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Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter
March 2021



TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 p.m. Calley Mannion, from Maydm.org, “STEM Power is Girl Power.” Calley is the Grants and Communications

Lead with Maydm, and has been with the Maydm team for 2 and a half years. Maydm is a nonprofit based in Madison, WI focused on providing girls and students of color with the technical skills and exposure opportunities to revolutionize the future of STEM. By offering technical courses, mentorship, site visits, and paid internships, Maydm is holistically connecting students with the experiences necessary to thrive in an industry where they have been historically underrepresented.

Calley went to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she studied Economics and International Studies. It was there where her passion for promoting long term economic stability grew and inspired her to work with nonprofits doing just that. Calley currently lives in Colorado Springs, and when she's not writing with Maydm, she is almost always found hiking or skiing in the mountains.

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. 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

NCCWSL: I am happy to inform you that thanks to Shiela Reaves, we have a great candidate for the Monona/Madison nomination to attend the May Leadership Conference sponsored by National AAUW. At this point we are hoping she has a good chance of getting the State Scholarship. The name is Eliza Lindley. She is a student at U.W. Madison in the Dept. of Life Sciences Communication. She is interested in the program because: 1)She has been looking for a way to have leadership opportunities which has become more difficult due to the pandemic. 2) She is looking forward to connecting with other people around the country. 3) Her future goals are to do scientific and environmental communication. 4) She wants to connect with others of different backgrounds. 5) Also, she feels "what would be better than connecting with other women. "

The deadline for the selection is March 15th and we will have to keep our fingers crossed.

NATIONAL POLICY PROPOSAL: We have all received information about the National Proposal Changes and know that the voting will be on the internet in the near future. More information about voting will be coming soon. It is a personal issue and we want to have everyone put in their opinion. The Monona/Madison Branch has not taken any particular stand on the issues.

We all wish you health and warm weather.

MILESTONES

It is with great sadness we hear of the passing of longtime member June Suhling. A memorial will be held in the summer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Val Murphy, Marian Ehrenberg, Linda Hoelzel

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 2021-22: Co-President, Kleo Baruth Kritz; Program Co-VP: Val Murphy; Membership Co-VP: Mary Berg; and Co-Secretary: Shiela Reaves. The election will be held at the April meeting. Installation of officers will take place at the May meeting.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

February 2021

Beginning Balance 1/31/21 **\$11,314.76**

1. Member donations (supporting all branch initiatives)	\$1,070.00
2. Donations in memory of Atsuko Kusuda & Jan DeVoe (toward scholarships)	\$50.00
3. Donation: AAUW National Fund to Advance Economic Security (routed through branch)	\$50.00 (a member's personal donation,
4. Membership dues (2021-22)	<u>\$90.00</u>
Total Income:	\$1,260.00
5. 32auctions: payment for platform hosting Silent Auction fundraiser	\$70.00
6. Member's personal donation AAUW Fund to Advance Economic Security.	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$120.00
Ending Balance 2/28/21:	\$12,454.76

MEMBER GENEROSITY. Tremendous thanks to the thirty members (from our branch membership total of sixty-seven members) who so far this year have thoughtfully and dedicatedly contributed a total of \$3,571.00 to meet our 2020-21 goals – all despite COVID! These funds will support the scholarships and initiatives included in our 2020-21 Monona/Madison Branch budget. THANK YOU!!

NATIONAL BYLAW CHANGE VOTE, Kleo Baruth Kritz

This is an important year with changes to AAUW National bylaws to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. Many branches are actively promoting this change. The vote goes from April 7- May 17. Just go to the National Website and type in "Bylaws" where the magnifying glass search box is at the top of the homepage and it will pop up. The articles explaining the reasoning was sent to members before the February meeting.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS, Liz Senseman

It is scholarship time! Both LaFollette and Monona Grove High Schools are in the process of selecting the recipients for this academic year. It has been a trying one for the students as you are well aware, and the application and selection process is all online. However, there appears to be a good pool of students applying, and we will learn the names of our two scholarship recipients sometime in April. Our criteria for selection include scholarship, citizenship and need and the award is for \$1000 each. The LaFollette scholarship will again be awarded in honor of Atsuko Kusuda.

Odyssey. In addition to scholarships our branch has made contributions to the Odyssey Project at UW for many years now. Odyssey offers humanities classes to students facing economic barriers to college, and approximately 90% of the students who participate are from racial and ethnic minorities. There are two ways in which we support this program—through a direct cash donation, and through supporting a meal for these students. This past year our budget included \$300 for each of these endeavors.

The need for donations to Odyssey is more critical than ever. The pandemic has disproportionately affected low-income families. Childcare costs have skyrocketed during the pandemic, and they are using funds from the Family Fund to help students pay for safe childcare while they participate in class. Past and present students are struggling more than any time in Odyssey's history with depression, lost wages, disconnected phones, medical challenges and a sense of hopelessness.

