

SCOPE



Monona/Madison Branch OCTOBER 2019 Newsletter



Tuesday, October 22

7:00 p.m. Social Time

7:30 p.m Program: Diane Mikelbank, Health

Issues for Seniors: “The Monona Senior Center – One of Monona’s Best Kept Secrets.” The topic is Health Issues for Seniors.

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

Hostesses: Lynn Celley, Linda Voss, Jan Robertson, Reta Harring, Mary Boyd

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson

Ah, the oranges, reds, and yellows are starting to appear as autumn has arrived with a harvest of pumpkins, squash, and gourds at the farmers’ roadside stands. For us this is a season to examine the fruits of our mission to raise money for scholarships for girls and women. We recently received a letter from National AAUW thanking us for the \$2000 we contributed to the Education & Training Fund. To maintain this level of support for both local and national scholarships, however, we need to increase our income this following year, which will be the focus of our October board and general meetings, namely increasing income and decreasing expenses. Many of you generously have made individual contributions to National, which helps our mission; now we need to determine what to do for our branch. In our quest for new members, think of friends to invite to a meeting or a trip or a luncheon. It’s early, but Thanksgiving is around the corner and then Christmas. Think about our holiday luncheon/silent auction coming up and what you might do that is fun and helps our branch. Your two presidents are planning to list a high tea for the silent auction with homemade blueberry scones, whipped cream, and strawberry jam; tea sandwiches; homemade almond cake, and many more delectable treats.....Use your imagination.....

MILESTONES

Our heartfelt condolences to Betty Schmidt on the loss of her husband Bob. He was killed in a car accident, and she was seriously injured. We wish her a complete recovery too. Betty is at Capital Lakes Rehab recovering from the fracture of her ulna, clavicle and a spinal injury which makes it painful to sit! Her phone number there is 250-2900. The funeral for Bob will be Oct. 19 at Messiah Lutheran Church on Cottage Grove Rd. Check the paper for the exact time.

Long time Madison member Mary Podell passed away on September 14. Our condolences to her family.

Happy Birthday to Atsuko Kusuda who will be 97 in October!

PUBLIC POLICY, Wanda Nelson

First, I would like to invite all of you to join us for Wisconsin's Public Policy Day. It will be held Saturday, November 2nd at Madison College, Truax Campus. The cost is \$20 for the day. There will be a light breakfast and a sandwich lunch. For more information, contact me at 608-222-8476 or wanda.nelson@charter.net.

Second, I would like to encourage you to "Take Action" on a couple of topics. Senator Tammy Baldwin has introduced the Bringing an End to Harassment by Enhancing Accountability and Rejecting Discrimination (Be HEARD) in the Workplace Act (S. 1082.) This legislation gives workers more information and training on workplace harassment and their rights in the workplace. You can support this bill by "Taking Action" on the national website.

Third, Representative Mark Pocan introduced and co-sponsored a number of bills to improve labor and wage standards. One such bill is H.R. 582 the "Raise the Wage Act," which would gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, effectively increasing wages for 30 million workers across the country. This bill passed the House of Representatives and awaits a vote in the Senate. He also co-sponsored H.R. 7, the "paycheck Fairness Act," which would provide more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination on the basis of gender. And, he co-sponsored H.R. 4504, the "Restoring Overtime Pay Act", which would ensure workers are paid fairly for overtime hours. Please show support for these measures to protect workers by "Taking Action" on the national website.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

Correction: Paula O'Neal's last name and zip code were printed incorrectly. O'Neal is the correct spelling and her zip should be 53713

FINANCE, Gail Stirr

The report will be read at the meeting.



