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**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch
Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 2021

Tuesday, September 28

6:30 pm Social time

7 pm Program: “What’s Happening in the Movement for Fair Maps: What you can do!” presented by **Carlene Bechen, the Organizing Director of the Fair Maps Coalition.** Carlene Bechen is a retired educator who became involved in the movement to End Gerrymandering after testifying before the Joint Finance Committee in support of public education for several biennial budget cycles and realizing that her words were falling on deaf ears. Legislators are unaccountable to their constituents, and it's clear that they are not listening on issues ranging from public education and Medicare expansion to gun violence prevention and legalization of cannabis.

Carlene has been engaged in grassroots activism since she was a child canvassing with her dad in her SE North Carolina community. She is a founding member of the Oregon Area Progressives, which organized the Fair Maps for Wisconsin Summit for grassroots activists in the fall of 2019. From that work, Carlene was hired as Organizing Director with the Fair Maps Coalition.

Business meeting to follow.

Location: Pinney Library, Community Room B.

Hostesses: Sally Keyel, Marian Ehrenberg, Linda Voss, Sue Richter

Masks required. We’re not sure about refreshments, but will send out a notice later in September, before the meeting.

The meeting will be live, and Pinney Library requires everyone to wear a mask. For those not comfortable attending a live meeting, Kleo will be setting up a hybrid meeting with Zoom participants able to view the speaker and participate in the meeting. Please notify Kleo kbkritz@charter.net if you wish to receive a Zoom invite.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Kleo Baruth Kritz

Welcome to the new AAUW season! We'll be meeting in person at Pinney Library, but also offering the zoom option if you're more comfortable with that. Please let Kleo know if you want a Zoom invite. We are asking that masks be worn. At the time of this newsletter, we don't know what Pinney's rules will be regarding food and drink. I'll send out a notice closer to the meeting time.

Such exciting programs lined up! So much time and energy has been spent in the last few months getting everything ready. Thanks to all involved for your hard work. We have several new members, a new directory, great programs, an upcoming book sale, a new budget to approve and lots of plans for the year. Can't wait to see you in person!

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

New Address, starting later in September: Dorothy Haines, 5565 Tancho Dr, Apt. 127, Madison, 53718. Cell phone only: 608-698-2286

MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg

Welcome New members:

Dianne Taris

1980 BS Education, Illinois State University

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Dianne is a dual member with Phoenix Arizona and Donna Anderson is her sister.

Patti Row

1965 BS Education-English, Indiana University; 1966 MS Education, Purdue University

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Patricia has been an AAUW member in several towns and is a friend of Kleo.

Marilyn Dam-Rubolt

1975 BSN Nursing, UW-Madison; 1981 MSN Nursing, Loyola University Chicago

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Marilyn is a friend of Pat Ruppert and has already joined our book club.

Mary Murrell

1985 BA English/Classics, U of Virginia; 2012 PHD Anthropology, UC Berkeley

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Mary is a friend of Shiela Reaves. Shiela brought her to our picnic lunch.

Faith Howe

1977 BA, Beloit College; 1987 JD University of Kansas School of Law

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Faith is new to AAUW but has lived in Madison nearly 20 years. She currently works for the State of WI Division of Worker's Compensation. She had spent most of her work life involved in some aspect of worker's comp. Kleo introduced her to our branch.

Georgia-Ann Stilp

1988 Programing,Blackhawk Technical College; 1996 Accounting Blackhawk
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Georgia-Ann is busy in Orfordville with many volunteer activities including Friends of the Library and the Food Pantry. She also sews for Little Dresses for Africa, an organization that sews clothes for African school girls.

Tiffany Butzbaugh

1964 English, University of Michigan; 2002 Masters & PhD Sociology, Western MI
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Tiffany moved to Madison from Michigan last year. She lives with her daughter and family. Tiffany enjoyed her years as a high school librarian in Benton Harbor. She has three daughters and 5 grandchildren.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr July/August 2021

Beginning Balance 6/30/21	\$12,712.95
• Membership dues (2021-22)	\$360.00
• Branch dues portion (from AAUW National thru online dues payments)	\$15.00
• Eggroll Sale (fundraising)	\$143.00
• Scholarship support donation	\$500.00 (local scholarships)
• June Suhling memorial	\$25.00 (donation to branch)
• September Book Sale donation.	\$200.00
<hr/> Total Income:	\$1,243.00
• National & State Membership (paid to AAUW National)	\$300.00
• Friends of Odyssey Family Fund	\$1,000.00 (branch donation)
• AAUW Greatest Needs Fund	\$1,000.00 (branch donation)
• Scholarships awarded (University and Valparaiso University)	\$2,000.00 (high school students to Northwestern University and Valparaiso University)
Total Expenses:	\$4,300.00
 Ending Balance 8/31/21:	 \$9,655.95

PLEASE LOOK OVER THE BUDGET (attached separately) before the meeting.