There are two Odyssey funds which seem to be of particular interest to our branch members. The first is the Odyssey Project Fund which assists with tuition and fees, textbooks, printing and a full time social worker. The second is the Friends of Odyssey Family Fund which helps with student living expenses and emergencies. If any branch member would like to make an individual contribution to Odyssey your gift can be made online at **odyssey.wisc.edu/support** or by mailing your contribution to **UW Foundation, US Bank Lockbox 78807, Milwaukee, WI 53728-0807**. Make sure you specify which fund you would like your gift to go to.

Meanwhile, the UW Continuing Education Department has sent out qualifying information to its students and the **Outstanding Returning Adult** award selection will be taking place on March 10th. Our branch is an active participant in this selection process, and it is always fascinating to learn of the obstacles and hardships these students have overcome just to be back in school. We contribute \$600 and this is combined with other grants to make \$1000 awards each to two students. Semi-finalists and all other candidates also receive cash awards. We also give a **Single Parent Undergraduate** scholarship in the amount of \$2000. Both of these UW scholarship/awards are funded through our **Fund for Excellence**. This year we are very pleased to be able to augment this fund with the generous memorial donations made by friends and family of **Jan DeVoe**.

Our branch also always makes an annual contribution to the **National AAUW Greatest Needs** fund. The branch budgeted \$1000 for this year's contribution, and

hopefully in the upcoming year, when we are able to once again hold the book sale and our other fund raising activities, this amount can be increased. We also have two endowed funds at the national level. The **1569 Monona Branch 25th Anniversary** fund contributed to a Career Development grant in the academic year 2020-2021. The recipient was Aashna Singh, who is pursuing her MBA at the University of Chicago, and who hopes to invest in and build technologies for a better tomorrow. The **1374 Madison Branch Research and Projects** fund contributed to an award for Jane Dempsey, who is studying mathematics at Northwestern University. She received her undergraduate degree in theater but through volunteer work she became interested data science and she hopes to show other young women that it's never too late to get into STEM and keep learning.

Thank you to all of our members for making these grants possible. It has been a trying and difficult year, but we are persevering!

MEMBERSHIP, Betty Schmidt & Lynn Christensen

Membership renewal time is coming up. We are all looking forward to gathering again in person, hopefully later this year. We're also hoping to add some new members, too. If you know of anyone interested in joining our local branch, please tell them to contact either Co-Membership Chair Lynn Christensen, 442-0151 or Betty Schmidt, 240-2217. Applications are also available on our Branch website: monona-madison-wi.aauw.net

Member dues payments for the 2021-22 year can be made between March 16th and the end of May. AAUW National has raised 2021-22 membership dues from \$59 to \$62, so **total membership for National (\$62), State (\$13), and Branch (\$15) is \$90.00.** [Remember that \$59 of this total is tax deductible.]

Like last year—with a process begun during the pandemic when we could no longer meet in person—we have two pathways to pay dues. Around March 16th (the date that AAUW National activates the online dues system for 2021-22), **please watch your email inbox for a letter from “memberinfo@aauw.org” that shares two renewal options that will appear as below:**

1. Pay dues online; ‘click here’ to use your credit or debit card.

(You can renew directly through this email by clicking a personalized link and paying with a credit or debit card.)

2. By check: Make check payable to your AAUW branch. Mail it to your finance officer listed below.

****If you prefer to pay by check rather than online, please make your check out to Monona/Madison AAUW and mail it to Gail Stirr (Finance Officer), 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison WI 53717. We hope that you will renew your membership, stay “active,” and be ready to celebrate when we again can meet!**

WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White

March is National Women’s History Month

This month we honor Patsy Takemoto Mink –Modern Pioneer for Women’s Rights -(1927-2002):_

Patsy Mink was an American attorney and politician from Hawaii who is best known for co-authoring the passage of the Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act, prohibiting gender discrimination by federally funded institutions of higher education. *2022 will mark the 50th anniversary of Title IX becoming Law. Let’s plan to celebrate that important milestone for women a year from now; and this month, let’s get to know more about this remarkable woman.*



*Her early Life and Education:

1. She was a third generation descendant of Japanese immigrants who attended elementary and high school in Maui where she graduated in 1944 as valedictorian and class president her senior year, despite the prejudices faced by most local Japanese.
2. She began college at the University of Hawaii with a career in medicine as her goal. In 1946, she moved to the mainland, transferring to the University of Nebraska where she faced a long standing segregation policy which forced non-white students to live in separate dorms and prevented them from joining fraternities or sororities. She helped form a separate student government for these “unaffiliated” students, and was elected their president. They successfully lobbied to end the university’s segregation policies the same year. Despite her success at Nebraska, she moved back to Honolulu after a serious illness and she graduated with a degree in zoology and chemistry.

