-Madison to Mary Zins at 4407 Winnequah Rd Monona WI 53716. The deadline is Saturday May 25.

Please contact Wendy Way at wendylael@gmail.com or Mary Zins mzins@zbl.com if you have questions.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

May 1, 2019

Beginning balance: \$11,035.93

- Art in Bloom, Milwaukee \$1,210.00
- Silent Auction \$15.00
- Dues \$2,287.00
- Spring salad supper \$140.00

Total Income: \$3,652.00

- Kobussen Coach deposit \$59.50
- Milwaukee Art Museum \$358.00
Art in Bloom event
- Kobussen Coach/Milwaukee \$595.50
- AAUW WI State Convention \$70.00
Registration, Student Branch President
- UW Foundation \$5,000.00
Fund for Excellence (Lois's Legacy)
- AAUW Donation \$25.00
in memory of Judy Lund
- Stamps/newsletter \$11.00
- Dean House space use \$150.00
Book sale

Total Expenses: \$6,269.00

Ending balance: \$8,418.93

BRIDGE MARATHON, Mary Boyd

The last game of the marathon will be played at the Monona Community Center on Tuesday May 14^h at 6:30 p.m. You will play the couple designated in the schedule. One person in the partnership should bring a snack to share and the other \$3. Please get a sub if you cannot make it.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

The June 11th board meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at Lynn Celley's. New board members should attend.

HOSPITALITY, Mary Pringle

2019-20 Hostess Sign-Up : The sign-up sheet for hostessing for next year will be available at the next meeting. All members should hostess at least once at a meeting or be on a luncheon committee. The December and Summer luncheons are enjoyed by the members. It has been difficult to find people to serve on luncheon committees, so please consider serving on a committee so that we can continue to have these events.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

Please let Lynn know of any address/e-mail changes so she can put them into the Directory in a timely fashion.

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. kbkritz@charter.net
- **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.

AAUW BADGER BRIEFS PROBLEM, Kleo Baruth Kritz

The *Badger Briefs* are now being distributed by email rather than mailing to save money for the state. At the last meeting we learned quite a few members were not receiving their *Badger Briefs*. The AAUW of Wisconsin uses the AAUW National roster for emails. If your email has changed and you have not corrected it in your National profile, you will **NOT** be receiving the *Badger Briefs*. (We have at least 18 members who need corrections to their email when I compared our directory to the National roster.) This is easy to correct and all members should check to make sure everything is correct plus you will find a list of your contributions. You **MUST** have your ID number before doing this. Contact Gail Stirr or Linda Voss or me to email ID to you.

1. Go to our webpage and click AAUW National link OR type in aauw.org
2. Click login in top right corner
3. If an existing user type in ID and password (there is a spot to click if forgot your password) OR "Create Account" if first time user
4. Click "Login" in green box
5. Click "Membership" (3rd item in top row above photos)
6. On "Membership" page go to very bottom and click "Member Services Database" (2nd column at very bottom in small print)
7. A large box shows up and click "Enter Member Services Database" in middle of box
8. You are now at "Your Contact Information." (Also shows all your contributions.) "To make any changes to the information below, click here" and then just make corrections on "Submit a Record Change Request"
9. Click "Next" for next page with "Confirm your entries" and then hit "Submit"

10. Congratulations!!!

FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO LOOK AT THE “BRANCH ROSTER” you can go to the bottom of the first column on “Your Contact Information” page and find “Branch Member Roster.”)

A shortcut is when your name shows up in upper right hand corner next to login, just click your name and then click “My Profile” which pops up and follow instructions.

If you are having problems, bring your phone to the next meeting and I can talk you through or you can call me on the phone and I can talk you through. (My nephew has talked me through countless computer complexities when I was frustrated so yes, I do understand!!!)

