

SCOPE



**Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019**

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 p.m. Coffee and Social

7:30 p.m. Program: Valerie Rank, Habitat for Humanity Restore, “Help Build a Habitat Home - No hammer Required.”

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

Hostesses: Lynn Christensen, Barb Sorensen, Val Murphy, Percy Mather, Helen Brown, Sandy Drew

Saturday, December 7, Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

Maple Bluff Country Club, 500 Kensington Dr., Madison.

11:15 Silent Auction 12:00 Luncheon

Hostesses: Ellie Beck, Stephanie Sorensen, Betty Schmidt, June Suhling, Peggy Anderson

We will be signing up members interested in the Holiday Luncheon at the November 26 meeting to accept your checks and reservations. This is two days before Thanksgiving so time is limited. If you cannot bring a check to the branch meeting you may mail it to me with your luncheon preference. The choices are: Chicken Quesadillas, Prime Rib Sandwich or Asparagus & Mushroom Grilled Cheese. The check should be made out to Monona/Madison AAUW. My address is 74 Oak Creek Trail, 53717. Please invite your friends and remember that this is now a major fund raiser. Ellie Beck



Please bring items for Auction to Maple Bluff between 10:30 and 11. Also bring services you wish to have auctioned as well. Please allow time to price items and services. Enclosed are forms for bidding. We will have more available at the time of the sale.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Donna Anderson & Kleo Baruth Kritz

Thank you for all that voted for the Janesville Woman's Club Building. It felt good to be able to support our fellow AAUW Branch to maintain a part of the Women's history and anchor to the Community. We are looking forward to continuing our own history of good companionship, good eating and important fund raising at our annual Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction on December 7, 2019 at Maple Bluff Country Club. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and your many guests at this event. In addition to our past silent auction treasures we are hoping to add additional interesting items for our consideration. The first would be silent auction ideas that may involve more activities, experiences and social connections for additional contributions. Some examples of this would include lessons, donated hours of a needed skill, food options, and musical presentations. Themed gift baskets are also a popular option. Some of you may also have connections to local businesses or restaurants that may want to donate an item or gift certificate. The second would be a preview of the May book sale with a variety of books available for a donation.

As you take your time viewing all the wonderful silent auction ideas, feel free to have a glass of wine, soda or cocktail. We have no charge for the bar services if we purchase a certain amount. This is one of our major fund raisers so we encourage you to bid often and high while enjoying good company, a lovely setting, a delicious lunch and the holiday spirit. We look forward to welcoming friends and family. We also hope to make new friends by inviting other women from our AAUW district to join in the fun. See you all soon.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

Address change: Dorothy Schmidt, 910 Lochmoore Dr., Waunakee, 53597

WORK SMART, Kleo Baruth Kritz

AAUW originally applied for a \$500,000 grant from the Coco-Cola Foundation that required 100,000 women this past year complete the Work Smart program online. AAUW reached this benchmark goal in August 2019 with 102,700 women trained to negotiate fair salaries. Coco-Cola then approached AAUW and asked them to apply for another \$500,000 with a benchmark of 10 million by 2022. This is very unusual for a corporation to do that. Please help National AAUW earn this generous grant by taking a couple hours and doing Work Smart online. You may say, "I'm retired. Why bother?" You have daughters and sons, grandchildren, children of family members and friends. This also teaches you negotiations skills that can be used in other settings, too. You can go to our website where an has installed a link under the National and State links on the homepage. Please help!

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr, October 2019
Beginning balance 9/30/19 \$4,059.50

• National AAUW donation	\$345.00
(Collected to honor Atsuko Kusuda's 90 th birthday)	
• Odyssey meal donations	\$175.00
• Membership (dual member)	\$15.00
• Hamel Music Tour	\$285.00
(scholarship donations)	
• Bridge Marathon donations	\$40.00
• Holiday luncheon (meals)	\$159.00
Total Income:	<u>\$1,019.00</u>

• State AAUW dual member dues	\$13.00
• Newsletter expenses (Sally Keyel)	\$25.32
• Odyssey meal (Ellie Beck)	\$293.92
• Donation to AAUW (Atsuko Kusuda)	\$345.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$677.24</u>
Ending balance:	\$4,401.26

FIVE STAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM, Kleo Baruth Kritz

National has developed a Five Star program for this year for states and branches to encourage us to align our branch with National's strategic plan to empower women. I just started learning about it at state board meeting in October. I am not going into detail or this *Scope* would be the length of *War and Peace*. It's complicated, but I will share goals that directly affect you.

