

SCOPE



Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter
TUESDAY, January 28

JANUARY 2020

7:00 p.m. Social Hour

**7:30 p.m. Program: Gail Ambrosius,
Chocolatier. "All About Cacao"**

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

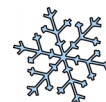
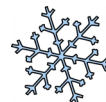
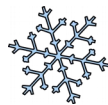
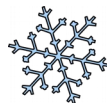
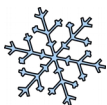
Hostesses: Linda Hoelzel, Sally Keyel,
Bobbi White, Gail Stirr, Gloria Simley



PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Donna Anderson

What an amazing group of women in our branch and what a laudable accomplishment for our branch! The final results are in for our Holiday Luncheon/Silent Auction: **\$2414**. That is double, plus \$14, of the \$1200 we raised in 2018! This year we added a book sale with a donation jar that merited \$271. Our first live auction with your two co-presidents presiding as auctioneers (we probably won't be giving up our day jobs) and a lively Bobbi "Vanna" White displaying the eight baskets raised \$375. And our traditional auction with a multitude of items earned \$1768. All of the \$2414 will be going for scholarship support.

So many of you contributed in so many ways: Ellie Beck organizing the luncheon at Maple Bluff Country Club; Mary Berg, Wendy Way, and Mary Zins orchestrating the silent auction; and our many members who arrived with such a variety of items; and those members and guests who generously contributed to our holiday event and took new treasures home. Thanks to all of you for a delightful holiday event to celebrate our mission to help girls and women. Now we can look forward to a new year 2020 and a new decade with renewed enthusiasm.



FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy & Pat Ruppert

The tour of the Hamel Music Center has been re-scheduled for 11:00 am on Monday, Jan. 20. The Hamel Center is located at 740 University Ave. and we will meet in the lobby by that entrance. Susan Cook, professor of musicology and Director of the School of Music will be leading our tour. Please invite guests if you like. We are asking for a \$15 donation to our branch for attendees, if you did not donate at the original event. We are planning on meeting for lunch after the tour at the University Club.

Please RSVP to Val Murphy, lvsmadcity@gmail.com, and let me know if you will attend and if you will join us for lunch.

ATTENTION MORNING LIT GROUP

The January meeting of the Morning Lit Group, scheduled for January 23rd, is changing locations. Lynn is unable to host the group so she is trading with Sally Lee. Mark your calendars to go to Sally's for the January meeting. Lynn will host the March meeting.

SILENT AUCTION, Mary Berg & Wendy Way

The Silent Auction netted \$2414! Thanks to everyone for their efforts!

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Co-President Kleo Baruth Kritz called the meeting to order. She thanked Kayla Leibfried, Habitat's Associate Director of Development, for an informative talk about the work Habitat for Humanity is doing in Dane County. Information sheets and donation envelopes were passed out.

Kleo acknowledged the hostesses: Val Murphy, Percy Mather, Sandra Drew and herself. She complimented Barb Sorensen on the charming turkey centerpieces she had made with pine cones from her backyard. Barb said anyone was welcome to take the adorable turkeys home with them.

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

Programs: Bobbi White stated January's program will be Gail Ambrosius, Chocolatier, with samples, we hope.

Membership: Kleo said all of us were glad our membership VP Betty Schmidt was able to be back with us after her serious accident. Kleo then acknowledged our new dual member Missy Kusuda from AAUW San Jose AAUW in California whose mother, Atsuko Kusuda, has been a long time Monona/Madison member. Kleo thanked Missy for two \$25 Starbucks gift certificates for our holiday auction and a generous \$100 donation to the Odyssey dinner.

Financial Report: Gail Stirr added that both Missy Kusuda and her mother, Atsuko Kusuda, contributed \$500 each to our branch. Their generous donations will likely be used for scholarships, but specific information regarding the intent of their donations will come in January, after their family determines donation goals. A breakdown of financial account standing through the end of October is given in the attached financial report.

Public Policy: Mary Boyd and Bobbi White attended the State Public Policy Day November 2 at Madison College. Sixty people attended from all over the state. It was suggested to form committees to work on voter registration for the elections next year.

