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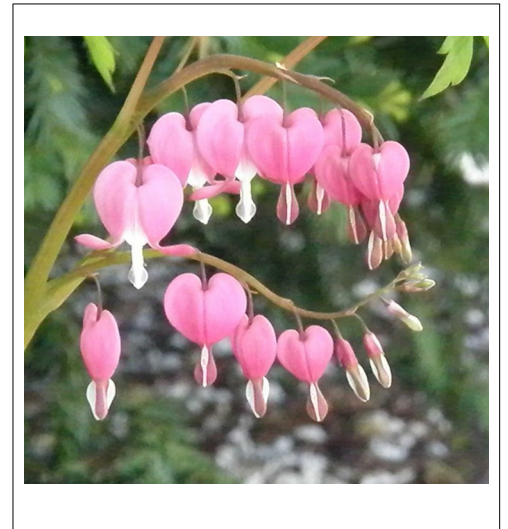


Monona/Madison Branch Newsletter

MAY 2021

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Program: “OutWiGO: Exploring Wisconsin State Parks” presented by Sarah Bolser, Superintendent, Lake Kegonsa State Park, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



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

From Donna: This is my last entry in *Scope* as your Co-President. I want to say I have been honored to serve you for the last two years. This is a great organization and you make it so! Your commitment to improving the lives of women and girls is inspiring. It is a pleasure to know and work with every one of the Monona/Madison branch members.

"It was the best of times and the worst of times." This statement by Charles Dickens is appropriate for our past Pandemic year. The challenges have been great and beyond imagining. We faced the first part of the year with cancellations and having to stop many of our usual activities. We all felt the loss. However, after we adjusted to a new way of being we also came up with creative answers. I want to concentrate on all the positive developments we have been able to accomplish through it all.

First and foremost, We are still here!! This is an accomplishment that many organizations, including some AAUW branches, cannot say. We did it because of a great commitment of our members to think outside the box and learn a different way of communicating called ZOOM. We also did it because of a great commitment by Kleo Baruth Kritz to take on the organization of Zoom meetings and to teach the rest of us what we needed to do to participate. She persisted in her goal to get every interested person able to conquer the virtual world. We owe her a big thanks!

Even though we could no longer meet at the Monona Community Center, we continued to meet monthly with Zoom presentations and meetings. Thank you to the program committee for a seamless adjustment and the continued excellent quality of the presenters.

We were able to continue three book groups and Great Decisions. It was a nice way to continue learning together as well as keeping some social contact.

We were able to meet with a creative virtual Holiday party where great past memories were shared. We followed that up with a small recipe book of Holiday recipes special to our members. To top off the Holiday Season, we were able to share an "Ideal" magazine style document that was in cooperation with the Janesville Branch. It all added up to keep the Season as encouraging as possible.

The *Scope* Newsletter has had increased importance since we were not able to meet in person. We are indebted to Sally for her increased need to put out more communications this year. The newsletter has also been improved by the generous addition of a Women's History article written every month by Mary Boyd and Bobbi White. The articles are a good addition to our continued education.

In the last year we have been more active in Public Policy thanks in great part to Consuelo Lopez, Chair. She has kept us informed on social/political developments and the action we may take to work toward the goals set by the National organization. She has sent Webinars and ways to interact with our legislators on these issues.

Somehow even in a pandemic we were able to earn one star in the Five Point Star Program of the National organization. We earned it for Programming!

The Monona/ Madison Branch came in fourth in the State for donations to the National AAUW organization.

Even though the usual fund raising activities were canceled, the members of our Branch continued to generously contribute which made it possible to meet our goals for scholarships and other expenses.

One of the other ways we helped fundraise was through a virtual action. Sally Keyel was kind enough to organize this system and it was a great success. We also coordinated with other AAUW Branches such as Janesville and Beaver Dam with their fundraiser

auctions. In this way we are continuing to support not only our own branch but coordinate with other branches.

Janesville and Fort Atkinson Branches were able to do a virtual Tech Savvy program for the first time this year. Since it was virtual, it allowed for attendance from other areas of the State. Members of our branch took it upon themselves to contact local school districts of this new opportunity. The Tech Savvy program was also a great success.

The virtual world allowed the Madison/Monona Branch to nominate for the first time a young woman, Eliza Lindley, for the National Leadership NCCWSL conference. She was accepted for a State scholarship and is planning on sharing her learning experiences with our Branch in December. We will look forward to that event.

This year it was the responsibility of District 1 to organize the State Convention. Since the Monona/Madison Branch is in District 1, we were hoping for an in person convention and began work to accomplish that goal. Of course, we had to re-imagine this as the Covid19 virus hit. Instead of canceling another activity, we switched it to a virtual convention. We made it happen with all State Branches participating. It was a huge undertaking and it was appreciated by many. In the process we learned a great deal about how conventions might go forward and will pass this information onto District 5 who will hopefully find it helpful at the 2022 convention.

