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Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter

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Tuesday, September 22, 7p.m.

Zoom meeting. Program: “Heartland Farm Sanctuary, Inspiring Compassion for All Beings” presented by Jen Korz, Executive Director.

Jen has worked in the non-profit sector for the past 23 years. She has significant experience working with vulnerable populations, fundraising and animal advocacy at a national animal welfare organization, and in early childhood education administration at a local Madison landmark. She brings expertise and connections in development, project management, and strategic planning. But mostly, she brings passion and conviction for the mission of Heartland. Jen grew up on the east coast but has lived in Madison since 2005. She has been a fan of Heartland since its early days and is honored to carry forth its traditions while evolving its mission and place in the community. She lives in Madison with her husband and two daughters (both of whom are campers at Heartland) and four rescued dogs.



Kleo will send out Zoom invitations the weekend before the meeting to all members who want to Zoom. If you do not get an invite by Sunday evening, please email kbkritz@charter.net and Kleo will send another invite to you. She will start Zoom meeting at 6:45 for members to get in, and they will be able to do some informal visiting. If a Zoom issue arises that evening, you can her at 273-2476. She will try to get it resolved. Speaker will begin at 7 pm.

MONONA/MADISON IS ZOOMING! Kleo Baruth Kritz

This is going to be a most unusual year for our branch, and our members are meeting the challenge. Right now 63 of our 68 members have mastered Zoom (and expect one more in near future). My compliments to our women who persisted in getting it installed even when things were not going smoothly. We will be zooming all regular meetings, board meetings, and books clubs through 2020. When 2021 finally arrives, we will evaluate

how we will proceed in view of the pandemic. If anyone still feels uncomfortable using Zoom and would like some help or wants to schedule another one-to-one practice session, feel free to call me 273-2476 or email me at kbkritz@charter.net

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Donna Anderson & Sally Keyel

Welcome to our new look. We will be having our first meeting in September but it will not be in the same way. We are all getting used to doing things differently. Things like social distancing, self quarantine, and wearing masks are now commonplace, but were unknown just a few months ago. At the Monona/Madison Branch we will be getting used to having meetings via Zoom. So far they are going well with just a few technical difficulties. I want to send a special thank you to Kleo Baruth Kritz who has worked very hard to get as many of us as possible available on Zoom. Without her hard work we would not be able to continue much of our mission.

Since it is not possible to meet in person, I just want to say how I miss all of the warm greetings, fun social activities, trips, conversations, and not to mention the fantastic treats! Our mission of supporting women and girls has primarily depended on these social gatherings. Since that is not happening, we are asking everyone to donate what you can. One way of deciding on a donation would be to calculate what you have normally contributed to these fund raising activities. A listing of these options are presented later in this newsletter.

One thing that is on everyone's mind is the upcoming election. We ask everyone to vote early, put up lawn signs, help people get to polls, encourage others to vote and to do whatever we can to preserve the spirit of the 19th amendment.

Take good care, Donna

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

I hope everyone has received a copy of the 2020 -2021 AAUW directory by the time you get this newsletter. I especially want to thank these people for chasing around making delivery of the directories: Kleo, Val M., Liz S., Paula O., Peggy A., Sandy K. Mary Berg, Mary Boyd, Betty Schmidt. I have a few extras so if the Membership Committee brings in some new members, I will have directories for them.

There is one glaring omission in the directory (hope there's not more) and that is Morning Lit Group, April meeting. Info is missing; The book is *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger; hostess and discussion leader is Linda Voss.

FUNDRAISING

Since we can't do our regular potluck, fundraising trips, and study groups, the board would like to ask people to make donations based on what they would have spent for those activities this fall. We will address the silent auction and next year closer to the time. Please send a check made out to AAUW Monona/Madison and designate which activities you'd like to contribute to to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Tr, Madison, 53717. This will help us reach our goals to fund our scholarships. Thanks so much!