Bylaws: Sue Richter announced that our current bylaws, Article VII, Section 5 states: "No member shall be eligible to serve more than one (1) consecutive term in the same office." As a member of the nominating committee, she said we will need to change that bylaw if our branch wants to have officers serve consecutive terms. We will vote at the January meeting. If the motion passes to change the bylaw, it will need to be submitted to the State AAUW for approval.

Fundraising: Pat Ruppert reported the New Music Hall Tour ended up being canceled because of lack of a tour guide even though the group had already gathered in the hall; the tour still raised money. Hopefully, it can be rescheduled. Pat said a trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum for “Art in Bloom” is being planned for April 30, 2020.

Newsletter: Next newspaper due date for articles is January 1, 2020

Hospitality: Dee Zimmerman announced she had completed her hospitality chair duties and Kleo thanked her for her service to our branch.

Odyssey Meal Project: Ellie Beck said the Odyssey Meal was well funded and thanked everyone for their generosity.

Holiday Luncheon: Ellie Beck stated forty women at present will be attending Maple Bluff Country Club holiday luncheon on December 7, 2019. Chris Ebert, State Membership Vice President, and Diane Kitchen, Beaver Dam President, have made reservations for the holiday luncheon.

Silent Auction: Wendy Way will not be able to attend the auction and said Mary Berg and Mary Zins will be in charge of the auction. Please bring items by 10:30.

Book Sale: Kleo Baruth Kritz and Donna Anderson attended Beaver Dam’s basket auction, which had several tables of books available with a donation jar that earned \$248.00. For our holiday luncheon Kleo said they had picked out some stylish novels, a few histories, and coffee table books plus Sharon Knoop has some excellent children’s books from Frugal Muse; the books will be displayed at the silent auction with a donation jar.

Web Editor: Kleo congratulated Jan Robertson for getting the “Work Smart” link on to our homepage on the web. Coca-Cola asked AAUW to apply for another \$500,000 with a benchmark of 10 million people signed up by 2022. Kleo announced she had promised at the last meeting she would do it and stated National is now one woman closer to its goal. First time a person goes to the site she will set up her name and password. Next time she clicks in, it will ask at the bottom of the sign-in page if she is an existing user and will have saved what she has done earlier. There are seven parts to do.

Interest Groups: Mary Berg stated the Great Decisions book will cost \$30.00 and sessions are Mondays 1:30 to 3:00 pm starting January 27.

Announcements: Kleo announced Janesville AAUW Branch won first place in the online voting and earned the \$80,000.00 grant to restore Janesville Woman’s Club Building. She thanked all who voted.

Old Business: There were membership concerns at the October meeting about moving meetings from Monona Senior Center to Heritage Monona due to change in rental price at Monona Senior Center, and the motion to move was tabled. Discussions will be at November and January meetings with final vote at February meeting. All members are encouraged to express thoughts, concerns, and feelings about the move. Expressions in writing are welcomed. Some points from this the discussion included the following:

- Members are used to coming to Monona Senior Center and see it as home.
- Cost of move would be less expensive with only a refundable deposit of \$100.00 for the year.
- Would the meeting be open to Heritage residents?
- Could this move to a Nursing Home affect image that AAUW is only for older women at a time we are trying to attract younger members?
- Could dues be raised to cover the expense? How might this affect us getting new members? Some interest groups have raised dues for their specific group.
- MSC is charging \$360.00 this year, which is half of their regular rate of \$720. Can we get it in writing and be grandfathered that they will offer us half price in the future? That will be worked on by Linda Hoelzel.

Wendy Way moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Gail Stir. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted. Paula O’Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m.:** **La Cuisine.** A Restaurant Outing to be determined. Hostess: Sally Hestad
- **Jan 14: Film Group:** Movie, time and place to be announced
- **Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.:** **Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Home, Pat Ruppert; reviewer, Jan Robertson; *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell
- **Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.:** **Afternoon Literature:** Place: Monona Library **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION;** Leader: Wanda Nelson; *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee
- **Jan. 23 at 9:30 a.m.:** **Morning Literature:** Home, Sally Lee **NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION;** Leader, Jan DeVoe; *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- **Jan. 28:** General Meeting
- **Feb. 13 at 2 p.m.:** Board Meeting at Gail Stirr's

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

