

SCOPE



Monona/Madison Branch November/December 2020 Newsletter

Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m Program: “Hmong Immigration and Culture in America,” presented by Xue Vang. She is a Hmong refugee from Laos. Xue was born in Xieng Khouang, Laos and immigrated to Thailand during the Vietnam War. She came to the United States to start a new life. She has been a Bilingual Assistant since 2006. Xue currently lives in Sun Prairie, and is a mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters.



Zoom Meeting

Kleo will send out Zoom invitations on **Sunday night** for any Zoom events that week. If you do **NOT** get an invite to a meeting or your book club contact her on Monday kbkritz@charter.net or 273-2476 so she can resend it to you. **Please check the Zoom invite you receive right away to make sure the actual invite link is there!** (We had a couple members who received the Zoom email but didn’t check it until just before the actual meeting and discovered **no link** was on the email!) You might want to create an email file titled “Zoom Invitations” to store your invitations. If you do not file emails, you might want to put a colorful flag next to it to make it “stand out” so invitation does not get lost in all the other emails you get.

She will start Zoom monthly meeting at 6:45 for members to get in, and they will be able to do some informal visiting. If an unexpected Zoom issue arises that evening, you can contact her. She will try to get it resolved. Speaker will begin at 7 pm.



AAUW HOLIDAY 2020 FESTIVITIES VIA ZOOM, Donna Anderson and Kleo Baruth Kritz

We are missing all of you for our usual in person Holiday Luncheon. Since we cannot meet in person you are all invited to a Zoom Holiday Celebration.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 12:30 pm

Location: a computer or laptop in a festive room of your own home (Snowflakes can be swirling outside and coating pine trees but you need not be worried about a cold car or icy roads.)

Purpose: to celebrate with old friends and meet new ones as we share memories with each other.

Beverages: hot toddy, hot mulled cider, hot chocolate, wine, coffee, tea, ice water (your choice since you will be providing it)

Cuisine: appealing appetizers, elegant entrees, superior salads, vivacious vegetables, delectable desserts (pick your favorite holiday recipe, type it on your computer, and email it to kbkritz@charter.net by November 30 and I will compile them all together and send you a virtual holiday cookbook in time for our party!)

Attire: your favorite holiday hat, jingling jewelry, a sophisticated sweater/top (or “ugly” one if you prefer) for your upper half (you can also choose ragged sweatpants, well-worn pajama bottoms, old houses slippers or whatever for the bottom half since we are zooming! No need to worry about fancy high heels or leggings—just be comfortable.)

Activities: an ice-breaker to share with our group since can’t be conversing with ladies at our luncheon tables or chatting as view the items at the auction or book sale. In keeping with our holiday theme, think about sharing one of the following with the group:

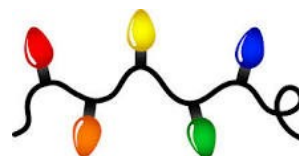
1. A holiday item that means something special to you—can hold it up and tell about it or just tell about it if not available to show.
2. A favorite holiday tradition, maybe something a bit unusual.
3. A childhood or adult memory of the holiday, happy or not.
4. The most memorable gift you ever received, either the greatest or an unforgettable humorous one.

RSVP: to kbkritz@charter.net by **November 30** so we have an idea of how many of you are interested. (This is a fun-in-progress event as you may have guessed!!)

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Donna Anderson & Sally Keyel

It will be a strange year for holiday celebrations. A lot of people won’t be able to be with families, except via computers. Let’s be thankful for all the activities we’ve been able to enjoy. The holiday zoom party will be a fun way to get together!

I’m especially looking forward to November’s speaker, because Xue is a friend of mine. I volunteered at the same school she worked at, and we ran an after school craft club together. Encourage your friends to join the meeting by forwarding the zoom invite to them.



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 but I'll bet you do it other times also without even realizing it. So stay safe and we'll all get together again.

MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Betty Schmidt

Members are encouraged to invite guests to Zoom branch meetings. You can email the link from Kleo but please let Kleo know if they plan to come. She will need to know their email address. During the business meeting you should plan to introduce them. Perhaps we will gain a few new members this way who might join us in person when possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

November 1, 2020

Beginning Balance 10/01/20 **\$8,858.76**

Member donations \$625.00

(supporting all branch initiatives)

Donations in memory of Jan DeVoe

(from members & friends,

for scholarships) \$170.00

Total Income: **\$795.00**

Annual Charitable Organization Fee to

WI Dept of Financial Institutions \$10.00

Total Expenses: **\$10.00**

Ending Balance 10/31/20: **\$9,643.76**

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!**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Val Murphy, Linda Hoelzel, Marian Ehrenberg

Looking for Volunteers!

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to fill board officer positions for the fall of 2021. Officer terms run for two years. Full position descriptions can be found on the website at https://monona-madison-wi.aauw.net/files/2020/09/AAUW-JOBS-MASTER-5_7_2020.pdf We are looking to fill the following positions: Co-President, Program VP, Membership VP, Recording Secretary

Each position is shared with the officer whose term started in fall of 2020. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Val Murphy at lvsmadcity@gmail.com.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

New address: Robby Sonzogni, 9510 Wild Prairie Tr, Verona, 53593

New email: Lise Skofronick, liskofronick@gmail.com

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White

Georgia O'Keeffe, 11/15/1887-3/6/1986. In her large scale flower paintings, Georgia O'Keeffe created representational art that at the same time appeared abstract, making her reputation as the most important female artist in the United States and the "Mother of American Modernism."



Born in Sun Prairie in 1887, she studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and the Art Students' League of New York. While teaching art in Texas she met famed photographer Alfred Stieglitz (whom she later married), and he exhibited her work in his famous New York gallery, marking a turning point in her career.

She is noted primarily for her large-scale painting, *Petunia 2*, and others while working with other modernists in New Mexico. After her husband's death, she settled in New Mexico, often meeting there with fellow artist Frida Kahlo.

Her later paintings included visions of sky elements and clouds. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum was established in Santa Fe and holds over 140 oil paintings, nearly 700 drawings, and hundreds of works from her life. One of the most significant female artists of the 20th century, Georgia O'Keeffe was committed to creating imagery that portrayed what she called "the wildness and wonder of the world as I live in it." Another hometown woman who changed the world!

STATE CONVENTION, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Donna Anderson

2021 STATE CONVENTION IS ZOOMING

Last year we did not get to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage but why let a pandemic hinder us this coming year? We will have no registration fees and you can attend from your own home via Zoom. Do put April 23-24, 2021, on your calendar now.

Friday, April 23, 2021 (7-9:30)

- Welcome by State President
- Video from National AAUW
- Conversation between early suffragists Jessie Jack Hooper and Carrie Chapman Catt scheduled for 2020 Convention and performed by AAUW members Helen Bannan, dual member of Oshkosh and Milwaukee, and Pam Thiel, a La Crosse member.
- Hospitality rooms (small group chat rooms to connect with old and new friends)

Saturday, April 24, 2021 (9:30-3)

- Business meeting and Installation of officers

- Featured Speaker: Wisconsin State Legislator Shelia Stubbs who tells her story of activism and her pursuit of racial equity.

- Breakout (small group) sessions.

- Jessica Michna created “Women Who Dared” for the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment. “Cristabel and Emmeline Pankhurst, Susan B. Anthony, Emma Davisson, Elisabeth Cady Stanton; some names you may recognize, others you may not. In this program, Jessica Michna appears as ...HERSELF! You will learn of these and other women (and men) who championed the cause of women’s suffrage in this country and overseas in the late 19th and early 20th century. You will learn of the protest jailings, victories, and defeats culminating with the signature of President Woodrow Wilson that would forever give women the right to vote.”

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 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

MILESTONES

Our condolences to Jean Scheid on the passing of her husband.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, October 27, 2020

Meeting called to order by Sally Keyel, Co-President via Zoom

Welcomed thirty members

The minutes of the September 22, 2020 were approved as printed in the *Scope*

Financial Report: No major changes, a number of new donations.

Membership: Lynn Christensen & Betty Schmidt. Discussed how to invite quest , as a way to encourage new member. Kleo Baruth Kritz stated you can forward the Zoom invitation to your quest so they can join the meeting. Let Kleo Baruth Kritz know whom you invited so she can help them if needed.

Programs: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jan Robertson. Several members noted November speaker Xue Vang will be a very interesting and enjoyable.

