

# SCOPE



**Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:00-8:15 PM**

Join the League of Women Voters of Dane County for this forum as we explore the win-win aspects of Wisconsin's alternative energy transition. Wisconsin's aging energy systems send approximately \$14.4 billion out of our state each year to purchase fossil fuels. That money can be redirected for in-state use when WI shifts to renewable energy sources and efficiency upgrades. But WI taxpayers will benefit most if the multi-pronged transition is designed to ensure a win-win outcome for all rather than a "winner take all." Guest speakers will sketch out our energy transformation from a full palette of possibilities, addressing key questions: What are the barriers to progress? Who is training the workforce for clean energy jobs? What's in it for rural communities? How can we ensure benefits are shared evenhandedly by all and protect our natural world? And how do system-wide energy efficiencies get buy-in from local governments and consumers?

**Speakers:**

**Sam Dunaiski** is the Distributed Renewable Energy Program Director for RENEW Wisconsin. Sam manages all of RENEW's solar-energy programs and conducts policy analysis on non-utility sources of renewable energy. Before joining RENEW, Sam was an operational meteorologist, creating weather forecasts for airports, utilities, and the media.

**Scott Coenen** is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Conservative Energy Forum (WICEF), a non-profit organization that launched in fall 2017. Previously Scott worked in the Wisconsin State Capitol on the legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, gaining valuable policy writing experience. Selected as one of the 2019 recipients of Midwest Energy News 40 Under 40 leaders in the clean energy economy, Scott is dedicated to educating and informing conservative leaders on an "all of the above" energy strategy that includes emerging clean technologies and advancing a conservative, pragmatic vision of a renewable energy future.

**Moderator: Carol Barford, Director of the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (SAGE), LWVDC Member, Climate Crisis Subcommittee**

***You need to register at LWV Dane County. Go to their listing of Forums, and click on the Climate one. Follow directions to register.***

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at 7 p.m. Program:** The Fireflies, GIRLS’BIZ Virtual 2020-2021, is a program for middle school girls which empowers them to start and run their own on-line business. They learn to choose products, price products and sell on-line. The girls will use part of their profit for a contribution to charity in the spring of 2021. GIRLS’BIZ has been sponsored by Wisconsin Women Entrepreneurs since 1996. More info [www.wwesouthcentral.org](http://www.wwesouthcentral.org). AAUW member Sally Hestad has been teaching and directing GIRLS’BIZ since 1996! This year the girls are selling organic, fair-trade chocolate, cocoa mixes, coffee, notecards designed by the girls and face mask bling. To see the products and order, shop <https://bit.ly/2IUo4V0>. Thanks for your support.

### **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](mailto: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.

Kleo will start Zoom monthly meeting at 6:45 for members to get in, and 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 p.m.

### **PRESIDENTS’ CORNER, Donna Anderson & Sally Keyel**

Hope you all can make both meetings. They’ll be informative. I think everyone is getting used to zoom by now! Sure has been a help in this last year. I hope by summer most people can be vaccinated, and we can start rebuilding our lives and see each other in person.

I’m setting up a Silent Auction to be held online in the middle of March. More details will follow separately when I know more. In the meantime, if you’d like to make a basket, offer a service, or just donate items, go for it!

### **PROGRAM, Val Murphy & Jan Robertson**

Looking for Program Ideas. The program committee will be meeting sometime this spring to start planning programs for the 2021-2022 year. We are looking for ideas for next year and would love to have several more people on our committee. If you would like to be on the committee or have ideas/contacts to suggest for programs please contact Jan Robertson or Val Murphy.

## **NCCWSL, Donna Anderson**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities. NCCWSL will be held virtually, safe but still engaging! Date: May 25 & 26, 2021. NCCWSL (Pronounced “Nick-Whistle”) is held once a year. For more information, go to [NCCWSL.org](http://NCCWSL.org). AAUW-Wisconsin is offering 12 scholarships to attend. Each scholarship of \$125 will cover registration. Applicant must be resident of Wisconsin. Interested? Contact: Monona/Madison AAUW Branch [1danderson54@gmail.com](mailto:1danderson54@gmail.com). Deadline to apply is March 1, 2021

## **WOMEN’S HISTORY, Bobbie White & Mary Boyd**

**Women Who Changed The World:** Mary Leakey, February 6-1913 - December 9, 1996. Mary Leakey was a paleo-anthropologist who was the first person to discover a Proconsul skull and footprints to show that our ancestors had walked upright. She and her team gave scientists a first glimpse of the time scales of this evolutionary stage.