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

The balance on hand to begin our branch 2020-21 year is \$7,758.76 . This is as of August 1, 2020, with all donations made to AAUW Fund for Excellence (\$500), Friends of Odyssey Family Fund (\$500), and AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund (\$2,000). The \$50 given in prior years to the Wisconsin Women's Network was NOT allocated for this past year, nor budgeted for next year, per discussion at the budget meeting.

Please look over the proposed budget at the end of the newsletter as we will be voting on it at the September Zoom meeting.

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Bobbi White & Mary Boyd

Velvlea Phillipps was born in Milwaukee in February 1924. Her life was a series of firsts. She was the first African American woman to graduate from the University of Wisconsin–Madison law school. She was the first to win a seat on Milwaukee's City Council. She was the first to become Secretary of State of Wisconsin (1979–1983). She was the first to become a judge. Most notably, she achieved these milestones at a time when many African Americans were not allowed to exercise their civil rights.

A pioneering civil rights leader, Vel Phillipps will be remembered as an unwavering voice for justice here in Wisconsin. After several election defeats, Vel persisted and won a seat on Milwaukee's City Council. Her district was run down with multiple problems in housing, employment opportunities, and other discriminatory acts. Vel proposed her Fair Housing Law in 1962 and participated in nightly marches to highlight these inequities. After six long years with nonviolent marches and protests against discrimination, people started paying more attention to the problems in her district. Finally, in 1968, the Fair Housing Law that Vel had written six years earlier passed the city council.

In addition to her leadership in the Milwaukee civil rights movement, Vel helped other people get elected. The Vel Phillipps Foundation still works to help people achieve their dreams.



Great Decisions Update for 2021:

The Foreign Policy Association has announced their topics for the 2021 Great Decisions Discussions Season which starts in January. They include the following:

- *The Role of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic*
- *Global Supply Chains and National Security*
- *China and Africa*
- *Korean Peninsula*
- *Persian Gulf Security*
- *Brexit and the European Union*
- *The Fight Over the Melting Arctic*
- *The End of Globalization?*

For those interested, more information will be coming in October about purchasing materials. It is likely that the discussions will be held virtually using Zoom. Any questions contact Mary Boyd (608) 222-7673.

AAUW BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 13, 2020

Welcomed to Zoom meeting at 1300, by Donna Anderson, co-president.

Attendance: Donna Anderson, Peggy Anderson, Ellie Beck, Mary Berg, Lynn Celley, Lynn Christensen, Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Val Murphy, Paula O'Neal, Jan Robertson, Pat Ruppert, Betty Schmidt, Dorothy Schmidt, Liz Senseman

Approval of June board meeting minutes as appeared in the Scope.

Reports from:

Program Committee, Jan Robertson: February program will be on Climate Change. The speaker's portion of the program will be tentatively changed to February 3 in order to collaborate with the League of Women Voter 's program "Highlights of the Governor's Report on Climate Change". Business and social time will remain the fourth Tuesday. Program schedule will be in the Directory with presentations at 7pm followed by business meeting and social time. Meeting will be via Zoom for the present time.

Kleo Baruth Kritz: Thanks to Kleo for a donated Zoom account for our Branch. Because of her we are able to have meetings for an undetermined amount of time. Report on Zoom progress. Sixty eight members, sixty are using Zoom. Kleo is setting up an e-mail stream for the Board of Director and one for each of the clubs. The emails will be kept private for AAUW M/M use only.

Membership: Betty Schmidt and Lynn Christensen. Lynn Christensen is making name tags for new members; Betty Schmidt has the name tag box and other documents. Discussion of how to make AAUW more visible. Could be on listing of women's organizations in Madison on the internet, Lynn will investigate.

