

SCOPE



**Monona/Madison Branch OCTOBER 2020
Newsletter**

Tuesday, October 27

**Zoom Meeting. Program: “Updates
from the Elections Commission” A
Staff Member from the Wisconsin**

**Elections Commission will present a program
on Election Security. The Commission consists of 6 Commissioners and a staff of
29. The Commission is a regulatory agency of the State of Wisconsin established to
administer and enforce elections laws in Wisconsin. It is in the news regularly
because of questions of voter security, voting practices, and anything in regard to
voting in Wisconsin.**



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 reach her at 273-2476. She will try to get it resolved. Speaker will begin at 7 pm.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Donna Anderson & Sally Keyel

The new AAUW year has started and although it is not at our usual pace, we are still grateful for new beginnings. Our first general meeting was held on September 22, 2020 and we had 26 people plus the presenter present. This is a fantastic number of attendees since, for most of us, this is a new form of media. We started a little early so we had a chance to figure out technology and visit a little. People had a preferred drink and goodie in the comfort of their own homes. The speaker was lively and had a good presentation about the Heartland Farm Sanctuary. There were also some good questions at the end. We are hoping all will go well with future Zoom meetings.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm. I hope more of you can join us for this timely talk. Remember to join us early and that we will have a short business meeting following the speech.

Thank you to all who continue to donate to AAUW both on a national and local level since our regular fund raising activity is limited this year. Remember that our most important task right now is to VOTE. It is also important to encourage others to vote as you see people throughout our daily routines. Do it in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Do it to preserve the rights that are now being threatened. Do it for democracy.

ZOOMING AWAY, Kleo Baruth Kritz

Our new year has started with Zoom keeping us in contact with each other. Our September meeting had 26 members attending, and all three book clubs had most of their members in attendance as did our two board meetings. If you have not yet attended one of our Zoom meetings, do give it a try. Unfortunately, I can not offer you any tasty treats and coffee, but I can offer you camaraderie with friends you may not otherwise be able to see during this pandemic. I did record the video of our speaker, Jen Korz from the Heartland Sanctuary Farm, and our business meeting. I emailed it out to each of you and it will be available until our next meeting. If it got misplaced in your email, please contact me and I will gladly send another email. If you watched it, do let me know your thoughts. If anyone needs any help in anything involving Zoom, please email me: kbkritz@charter.net

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Ellie Beck

For those of you who didn't tune in to the meeting in September, it was decided to cancel the holiday luncheon. Besides, sitting 6 feet away from each other is not going to encourage any good conversation! So this year we will not enjoy the Maple Bluff country club, the tasty luncheon, the silent auction, the book sale and the wonderful baskets. Sad. However, consider what you didn't buy and offer a donation to the cause. Money is always the right color. [Note from Sally: we might be able to hold the silent auction in the spring.]

I was watching our members on my laptop and came to a conclusion. Many, if not most, had their hands or fingers on their faces at some time. Now, yes, you are at home, but I'll bet you do it other times also without even realizing it. So stay safe and we'll all get together again.



FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr
September/October 2020
Beginning Balance 9/30/20

\$7,808.76

1. Member donations (supporting all branch initiatives)	\$930.00
2. Donations in memory of Jan DeVoe (from members & friends, for scholarships)	<u>\$145.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,075.00

Branch donation to AAUW National, in memory of Jan DeVoe	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$25.00
Ending Balance:	\$8,858.76

MEMBER FUNDRAISING GOALS

In order to support the scholarships and initiatives included in our 2020-21 Monona/Madison Branch Budget – when we are unable to hold events, take trips, or meet in person – the Board is encouraging members to make donations based on what they would have spent for activities this fall. Thanks to many of you who have already sent contributions!

****When you mail a contribution:** 1) Please include the designation sheet below with your check, and 2) note the dollar amount you wish to assign to any activity or project. This way, your thoughtful donations combined in a single check can be directed as you wish.