Zoom Update: Kleo Baruth Kritz. Sixty four of sixty-nine members are using Zoom. Asked members to let Kleo know if you don't receive you Zoom invitation by Sunday night before the meeting, so she can correct it. She will email the tape of tonight's lecture and meeting to all members.

New Business:

-State AAUW convention will be held April 23-24, 2120. Friday night 7-9:30 will be keynote speakers two early Suffragettes followed by social hour. Saturday 9:30 to 3:00 Keynote speaker, followed by breakout sessions and closing with "Women Who Dared" by a Suffragette re-enactor. More information will be in the November *Scope*.

If you haven't filled out the two question questionnaire, please do so.

-Zoom Holiday Party to replace Luncheon on December 5, 2020. It will be a social event to share holiday stories, beloved item and traditions. More details will be in the November *Scope*.

Newsletter: Sally Keyel. November *Scope* deadline Wednesday the fourth.

Next General meeting: November 24, "Hmong Immigration and Culture in America"
Xue Vang

Adjourned: 8:25

Respectfully Submitted: Paula O'Neal, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2020

Meeting called to order by Donna Anderson Co-President via Zoom.

Attendance: Donna Anderson, Ann Bowles, Mary Boyd, Lynn Christensen, Sally Keyel, Sharon Knoop, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Consuelo Lopez, Val Murphy, Paula O'Neal, Jan Robertson, Pat Ruppert, Betty Schmidt, Liz Senseman, Ellie Beck

The minutes of the Board Meeting on September 20, 2020 were approved as printed in the October *Scope*.

Program Committee: Jan Robertson. Speaker set for next Tuesday's General meeting.

Financial Report: Donna Anderson reported Gail Stirr is on family trip and she reported no major changes. Several donations have come in from members, Gail allotted them to the Interest group or Greatest Needs fund. Mary Boyd stated that Great Decisions group doesn't pay dues, after discussion, no change for this year. Mary Boyd will bring to the Group in January when the series begins.

Public Policy: Consuelo Lopez. Working with the League of Woman Voters to get the vote out. Hmong group request help with Citizen Prep, more information will be coming. STEM Representatives: Sharon Knoop. Working on how to precede.

Nominating Committee: Val Murphy. Will meet via Zoom in the next weeks.

Women's History: Mary Boyd, Bobbi White. Will continue articles in the *Scope*. Many compliments on the article in the October *Scope*. University Relations: Bobbi White, Kleo Baruth Kritz. Difficult with the UW closed. The Adviser for "Women's Gender and Study" appears open to being involved with AAUW. Would be helpful to get involved with an intact group.

New Business:

- 2021 State Convention, Donna Anderson reported Questionnaire on possible topics were sent to all branch Presidents to distribute to their members. Questionnaires will be resent to Monona/Madison branch members.

- Final decision in January on possibly moving the Convention to April 2022.

- Zoom update by Kleo Baruth Kritz 63 of 69 branch members got on Zoom. Speakers and General meeting will be taped and can be sent out upon request. Worked well for September meeting. Book clubs doing well.

- No Holiday Lunch, Kleo Baruth Kritza suggested a Zoom Holiday get together to share Holiday traditions and stories. When and what time were discussed. Donna Anderson and Kleo Baruth Kritz will finalize for presentation at the October General meeting

- Bobbi White is on the District1 nominating committee. Opening are for President, President Elect., if interested in running contact Bobby White.

Scope deadline November 4, 2020

Next board meeting will be February 11, 2021 at 1 pm at via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45

Respectfully Submitted. Paula O'Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.: Evening Book Club: Zoom Meeting** Reviewer, Donna Anderson; *The Girl With Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee
- **Nov. 19 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature; Zoom Meeting** Leader, Marian Ehrenberg; *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich
- **Nov. 24 at 7 pm: General Program on Zoom**
- **Dec. 3 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature: Zoom meeting** Leader, June Suhling; *A Good American Family* by David Maraniss. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.**
- **Dec. 6 HOLIDAY ZOOM PARTY**

Co-presidents: Donna Anderson & Sally Keyel; Membership: Betty Schmidt & Lynn Christensen; Newsletter: Sally Keyel website, www.monona-madison-wi.aauw.net