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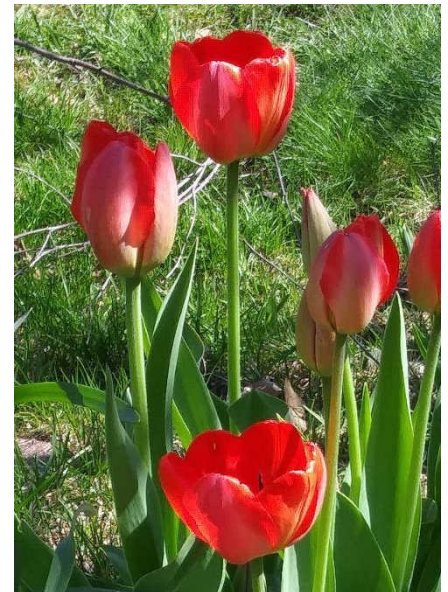
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PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson

From Kleo:

“Pandemics are great for learning new technology.” I wrote these prophetic words in a chat box when a friend was teaching me how to initiate a Zoom meeting. She and I have had several “practice” Zoom sessions to teach me how Zoom works, each of us with a phone clutched in our hand as a backup. Friday, May 1, the State Board met via Zoom since our April convention had been canceled. We had 18 board members present with a live video of each one; it definitely worked! I have learned that our District 1 AAUW branches in Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, and Janesville are in various stages of implementing Zoom meetings for local board meetings and book clubs.

We, too, need to be looking to the future of our branch. Our June 25 board meeting is fast approaching. If we do not want to meet in person (definitely more fun with the visiting and delicious treats), it would be wise to have a backup plan. I would suggest that you locate Zoom on your computer and install the free version. It is easy, and then you will be ready to join meetings. You get an invitation to a meeting at specific time in your email, click the link at the time of the meeting, and that is it. Your hostess accepts you and you are in. (If you accept a Zoom invitation and do not have Zoom installed, you will have to spend around 5-10 minutes getting set up so I recommend doing it ahead of time.) If anyone wants an individual “practice” session, email me and I can extend an invitation to you to set up a session. kbkritz@charter.net I doubt you will find me home with all the lunches, theatre plays, hikes, book clubs, and art fairs I am



constantly attending (my attempt at humor) since my schedule, like yours, is not that busy right now!! I will be glad to help you.

As I write my last Presidents' Corner, I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your president. What I have especially enjoyed is getting to know so many more of you, whether it was at a branch meeting or holiday luncheon or a phone call. Monona/Madison does indeed have a vibrant group of very generous and intellectually curious women.

Stay healthy and continue to keep your physical distance until this passes. But remember we do have phones and emails and Zoom to keep us in contact.

From Donna: Hope you are all finding creative and positive ways to push through this pandemic and keep up your spirits. I have not heard from any of you in regard to your ideas but you can still reach me by email at 1danderson54@gmail.com and I will pass it on in the next *Scope*.

One idea did come to me from the U.S. mail. It was from the State Historical Society stating that they are doing a new project documenting experiences related to COVID-19. If you are doing journaling as a way to cope, the State Historical Society is interested in receiving a copy for their archives. All you have to do is mail it to them when this is all over. The Society has made this request in the past. In 1861 the director of the Historical Society asked soldiers stationed at Camp Randall to keep a journal and send it to them at the end of the war. These journals are now an important part of their collection.

In these days of staying home it is good to look for inspiration especially from other women. The woman I wish to highlight today is Tu Youyou. She received a Nobel Prize in 2015 for discovering the elements for a drug to prevent Chloroquine Resistant Malaria. She was the first Chinese scientist to receive such a prize. The element is called artemisinin and it is a compound found in the wormwood plant used in traditional Chinese medicine since 400 AD.

Tu Youyou was born in 1930 in Ningbo, East China. Her family stressed education but at the age of 16 she had to stop her studies for a couple years due to contracting tuberculosis. This experience changed the course of her life. After recovering she knew she wanted to study medicine in order to help prevent other contagious diseases. At medical school she studied pharmacology. After graduation in 1955 at the age of 24 she joined the Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine where she has stayed her entire career. The element was isolated in 1971 and published in English in 1979. It took the World Health Organization two decades to recognize this accomplishment. Artemisinin is now called "a gift from Traditional Chinese Medicine to the world."

I think Yu Youyou is important to remember because: 1) Not everything bad comes out of China! 2) We need to be patient. Cures don't come overnight. 3) We must do our best to counteract the recent news that Asian Americans are experiencing more discrimination. 4) The past can still give us insight into the future. 5) Hopefully something good can come from this experience.

Since we are so concerned about hygiene these days, I thought I would end with a light story. There was a Kosher restaurant in the East End of London called Blooms (real

place) which was known for rather rude waiters and for attracting a variety of clientele. Two men go into the restaurant and after the meal the waiter says, "Is there anything else?" One man says, "Yes, I will have a lemon tea." The other man says, "I will have the same and make sure it is in a clean glass." So the waiter comes back with two glasses of tea and says, "Which one of you wanted the clean glass?" (If you have ever been there, this will make more sense.)