ODYSSEY, Ellie Beck

We will be collecting for the Odyssey dinner at the October 22 meeting. The students will not be meeting at the traditional date in November because it is the day before Thanksgiving and they are excused. Please be generous for these young people who are working hard at these studies. We will be serving them sandwiches from Milio's, apples, cuties, drinks, cookies (I hope also from Milio's) and chips (two large bags for 40 people). Keeping it healthy. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING, Pat Ruppert and Val Murphy



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Ellie Beck

The annual Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction will again be at the Maple Bluff Country Club. The date is December 7; the time is 11:15 for the auction and 12:00 for the luncheon. The first signup will be at the October 23rd meeting and another on November 22nd. I will talk to Jennifer at Maple Bluff sometime this next week to sort out the details. This is one of our major fund raisers so please invite friends to join us.

Heads Up, Sally Keyel

Just to let you know, I'll be having an Open House to sell my jewelry at my house on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 12:30-5 and Sunday, Nov. 10th from 11:30-2. I will donate 20% of the member sales to AAUW. Get some Christmas shopping done early!

FYI

The Middleton Community Orchestra's first concert of the season will be at 7:30 pm on October 9th at the Middleton High School Performing Arts Center. The cost of tickets is \$15. The Orchestra will be playing their holiday program on December 18th at the new Hamel Music Center on the UW Campus.



Co-presidents: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson; Membership: Liz Senseman & Betty Schmidt; Newsletter: Sally Keyel website, www.monona-madison-wi.aauw.net

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Kleo Baruth Kritz, Co-President. She complimented Susan Cook, UW School of Music, for introducing us to the New Music Building, and their Open House is October 25, 2019. She thanked hostesses Lucy Bautz, Jan DeVoe, Sharon Knoop, Sue Richter, and Lila Gullixson for their work in organizing the potluck and all the members who had brought delicious dishes.

Gloria Simley announced that Betty Schmidt and husband Bob had been involved in a serious car accident Sunday morning. Betty, who is in UW-Madison Hospital, suffered multiple fractures but is recovering. Her husband was killed.

Guests included Erin Ruppert, Dianne Taris, and Linda Nettesheim. Liz Senseman welcomed new members: Shiela Reaves, Karen Tolle, Shashi Goel, Lisa Weinlader, and Paula Budinger.

The minutes of the May 18 were read by Paula O'Neal, secretary, and approved as corrected.

Odyssey Meals Project, Ellie Beck: Odyssey meal is October 23. A brochure and envelope were passed for donations.

Financial Report, Gail Stirr: Gail Stirr explained changes in the budget layout as printed in the Scope, and she had separated UW Scholarship funds that are endowed from our yearly revenue and expenses. She explained \$1000.00 short fall from expected income. A motion to accept the budget as printed in the Scope was made by Wanda Nelson and seconded by Gloria Simley. The motion passed unanimously.

Programs, Bobbi White: Bobbi wants to get started on the programs for 2020-21 and we need another program VP for Bobbi to work with.

Membership, Liz Senseman: Wanda Nelson prepared the yellow fliers which can be used to recruit interested women. Each member was given two, and additional fliers are available. Members were encouraged to invite friends to the general and board meetings.

Public Policy, Wanda Nelson: State has set a "Public Policy Day" Saturday, November 2, at Madison Tech College, Truax Campus. The \$20 fee includes a light breakfast and lunch. Wanda has registration forms for anyone interested and we would like to send a team. Wanda and Kleo plan to attend.

Education Funds and Scholarships, Liz Senseman: A letter from the National AAUW thanking us for \$2000.00 donation to the National Education and Training Fund was read by Kleo.

Fundraising, Pat Ruppert: The trip to the Paine Museum and Oshkosh Public was fun and will most likely break even according to Pat. However, these trips are not functioning as fundraisers for our scholarships. Pat is open for suggestions to increase participation so can be fundraising trips.

Publicity, Mary Boyd: Wanda Nelson made posters to promote the October AAUW general meeting. Mary said the poster can be sent to the Public Library that will then distribute it the other libraries. Members, however, are needed to distribute posters in non-library spaces. A signup sheet for member names and locations to be placed was passed around. Kleo announced that all District 1 Branches except us (Beaver Dam,

Fort Atkinson, and Janesville) have Facebook /social media; we need someone who is interested in this to take on this project.