* Graduate School/Career formation:

1. None of the 12 medical schools to which she applied accepted her because she was a woman, and because they were accepting returning veterans. She soon turned to law. Again facing rejections, she was finally accepted in 1948 to the University of Chicago as a “foreign” student. She was one of only 2 females in her class. There, she met her husband, John Francis Mink, a WWII veteran who graduated as a geologist.
2. Law career: Patsy experienced discrimination as a married, female, Asian-American and could not find a job in law. The family, now with a baby daughter, moved back to Hawaii. When Patsy applied to take the bar her residency was questioned because married women were assigned the residency of the husband (Pennsylvania). She challenged the law, won, and became “the first Japanese-American woman licensed to practice law in Hawaii.” However, no one would hire a married woman with a child. With her father’s help she founded her own

firm. She was the first Asian-American woman to practice law in the Hawaiian territory. At this time, she also began to be active in politics.

*State and Territorial Politics:

She was elected to the 5th district of the Hawaiian Territorial Legislature in 1956. She became the first woman of Japanese ancestry to serve in the territorial House. Two years later she was the first to serve in the territorial Senate. In 1959 when Hawaii became the 50th state, Patsy Mink ran for Congress but lost.

* National Politics:

Patsy became active in the national Democratic Party and won a seat in the House of Representatives where she served 6 consecutive terms from (1965-1977), and 6 more terms from (1990-2002). With her first term, she became the first Hawaiian woman elected to Congress, the first woman of color elected to the House, and the first Japanese-American woman in Congress. In addition, in 1972 she ran in the democratic primary for U.S. President as an anti-war candidate. From 1977-79 she served as Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (in the Carter administration.)

*Legislative Accomplishments—Patsy’s legislative focus was on children, education and gender equality.

1. Mink introduced (late 60’s) the first comprehensive initiatives under the Early Childhood Education Act (included was the first federal child-care bill). Other bills she sponsored provided for bilingual education, Head Start, school lunch programs, special education, student loans and teacher sabbaticals.

2. She worked on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and bills promoting adult education, Asian studies, career guidance programs and vocational education. Her day-care bill (first of its kind) passed both houses of Congress but was vetoed by President Nixon in 1971.

3. She co-sponsored wrote the Title IX Amendment of the Higher Education Act (signed by Nixon in 1972): This prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions of higher education. In 2002, following her death, Congress renamed the Title IX Amendment, the “Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act.

4. She co-sponsored the Women’s Education Equity Act of 1974 that allocated funds for gender equity in schools. The law opened employment and education opportunities for women and opposed gender stereotypes in curricula and textbooks.

5. Other laws important to women that Patsy Mink championed:

a. Consumer Product Safety (1972);

b. Equal Employment Opportunity Acts (1972)

c. Equal Credit Opportunity Act (1974)

d. Bills dealing with discrimination in (insurance practices, pensions, retirement benefits and taxation, equitable jury service, health care issues, housing discrimination based on marital status and privacy issues).

*Second Tenure in the House of Representatives (1990-2002) Patsy Mink died one week after winning the 2002 primary.

1. During this time she worked to revive protections rolled back by subsequent administrations.
2. She worked on legislation sponsoring the Ovarian Cancer Research Act and amendments to the Higher Education Act (1990-1993).
3. She co-sponsored the Gender Equity Act of 1993.

***Her legacy:** Patsy Mink is remembered as a woman who dealt with the personal discrimination she had felt as a woman and as an Asian American by dedicating her career to creating public policies to open doors for women and minorities. Two documentary films are available about her life and role in Title IX. (Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority-2008) and (Rise of the Wahine-2014)

*Information taken from Wikipedia's biographical sketch of Patsy Mink.

STATE CONVENTION, Kleo Baruth Kritz

April 23-24, 2021 REFLECT ON THE PAST, PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE



100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Think of all the reasons why you haven't been able to go to past AAUW conventions. Well, the 2021 Convention Committee have solved these problems for you!!

7. **Registration Fees** – NONE, it's free!!!!
8. **Transportation Costs** – NONE, no car or gas needed.
9. **Distance to Convention** – NONE, just take your computer to your favorite room in your home.
10. **Dining Costs** – NONE, just get a sandwich and favorite beverage from your fridge.

2020 has been a year of new learning experiences for all of us with many of our branches mastering how to Zoom to connect with each other in our general meetings, book clubs, projects, and holiday events. So why not with our State Convention 2021?

We have a brand new website aauwwistateconvention.com just for our state convention to make it easier for our members (and guests) to register. Unlike a live convention where you walk to the correct room for a specific event, you will register online for the specific events you want to attend. Thanks to Ann Brice (La Crosse Branch) who set up this webpage and is responsible for the actual tech running of the convention itself. Check it out! It is a work in progress and registration starts March 1.