- One goal is putting the Work Smart link on our website. Jan has done this so you can easily assess it and help National AAUW achieve a \$500,00 grant if 10 million do this by 2022.
- Another goal is each branch averaging \$30 per member raised for Greatest Needs Fund this year. If you decide to send any money to National, be it \$15 or \$250, designate it to Greatest Needs.
- Just for the record one goal is to have a public policy chairperson and I typed in Wanda's name so we unofficially have ½ star right now. It's a beginning!

If interested in more detail go to national website aauw.org and type in five star in search box. There is a video of the September, 2019, webinar that is very useful towards the bottom of page under the green box "Apply Now."

This five star program, though very challenging, has motivated me to learn much more about National AAUW by navigating their website. Thank goodness for that search box to locate things like "community resource mapping" and "action network sign-up." Regardless of how many stars we may ultimately earn, it will be an opportunity for us to learn more ourselves and improve our branch to empower women.

WHERE DO WE WANT TO MEET? Kleo Baruth Kritz

The price change in the rental of the Monona Senior Center happened over the summer and as a result we were not able to communicate as well as we would have wished. In the future if there are rental issues, we will make a strong effort to give all information as soon as possible. This is a summary of the events this summer that led to the board's decision to recommend to the membership that we move our general monthly meetings to Heritage Monona for the 2020-21 year.

1. Last year we paid \$300 to Monona Parks and Recreation for 2018-2019. When we received our permit the beginning of summer, Monona Parks had raised its fees to \$720 and would only give us the 50% rate if 50% of our members were Monona residents, which is no longer the case. (Later Linda Hoezel managed to get the Monona Parks director to continue the 50% since we "have been such good tenants for so many years.")

2. After looking at many places in the community, the two best choices were Lake Edge Lutheran Church on Monona Drive and Heritage Monona on Owen Road; both were free, requiring a \$100 down deposit that would be returnable at end of year. Both had similar facilities to Monona Center, namely sufficient space, kitchen facilities and coffee pot, and parking. Lake Edge, however, does not have a sound system; Heritage Monona has budgeted for a portable sound system that will be installed in January. Thus, Heritage would have a microphone, projector, white screen, and portable large TV.

The Monona/Madison Branch has been meeting at the Senior Center for many years and the rates have risen from zero to \$360 over the years. The Senior Center is definitely a hospitable and spacious facility with many amenities and a helpful staff. It has provided a home for the Monona/Madison Branch and consequently, many members are attached to this location. If we move, we would be saving \$260 (\$360 minus a \$100 possible donation). To be fiscally responsible, it is necessary to examine whether the membership wants to stay at current rates or seek something less expensive.

Since there were membership concerns at the October meeting, the motion to move was tabled. Everyone needs a chance to express thoughts, concerns, and feelings. The process will be to discuss the move at the November and January meetings. Expression in writing is also welcome. After this process a vote will be taken at the meeting in February.



FYI:Janesville Woman’s Club Building Wins \$80,000 in Grant Money: Partners in Preservation announced the 2019 winners, honoring the legacy of women's history on main streets across America on October 30, 2019.

Janesville took **first place** with a grand total of **124,901 votes** to win the **\$80,000 grant!** The campaign nationwide overall tallied over 1,112,140 votes – the most ever for Partners in Preservation: Main Streets voting campaign! Twenty historic sites participated in the public voting campaign to win a share of \$2 million in preservation funding from American Express. This year’s Partners in Preservation campaign placed special emphasis on historic buildings and sites that celebrate the contributions of women in communities across America

The Janesville AAUW members are grateful for the amazing support we received from our friends and cheerleaders in AAUW across Wisconsin. Please extend our gratitude to your members, family, and friends who voted for us during the 6-week campaign.

