

# SCOPE



**Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter  
March 2020**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**7:00 p.m. Coffee and Social Hour**

**7:30 p.m. Program: Peter Rodgers, Director of Marketing, Madison Symphony Orchestra. “Preview of the 2020-21 MSO Season”**

**Hostesses:** Mary Zins, Kathy Bell, Ingrid Hanson, Elissa Strauss

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

## **PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson**

What a wonderful Mardi Gras our branch had at our February 24 meeting, the perfect date for King’s cake, shrimp, and dirty rice plus the colorful decorations and necklaces!! Thanks to our incredible hostesses Carrie Wurz, Dee Zimmerman, Ann Bowles, Lil Genskow, and Marian Ehrenberg for planning such a fun event. Special thanks to Atsuko and Missy Kusuda for their generous \$1000 donation to fund our LaFollette Scholarship this year. We are so lucky to have so many creative and generous members in our branch. We have finally made our decision to remain at the Monona Senior Center for our monthly meetings. Our branch has met there for over fifty years and consider it the “home” of our branch. May we spend many more years with festive activities as we continue our mission with scholarships to improve the lives of girls and women! (Don’t forget our book sale is rapidly approaching to make this goal into a reality!!!)

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Val Murphy, Sue Richter, Linda Hoelzel**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2020-21: Co-President, Sally Keyel; Program VPs: Jan Robertson and Kleo Baruth Kritz; Membership VP: Lynn Christensen; Co-Secretary: Ann Bowles; and Finance Officer: Gail Stirr. The election will be held at the April meeting. Installation of officers will take place at the May meeting.

## **AAUW MAY BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sharon Knoop**

Keep saving all those books for our big book sale 9-3 on both Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, that supports our AAUW scholarships. The Dean House will be open Monday afternoon, April 30, from 1-3 and Tuesday, May 1, from 9-1. Books can be dropped off at the porch. We will be sorting the books Wednesday. Anyone who still has books and has not been able to drop them off can drop them off Wednesday morning 9-12. (Please do **not** drop off books late Wednesday afternoon; by that time the sorters are exhausted.) If you are unable to drop off books, contact one of us to make arrangements.

We will be passing out sign-up sheets at March and April meetings for sorting on Wednesday 9-11, 11-1, and 1-3. Volunteers are needed for the sale on Saturday, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, and Sunday, 9-11, 11-1, and 1 to close. We hope you will sign up for multiple shifts. If you are unable to attend the March 24 or April 28 meetings and still want to sign up, please email Kleo at [kbkritz@charter.net](mailto:kbkritz@charter.net) and let us know what you wish to sign up for. WE NEED YOU!!! Thanks to all of you for making our book sale a success each year.

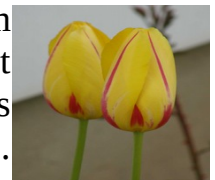
## **MEMBERSHIP, Betty Schmidt & Liz Senseman**

A Reminder to all AAUW Monona/Madison members. We would like to collect all dues for the 2020-2021 year during the months of April and May 2020. 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 Betty Schmidt: 34 Cherokee Cir, #203, Madison 53704 (Membership chair) or Gail Stirr: 7510 Red Fox Trail Madison 53717 (Finance VP). Anyone new wishing to join should contact Betty Schmidt, 240-2217. Membership applications and brochures will be available at the general meetings also.

## **FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy & Pat Ruppert**

Art In Bloom Trip: Thursday April 30

Please join us for our next fundraising trip to the Milwaukee Art Museum for the Art In Bloom exhibit on Thurs, April 30. This is a beautiful event where floral pieces are designed and inspired by paintings and sculptures throughout the museum. A docent will lead a tour of all of the pieces.



Lunch will be on your own. There are 3 places to eat at the museum that are reasonably priced. We will also have time to explore the museum on our own after the tour. We will leave by motor coach at 8:45 am from the Dutch Mill Park'n Ride (46 Collins Court, 53716) and will return at 4:40. The cost is \$70 and includes the museum entrance fee, docent, bus and driver tip, and donation to the scholarship fund. Please send a check for \$70 made out to AAUW Monona Madison to: Val Murphy, 7616 Widgeon Way, Madison 53717. The deadline for signing up is: Tuesday, April 14. Feel free to invite friends. The bus can accommodate 22 people and we would really like to fill the trip. Any questions contact Val, at [lvsomadcity@gmail.com](mailto:lvsomadcity@gmail.com).