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT, Wanda Nelson

First, on April 2, the symbolic day when women’s earnings caught up to men’s from the previous year, women everywhere made their voices heard. It was a time to take stock of progress while continuing the fight for pay equity. On Capitol Hill, Deborah Vagins, AAUW’s Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research, joined legislators and advocates to encourage the Senate to follow in the footsteps of the House and pass **the Paycheck Fairness Act.**

Second, AAUW believes that all people should have equal rights. America’s civil rights laws should reflect that promise by protecting everyone. Yet despite significant progress, discrimination remains a persistent problem for LGBTQ Americans. We need to take action to urge members of Congress to ensure protections against discrimination by supporting **the Equality Act.**

You can “Take Action” by going to the AAUW’s website, click on the “Take Action” site and send letters to your congressional representatives urging them to vote “Yes” on these important Acts. You will need your membership number. You can find your number on the mailing label of *Badger Briefs* or contact our Financial Officer Gail Stirr or our Membership Vice President Linda Voss.

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE CONVENTION, Maggie Winz, District One Coordinator

1. **There will not be a National Convention in 2020**, or maybe even after that. The national conventions cost a huge amount to put on, and attendance was dropping. National is looking for more effective ways to reach out to members.

2. **The 2020 Wisconsin State convention** will be held in LaCrosse April 24 & 25, 2020. In 2021 District One (that’s Baraboo, Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Monona/Madison) will be hosting the State convention.

3. **I’m very pleased to report that 4 of our 5 District One branches** sent representatives to this year’s convention! (Beaver Dam, Janesville, Fort Atkinson & Monona/Madison)

4. **This year's silent auction fund raiser netted \$4300** to support Start Smart/Work Smart. Thank you to everyone who donated a basket. (The Monona/Madison Branch basket sold for \$60!)

5. **AAUW Funds** have changed their categories. Instead of sending in \$\$ for LAF, or Educational Opportunities Fund, Public Policy, etc., there are now four basic funds:

- **Greatest Needs Fund** (9110) allows AAUW to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it is needed most.
- **Education and Training Fund** (4450) includes STEM, Title IX, Pathways to Jobs; programs include Fellowships & Grants, Public Policy, and Research
- **Economic Security Fund** (4449) includes Pay Equity, Title VII, Retirement Security issues, programs include Start Smart, Work Smart, Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).
- **Leadership Fund** (4452) Supports efforts to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities; programs include Campus Action Projects, Empower, and NCCWSL.

6. **Congratulations to Janesville branch**, on their 95th Anniversary!

7. **Congratulations to Fort Atkinson branch**, for receiving 3rd place recognition for welcoming 6 new members to your branch!

8. **Thank you** to District One members who are taking **Leadership Roles** on our AAUW-WI state board:

- Kleo Baruth Kritz, Monona/Madison will be District One Coordinator
- Leslie Brunsell, Janesville, will be on the Nominating Committee for the State Board.
- Maggie Winz, Fort Atkinson, will be Leadership VP for the State Board.
- Cheryl Anderson, National Member, will be alternate on the Nominating Committee. Christine Ebert, Northwoods branch will represent District One to read the minutes of the Board meeting.

9. **Reminders:** Please remind your branch members to VOTE for AAUW National Board elections; also encourage members to take the Work Smart course online. It's FREE and only takes 1 1/2 hours. (Even if members are retired, the information is excellent to pass along to young people in our lives.)

10. **The workshop speakers** were all excellent! But the most important aspect for me was the **support and encouragement** that we all give to each other! AAUW empowers women to achieve success in our communities and in our lives. Convention is part of that support and encouragement!

11. **On a personal note:** I would encourage each of you to plan to attend convention in 2020, and to bring members with you! Until then, please give your support to Kleo, as she steps into her new role as District One Coordinator. You were all so kind and wonderful to me, and I feel honored by your trust. I hope to stay in touch with you, my new friends in District One, and will count on your continued support as I step into my new role. You are my "People" as they say! Best, Maggie

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO? Kleo Baruth Kritz

The money that you generously donate to our fundraisers of trips, books sales, silent auctions, and dinners goes to support women in education and/or legal defense. Very briefly, here is a summary of it all.

High School: Our branch supports two \$1000 scholarships given to graduating seniors, one from La Follette High School and one from Monona Grove High School. Each young woman and a parent usually attend our June luncheon to tell us where and what she plans to study. We are always so impressed with the achievements these young women. Helen Brown represents our branch to the high schools.