In 1978, Mary Leakey and her team came across what was to become one of the most important sets of footprints ever found. They belonged to two individuals who walked over the wet volcanic ash at a site near Laetoli, Tanzania some 3.5 million years before. For the first time, the footprints showed that human ancestors (known as Australopithecus) had walked upright using a perfect two-footed stride with no knuckle prints that would have suggested the use of all four limbs.

Before this discovery, no one had a definitive time scale for when human ancestors might have evolved from four legs to two legs to walk around. The prints showed the characteristically human arch in the foot and did not have the same large big toe that other apes have. The footprints were not damaged because they had been covered in powdery ash. This was then cemented over by soft rain, making a perfect imprint that would not be destroyed over a million years.

Information from the print and the length of pace suggested that the two hominids would have been about 4 feet 7 inches and 3 feet 1 inches tall. The Laetoli site is located about 28 miles from another archeological site, Olduvai Gorge, where many human tools and skeletons have been found over the years including those of Homo habilis.

Mary Leakey, with her husband, Louis, and their son, Richard, carried out significant research in the field of archeology.

**Author’s Note:** I was privileged to actually visit the site at Olduvai Gorge on my trip to Tanzania. It is very impressive and you can witness the continual excavations from various world universities while standing on top of the gorge which was created by the retreat of a massive river much like the Colorado River scraped out our own Grand Canyon.



## STATE CONVENTION, Kleo Baruth Kritz

The 2021 AAUW-WI Convention committee has been working, and we are getting excited about how the convention is shaping up. Watch for details in the next issue of *Badger Briefs*. We also have a website available with more information being added as we get it. You can visit the site now. <https://aauwstateconvention.com> Registration will begin on March 1. You will be able to register for the sessions you would like to attend on the site. This is your chance to attend all or part of convention for free. No registration costs or travel and lodging costs. That means you might need to bid on some of the items that branches will be putting in the online auction. More details on that soon. We are hoping to make this a convention with the largest attendance ever. "See" you there.

## FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

December 2020/January 2021

**Beginning Balance 11/01/20** **\$9,643.76**

Member donations

(supporting all branch initiatives) **\$1,206.00**

Donations in memory of Jan DeVoe

(from members & friends, for local scholarships) **\$465.00**

Donation: STEM support Janesville

AAUW "Tech Savvy" program **\$200.00**

**Total Income:** **\$1,871.00**

Branch donation to Janesville AAUW

STEM program "Tech Savvy" **\$200.00**

**Total Expenses:** **\$200.00**

**Ending Balance 1/31/21:** **\$11,314.76**

## MEMBER FUNDRAISING GOALS

Many thanks to the twenty-three members (from our branch membership total of sixty-seven members) who have generously contributed a total of \$2,476.00 in this COVID-restricted year!! These funds will support the scholarships and initiatives included in our 2020-21 Monona/Madison Branch budget. In past times, members would have donated to actively participate in the bridge marathon, literature groups, La Cuisine dinners, potluck suppers, holiday silent auction, book sale, and/or fundraising trips to museums, galleries, or plays. Because these gatherings are not possible this year, your donations are more important than ever. If you have not yet contributed, know that any amount is meaningful and makes a difference!

\*\*Please make your check out to AAUW Monona/Madison and send to our branch finance officer: Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison WI 53717. THANK YOU!

## **AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 26, 2021**

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

Welcomed twenty-five members

The minutes of the November 24, 2020 were approved as printed in the Scope

**Financial Report, Gail Stirr:** A copy of the financial report for November 1, 2020, to January 31, 2021 was sent to members. Scholarship money is available from memorial donations.

Thanked members who made donations to Janesville's Tech Savy program.

So far, the donations are currently less than we would normally collect in a nonCOVID-19 year.

**Educational Funds and Scholarship, Liz Senseman:** Scholarships information has been sent to Monona Grove and LaFollette High Schools, who will select young women to receive scholarships. Scholarships for a returning UW student will be discussed at the Board meeting in February.