One of the benefits of the virtual convention is that we now have a State Convention Web Site which we can continue to use in the future.

Last but not least, as we come to the close of the 2020/2021 year we were able to plan an in person June luncheon. We had to adjust the nature of what the luncheon would entail, but the essential part of gathering and sharing a meal together is an important accomplishment.

All in all we continued to be a vibrant group, keep our goals and have positive goals for the future. Thanks to all that helped make it happen. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

MILESTONES

Dorothy Haines fell and is in rehab at the Respite House of Oakwood East. She injured her leg, but is doing well and looking forward to returning to her home soon.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

Please let Lynn know of any address/e-mail changes so she can put them into the Directory in a timely fashion.

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.

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 now 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. **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 our branch. Mail it to Gail Stirr.

****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!**

Monona/Madison AAUW Membership Renewal

Name _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Please mail this form and your check (\$90) payable to Monona/Madison AAUW to : Gail Stirr by June 1, 2021. Late registrations may result in omission from the Directory.



SPRING PICNIC, Gail Stirr, Shiela Reaves, Wanda Nelson, Jan Robertson
Saturday, June 5th, from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Oneida Park Shelter Tecumseh Avenue,
Monona <http://mymonona.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Oneida-Park-21>

Join sister members & guests as we meet *in person* to celebrate our AAUW community, greeting old and new friends in camaraderie & conviviality! We were lucky enough to reserve a park shelter with adjacent restrooms and nearby parking; we will have picnic table seating, as well as folding chairs and flexible “camping chairs” for comfortable options. Your guests are welcome, and we hope that our high school scholarship recipients will also be able to join us.

Arrive between 11:30am and Noon; “official” welcome & introductions at Noon; picnic and chat until 2pm; we have the shelter reserved for a leisurely event.

This picnic can accommodate your comfort level. You can move your chair to ‘socially distance’ if you wish; you can wear a mask when not eating. Likely all of us will be vaccinated well before June, so our safety level will be excellent!

20 people have already signed up to attend (including three guests), and we hope many more will join us!!

****Please select one of these box lunches from *Cranberry Creek Café and Grill*.**

All include chips, beverages (iced tea, lemonade, bottled water), and a lemon bar for dessert.

1. Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich—with lettuce & tomato, and a side of seasonal fruit

2. Ham & Swiss Sandwich on Focaccia—with dill mayo, lettuce & tomato, and a side of seasonal fruit

3. Cranberry Creek Signature Salad—chicken, mixed greens, dried cranberries, Mandarin oranges, red onion, pecans, and cranberry balsamic dressing

4. Vegetarian Hummus Wrap—roasted red pepper hummus, herb flour tortilla, with cucumbers, tomatoes, mixed greens, & onion, and a side of seasonal fruit

****Cost for each box lunch is \$15.00.** Includes tax and small amount towards lunches for scholarship student guests & their parents.

Registration deadline is Friday, May 21st.

****To register for the June 5th AAUW picnic: fill out the form below and send with payment to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison WI 53717. Questions? Contact Wanda Nelson (608-222-8476); Shiela Reaves (608-712-7718); Jan Robertson (608-833-6312); or Gail Stirr (608-239-3243). We will send out directions to Oneida Park to all who sign up to attend.**

Member Name _____

Box Lunch Choice _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Box Lunch Choice(s) _____

Payment enclosed: _____

JOB DESCRIPTIONS UPDATES

The end of the year is coming, unfortunately without our monthly meetings. The requirement at the end of each job description for each officer/chair is: "Update the job description at the end of elected term and pass on to the new officer/chair." We keep a master job description, update any changes, and then give the whole document to Jan Robertson to post on our webpage, replacing the old one. (You cannot post directly on the webpage; only Jan can make changes.)

Directions:

1. Pull up your job description from our webpage and read over.
2. If no changes are needed please email that to me: kbkritz@charter.net
3. If changes are needed, use which ever method is easiest for you.
 - If only a minor detail or two, just email me with the words you want added or deleted and make it clear to me where you want them.
 - If more extensive changes, make a copy of your job description using "file" at top of computer screen and then "save as" to your document. Then you can add/delete changes, preferably in a red color and ~~cross-out~~ so easy for me to locate changes. Then email to me as an attachment.
 - If that doesn't work for you, print out a copy of your job description, find a pen and make the changes, and mail it to me: Kleo Baruth Kritz, 5628 Byrneland St, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

When a new person takes over a new position, it makes it so much easier to know exactly what the job entails, rather than getting "surprises" as the year progresses. That means keeping our job descriptions accurate and up-to-date. Thank you in advance to all the officers and chairs for doing this.