University: Odyssey Project is a program for men and women who are 18 years or older, have a high school degree or GED and have financial need. These students are frequently single parents, and need a chance to start college for the first time through a program of support and compassion. Once each year we pass an envelope to collect donations used to purchase a meal for approximately 40 adults and children for one evening of classes. In June our branch also donates (amount to be determined) dollars to assist with student expenses. Emily Auerbach, Director of Odyssey, helps identify priorities. In the past this has been approximately \$200-500. Ellie Beck and Peggy Anderson coordinate this activity.

Fund for Excellence was established in 2013 in order to continue contributing to scholarships and awards that the Madison branch funded for many years. This fund was set up with \$20,000.

1. **Single Parent Undergraduate Scholarship** (now known as the **AAUW Monona/Madison Branch Scholarship**) was established in 1993. This \$2000 scholarship is awarded to a single parent. The recipient is generally a mother, but gender is not taken into consideration.
2. **The Outstanding Returning Adult Student Award** (also known as the **Swenson-Rosenberry Fund**) honors two of the founding members of national AAUW and dates back to 1988. This fund contributes \$600, which is combined with other donations to present two awards of \$1000 each. This award usually is self supporting, depending on interest rates, so we usually don't have to contribute more. Liz Senesman represents our branch on their selection committee.

The Fund for Excellence is not an endowed fund and does not generate interest. There is a balance of approximately \$13,000 plus \$5000 from Lois's Legacy at this time.

In addition, the Madison Branch established some endowed funds which do not require continued financial support, but are of interest to us to realize all that AAUW is doing in this community

The Martha L. Edwards History Scholarship for Women is managed by the UW Foundation and awards \$1000 annually. The fund balance in 2012 was approximately \$18,000.

The Elizabeth Warner Risser Fellowship in Communication Arts is managed by the UW Foundation. It is used to provide extra's for up to four recipients each year. As of 2012 there was a balance of approximately \$19,000.

National AAUW Fund #1374 was fully endowed in 2013. This \$35,000 fund is dispensed through the Research and Projects funds, and has had five recipients since its establishment. Look at the national AAUW online site for details.

UW Student Branch: With encouragement and advice, Bobbi White and Donna Anderson have helped the UW Madison start a student branch. The only branch cost has been to help purchase books to get a Work Smart program started. A generous donation from a current branch member helped the students with start-up costs for refreshments, poster materials, room rental and other miscellaneous fees.

National: Changing the world is what the money does when we send to National. As a local organization we can do little bits and pieces which are very important in our community. But when we want to make a big change it comes from combining our resources and working with a larger organization that can advocate for all of us, making the country and the world a better place to live.

Based on our commitment to AAUW, we decide how much we believe in what our National organization does and we donate accordingly. There are a number of named categories where individual members and the branch can donate. (Please find the chart at the end of this article to identify the funding opportunities for National AAUW or check the AAUW National website.) In the past the Monona branch donated to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. At this time we generally designate donations to the General Fund (now called AAUW Greatest Needs fund 9110) which gives National the opportunity to have the money go where it is most needed.

Helen Brown coordinates our contact with National AAUW. As a branch we send money for special collections, death honors, private donations and our budgeted commitment. During the past years we have had various speakers and visitors who participated in these national fellowship programs visit us. The most recent speaker was Angela Guarin Aristizabal, our guest at the December 2018 lunch from Columbia. And remember the enthusiastic Jessica Kane who drove all the way from Michigan to attend our meeting and thank us! Also don't forget Ellen Samuels who spoke to us about gender and is now a published author of Fantasies of Identification published in 2014. Aren't these inspiring young women!

In addition to all the fundraising and individual donations, this year our branch was honored to receive a sum of \$5391.00 from the estate of the late Lois Hindhede, a longtime member who died earlier this year. It was named "Lois' Legacy" and \$5000 added to the UW AAUW Monona/Madison Branch Scholarship and \$200 added to each of the local high school scholarships. Thank you to Lois and her family. Lois will be remembered!

This is just a brief summary of the money you earn/donate and the great good that it is doing. I'm sure that there are many more stories out there. Let's hear them and keep up our support.

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.

Deadline to Sign Up is May 23rd.

See the attached registration form with information and menu choices. Please send registrations and payment to: Bobbi White, 4909 Groton Lane, Madison 53711. no later than May 23rd. This is before our May meeting. Let's have a great turn out to meet our scholarship recipients and share memories of this past year for our Monona-Madison AAUW Branch.