Interest Groups (support both scholarships and branch expenses)

- \$ _____ Literature Groups (Morning, Afternoon, Evening)
- _____ Bridge Marathon
- _____ Great Decisions
- _____ La Cuisine (meetings planned in March & May; *hold donations until spring*)

Special Project

- \$ _____ Odyssey Meals Project
- _____ Friends of Odyssey Family Fund

Scholarship Support Activities

- \$ _____ Fall Potluck Supper
- _____ Holiday Silent Auction
- _____ Book Sale
- _____ Trips: museums, plays, art galleries, points of interest

****Please make your check out to AAUW Monona/Madison and send with your designations to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison WI 53717. THANK YOU!**

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White

The Long Fight for the Right to Vote-The 19th Amendment (1848-1920)The United States has existed as a nation for not quite 250 years. Yet, women have been able to vote for the laws of this nation for only 100 of those years (1920-2020). The process to gain that right was long, involving many persons. A few are relatively well known but many more labored for many years in obscurity. It began in earnest in 1848 when 200 women led by **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Lucretia Mott** met in Seneca Falls, NY to discuss women's rights including the right to vote. Then, beginning in 1850, yearly conventions were held to further those efforts. After the 15th Amendment passed granting African American men the right to vote, Congress refused to expand that right to women. In 1869, the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA) was formed by **Susan B. Anthony** and **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** to push for women's suffrage. It became the League of Women Voters after 1920 when the vote was finally won. Another organization, the American Woman Suffrage Association led by **Lucy Stone** was formed in the same year to work through state legislatures. This became extremely important in increasing support for women's suffrage. In 1890, the two groups combined. That same year, Wyoming became the first state to grant women the right to vote. By 1912 Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Arizona and Kansas also granted women the vote in large part to attract women to come to live in those western states. From 1913 until 1918 the fight for suffrage bogged down and as a result became more radicalized, led by a young woman named **Alice Paul** and her supporters. When Congress refused to take up legislation for suffrage, she and her followers led marches, picketed Congressional leaders, were jailed repeatedly, and physically attacked. Finally, at the end of WWI (1918), after women had greatly aided the war effort, opposition to suffrage decreased and 15 states had, by then, granted women suffrage. In addition, Great Britain, Germany and Russia had already extended the right to vote to women which the suffrage leaders continually pointed out.

In January 1918, the House of Representatives passed the woman suffrage amendment with the necessary two-thirds vote. It took the more conservative Senate until June of 1919 to pass the amendment. It was then up to three-fourths of state legislatures (36) to ratify the amendment before it became part of our Constitution. **Wisconsin** became the first state legislature to ratify the amendment and **Tennessee** became the 36th legislature to vote (by 1 vote) for ratification in August, 2020. Eleven states either voted against the amendment or refused to even take a vote. Without that 1 Tennessee vote from Harry Burns who changed his vote from no to yes at the request of his mother, the ratification would have failed and the process would have had to start again! **Honor these women! Exercise your Right to Vote!** (based on an article from: https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/19th-amendment-adopted) and Founding Sisters and the Nineteenth Amendment by Eleanor Clift

Scholarship, Liz Senseman

The family of Jan DeVoe suggested that memorials in her honor be made to our branch for Scholarship purposes. As the family did not have a preference, if you would like to make a donation please indicate whether you would prefer the money go to the local high school awards, the Single Parent Awards at UW, or to the National Greatest Needs fund. Checks should be made out to Monona/Madison AAUW and sent to Gail Stirr, our treasurer. Our branch has already made a donation in her memory.

Heads Up, Sally Keyel

Just to let you know, I'll be having an Open House Garage to sell my jewelry, stuffed toys and my son's nature photography in my garage and driveway on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday the 18th from noon to 5. 20% of the sales to AAUW members will be donated to the branch. I'll also price items I've made for the Silent Auction and any of those sales will go directly to the branch. Nice time to do some Christmas shopping, or just getting out! Please wear a mask. Bring your friends!