FINANCIAL REPORT, April 2021, Gail Stirr

Beginning Balance 3/31/21	\$11,617.76
Online Silent Auction	\$129.00
Membership dues (2021-22)	\$118.00
Branch dues portion (from AAUW National thru online dues payments)	<u>\$225.00</u>
Total Income:	\$472.00
Monona Parks & Rec (Oneida Park Shelter rental)	\$60.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$60.00</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/21:	\$12,029.76

ELECTION RESULTS

The slate of officers was unanimously accepted. Installation will take place at the May meeting over zoom.

SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman

The recipients of our scholarships and awards to students at UW Madison are:

Kewiana Pollard who receives the \$2000.00 Single Parent Scholarship. Kewiana is a single mother growing three African American males. After receiving an associate degree in liberal arts from Madison College she transferred to UW Madison where she is studying communications, and following graduation she plans to attend law school with the intent of practicing civil law. As she states in her thank you note, “I have always had the goal to become a civil lawyer since I was a young child and continuously want to be a motivation to minority communities.” She has been involved extensively in community events targeting racial justice issues, and held seats on several of Madison Colleges boards.

Marianna Globacheva who is one of two recipients of the \$1000.00 Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Student Awards. As she describes herself, Marianna is “a 42 year old woman of color, ethnic minority, mother of five, recent immigrant and a college drop-out.” She grew up in Moscow and after a somewhat shaky educational experience she became a midwife. However, her ability to assist the most vulnerable women was very restricted, and when the opportunity to immigrate to the U.S. presented itself she did not hesitate. She took all the prerequisites for admission to MATC and entered the nursing program, where she received her RN license. After an initial rejection she gained admission to the UW and is now graduating after continuing her studies in the BSN@Home program. She is getting ready to apply to graduate school. She is all the more remarkable in that her two youngest children, born since her family immigrated, are just two years old and one month old, and meanwhile she has managed to work, go to school and raise her family. She is going to become a maternity care provider for the most vulnerable.

Jesus Adrian Garza-Noriega is the second recipient of the OURAS award. Jesus came to the US from Mexico when his parents, who had very little education, decided to leave to seek better opportunities for their 3 children. Unfortunately Jesus’ experience with the educational system here was not positive. He states that he was “enrolled in a poorly funded and neglected ESL program that delayed my reading and writing comprehension due to reading a Winnie the Pooh book for eight years straight.” He was fortunate to find mentors who were genuinely invested in helping him, and he has resumed his academic career and is now in pursuit of a PhD in counseling. He has been very involved in Latinx programs and services, he is a father of two, and a Marine Corp reservist.

It is interesting to note that all of the candidates for these awards first attended Madison College (MATC). It is also interesting to note that of all the undergraduates on the UW campus, over 30,000, only about 700 are adult students.

IS NATIONAL AAUW IGNORING YOU? Kleo Baruth Kritz

Some of you may wonder why you are getting no emails from National and you got a paper ballot that said, “Your email is invalid or you are unsubscribed.” That is what happened to me! My email was correct and after phone calls to National I found out somehow I was unsubscribed.

4. Go to <https://www.aauw.org> then tap “Membership” in top right corner, then tap “Membership Services Database.” You will need your AAUW ID number, which your membership VP has if you don’t know it, to log in. A white box comes up with a big white rectangle and tap “Enter Member Services Database.” Then “Your Contact Information” page comes up. If email is incorrect (or anything else) first line says “To make any changes to the information below click here” so click.
5. If you need a tax record for the \$59 that are tax deductible, you can copy and paste the information from “Your Contact Information.”
6. If you have been unsubscribed go to your email and type in connect@aauw.org and request to subscribe again. Just for the record, Joan Schneider, our WI AAUW President, learned she was unsubscribed, too!!!!

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.

AAUW Bylaws Amendment Between April 7th and May 17th, all AAUW members will have the opportunity to vote on an important bylaws amendment that will eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW. Please go to <https://www.aauw.org> between April 7 and May 17 to cast your vote on the bylaws amendment! (Next to red Donate box in upper right corner is a magnifying glass, click, and type in “bylaws vote” and then click magnifying glass.)

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 27, 2021

Meeting called to order by Donna Anderson Co-President via Zoom at 7:50. Donna welcomed twenty-four members and guest Kristin King.

The minutes of the March 23, 2021, were approved as printed in the *Scope* by Mary Boyd, seconded by Bobbi White.

Financial Report: Gail Stirr. The Branch bank account balance at the close of March was \$11,617.76; the current balance on April 27, 2021 is \$12,029.76. Details on April income and expenses will be shared in the May issue of *Scope*.