**Programs, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jan Robertson:** February 9, 2021 meeting will be a joint meeting with The League of Women Voters. The topic is Global Warming, with three speakers. You need to register to attend, emails will be sent on how to register.

February 23, 2021 meeting will have a member of GIRLS BIZ speak about the organization followed by the business meeting.

**Public Policy, Consuelo Lopez:** Thanked Sally Keyel for getting information to members via email. Suggested getting letter to Representative, using email is a quick way to share information and opinions.

E-mail AAUW for an Action Network Guide.

National AAUW is working with the Biden/Harris administration on:

Getting COVID-19 vaccine to women and children.

Raising minimum wages to \$15.00 per hr.

Subsidies for child care. Strengthen Title 9.

Issues related to wage fairness, retaliation for wage disclosure, prohibit wage setting and work harassment.

State AAUW focus for the year is "Fair Maps". Keep the process transparent and suggest the state look at the Iowa plan.

### **Old Business:**

Congratulations on Branch receiving three stars from National AAUW for programming and connecting with other branches.

**State Convention News, Kleo Baruth Kritz:** State AAUW convention will be held April 23-24, 2021. We have established a website for the convention and it is currently a work in progress. Additions are being made and should be complete by March 1, 2021. On the web site it will also be possible to purchase 100-year anniversary pins, as a state fund raiser, for a \$10.00 donation or more. The convention will also have an online auction to raise money for the National Greatest Needs Fund. Details will be on the web site. Registration and fundraising opportunities will be open starting March 1, 2021. All members are encouraged to attend all or portions of the convention, there will be no fee to attend. *Badger Briefs* will also have the information. The website is [aauwstateconvention.com](http://aauwstateconvention.com)

District One meeting will be held before the Convention. Each District needs one member for the Nomination Committee.

### **New Business:**

**NCCWSL, Donna Anderson:** National AAUW offers a yearly Leadership conference for college students, preferably in Sophomores or Junior year. Normally this conference is held in Maryland in May and can be costly. However, this year it will be virtual which lowers the cost significantly. As a result, the AAUW Wisconsin State Board has agreed to cover the registration fee. They are offering 12 slots for the Conference. Each branch can send in one student recommendation. The only qualification is that the student must be a Wisconsin resident. (They can attend school elsewhere.) There is a short application process and the State Board will evaluate if they get more than twelve application. If

anyone knows a student that may be interested please contact Donna Anderson at [1danderson54@gmail.com](mailto:1danderson54@gmail.com) This information was also sent out by Sally Keyel by email. Consuelo Lopez will also be making contacts with some possible students.

### **STEM Representative**

Need a chairperson for committee.

The information about Janesville “Tech Savvy” program was sent to every member via an email from Sally Keyel. Janesville asked for us to spread the word to schools in our area. Some of our members have contacted the local school districts and others are encouraged to do the same. It is a program for sixth to tenth grade girls. If you know of anyone interest contact Carol Salinas at. [Csalinas3767@gmail.com](mailto:Csalinas3767@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The deadline to register is February 3, 2021.

Sally Keyel asked for feedback about whether or not there was interest in an online auction this year. There was some discussion about how this might take place and it was the general consensus that we get more information. Sally Keyel will contact the Janesville Branch for additional information and will report back with more details.

### **Study Groups:**

Great Decisions: Mary Boyd

First meeting February 8, 2021 via Zoom. If you are interested in the group, you are still able to join by contacting Mary Boyd, [boydma2322@gmail.com](mailto:boydma2322@gmail.com).

**Newsletter, Sally Keyel:** February *Scope* deadline Wednesday the third

**Next Meetings:** General, February 9 and 23rd. Board Meeting February 11, via ZOOM.

**Adjourned: 8:15.**

Respectfully Submitted: Paula O’Neal, Secretary

## **CALENDAR**

- **Feb. 8 Great Decisions. Check with Mary Boyd for time & place**
- **Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.: Joint program with League of Women Voters**
- **Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.: Board Meeting via Zoom**
- **Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club: Zoom meeting. Reviewer: Robby Sonzogni; *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes**
- **Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Literature: Zoom meeting. Leader, Linda Hoelzel; *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson**
- **Feb. 23: General Meeting via Zoom**
- **Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature: Zoom meeting. Leader, Wanda Nelson; *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes**

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