NATIONAL FIVE STAR RECOGNITION, Kleo Baruth Kritz

“You, Too, Can be a Two-Minute Activist in Two Minutes!!”

The Monona/Madison Branch has earned three stars in Advancement, Communications & External Relations, and Programs. We still need Public Policy and Governance/Sustainability stars. (In the state of Wisconsin, which has 24 branches, currently Appleton, Racine, and River Falls have earned all 5 Stars. The State of Wisconsin AAUW, Janesville, and Monona/Madison have earned 3 stars.)

Public Policy has three parts—a public policy chair (we have), a meeting with a member of Congress (working on that), and an event with a signup for the Action Network (2-Minute Activist). At the September meeting we are going to have a 2-Minute Activist sign-up. All you need to do is bring your cell phone and we can literally have you signed up in 2 minutes!! This is a great way to make our voice heard on important political issues our country is facing. When National sends out an email, you can quickly add your voice. Everything is set up for you on whatever issue sent.

For Governance we do need a strategic plan that aligns with National goals. (The other two items—having a diversity chair and doing a grid on leadership succession--are super easy.) That means a committee to discuss ideas and put together a strategic plan that aligns with National and State. Janesville has a good model that their two presidents designed and have given us permission for us to use it as a format. I will chair the strategic plan committee with Donna Anderson, Val Murphy, Liz Senseman, and Gail Stirr volunteering as members. If anyone else is interested, please let me know.

BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sharon Knoop

Our fall book sale is planned so we can get all those stored books out of our houses and earn money for our scholarships! This is our schedule:

- Drop off books at the Dean House on Wed, Sept 15, from 9-1 and Thurs morning, Sept 16, from 9-12. Do not wait until end of day to drop off books!! (Also bring paper and plastic bags.)
- If unable to drop off books due to transportation/health issue, please contact Sharon sknoop4270@sbcglobal.net 217-6510 or Mary Boyd boydma2322@sbcglobal.net 222-7673 to make arrangements that week.
- Thursday, Sept 16 is sorting from 9 to hopefully 3 or maybe later. The sign-up sheet will be sent out again the week before the sale.
- Friday, Sept 17, is a final polishing day for anything that needs to be done
- Sat, Sept 18, and Sun, Sept 19, are the sale days from 9-3. Bag sale is from 1-3.

Thanks again to our members for all the great books you provide for the sale and all the work you put in to make it a success! Remember to bring your family and friends to our book sale!!!

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Bobbi White & Mary Boyd



This year we again plan to highlight the accomplishments of women in a variety of fields just as we did last year. For the next two months we will introduce you to women in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) who have made major contributions to our world.

This past year was again notable for accomplishments in space travel, an enterprise that requires advancements in all STEM fields. Our landing on Mars and its exploration showcased a variety of technological advancements.

I would like to introduce **Ellen Ochoa** to you as one whose contributions to our space program in the past 35 years have been extensive but not well known to the general public.

Ellen Ochoa: First Latina Astronaut: Ellen Ochoa was born in 1958 and attended schools in California. After graduating from San Diego State with a bachelor's in physics and a master's and a doctorate degree in electrical engineering from Stanford, she joined NASA as a research engineer. As part of her work accomplishments as a research scientist she developed optical equipment that provided improvement in the quality of images and more precise information from further in space. For this work, she holds three patents. She has also received 6 honorary doctorates.

She became part of NASA's Astronaut Corps in 1991. As the first Latina astronaut, she has clocked over 1,000 hours in space on four separate missions from 1993-2002. Her mission specialist roles included: robotic arm operator, deploying and capturing free-flying satellites and helping to maneuver spacewalking crewmates. She also conducted numerous on-board scientific activities that have led to on-Earth technology advances. She was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2017.