It was an exciting campaign with open house, art gallery, and family festival events. Partners in Preservation had awarded an additional \$10,000 in September to each of the 20 national finalists to promote their events and projects. Janesville, the only site in Wisconsin, attracted 708 in-person voters at their open house but Mount Pleasant, Iowa, won the prize of \$50,000 for most visitors with a total of 1,044.

AAUW is one of five clubs that call the Janesville Woman’s Club building home. We have been meeting in this building for 91 years and are so proud to have been able to help earn this grant for major preservation work. The Janesville Woman’s Club building is managed by the Foundation for the Preservation of 108 S. Jackson Street—a board comprised of members from the five organizations.

GREAT DECISION DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are new to our branch or are unfamiliar with this group, consider joining us this coming winter and early spring. Each year the Foreign Policy Association, New York, N.Y publishes a booklet covering 8 current world policy topics researched and written by knowledgeable professionals. Accompanying questions and a supplemental reading list is provided for each topic. In addition, a professionally produced and narrated DVD is available to coordinate with each topic with additional material. The purpose is to provide information for individuals to become better informed and for groups to gather and discuss these topics. An opportunity to respond to the F. P Assoc. with on-line opinion polling is available following each discussion.

For a number of years the Monona/Madison AAUW branch has organized a group of members who meet to discuss each of the topics. Susan Becker has arranged a meeting place at Oakwood West, Mineral Point Rd. Cost is approximately \$30 for the book (which is necessary) containing information for each topic. For more information about the group, or to order a book, contact Mary Boyd (222-7673) or boydma2322@sbcglobal.net no later than December 9th.

We will meet on the following dates (all Mondays) from 1:30-3 pm: Jan 27, Feb 10 and 24, Mar. 9 and 23, Apr. 6 and 20, and May 4

Topics for 2020 are: 1. Climate Change and the Global Order 2. India and Pakistan 3. Red Sea Security 4. Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking 5. U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle 6. China's Road into Latin America 7. The Philippines and the U.S. 8. Artificial Intelligence and Data

Basket Donation, Lynn Celley

These were donated for our silent auction. If anyone wants to fill one with items, call Lynn Celley.



BOARD MINUTES, October 17, 2019

Attending: Gail Stirr, Sue Richter, Val Murphy, Liz Senseman, Donna Anderson, Jan Robertson, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Bobbi White (via telephone conferencing).

-Kleo Baruth Kritz called the meeting to order at 1:20. Donna Anderson thanked Kleo for hosting.

-Kleo passed around a *Capital Times* newspaper letter written by Elaine Kloepfel titled "Shopping, attending movies difficult with disabilities." This letter emphasized the problems persons with mobility issues have accessing group events and locations. This is an issue many AAUW members have and needs to be considered when planning branch activities.

-Minutes from the June 11 board meeting were accepted as published in the *Scope*.

-Finance report by Gail indicated that the branch has a current \$953.49 deficit, mainly due to lack of participation in trips. Increasing fundraising and decreasing expenses is needed in future planning.

-Question was raised as to why the branch pays \$50 each year to belong to the Wisconsin Women's Network. A suggestion was made to invite someone from this organization to speak at a general meeting. Donna volunteered to check with this organization to find out what its purpose is and what it does for us.

-The location of our branch monthly general meetings was discussed since the price has been raised from \$300 to \$360. We have already paid \$360 to use the Monona Senior Center for one night each month for 8 months for this year. At the June 11 meeting the board voted to continue to stay at this location for the coming year but to discuss possible relocation for the 2020-21 year. Linda Hoezel had checked with the Monona Senior Center director who said she did not have any control over nightly events. Linda felt that the \$360 yearly fee was set and further negotiations with the Director of Parks and Recreation would not change it. Kleo had checked with the following possible relocations this summer:

- Monona Library but they had one room that was too small and the other lecture hall with stationary seats facing forward.
- The Goodman Community Center which charges \$103.25 per meeting.
- Monona United Methodist Church on Nichols Road but 4th Tuesday is not good.
- Messiah Lutheran Church on Cottage Grove Road which had limited dates available.
- Lake Edge Lutheran Church by Lake Edge Shopping Center, which has similar features to Monona Senior Center, but it does not have a sound system. They require a \$100 deposit but it would be returned at the end of the year.
- Heritage Monona, which also has similar facilities to Monona Senior Center with sufficient space, kitchen and coffee pot, parking and a white screen. They are planning on having a sound

system available in January of 2020. They require a \$100 deposit but it would be returned at the end on the year.