Also each branch is asked to make a basket as a donation to the State Auction. Contact Kleo if you're able to provide one.

SILENT AUCTION, Sally Keyel

I'm getting the auction set up to start March 12, and will send out the information on how to access it and how to bid in a separate email. Donations are coming in daily. Thanks to everyone who is contributing, and to those who will be bidding on items!

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February 23, 2021

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

She welcomed twenty six members.

The minutes of the January 26, 2021 were approved as printed in the *Scope*

Financial Report, Gail Stirr. Finances in good position for 2021-2022

Scholarship money budgeted to support our two high school scholarships is available from memorial donations honoring Atsuko Kusuda and from branch member donations this year.

Donations are always welcomed.

Membership, Betty Schmidt & Lynn Christensen. Dues will be increasing for the 2021-2022 yr. National increased from \$59.00 to \$62.00; State remains \$13; and Monona/Madison branch is \$15.00, for a total of \$90.00. \$56.00 is deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Around March 16th, members will receive an email from National AAUW giving the choice to pay dues on line or to send a check to Gail Stirr (check made out to Monona/Madison AAUW).

Programs, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jan Robertson. March 23, 2021 meeting program "STEM Power is Girl Power." The speaker will be Winnie Karanja. The League of Women Voters of Dane County has a number of pertinent videos, which are available on their web site.

Public Policy, Consuelo Lopez. State AAUW focus for the year is "Fair Maps". Keep the process transparent and suggest the state look at the Iowa plan. Encouraged members to write letters to your representatives. National AAUW continues to work on Women's role in the economy.

Educational Funds and Scholarship, Liz Senseman. Monona Grove and LaFollette High schools have candidates for the AAUW scholarships and the winners will be announced in April. Schools were encouraged to look at students that may not be receiving a lot of scholarship money. Scholarships for a returning UW student will increase. Our branch Odyssey Program donations will be directed to their "Friends of Odyssey Family Fund," since no meal is possible this year. To honor scholarship recipients, we are looking into a Zoom celebration in May.

Old Business:

State Convention News, Kleo Baruth Kritz. State AAUW convention will be held April 23-24, 2021. Registration will open March 1, 2021. All members are encouraged to attend all or portions of the convention. The website is aauwwistateconvention.com

NCCWSL, Donna Anderson. There are two UW students up for consideration to be our branch nominee for this Leadership Conference. Each Branch can submit one candidate and the State AAUW will select twelve candidates to receive the registration fee, the program will be virtual. The requirements to be nominated are Wisconsin resident and a college/university student, can attend any college or university in any state.

Study Groups:

Functioning. Great Decisions is working well now.

New Business:

Policy Changes, Kleo Baruth Kritz. Kleo proposed changes for Monona/Madison Branch. Changes were sent to members to review, discussion was open. Helen Brown made a motion to accept policy changes. Seconded by Mary Berg, and was unanimously passed.

National AAUW Policy Change Vote, Kleo Baruth Kritz. National AAUW will be having a vote on the “Open Membership Policy”. FAQ were emailed to members for consideration before the vote.

Silent Auction, Sally Keyel. The Silent Auction will be on line March 12 to March 21, 2021. Sally Keyel reported additional donated items are still welcome. We can have up to 100 items. Please include a value, minimum bid (if desired) and descriptions of items. Additional ideas for auction donations include: gift certificates, donations from businesses, homemade items, etc.

Additional donations to the UW Fund for Excellence, Gail Stirr

Our branch donation to the Fund for Excellence will total \$2000.00 this year: We have budgeted for \$500.00, and the Board voted to contribute \$1500.00 in addition to this previously approved amount. \$945 of this \$1500 addition is from donations in memory of Jan DeVoe (designated by her family to support education and scholarships). The remaining difference of \$555.00 is comprised of branch member donations toward scholarships. Two of our annual scholarship awards come from the Fund for Excellence: Single Parent Scholarship (\$2000) and Outstanding Returning Adult Student Award (\$600).

Nominating Committee, Val Murphy, Linda Hoelzel, Marian Ehrenberg.

Slate of Offices was announced. The voting will be at the April General Meeting.

Co-President: Kleo Baruth Kritz. Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Shiela Reaves. Program VP: Val Murphy. Membership VP: Mary Berg

Newsletter, Sally Keyel. March *Scope* deadline Wednesday 3/3/202

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula O’Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Mar. 17 at 7 p.m.:** **Wednesday Evening Book Club via Zoom;** Reviewer, Jan Robertson; *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
- **Mar. 18 at 1 p.m.:** **Afternoon Lit via Zoom:** Leader, Ann Bowles; *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict
- **Mar. 23 at 7 p.m.:** General Meeting
- **Mar. 25 at 9:30 a.m.:** **Morning Literature via Zoom:** Leader, Helen Brown; *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo

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