Take one day at a time and happy social distancing.

MEMBERSHIP, Liz Senseman & Betty Schmidt

DUES ARE DUE! The total for local, state, and national dues is \$87.00. Checks should be made out to the Monona/Madison AAUW. Checks may be mailed to Gail Stirr 7510 Red Fox Trail Madison, WI 53717 (Finance VP).

New Member: We would like to welcome **Lise Skofronick** to our branch. She has been a past member of AAUW, and so is familiar with our organization and mission. Lise is a retired business owner and is interested in music, arts, architecture, travel and cooking. She received her BA degree from the Universite de Sherbrooke in Quebec. Please welcome her when we next meet, which we all hope will be in the near future!

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Will try to hold it via Zoom on June 25 if it's not possible to hold it in person

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

Please let Lynn know of any address/e-mail changes so she can put them into the Directory in a timely fashion.

BOOKSALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sharon Knoop

Postponed until late summer or fall or next year. Only time will tell!

MILESTONES

From her son Jim: Atsuko Kusuda, a longtime member, died of congestive heart failure at Agrace Hospice. She was very peaceful and quiet when she left us. She loved your group, AAUW Monona/Madison (WI) Branch and we are listing it as her favorite charity in the obituary.

From her daughters: I just want to make sure you know that my sister Amy Roh and I are making a \$1000 donation which will be from the Kusuda family in honor of our Mom, Atsuko. We want this money, as well as any other contributions in Atsuko's honor to be used by the Chapter locally. I don't know if it's too late to give more scholarships this year, or if it makes more sense to save the money for next year's scholarships, but whatever you and the Chapter decide will be fine with us, just as long as it is all used locally.

We're very happy that the LaFollette High School scholarship was already designated to be from the Kusuda Family for this year. Thanks, Missy (and Amy)

Anyone who wants to send a sympathy card/thank you for the generous donation to our branch can address it to: Family of Atsuko Kusuda, Gunderson East Funeral Home, 5203 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716.

**BRIDGE MARATHON, Sally Keyel
CANCELED**

JUNE LUNCHEON: CANCELED

JOB DESCRIPTIONS UPDATES, Kleo Baruth Kritz

The end of the year is coming, unfortunately without our monthly meetings. The requirement at the end of each job description for each officer/chair is: "Update the job description at the end of elected term and pass on to the new officer/chair." I keep a master job description, update any changes, and then give the whole document to Jan Robertson to post on our webpage, replacing the old one. (You cannot post directly on the webpage; only Jan can make changes.)

Directions:

1. Pull up your job description from our webpage and read over.
2. If no changes are needed please email that to me: kbkritz@charter.net
3. If changes are needed, use which ever method is easiest for you.
 - If only a minor detail or two, just email me with the words you want added or deleted and make it clear to me where you want them.
 - If more extensive changes, make a copy of your job description using "file" at top of computer screen and then "save as" to your document. Then you can add/delete changes, preferably in a **red color** and **cross-out** so easy for me to locate changes. Then email to me as an attachment.
 - If that doesn't work for you, print out a copy of your job description, find a pen and make the changes, and mail it to me: Kleo Baruth Kritz, 5628 Byrneland St, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

When a new person takes over a new position, it makes it so much easier to know exactly what the job entails, rather than getting "surprises" as the year progresses. That means keeping our job descriptions accurate and up-to-date. Thank you in advance to all the officers and chairs for doing this.

I would appreciate if you could respond by May 20 to I can then forward to Jan so it can be put on our website.

SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman

As you are probably aware, our branch supports the **Odyssey Project** each year in two ways: by supporting the meals project, which is administered by Ellie Beck and Peggy Anderson, and by a contribution to the Family Fund which is made at the end of our fiscal year. We budget \$500.00 for this fund, and the amount actually donated is determined at the June board meeting once our fund raising projects have been completed. Obviously, this year things will be a bit different and perhaps difficult given that our fund raising events have had to be canceled or postponed. Emily Auerbach, the co-director and founder of Odyssey, wrote a letter to the editor (in the Wisconsin State Journal) on April 10 appealing for emergency donations to this fund to help her students who are disproportionately facing homelessness, job loss and health issues. Sharon Knoop also posted an informative article about this on Facebook. If you would like to make a personal donation to this fund the information is at www.odyssey.wisc.edu.

At this time the awards ceremonies for the **Monona Grove** and **La Follette** high school students has been postponed indefinitely. Once the recipients of our scholarships are known information about them will be published in the next *Scope*.

In the March *Scope* information was given about the awards given at UW to returning adult students. Since then, the scholarship from our Fund for Excellence, which is a **Single Parent Award** in the amount of \$2000.00, has been given to Akemi Turner. Her information and thank you note are included here for your information. The actual awards ceremony has been postponed until October 22.