After this data was presented, Donna moved that the board recommend we move our general monthly meetings to Heritage Monona for the 2020-21 year. Jan seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion the motion passed. The recommendation will be presented to the general AAUW membership at the October meeting for a vote. Kleo will check with Heritage Monona to confirm the availability of dates.

-The topic of ways to increase fundraising was then discussed. The following ideas were identified:

1. Raising dues from \$15 to \$20 dollars. This increase would be fair since all members would pay. It was recommended that this be discussed at a later date. Kleo will check to find out what other Wisconsin branches pay for local dues and whether National or State has any plans to raise their dues.
2. Raising interest group voluntary donations from \$10 to \$15. Some groups have already done this.
3. Obtaining gift certificates from business for the silent auction.
4. Developing personal items for holiday silent auction like hosting a tea or dinner, making pies, jewelry making lessons, 2 hours of sewing/mending, handyman help, wine and music entertainment.
5. Paying for guests at luncheons by volunteer members rather than from the budget.
6. Learning how other branches do fundraising.
7. Inviting donations.
8. Increasing participation at trips, luncheons, potlucks.
9. Developing a social media presence to attract new members.

Further ideas and more recommendations will be discussed at future meetings.

-Bobbi reported on the status of the UW Madison student AAUW branch stating that five students are presently interested. Since the student population is so mobile with graduations and jobs, it is difficult to get the branch organized each year. Bobbi is still trying but stated, "We are in limbo."

-The book sale was discussed. The sale is currently just Saturday, May 2. Since the Dean House is already set up for the sale, it was recommended that the sale be extended to two days. Saturday would be regular sales from 9-3 The Sunday sale would be 10 to 1 as usual and the bag sale would be from 1-3. The book sale committee agrees with this recommendation.

-Bobbi is still looking for a member for the program committee to help plan for the 2020-21 year. Mary Berg is retiring at the end of this year.

-The next board meeting date has changed from February 13 to February 6 and will still be at Gail Stirr's home at 1:00.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, **Sue Richter, Acting Secretary**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, October 22

Co-President Donna Anderson called the meeting to order. She thanked hostesses: Lynn Celley, Linda Voss, Jan Robertson, Reta Harring and Mary Boyd. She introduced the following guests: Elaine Walz, a friend of Kathy Bell, Lois Harr, a friend of Consuelo Lopez and Lyn Hildenbrand, Wisconsin's State President. Also, attending was Misao Kusuda, daughter of long-time member, Atsuko Kusuda. Missy is a member of a California AAUW branch and has joined the Monona/Madison Branch.

Lyn Hildenbrand reported that the national AAUW will no longer be hosting national conventions as it is too costly. There will be a regional convention in Des Moines, Iowa in June 2020. *Badger Briefs* will be coming out soon as an e-mail document. It is too costly to print. "Work Smart" and "Start Smart" programs are a major part of the national agenda. She talked about the new national "5-Star Program." Members can learn more on the national website.

Mary Berg moved and Mary Boyd seconded a motion to accept the September general meeting minutes as printed in the *Scope*. Motion carried.

Program: Bobbi White announced that in November Valerie Renk, Habitat for Humanity Restore representative, will be speaking on “Help Build a Habitat Home—No Hammer Required.”

Finance: Finance Officer Gail Stirr gave the following report: Beginning balance as of August 31, 2019 was \$2,888.50. Total income for the month of September was \$1,834.00. Expenses were \$753, leaving an ending balance of \$3,969.50.

Public Policy: Wanda Nelson reported that the state has set a Public Policy Day on Saturday, November 2nd at the Madison Area Technical College’s Truax Campus. The cost is \$20, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. She had registration forms for anyone who was interested in attending.

Fundraising: Val Murphy noted that the trip to the new Hamel Music Center on the UW campus did not go so well as no guide arrived to take the group on the tour. There are no plans to reschedule at this time. Bobbi White noted that there will be an open house from Thursday to Sunday this coming weekend at the Center.