The Monona/Madison Branch portion of membership renewals from members who renewed online through National AAUW was deposited into our Branch account this month. Membership renewals are due June 1st.

There was a discussion of how to get a record of the \$59.00 of National AAUW dues that is tax-deductible:

- Gail will contact AAUW National to find out if it is possible for individual members to sign in at AAUW National's website in order to view their own record of dues payments and donations. If this is possible, this record could be printed as a document supporting your tax-deductible payments. The Home page at AAUW National's website does not give any information about individual member accounts/sign-ins.

- Gail can access member dues and donation histories and can print & provide them to you at your request.

- Kleo pointed out that we can substantiate our \$59.00 tax deductible by making a copy of Policy #4 as listed in our Branch Directory for next year.

Membership: Betty Schmidt & Lynn Christensen. One new member, Faith Howe, is joining and there is the potential for two more.

Programs: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jan Robertson. The program next month is "Exploring Wisconsin Parks." The Program Committee is continuing to work on finding additional speakers for the coming year.

Public Policy: Consuelo Lopez. The State AAUW is offering a Webinar on May 4th on Redistricting. Congratulations to Consuelo Lopez on being elected chairperson of the "Community Advisory Committee for the Overture Center." Additional information on this can be found on the Overture website.

Educational Funds and Scholarship: Liz Senseman. LaFollette High School has picked their scholarship recipient and Monona Grove will announce shortly. UW-Madison has named the three scholarship recipients. Biographies will be in the May *Scope*.

Old Business:

NCCWSL: Donna Anderson. 38 Wisconsin students received scholarships to attend the leadership conference from State AAUW and various branches. The M/M sponsored candidate for the Leadership Convention has agreed to give a short presentation of her experience at our holiday gathering.

State Convention News: Kleo Baruth Kritz. The State AAUW Convention, which was hosted by District 1, was held April 23-24, 2021, virtually. All four of District 1 branches were involved—Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Monona/Madison—with 235 people from all 24 branches attending. A thank you went to all State Convention Committee Members and to Ann Brice, the technology coordinator, for making it all happen. A thank you also went to the significant number of M/M branch members who attended. Kleo complimented Bobbi White for her vibrant introduction to Wisconsin's First Lady. Dido Nash, a former state president, had emailed Kleo: "I have been a member for over 40 years and have attended most conventions and I think that convention was one of our absolute best. Again thank you. Cheers."

National AAUW Voting: Kleo Baruth Kritz. National AAUW will be having a vote on new officers and bylaw changes. The major bylaw change is eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Kleo commented that AAUW allows international members, not just Americans; allows associate degrees, not just university degrees; and allows men, not just women. Eleanor Roosevelt, a staunch advocate for women and girls, would not qualify to join AAUW because she only attended a private finishing school from ages 15-17 and never earned a degree. Kleo added that large corporations are uncomfortable making donations to AAUW because we are discriminating. The quorum has already been reached, and you can vote on this policy change until May 17.

June Luncheon: Gail Stirr. Our Spring Picnic (in place of a luncheon) will be at Oneida Park Shelter in Monona on Saturday, June 5. Order forms for the boxed lunch menus were in April *Scope* and will again be in the May issue. Submit your lunch choice and payment by May 21, 2021. Directions to the park will be sent to all who sign up to attend. You are encouraged to bring guests! Please remember to give your guests' names and order their lunch when you send in your own lunch choice.

New Business:

The election of officers was held with the following slate of candidates:

Co-President: Kleo Baruth Kritz

Program VP: Val Murphy

Membership VP: Mary Berg

Corresponding/Recording Secretary: Shiela Reaves.

Motion was made to accept the slate of candidates by Lynn Celley and seconded by Bobbi White. The members voted unanimously to accept.

National Donations: Kleo Baruth Kritz. Wisconsin has 24 branches and the top branches donating to National AAUW were announced at the business meeting at the convention. They were 1) Racine, 2) Appleton, 3) West Suburban Milwaukee, and 4) Monona/Madison. Thanks to all our members who donated to National.

Study Groups:

Evening Book Club will be looking at potential books for 2021-2022.

Newsletter: Sally Keyel. May *Scope* deadline Wednesday 5/5/2021

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30

Respectfully Submitted, Paula O'Neal, Secretary

CALENDAR

- May 19: Evening Lit, planning meeting at Barnes & Noble (?)
- May 20, 11 a.m. Afternoon Lit Brunch at Monona Gardens. Book selection for next year (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME AND PLACE!)
- May 25: General Meeting
- May 27: Morning Lit. via Zoom: leader: Helen Brown. *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo
- June 5, 12- 2, Spring Picnic
- June 10: Board Meeting: via Zoom

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