Akemi Turner Bio: Akemi Turner is a good listener who likes communicating with people. As a single mother of two, she is encouraged to complete her education so that she can support her family but also show them the value of working hard to achieve her goal. She is studying to be a dietitian while continuing to improve her English skills. Originally from Japan, she graduated from Kansai University. Following graduation, she worked for an entertainment company and then as a fitness instructor before moving to the U.S.

Akemi Turner Thank you: Dear AAUW, Thank you for your big support. My goal is to be a dietitian to make people healthy and happy. I am from Japan, and I was surprised that the food habit is very different depend on the country. I graduated a college in Japan and I had a good job which I could make people healthy and happy. After I moved to Wisconsin and I got divorced, I could not imagine what I can do here to raise my small children. I have job experiences and good communication skills in Japanese, but I cannot use my skills and experiences in English. I was struggled for a long time. Then I decided to go back to school to get myself back and improve my skills in English. It is not easy to go to school while I get old, raise small children and work as a part time worker. But I am happy to study with my goal and hope. Thank you for your support again. I feel I am not alone because of your support. It helps my life and I can focus to study to improve my life here in WI. I would like to be a professional dietitian with my

all experiences and skills which I got in Japan and in the U.S. and provide right service which I can make people healthy and happy. Akemi Turner

The Division of Continuing Studies, Adult Career and Special Student Services cannot thank the AAUW enough for your ongoing commitment to returning adult students and the huge impact of your generosity in their lives. This commitment and generosity is more important than ever in these uncertain times.

ELECTION RESULTS, Sue Richter

Results of election for Monona/Madison AAUW officers for the 2020-21 year.

Co-president	Sally Keyel to serve with Donna Anderson
Program VPs	Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jan Robertson
Co-secretary	Ann Bowles to serve with Paula O'Neal
Membership	Lynn Christensen to serve with Betty Schmidt
Finance VP	Gail Stirr

Thank you to everyone who voted. Votes were tallied via computer, mailed ballot, and phone vote. I was impressed with the tenacity many of you showed to have your voices heard when the computers were not always being cooperative. Again, thank you.

Hopefully we will have an installation ceremony in the fall. Everyone stay safe and hope that we can gather soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr April 2020

Beginning balance 3/31/20 **\$9,152.60**

- Book Sale signs - donation \$50.00
- Contributions to Branch \$170.00
- Return of deposit – Kobussen \$56.16
Coach (canceled Art in Bloom trip)
- Membership dues \$1,687.00
(National, State, & Branch)

Total Income: \$1,963.16

- Trip fees returned to participants \$910.00
(canceled Art in Bloom trip)
- AAUW National dues \$1,003.00
- AAUW State of WI dues \$234.00
- AAUW donation \$25.00
(in memory, Susan Becker)

Total Expenses: \$2,172.00

Ending balance: **\$8,943.76**

NATIONAL AAUW DONATION CHALLENGE

National AAUW Board has indicated during the month of May any donation made will be doubled up to a total of \$18,000. That means if you give \$25, that will double to \$50. The Greatest Needs Funds right now is the preferred fund that allows National to direct money to where it is most needed. (When making donations to AAUW, please include our branch ID number: WI 4023.) Due to the cancellation of our State Convention, we were unable to donate funds that we normally raise at our convention plus we also just received our annual AAUW cards. So if you are thinking of making any donations to National AAUW, May would be a great time to do it. The address is: American Association of University Women, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20077-7023 or you can go to aauw.org to donate at the website.

ZOOM

Does anyone have a paid zoom account? The free ones give 40-60 minutes and it would be nice to have a longer time for the board meeting and other events. Please contact Kleo, Donna or Sally. Thanks!

CALENDAR

- **May 12 : Bridge finale CANCELED**
- **May 26: General Meeting CANCELED**
- **JUNE LUNCHEON: CANCELED**
- **June 25: Board Meeting: Either via Zoom or in person, depending on the state of things**

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

Monona/Madison AAUW Membership Renewal

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Please mail this form and your check (\$87) payable to Monona/Madison AAUW to : Gail Stirr by June 1, 2020. Late registrations may result in omission from the Directory.

FYI From State AAUW:

2019 Contributions to AAUW Funds

AAUW of Wisconsin is awesome in providing important support of AAUW Funds! For calendar year 2019, total giving for Wisconsin state, branch, and individual giving was a grand total of \$87,866. Our 2019 total is a giving increase of \$8,731, from \$79,085 in 2018 to \$87,866 in 2019. Awesome!

These are the top Wisconsin branches for 2019 AAUW Funds giving:

#1	Racine Branch	\$23,645
#2	Appleton Branch	\$15,660
#3	West Suburban Milwaukee	\$7,534
#4	Fond du Lac	\$7,270
#5	Monona-Madison Branch	\$5,030

Thanks so much to all of you!

Mitzi Dearborn
Fund Development VP