## **MILESTONES**

New member Paula Budinger passed away recently.

### **STATE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (2/8/20), Kleo Baruth Kritz, District 1 Coordinator**

1. The State Convention 2020 will be held April 17-18. It was determined that the next issue of the *Badger Briefs* will be dedicated to the convention details. The *Badger Briefs* will be mailed out as well as the electronic version to try to reach the widest possible audience. There is currently an effort being made to find a method to accept online charges for registration.

2. This year the convention's Silent Auction will raise monies toward the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. Annual Fund gifts for Greatest Needs Fund are categorized as 501c3 charitable gifts. In addition to the silent auction, there also will be a donation box for cash or check donations at the convention. With a silent auction format, items valued less than \$70 seem to work best in the auction. If your branch or individual from your branch is donating, Mitzi Dearborn, [dearborn@wi.rr.com](mailto:dearborn@wi.rr.com), needs to know about it by April 7th. She will be preparing an auction item list and bidding sheets in advance, so she needs time to do this. Information needed: who is donating, specific items donated, any theme of donation if applicable, and approximate value. (Thanks, Beaver Dam, for already having your basket together!)

3. Regional Convention, held in lieu of a single National Convention, is scheduled for June 18, 19 & 20 in Quad Cities area (Moline, IL) with a number of national officers, including executive director Kim Churches, in attendance. Representatives from 13 states from Minnesota down to Texas will gather to teach and learn from each other.

4. The State Convention 2021 will be held April 22-23, 2021, and Marriott West in Middleton will be the site of the convention. Donna Anderson and I will be that State Convention Co-chairs, and we will be needing a planning committee with representatives from all four District 1 branches. We have talented women in this district so let me know if you are interested so we can determine our team.

5. National's Five Star Recognition Program was the focus of activities at the board meeting to determine ways to align both the state and branches with National's strategic plan. The Board members broke into five small groups to discuss what we as a board might realistically achieve in helping branches to address these areas.

6. In the February board minutes the secretary recorded my final statement in my District 1 report: “Attending events of other branches as District 1 Coordinator and encouraging them to attend other branch special events is giving us all new ideas and developing relationships between us!!” That is what I am enjoying most about this position and look forward to more activities with all of you.

### **BOARD MINUTES, February 6, 2020**

Present: Kleo Baruth Kritz, Donna Anderson, Paula O’Neal, Sue Richter, Sally Keyel, Val Murphy, Bobbi White, Gail Stirr, Stephanie Sorensen, Mary Boyd

- The meeting was called to order by Donna Anderson who thanked Gail Stirr for hosting.
- Gail Stirr gave the financial report, referencing the November/December report given at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting). January income includes an additional \$165 in donations from those attending the Hamel Music Center tour (\$450 donated in October, when tour was originally scheduled); scholarship support funds raised by this event equal \$450. The breakdown of the Holiday Luncheon earnings was \$1773 from the silent auction; \$375, live auction; and \$271, book sale. At present, we have \$2419 from these combined holiday-event earnings in our scholarship fund, with the Hamel event donations increasing overall scholarship-designated funds to \$2869—so we are covered for our donations this year.
- We also have \$1,000 from the Kusuda family. We will use this toward one of our Monona-area high school scholarships (indicating that this scholarship honors Atsuko Kusuda). We will then determine how to use the additional funds we accumulate next year, as it is too late to organize an additional high school scholarship award this year. Atsuko Kusuda will be honored at our scholarship presentation. Sue Richter will contact Liz Senseman about doing this.
- We evaluated the reasons the Holiday Luncheon/Silent Auction increased from \$1200 last year to \$2419 this year. In addition to the silent auction items, members auctioned off special skills for the first time such as hosting a tea or making jewelry. The live auction, which was arranged at the last minute, can be promoted more next year, encouraging members to create more baskets. Collecting more children's books over the year for the book sale is a good idea because many people think of giving children's books during Christmas season. This year we did not pay the \$250 for the bar because we reached that minimum, and Maple Bluff provided the table decorations rather than the branch buying poinsettias. Beaver Dam charges \$25 for their dinner with \$1 or \$2 going to the branch but that idea was discarded.
- Book Sale: Mary Boyd reported that Pepsi will actually give us (for free) another large sign to hang on the Dean House during the book sale. This is important because we do get foot traffic from this large sign. We will be doing two days, Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, this year and we need new signs and good publicity. She also researched the cost of putting stickers over the old yard signs,