NASA Leadership:

In 2013, Ellen became the 11th Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, leading the human space flight enterprise for the nation. She is the second woman and first Latina to serve in this role. During her five-year tenure she oversaw changes that maximized the use of the space station. She oversaw a number of missions: the first flight test of the Orion spacecraft, the 1 year mission of Scott Kelly and Russian astronaut, Mikhail Kornienko, the training of astronauts to man commercial crew capsules, and a streamlined payload process that led to the first DNA sequencing in space. She emphasized the importance of the Space Center's workforce including initiatives on diversity and inclusion. Recent missions have increasingly involved females as astronauts, engineers and researchers. Prior to becoming Director she served in a number of leadership roles for the agency too numerous to mention here.

STEM Education Advocate:

Throughout her career, Ellen has been an outspoken advocate for girls and minorities entering STEM fields. She has spoken frequently to a variety of audiences. Several children's books have been written about her and six schools across California,

Oklahoma, Washington and Texas have been named in her honor. She is also Chair of the National Science Board as well as other foundations and science based organizations. Though not well known to the general public she is a star in the field of space exploration and a person to inspire our next generation of explorers.

P.S.: A new director for the JSC was named in June, 2021 replacing Mark Geyer who had replaced Ellen Ochoa in 2018. Her name is Vanessa Wyche, the first person of color to assume that role.

Scholarships, Liz Senseman

Here are the recipients of our two high school scholarships for this year!

Teal Coil Otto will be going to Northwestern University, where she plans to major in Biomedical Engineering and Statistics. In her recent thank you letter she said the following:

“Being in a particularly male-dominated field, I appreciate what your organization does to help women. I think that it is very important for women to have equality, especially in education, and this scholarship will make my education more financially accessible. I am also beyond excited to participate in intramural sports, clubs, and all activities that Northwestern has to offer, as well as being relatively close to home...thank you for your generous and much appreciated donation towards my education.”

Lauren Johnson will be attending Vanderbilt University, and she is planning to study Public Policy and Environmental Sociology. She started LaFollette’s Green Club, and helped start two politically focused environmental organizations in Madison: Youth Climate Action Team and Sunrise Movement Madison. She has been very active in these organizations, and she helped get a Resolution for a Green New Deal passed through the Madison City Council. As she states: “My work in leading these organizations sparked my interest in pursuing a career related to government and policy making. The generosity of the American Association of University Women is helping me put this aspiration into action, so thank you so much!”



Congratulations to these two impressive young women, and thanks to all the members of our branch who make these scholarships possible through donations and participation in our branch events.



MILESTONES:

Susan Becker – Celebration of Life

Please join us for a memorial service celebrating the life of Susan Becker. Bring your memories of this wonderful sister, friend to everyone, devoted Christian, consummate volunteer and believer in our innate goodness. If ever a mountain seems too high, remember the mountains that Susan climbed during her time with us.



The service will be at Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham St, Madison, on September 18th at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Sharol Hayner presiding. The social distancing and masking recommendations of the church will be followed.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, May 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by co-president Sally Keyel via Zoom who welcomed twenty members to the meeting.

The minutes of the April 27, 2021, meeting were approved as printed in the *Scope*.

Financial Report: Gail Stirr. The current balance as of today is \$13,045.76. At this point, a total of \$495 has been deposited for picnic registrations; box lunches and beverages will be purchased using these funds, and any remaining money will be reserved for scholarship support. From membership renewals/dues payments during this month, \$1,125.00 were paid to AAUW National and State.

Additional member donations for branch scholarship support were made this month, adding \$115.00 toward future scholarship awards. Since there are no more *Scopes* until September, Gail will send the May financial report to Sally at the end of the first week in June, to be sent out to entire membership.

Membership: Betty Schmidt and Lynn Christensen. Currently 56 members are fully renewed with the possibility of seven more and two non-renewals. Betty and Lynn divided the list to call everyone and estimate we have about 64 members.

Programs: Kleo Baruth Kritz and Jan Robertson. Sally complimented the program committee on this year's programs.

Public Policy: Consuelo Lopez. Consuelo gave kudos to the state public policy committee for the excellent work they have been doing on gerrymandering and fair maps in Wisconsin. She also said how National AAUW is on the ground floor with the Biden/Harris administration on carrying out issues important to AAUW: equity for families and child care, racial equity, economic security, college loan forgiveness, pay check fairness, 40% increase to education, dreamers and Pell Grants, and review of Title IX. Kudos to National AAUW.