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23, 2019

After a great presentation about Trauma Informed Care in our state prisons, Co-President Kleo Baruth Kritz thanked our hostesses and introduced and welcomed guests. The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Book Sale: We signed up for work shifts for the sale and made plans to get all the books delivered to the sale. Many used book stores are donating books and we are encouraged to give them a personal thank you when we visit their stores. A greeter at the entrance to the sale will ask shoppers how they heard about our sale, so we can get some feedback on what areas of advertising to emphasize.

Publicity: Thanks to members for putting up fliers. There is still a need for more help with publicity. The Monona radio will be utilized more now.

Program: The May 28th Program is on consumer protection. Our June Luncheon is on the 1st of June, at Buck and Honey's in Sun Prairie. May 23rd is the deadline for reservations. The cost is determined by which entrée you select.

Membership: We are hoping to have all membership dues collected by the end of May.

Finance Officer: Gail Stirr reported that our ending balance is \$6,326.93.

Public Policy: On April 2, the House passed the paycheck fairness act, but it has yet to pass the Senate. A good way to have your voice heard on issues is to contact legislators online.

Educational Funds and Scholarships: Co-President Sue Richter handed out an extensive explanation on where our money goes and we discussed how to keep our own donations private while still recognizing them.

Fundraising: The art in bloom trip was fun and successful, but there was room for more to go on the trip. The next trip is to Koehler Art Museum in Sheboygan. The committee is always looking for new ideas for trips. Guests on the trips are always welcome.

Newsletter: The deadline for the next Newsletter is Wednesday, May 1st.

Directory: If any of your contact information changes, please submit it before mid-summer so that the new directory is current.

Hospitality: A sign up sheet was circulated so members could choose when to hostess a meeting next year.

Nominating Committee: The slate of candidates for offices for next year was presented: Donna Anderson, Co-President; Paula O'Neal, Secretary; Liz Senseman and Betty Schmidt, Membership Vice-presidents; A request for nominations from the floor was made and none were offered. Sally Keyel made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. The motion was seconded by Gloria Simley. The motion passed. New officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Web Editor: Updates on job descriptions for officers and committee chairs are due to Kleo by June 1st.

University Relations: The University Branch is holding a panel discussion. Their president will be attending the state convention in Delavan.

Interest Groups: We will need someone to take over the film group, as both its leaders are "retiring".

Announcements

- State Convention is April 26-27 and 3 of our members are attending.
- Maggie Winz, our District One Co-ordinator is leaving her position to serve as District Leadership VP on the State Board. Kleo has agreed to take the co-ordination position, thereby finishing out Maggie's 2-year term.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Bell, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Bridge finale

May/June Wednesday Evening Book Club: Planning meeting at Barnes & Noble. Date to be determined.

May 16 at 1 pm. Afternoon Literature: Book selection at the Monona Public Library

May 18 at 6:30 p.m. La Cuisine Hostess, Val Murphy; Co-hostesses, Donna Anderson Barb Sorensen. A Dinner from the Farmer's Market

May 23 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Literature: Home: Carrie Wurz; leader: Carrie Wurz; *The Dry* by Jane Harper.

May 28 at 7 p.m. Program, general meeting and installation of officers

June 11 at 1 p.m. New Board/Old Board Joint meeting. Hostess: Lynn Celley

June 13 at 9:30 a.m. Morning Literature: Monona Library. More information will be sent to the Morning Lit Group members. Reminder to get your book suggestions to Lynn

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

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Please mail this form and your check (\$87) payable to Monona/Madison AAUW to :
Linda Voss by June 1, 2019. Late registrations may result in omission from the
Directory.

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

11. **Honey's Chicken Salad:** Mixed greens tossed with organic apples, candied walnuts, raisins, red onions, and grilled chicken. Served with honey mustard dressing on the side. **\$23.00**
12. **Tilapia:** Pan fried tilapia drizzled with a lemon butter sauce and served with rice pilaf and grilled vegetables. **\$25.00**
13. **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. **Registration and refund deadline Wednesday, May 23rd** 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: _____