but it turned out that she found a place to get brand new signs made for the cost of the stickers. The Board agreed that the book sale committee should pursue these new signs and spend the money to obtain 25 of them. Mary reported that an anonymous person donated \$100 toward the purchase of new signs. Mary did a lot of research and legwork - thank you Mary!

- Bylaws: Sue Richter recommended that we review our bylaws and determine changes that bring our actual practices into line with the written guidelines. The opening directory page needs to be re-formatted, listing elected and volunteer positions to reflect Board composition and determine exactly who has voting rights on the board. Sue volunteered to work on this project. Anyone is always welcome to attend board meetings.
- UW Group: Bobbi White explained the situation with the student AAUW group with the young women acting as outreach ambassadors for the Start Smart program on campus that she and Donna Anderson have been working with over the past year and a half. This spring, the group has shrunk and students are just not available to continue due to a variety of reasons. There is a bank account at the UW credit union with \$233 remaining, which is free with no ongoing maintenance costs. Bobbi will be meeting with the head of the Gender and Women's Studies Department to see if the student AAUW could possibly partner with them to keep this going.
- Linda Hoelzel's letter to Jake Anderson, Director of Monona Parks and Recreation, was read. Copies of this letter will be kept in the Secretary's book as well as in the President's and Finance Officer's records, so that we have it if or when we might need it in future negotiations renting the Monona Senior Center for our monthly meetings at the 50% rate. Letter sent by Linda Hoelzel:

Jake Anderson

Director of Parks and Recreation

Feb 3, 2020

Many of our members consider the Senior Center as our home for our monthly general meetings and want to assure that this can continue in the foreseeable future.

Last fall, we were happy to hear from you that we could continue our status as a "sanctioned group" at the discounted rate. Our group, which now numbers over 70 members, was relieved to know this, as we award scholarships to a Monona Grove senior, LaFollette senior, UW students as well as an annual donation to Dean House. Finances are very important to us.

We must make decisions to keep our organization viable for the next 5-10 years. Unless we hear differently from you, we will assume we can continue to rent the Senior Center for every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (Sept-May) at the discounted rate. We would also appreciate a one year notice of increased fees so that we can adjust our scholarship demands..

Thank you.

Linda Hoelzel 608-222-0789 (longtime Monona resident)  
Hoelzel1225@gmail.com

- A request was made to write a thank you note to Nancy Barth for sponsoring us at the Maple Bluff Country Club for our Christmas luncheon as well as a note of sympathy to Wanda Nelson on the passing of her sister. Stephanie Sorensen agreed to write the notes. It was suggested that Nancy be contacted to see if we could get her to sponsor us again and get the date set for 2020.
- Kleo Baruth Kritz reported that we have earned our first star from the National AAUW for the updating of our website. Jan Robertson did a wonderful job. Thank you, Jan!
- Members were encouraged to attend the State Convention on April 17-18 at LaCrosse and the Regional Convention June 18-20 in Moline, Iowa.
- Kleo also reported that she and Donna have agreed to be the Co-Chairs for the upcoming state wide AAUW Convention in 2021. They have been researching places to hold the convention and many are already booked. They are focused on two places and will present the two choices to the State Board. We will need a planning committee made up of members from District 1.
- The next Board meeting will be on June 25, 2020. The meeting was adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Sorensen, Co-Secretary

### **AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February 25, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Kleo Baruth Kritz at 8:12 pm. She thanked the hostesses for the evening who did a wonderful Mardi Gras theme: Carrie Wurz, Dee Zimmerman, Ann Bowles, Lil Genskow and Marian Ehrenberg.