Historian, Lucy Bautz: Forward picture and articles of events to Lucy. Any stored boxes /folders of historical documents go to Sue Richter.

Newsletter, Sally Keyel:Deadline for October Scope is Wednesday, October 2.

Directory, Lynn Celley: Lynn stated remaining Directories will be mailed out and reminded us old Directories contain personal information, so should be shredded or burned. If you can't shred them, you may bring them to a meeting for disposal.

Nominating Committee: Kleo encouraged members who enjoy volunteering to look at job descriptions on website, maybe attend a board meeting, and volunteer for what interests them. She acknowledged members who have been volunteering for AAUW offices, committees, and events for many years are tired and now may want to relax and simply enjoy the programs, interest groups, and holiday luncheons. They have earned it.

Book Sale, Sharon Knoop: Frugal Muse is moving and allowed us last week of September to come and pick out books. Gail Stirr, Lisa Weinlader, Sharon Knoop and Kleo Baruth Kritz selected 12 boxes of books for our book sale.

Silent Auction: Kleo encouraged members to think about personal items for the Holiday silent auction, (e.g. gift certificate for hosting a dinner/tea, teaching a skill/craft). Kleo said she and Donna Anderson are planning to host a high tea for sale at the silent auction.

University Relations, Bobbi White: Bobbi indicated she is helping to reboot the University AAUW student branch, which participated at the UW Organizational Fair and did attract interest from other students.

Old Business:

Kleo complimented Gail Stirr for correcting incorrect member email addresses on National roster so hopefully they will receive their Badger Briefs. Sally Keyel will notify members when the next Brief comes out, and if you don't receive it contact Kleo. There are still problems with Brief distribution.

New Business and Announcements:

1. Janesville Branch is seeking a national grant of \$80,000.00 to repair the Woman's Club Building and are in the top 20 finalists. Members are asked to vote for the project and attend the Open House at the Women's Club Building October 5. Donna Anderson, Kleo, and some friends are going to the Open House. An email has been sent to all members with details.
2. Beaver Dam Branch will have its 25th annual AAUW Scholarship Gift Basket Auction on October 16. The dinner costs \$30.00 and there will be silent and live auctions. For more details and registration see e-mail sent to members.
3. This past fiscal year we had a budget deficit of almost \$1000. To maintain the level of scholarship support we offer, we will need to discuss ways to increase our fundraising this year and examine ways to

save money. At the Board meeting ideas were brainstormed to increase fundraising this year and save money.

- a. Raising potlucks from \$8 to \$10 (Passed at board meeting)
- b. Raising branch dues from \$15 to \$20 spring of 2020 (\$87 total, National \$59 and State \$13)
- c. Increasing interest group voluntary participation donation from \$10 to \$15
- d. Developing personal items for holiday silent auction (e.g. hosting a dinner, teaching skill/craft)
- e. Paying for guests at luncheons (scholarship girls/mothers) through member sponsors rather than through our budget
- f. Increasing participation at trips, luncheons, potlucks, etc.
- g. Near Thanksgiving, inviting donations toward branch scholarship support (This calls attention to our need and gives all members a chance to be supportive, even when they are unable to attend trips/events or to participate in interest groups)
- h. Encouraging members who are wanting to leave group because of difficulties in getting out to continue to support our mission by staying a member
- i. Learning how other branches do fundraising

Kleo adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula O'Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Oct 8, Film Group:** Movie, time and place to be announced
- **Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Hostess, Robby Sonzogni; reviewer, Pat Ruppert; *Circe* by Madeline Miller
- **Oct. 17 at 1 pm:** Board Meeting at Kleo Baruth Kritz's
- **Oct. 17 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature:** Home, Ann Bowles; Leader, Linda Hoelzel; *Educated* by Tara Westover
- **Oct. 22 at 7 pm: General Program**
- **Oct. 24 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature:** Home, Carrie Wurz; Leader, Linda Voss; *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- **Nov. 2:** Wisconsin Public Policy Day at Madison College, Truax Campus