Finance Officer, Gail Stirr: Propose budget was reviewed by Board Members prior to the meeting. Major changes are not funding the Women's Network since they have not been very active; and decreasing the donation to the National AAUW from \$2000.00 to \$1000.00 due to the uncertainty of fund raising in the 2020-2021 season. National AAUW ask that funds be directed to greatest needs funds. Jan Robertson made a motion

the budget be presented to membership for approval at the September General meeting. Seconded by Kleo Baruth Kritz, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Chairs:

Public Policy: AAUW-Wisconsin Public Policy Day will be virtual with Programs August 25th and 27th from 6:30 to 8:30. Topics are “Fair Redistricting’ and “How to Get Out the Vote”. Links to attend the Zoom program will be sent to all members closer to the time. Barbara Peterson’s (Public Policy Chair, AAUW- River Falls Branch) article gives more information.

Educational Funds and Scholarships. Liz Senseman. Paper work is in process for granting scholarships for two young women as well as the scholarship in honor of Atsuko Kusuda.

STEM Representatives, Sharon Knoop and Wanda Nelson: No report

Fundraising, Val Murphy: No loss on the Art in Bloom field trip, bus was refunded.

Bylaws Resolution, Kleo Kritz: Copies of the Bylaws will be sent to members for review before the September general meeting. At the meeting any additional questions will be addressed for membership will approval as presented.

Newsletter Editor, Sally Keyel: September 2 deadline for September Scope.

Directory, Lynn Celley: Directory will include General and Board meeting dates as known at present. Directory will be sent to the printers on Monday 8/17/20 and be available for distribution by Friday 8/21/20. New members have been added to the directory. Volunteers for distribution will contact Lynn Celley.

Hospitality: Will become active in the future, as in-person meetings become possible.

Women's History, Mary Boyd and Bobbi White: Will include a “Women in History“ expose in the Scope each month.

Book Sale, Sharon Knoop and Kleo Kritz: Members encouraged to collect books and store at their home until the next book sale, hopefully in May 2021.

Odyssey Meal Project, Ellie Beck: On hold until meals are possible, will accept donations to the Odyssey Fund. AAUW M/M will give annual donation.

Silent Auction, Mary Berg: Scheduled at Maple Bluff for the first Saturday in December but can cancel until one week before if needed, without penalty. Will make final decision at October board meeting. Will look at possibility of an on-line auction.

Old Business:

The Monona Community Center will be closed until the first of January and maybe longer depending on the pandemic. Therefore, Book Clubs, Board meetings, General Meetings and General Meeting Presentations will all be on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Movie dates, Bridge Club and La Cuisine are still on hold for the present time. We will decide on Great Decisions as the time gets closer. The dates and times for active groups and meetings remain the same as printed in the Directory.

The State Convention scheduled for April 2021 at the Marriott Hotel in Madison is currently on hold, possible zoom convention. Possibly rescheduled for April 2022, the contract will not be broken if rescheduled 60 days before April 2021. Other Branches to be contacted about thoughts. Final decision will be made at the January Board meeting.

New business:

Women's tribute to Women's Equality Day, Wednesday, August 26, 2020, the day the 19th Amendment was adopted in 1920. Open to suggestions of how to celebrate the 19th Amendment's 100th anniversary at an AAUW general meeting.

How to continue fundraising without our usual options: Discussed asking members to donate amounts that they normally spend on AAUW M/M activities, as club dues, trips, the "not 2020 book sale". Reiterate how funds raised are spent.

Dates for future Board meetings: October 22, 2020 1pm Zoom meeting; February 23, 2021 possible host, Sally Keyel; June 10, 2021 possible host, Donna Anderson; August 12, 2021 possible host, Liz Sensemen

Installation of new officers: Ellie Beck did a presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted: Paula J O'Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Sep. 16 at 7 p.m.: Evening Book Club:** via Zoom; reviewer, Liz Senseman; *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
- **Sep. 17 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature.** Home, Wanda Nelson; Leader, Wanda Nelson; *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- **Sep. 22 at 7 pm:** General Meeting via Zoom
- **Sep. 24 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature:** via Zoom. *Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan

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