- Shiela Reaves introduced the guest she brought along: Mary Murrell, a fellow in the Anthropology Dept. at the UW.
- Kleo announced that Paula Budinger passed away on Feb. 8 and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 1 at the Frost Woods Community room at 2:00 pm for her.
- The minutes of January 28 were accepted as published in the *Scope*.
- Kleo reported that the program committee has met to discuss potential programs for 2020-2021, and another meeting will be held March 20, at 10 am at the Fitchburg Library. Any interested members are welcome to attend.
- Nothing new to report from Membership. We have about 70 to 74 current members.
- Gail Stirr reported that we had a balance of approximately \$8400 at this time.
- Sue Richter has been reviewing our bylaws. She reminded everyone that all the elected officers, plus the chairs of committees, plus the interest group chairs are currently considered Board Members and that we must have a quorum present at Board meetings in order to pass anything. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for June 25 at 1:00 pm at Donna Anderson's home. Anyone is welcome to attend.

- Our next fundraising trip is Thursday, April 30, to Art in Bloom in Milwaukee. The cost is \$70. Contact Val Murphy if you are interested in going.
- Mary Boyd reported that Pepsi agreed to donate a large new banner for the front of the Dean House to advertise the book sale. This is necessary because we will be doing two days of book selling and the old sign was deteriorating. It is very helpful and we are very grateful. Mary also conducted considerable research on new yard signs and found an excellent price for them. Some members have also stepped up to donate toward the costs which is very helpful.
- Lucy Bautz reminded members to send her pictures of events for documentation of our history.
- The next newsletter deadline is March 4 per Sally Keyel.
- The Nominating Committee of Val Murphy, Sue Richter and Linda Hoelzel announced our slate of officers for the upcoming year as: Co-President : Sally Keyel; Program VPs: Jan Robertson and Kleo Baruth Kritz; Membership VP: Lynn Christensen; Co-Secretary: Ann Bowles; and Finance Officer: Gail Stirr.
- Book sale dates are Sat. & Sun. May 1 & 2 from 9:00 to 3:00. We are still collecting books and could use some additional storage space. If you have either, contact Kleo or Sharon. Sign-up sheets for setup and sale itself will be passed around at March meeting.
- The group voted overwhelmingly to continue to meet at the Monona Community Center. We anticipate that the letter sent by Linda Hoelzel to the director documenting our understanding of the cost to this group will serve us if needed in the future.
- This year's State AAUW convention will be held in La Crosse on April 17 & 18. There is some money in the budget to help with costs for those who wish to attend.
- Next year, the State Convention 2021 will be held in our district at the Marriott West. Kleo and Donna will be the State Convention co-chairs and lots of help will be needed. Bobbi White and Fort Atkinson's Maggie Winz have volunteered to be on the planning committee. Please consider being on the committee and let Kleo know. It is scheduled for April 23 & 24, 2021
- The League of Women Voters has invited us to help them celebrate their centennial. It will be held Saturday, March 28, from 5:30 to 10:00 pm at the Park Hotel on the Square. The cost is just \$35 for appetizers, dinner, cake, music, entertainment and a program. Check the League of Women Voters of Dane County website for more information.
- Fort Atkinson and Janesville AAUW are sponsoring a Tech Savvy program at UW-Whitewater on Saturday, March 14 for girls in 6th through 9th grade. Cost is \$10 per girl and per parent. You can register until March 10.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Sorensen, Secretary

## CALENDAR

- **Mar. 10: Film Group:** Movie, time and place to be announced
- **Mar. 18 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Home, Ann Huggett; Reviewer, Liz Senseman; *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- **Mar. 19 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Lit:** Home, Wanda Nelson; Leader, Wanda Nelson; *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Marie Benedict
- **Mar. 21: La Cuisine:** A Caribbean Dinner. Hostess, Robby Sonzogni; Co-hostesses, Lynn Christensen & Ellie Beck
- **Mar. 24 at 7 p.m.:** General Meeting
- **Mar. 26 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Home, Lynn Celley; Leader, Sue Richter; *Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan

Co-presidents: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson; Membership: Betty Schmidt & Liz Senseman; Newsletter: Sally Keyel. **Monona/Madison AAUW website: [monona-madison-wi.aauw.net](http://monona-madison-wi.aauw.net)**