Educational Funds: Liz Senseman. The Monona Grove High School scholarship recipient is Teal Coil-Otto, who will be attending Northwestern University and studying Biomedical Engineering. The LaFollette High School scholarship recipient in honor of Atsuko Kusuda is Lauren Johnson, who will be attending Vanderbilt University and studying Public Policy and Environmental Sociology. The young ladies have been invited to our June 5 picnic. A suggestion was made to publish this scholarship information in local newspapers.

Fundraising: Val Murphy. Val has had requests from some members to resume branch trips such as the Lavender Fields and International Crane Foundation in Baraboo as fundraisers. Discussion included

concerns about COVID safety, especially in regard to bus travel. Bobbi White said Fireside was now open and mentioned Olbrich Gardens had outdoor activities that might be a possibility. If any trips are arranged, they need to be safe, no buses, close to home, and possibly car pooling. Val does need lead time in setting up any trips.

Sally suggested another fundraiser could be ordering egg rolls from a friend of hers at \$15 per dozen with \$3 going to AAUW. Members expressed interest and Sally will be sending out an email to all members with details of what could be ordered.

Old Business:

June Picnic: Gail Stirr. Gail sent an email before the meeting to all members about the June 5 picnic with directions to Oneida Park in Monona. We will meet between 11:30 and noon with box lunches prepared by Cranberry Creek Cafe and Grill being handed out at noon. Thirty members and four guests will be attending. Contact Gail, Wanda Nelson, or Shiela Reeves if questions.

New Business:

National Voting Results: Donna Anderson. The AAUW National Board members running for office were re-elected, but the board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change. This year 63% voted in favor of eliminating the degree requirement, which was significantly higher than previous votes, which were just under 50%.

STEM Education for Girls Through National: Donna Anderson. National is offering six sessions of STEM education for free with focus on girls of color grades 9-12. Contact Donna if have any candidates to suggest. This program is available on National's website, open to all. All members can share notice of this opportunity with area school personnel and with individuals, and any girls interested in taking this STEM course can then register. Here is a link directly from National's website, with information about the course and a way to register:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>

AAUW Anniversary Pins at Picnic: This year the State Convention had a fundraiser for State AAUW with pins celebrating the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin AAUW. The state has 300 pins left and branches can request them to use as they see fit. We have requested 25 pins and Val will have them at the picnic with members who want one making a donation. Sally asked for a photo to send out to entire membership, and Kleo will send her one.

Feedback on Meeting in Person Vs Zoom. Donna said that National has recommended no inside meetings in person through end of calendar year. The Monona Senior Center, while open during the day, is closed in the evening through December. Thus, we would need to find another location. The group was split on whether they were willing to attend meetings in person. Another suggestion was a hybrid with both live meeting and Zoom. Gail said Dane County had the highest vaccination in the country with 60% of adults and 33% of young people. This topic will be discussed at the June board meeting.

Installation of Officers: Sally thanked retiring officers for their service: Donna Anderson, Co-President; Kleo Baruth Kritz, Program VP; Betty Schmidt, Membership VP; and Paula O'Neal, Co-Secretary. Donna recognized the continuing officers: Sally Keyel, Co-President; Jan Robertson, Program VP; Lynn Christensen, Membership VP; Ann Bowles, Co-Secretary; and Gail Stirr, Finance Officer. Donna then installed the new officers into their elected positions: Kleo Baruth Kritz, Co-President; Val Murphy, Program VP; Mary Berg, Membership VP; and Shiela Reaves, Co-Secretary.

Study Groups. Sally said she is trying to set up the bridge tournament, which has not existed since the pandemic, and it is also a fundraiser.

Newsletter Deadline. Wednesday, September 1.

Board Meeting. Thursday, June 10, at 1 pm. All members are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted, Kleo Baruth Kritz

CALENDAR

- **Sep. 11 at 6:30 pm: A Dinner from the Republic of Georgia.** Hostess: Barbara Sorensen; Co-hostesses: Ann Huggett, Sharon Knoop
- **Sep. 15 at 7 pm: Evening Book Club:** Hostess: Ann Huggett; reviewer, Pat Ruppert; *Run Me to Earth* by Paul Yoon
- **Sep. 16 at 1 pm: Afternoon Literature.** Home, Reta Haring; Leader, Reta Haring; *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See
- **Sep. 28 at 6:30 pm:** General Meeting in person and via zoom.
- **Sep. 23 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature:** Home, Carrie Wurz; Leader, Helen Brown Sjolander; *Every Day is a Gift* by Tammy Duckworth

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From the June Picnic.

