

SCOPE



Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter
TUESDAY, February 25

FEBRUARY 2020

7:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:30 p.m. Program: Mike Stringel, Director, Aldo Leopold Center.
“What is Happening in Monona’s Big Backyard.”

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

Hostesses: Carrie Wurz, Dee Zimmerman, Ann Bowles, Lil Genskow, Marian Ehrenberg

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson

A new decade has begun and we are on our way to exciting new adventures as we continue to work for advancement on women's issues. The first accomplishment of the year is the recognition in the National Five Star program. The first star was achieved for Communication and External Relations. We have a wonderful website which is thanks to Jan Robertson. Recently, Jan was able to add the link to the Work Smart program on the Web which added toward our goal of equal pay for women. It helps in negotiating skills which are helpful in all areas of life at all ages. We encourage everyone to participate in this learning experience.

Thanks to a very successful Holiday luncheon, we are entering 2020 more financially secure. Our next fund raiser will be the book sale at the Dean House on Saturday, May 2, 2020 and Sunday May 3, 2020. (Note this year we are experimenting with extending the book sale another day to Sunday.) Please save books, advertise, encourage friends and family to attend, volunteer, and most of all buy books!

Opportunities to meet with other women and coordinate efforts with other District 1 branches have been a main goal for this year. We have connected with programs taking place at the Beaver Dan, Fort Atkinson and Janesville branches. As a result, we have supported and learned from each other. More opportunities are coming up to expand this goal to the state and region. Mark your calendars to attend the State Convention in La Crosse on April 17-18, 2020. Also there is the first Regional Convention on June 18- 20, 2020 in Moline, Illinois. Formation of the 2021 State Convention will be held in and

coordinated by District 1. The planned dates will be announced for sometime in April 2021. Your Co-Presidents have volunteered to be the State Convention 2021 Co-Chairs. Many volunteers from all of District 1 will be needed to make this a success. More news about the 2021 Convention will be given as available.

As it stands now, our meetings will continue at the Monona Community Center for this year. Linda Hoelzel is working hard to secure more clarification on our discounted status in the future. Thank you, Linda.

PUBLIC POLICY, Wanda Nelson

Tell your Senators: Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. Equal pay for equal work is a principle we can all get behind, but we need all senators to show their support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. It's time we put the pressure on!

While the House of Representatives passed this important legislation last March, the Senate has failed to move it forward. The Senate must act to ensure all women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination and all employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law.

We all need to go on line to the AAUW Action Network and "Take Action." It's simple. Just click on the "Take Action" button and ask our Senators to move this legislation forward.

SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman

In 2019 our branch contributed a total of \$3765.00 to the scholarship funds at National AAUW. Of this, \$2000.00 was a branch donation, the remainder was from generous gifts from individuals in our branch. There are four funds established: AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110); Education and Training Fund (4450); Economic Security Fund (4449); and the Leadership Fund (4452). Details of how these funds are used may be found at the website www.aauw.org/contribute, however the recommendation from National is that contributions be made to the Greatest Needs Fund as that has the most flexibility to use the funds as needed.

In addition to our national contributions our branch makes annual awards to UW students and local high school students. The selection process for the UW recipients begins soon, and we are actively involved in the selection process for the Outstanding Returning Adult Student award, which will be presented in April. In addition, in May we will be awarding two scholarships to high school seniors, one each from Monona Grove High School and from LaFollette High School.

Thank you everyone for supporting these funds, scholarships and grants. If you wish to make a contribution to the national funds you can do that on line or by sending a check to AAUW, P.O.Box 98045, Washington, D.C., 20090-8045. Contributions to our local scholarships can be made by contacting our Treasurer, Gail Stirr.

5 Star Recognition

Dear AAUW Monona-Madison,

Congratulations on receiving your first star for Communications and External Relations in the Five Star Recognition Program!

Please find your letter of congratulations attached to this email.

Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to your continued success.

All the best, Nichia

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Save the Dates: 2020 AAUW Wisconsin State Convention

April 17-18, 2020 Radisson Hotel La Crosse 200 Second Street S., 200 Harborview Plaza La Crosse, WI, 54601 This year's convention is being planned by: DISTRICT 4 (Eau Claire, La Crosse, River Falls, Chippewa Falls, and Tomah branches)

AAUW Regional Convention. A multi-state Convention! Join us in East Moline, Illinois June 18-20, 2020 Confirmed speakers: Kim Churches, Kendra Davis, Lisa Maatz, Denise Lieberman. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee presented nominations for next year: Sally Keyel will join Donna Anderson as Co-President; Lynn Christensen will join Betty Schmidt on Membership; Ann Bowles will join Paula O'Neal as Co-Secretary; Gail Stirr will continue as Finance Officer.



FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

November/December, 2019

Beginning balance 11/30/19 **\$4,794.58**

- Kusuda Family donation \$1,000.00
(to be designated by family)
- Holiday luncheon (meals) \$1,056.00
- Holiday silent auction \$1,773.00 Total funds raised: \$2,419.00
- Holiday live auction \$375.00 (scholarship support)
- Holiday book sale \$271.00
- Bridge Marathon donations \$20.00
- La Cuisine donations \$55.00

Total Income: \$4,550.00

- Maple Bluff CC holiday luncheon \$1,188.00
- WI Dept of Financial Institutions \$10.00

Total Expenses: \$1,198.00

Ending balance: **\$8,146.58**

GREATEST NEEDS FUND, Lyn Hildenbrand, State President

Many folks ask, “Why Greatest Needs Funding? The reason that greatest needs funding is so important is that it enables the organization to respond rapidly and effectively to current gender equity issues as they unfold.