Evening Book Group, Liz Senseman

As our group meets via zoom, please feel free to participate if you are interested. You may feel free to just observe or to participate in the discussion. Our next book is *Where the Crawdads Sing* and will be held on Wednesday October 21st at 7:00 pm. Please contact Kleo Kritz (273-2476) and she will send you a zoom invitation.

Great Decisions Discussion Group, Mary Boyd

If you are new to our branch or are unfamiliar with this group, consider joining us this coming winter and early spring.

Each year the Foreign Policy Association, New York, N.Y publishes a booklet covering 8 current world policy topics researched and written by knowledgeable professionals. Accompanying questions and a supplemental reading list is provided for each topic. The purpose is to provide information for individuals to become better informed and for groups to better discuss these topics. An opportunity to respond to the F. P Assoc. with on-line opinion polling is available following each discussion.

For a number of years the Monona/Madison AAUW branch has organized a group of members who have met to discuss each of the topics. We typically start meeting in late January, usually every two weeks. However, as of now, the plan would likely be to meet via ZOOM. Cost is \$28 for the book-same as last year (This book is necessary and contains the primary information for each topic.) In addition to the book, there has been a DVD to provide additional information at the on-site meetings. I am expecting to get information of its availability using Vimeo (on-line) at a cost to each of us of \$2-\$3. This has not been finalized as of yet.

For more information about the group, or to order a book, contact Mary Boyd (222-7673) or boydma2322@sbcglobal.net no later than October 22nd to receive a discount on our order. Books typically arrive sometime in December.

Topics for 2021 are: *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*

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 22, 2020

Meeting via Zoom 27 participants

Donna Anderson, co-president opened the meeting with a minute of silence for Jan De Voe, a member since 2000 who recently died. Her obituary was in today's paper. Information about her funeral is on Gunderson's website.

The minutes from February 20 were approved as written in *Scope*.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr The August 1 balance was \$7,758.76. There have been no expenses since then. Donations of \$670 have been received. Sept. 22 balance is \$8,428.76. Members donated what they estimated they normally would spend on chapter activities. There will be a message in *Scope* that in the future members should designate on the check how the donation should be allocated. Donations made to National are tax deductible, but donations made to the branch are not tax deductible.

PUBLIC POLICY, 6 members attended the State AAUW Public Policy meeting in August: Lynn Christensen, Reta Haring, Val Murphy, Lise Skofronick, Lisa Weinlader and Kleo Baruth Kritz.

FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy. All plans are on hold.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON, Ellie Beck. It was decided to cancel the December luncheon because of Coronavirus. The silent auction was postponed with the possibility that it will be held in the spring.

STEM, Sharon Knoop and Wanda Nelson. They are looking into what might be done in the future. One idea is to change STEM to STEAM and include art.

NEW BUSINESS :

Ellie Beck made a motion to pass the budget as presented and Bobbi White seconded. The motion passed with no discussion.

Gail Stirr made a motion to approve the updated Bylaws and Ellie Beck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The 3 book groups have met via Zoom and intend to continue meeting this way for the next several months.

Kleo will send a Zoom invitation to guests who might be interested in AAUW.

Newsletter deadline is Oct. 7. Next general meeting is Oct. 27 with updates from Elections Commission.

Kleo Baruth Kritz (out-going co-president) was presented with a gift by Donna Anderson (current co-president) as a thank you for Kleo's past work for the AAUW branch. Kleo showed pictures of the gift, a Christmas ornament depicting Wisconsin passing the 19th Amendment and a coffee mug which pictured a suffragette.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Ann Bowles, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Oct. 15 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature:** Home, Linda Voss; Leader, Dorothy Hujik; *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
- **Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club: Zoom Meeting** Reviewer, Kleo Baruth Kritz; *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
- **Oct. 22 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature: Zoom Meeting** Leader, Sharon Knoop; *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
- **Oct. 22 at 1 pm: Board Meeting on Zoom**
- **Oct. 27 at 7 pm: General Program on Zoom**



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