Silent Auction: The Board has come up with lots of creative and unconventional ideas for the Silent Auction. Members can contact Kleo for suggestions. Also, members were encouraged to invite friends to the December luncheon.

Newsletter: Editor Sally Keyel said that the deadline for the November/December issue is Wednesday, November 6th.

Nominating Committee: There is a need for a new position as Social Media Chair. Sue Richter noted that there is need for another program committee member or two.

Book Sale: Sharon Knoop announced that the dates for the book sale will be May 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm and the sale will be extended to Sunday, May 3rd from 10 am to 1 pm. The bag sale will be held on Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm. She asked members to begin collecting books. Either she or Kleo can store books if needed.

Odyssey Meals Project: Ellie Beck passed around an envelope for monetary donations toward the meal. Also, she sent around a sign-up sheet for the December luncheon at the Maple Bluff Country Club.

WEB Editor: Jan Robertson is adding the “Work Smart” information to our website. Members are encouraged to take the “Work Smart” online class. Kleo reported that national AAUW received a \$500,000 grant from Coca Cola on the condition that 100,000 people take the “Work Smart” class. They surpassed that goal with a 102,700 total. Coca Cola then contacted AAUW to apply again, but this time the goal would be 10 million people learning to “Work Smart.” All members were encouraged to take the class even if retired as it teaches negotiation skills.

University Relations: Bobbi White reported that there are about five young women interested in the AAUW University of Wisconsin Branch. The focus will be on “Start Smart” starting in January.

Great Decisions: Mary Boyd asked that anyone interested in signing up for “Great Decisions” contact her immediately as she will receive a discount on the publication if she sends the order in this week.

Old Business

The AAUW Janesville Branch has applied for a national grant of \$80,000 to repair the Women’s Club Building in Janesville. We can help by voting daily until October 29th. Contact Kleo for information on how to vote.

New Business

The cost of meeting at the Monona Community Center has been increasing. Last Spring, Kleo was notified that the cost would rise to \$720 per year. Linda Hoebel negotiated the cost to \$360 for the 2019/20 year. The issue was not having a majority of Monona residents as members. The Board voted to stay at Monona Community Center for this year because the fee had already been paid. Kleo began to look for alternative meeting sites in or around Monona. After visiting many possibilities, she found

that the Heritage Center on Owen Road was the best option. At the October board meeting, it was recommended that the Branch move their meeting place to the Heritage Center for the 2020/21 year. Jan Robertson moved, Reta Haring seconded a motion to move our meeting place to the Heritage Center for the 2020/21 year. The motion was not carried. After a lengthy discussion, Gail Stirr moved and Mary Berg seconded a motion to table the previous motion. Motion carried.

It was suggested that an article be placed in the *Scope* about the proposed move so that members who are not in attendance are aware of the issue

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, **Wanda Nelson, Acting Secretary**

CALENDAR

- **Nov. 12: Film Group**
- **Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm: La Cuisine:** Dining with the TV Chefs: Hostess: Pat Ruppert; Co-hostesses: Liz Senseman & Suzanne Poggio
- **Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Hostess: Donna Anderson; Reviewer: Ann Huggett; *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee
- **Nov. 21 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature:** Home: Sandy Knesting; Leader: Helen Brown; *Educated* by Tara Westover **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- **Nov. 21 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature:** Home, Dee Zimmerman; Leader: Ann Bowles; *Becoming* by Michelle Obama
- **Nov. 26 at 7:00 pm: General Program**
- **Dec. 7 at 11:15: Holiday Luncheon** at Maple Bluff Country Club
- **Dec. 10: Film Group**

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



October speaker and Kleo and Donna with State AAUW President Lyn Hildebrand

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Invites
You and Your Guests**

Saturday, December 7, 2019

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION
Maple Bluff Country Club
500 Kensington Drive
Madison, Wisconsin

All proceeds go toward education/scholarships

**Excellent Food, Delightful Company, Great Cause
Please join us!**

**11:15 Silent Auction/Book Sale
12:00 Luncheon
\$22**

**Choice of: Chicken Quesadilla ~ Prime Rib Sandwich ~ Asparagus & Mushroom
Grilled Cheese
(garden salad; rolls; dessert; coffee, tea, or milk; taxes; and tip)**

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Mark on check your entrée choice.**