Greatest needs funds our entire communications team which helps us with our ever-expanding national press coverage: in the NY Times, Washington Post, Good Morning America, CNN, HLN, Money, Fortune, etc. We received unprecedented coverage in these outlets to help boost our name recognition.

Greatest needs funds also cover our advocacy team members, who are critical to help us leverage our imprint on Capitol Hill and help branches and states across the country with their state and local advocacy efforts. For example, AAUW was instrumental in helping pass 11 new pay equity laws, as mentioned above. There is only one state left without a pay equity law (Mississippi) on the books. The collaboration among our members and our national team was pivotal for these successes.

For example, during #Metoo, AAUW was not able to be as visible with advocacy or programs because much of our funding is heavily restricted. Therefore, we lost a key opportunity to lead the discussion on sexual harassment, and other organizations eclipsed AAUW.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, January 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Co President Donna Anderson. She thanked hostesses Linda Hoelzel, Sally Keyel, Bobbi White, Gail Stirr, and Gloria Simley. One guest, Sheila Leary, was introduced.

- The minutes from November, 2019 were accepted as printed in the Scope.
- Bobbi White said there will be a Program Committee meeting on Friday, January 31 at 10:00 at the Fitchburg Library to discuss programming ideas and options for next year.
- Gail Stirr gave a finance report noting that we have a balance of \$8,146.58 after our Dec. fundraising, donations, and the expenses we paid. Details include income: \$1,000 from the Kusuda family, Holiday luncheon \$1056, Holiday silent auction \$1773, Holiday live auction \$375, Holiday book sale \$271, bridge donations \$20, La Cuisine donation \$55. Expenses include: Maple Bluff for luncheon \$1188 and WI Department of Financial Institutions \$10.
- Liz Senseman thanked donors (individuals and the branch) who contributed \$3700 to the scholarship fund.
- Bylaws: A motion was made by Sue Richter and Sharon Knoop that the bylaws be amended to allow an individual to serve more than one 2 year term in an office. The actual proposal is to eliminate the sentence in Section 1 of Article IX which states that "No member shall be eligible to serve more than one consecutive term in the same office." This motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.
- Fundraising trips: Pat Ruppert stated our last trip to explore the new Hamel Music Center on campus was excellent. The next planned trip will be a bus trip to "Art in Bloom" at the Milwaukee museum on April 30.
- The Nominating Committee presented nominations for next year: Sally Keyel will join Donna Anderson as Co-President; Lynn Christensen will join Betty Schmidt on Membership; Ann Bowles will join Paula O'Neal as Co-Secretary; Gail Stirr will continue as Finance Officer. These nominations will continue to be reported until the election.
- If you have space to store any books between now and the May book sale, please contact Sharon Knoop.
- We still have old business regarding where we will meet. Linda Hoelzel contacted Jake Anderson, Director of Parks and Recreation. She noted that we have met here for 50 years and that we should be a "sanctioned" group and he verbally agreed. Linda has since then been trying to contact him again to get this agreement in writing so that we can go forward when he is no longer there to grant us this arrangement that only charges us 50% of the normal fee. He has not responded to emails or phone calls. She shared the letter she drafted to him so that there is something in both files regarding our arrangement. There were some suggestions that she shorten the letter and just state that our understanding is that we will continue to be a "sanctioned" group paying 50% of the rental rate for our 8 month year. Linda agreed to do so.
- The bridge marathon has been moved from evening to the afternoon to accommodate those who don't like to drive at night. We need to find a place to meet.
- The AAUW State Convention will be in La Crosse this year April 17-18. The Regional Convention will be in the Quad Cities area June 18-20. In 2021, it will be in our district which also includes Janesville, Fort Atkinson, and Beaver Dam. Volunteers will be needed and we are looking at possible places to hold it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Sorensen, Co-Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Feb. 6 at 1 p.m.:** Board Meeting at Gail Stirr's
- **Feb. 11: Film Group:** Movie, time and place to be announced
- **Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Home, Kleo Baruth Kritz; reviewer, Donna Anderson; *The Line Becomes a River* by Francisco Cantu
- **Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Literature:** Monona Library; Leader: Ann Bowles; *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict
- **Feb. 25:** General Meeting
- **Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Home, Wanda Nelson; Leader, Wanda Nelson; *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

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



2020

Regional Convention

June 18-20, 2020

Hyatt House Hotel

East Moline, IL

Registration Opens Soon!

Confirmed plenary speakers—

- ♦ Kim Churches, Chief Executive Officer, AAUW;
- ♦ Kendra Davis, Senior Vice President Advancement & Partnerships, AAUW;
- ♦ Lisa Maatz, Former VP Government Relations, AAUW;
- ♦ Denise Lieberman, Director, Advancement Project's Power and Democracy Program;
- ♦ Dr. Angie Maxwell, Director of the Diane Blair Center of Southern Politics and Society, University of Arkansas;
- ♦ Michelle Duster, author and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells.

Early Bird Registration (before May 15) **\$175**

Regular Registration (after May 15) **\$225**

Includes lunch on Thursday & Friday, dinner on Thursday

Optional Riverboat Cruise Dinner **\$50.95**

Friday evening aboard the Celebration Belle

Register at <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Convention Hotel

Hyatt House

111 Bend Blvd, E. Moline, IL 61244

Register at

<https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

Double or King rooms are \$149, tax included and include a full breakfast.

Interesting Programming:

- ♦ Economic Security Panel
- ♦ ERA Passage in Illinois
- ♦ Celebration of 19th Amendment
- ♦ WorkSmart--bring your own device for the online workshop
- ♦ Town Hall with Kendra Davis
- ♦ Branch Program Sharing--bring your best ideas and take some home!
- ♦ Breakout sessions on Cyber Security, Running for Office, Title IX, Diversity & Inclusion, and more!

Catch up with old friends and meet new friends from 13 states—Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin!