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MONONA/MADISON (WI) BRANCH

Monona/Madison Branch OCTOBER 2021Newsletter

Tuesday, October 26 Hybrid Meeting, Fitchburg Library and Zoom Social, 6:30 p.m.

Program, 7 p.m.: "Immediate Trauma Response to Victimes of Violent Threatening Crime" presented by Julie Foley, Crime Response Program Manager, Dane County District Attorney.



Julie Foley has served as the manager of the Crime Response Program of the Dane County District Attorney's Office for the past 25 years. The program provides early crisis response for victims/families and witnesses of violent or threatening crime. Program services are not contingent upon arrest or prosecution of an offender. In fact, the absence of answers and lack of closure for a victim can be the most debilitating aspect of the victimization. Embarking on a journey with the victim at the time of the victimization and throughout the process is the highest calling in victim service work. No matter the outcome, a crime victim has the right to be respected and to be heard. Our community and society is going through a reckoning with regard to the plight and treatment of offenders within the criminal justice system. This is a valuable and critical discussion and process. However, we must never forget the victims of these same crimes. We must share their stories of resilience and elevate their often muted voices. Julie attended Beloit College with the goal of attaining an MSW, a 3-2 partnership program with the University of Chicago. She transferred to UW-La Crosse as a junior believing that perhaps physical therapy was her calling. She volunteered at a shelter program for victims of domestic violence soon after transferring to UW. She soon realized that her calling was victim advocacy. She has never questioned that decision from that day forward. Julie worked in domestic violence direct service, community

organizing and policy work for the 10 years following her bachelor's degree. She relocated to Madison and pursued her MSW, allowing her more time at home with her

two remarkable children. She credits her undergraduate and graduate professors for their encouragement to think critically, to challenge the status quo, and to ask hard questions. She took those lessons to heart propelling her to exhibit the courage to insist on a better, more just way of serving victims of crime. Those lessons have guided her to this day. It has always been and remains an honor to serve these most deserving victims.

Kleo will send out Zoom invitations the weekend before the meeting to all members who want to Zoom. If you do not get an invite by Sunday evening, please email kbkritz@charter.net and Kleo will send another invite to you.

The Fitchburg Library is located at 5530 Lacy Road in Fitchburg. Take the Beltline to Fish Hatchery South exit. There is road construction so give yourself a few extra minutes, but you will be a mile or more beyond the road construction before Lacy Road shows up. Turn left at Lacy Road and library will be on the left. There is a large parking lot in the back. Go in back door to library to the checkout desk and take elevator/stairs to the second floor. According to GPS will take about 20 minutes from the Monona Senior Center to the Fitchburg Library.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sally Keyel

What a great start to this autumn of our 2021-22 year! Not only do we have glorious full moons on crisp evenings with orange pumpkins in the fields and apples in the orchards everywhere here in southern Wisconsin, but we can be proud of our accomplishment:

- Earning \$3,500 at our book sale for our scholarships
- Adding a third \$1000 scholarship in addition to Monona Grove High School and LaFollette High School in our 2021-22 budget
- Surviving our first hybrid meeting at Pinney Library, our first live meeting since the pandemic started
- Achieving 3 gold stars in the National Gold Star Recognition Program (Of the 24 branches in the state, Appleton, Racine, and River Falls have earned 5 stars; Janesville, 4 stars; and M/M our 3.)

And this is just the beginning.....Stay tuned!!!

From Lynn Celley:

I want to say 'Thank you' to the membership of AAUW for the thoughtful gift for me. I have always enjoyed Arcadia Book Store in Spring Green and will have a nice trip out there one of these days to use the gift certificate - before the snow flies for sure! I know you appreciate having the directory for your use and you will continue to have one as Faith Howe, one of our new members, has volunteered to take on this project. Thank you, Faith. As the year progresses, I will still take your updates - email changes, new addresses, etc. But next spring, please direct those updates to Faith. Thanks.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Ellie Beck & Peggy Anderson

SAVE THE DATE - December 4, 2021.

Festive Holiday Luncheon at Maple Bluff Country Club. We will hold the Silent Auction as well as a live one, and a special book sale. This is a major fundraiser for our members. The Silent Auction will be from 11:15 to 12:00. Beverages will be available for purchase

Lunch will begin at 12 noon. Cost: \$26.00 includes tax and tip.

Please email your choice of entree to: Ellie Beck at elliebeck1938@gmail.com by November 23rd. We will collect all funds at the event on December 4.

Starter: Holiday salad: mixed greens, dried cranberries, candied pecans, feta cheese, creamy balsamic vinegar dressing.

Entree: (choose one)

*Chicken Quesadilla - grilled chicken breast, gruyere cheese, roasted crimini mushrooms, carmelized onions, salsa and sour cream. Fruit cup.

*Prime Rib Sandwich - shaved roasted prime rib, herbed focaccia, aged cheddar cheese, carmelized onions, asparagus, creamy horseradish, leafy lettuce and tomato. Fruit cup.

*Asparagus and Mushroom Grilled Cheese Sandwich, grilled mushroom duxelles, gruyere cheese, whole grain mustard aioli, pressed hoagie roll. Fruit cup.

Dessert- Carrot Cake with cream cheese frosting.

Included: Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Milk.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

September 2021

Beginning Balance 8/31/21: \$9,655.95

September Book Sale profits \$3,450.00 Deposit of cash debited from \$100.00 bank account, used for book sale

Literature group donations \$80.00 **Total Income:** \$3,630.00

Arcadia Books gift certificate \$50.00

(appreciation for service)

2021-22 Directory printing \$112.74

Dean House use fee (book sale) \$150.00 (completely covered by donation) Cash for book sale cash box \$100.00 (repaid by deposit shown above)

Total Expenses: \$412.74

Ending Balance 9/30/21: \$12,873.21



AAUW FALL BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Sharon Knoop

AND THE FINAL TOTAL FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS IS \$3500!!! We made \$2692 on Saturday and \$758 on Sunday plus a \$50 donation made earlier. What an accomplishment for our Monona/Madison branch! (Just for comparison in our 2019 book sale our profit total was \$1,486.35 with a total head count 116.)

This is the **LARGEST** book sale our branch has ever done thanks to the pandemic!!We could not have done it without our members. Special recognition must be given to the women who volunteered for the setup, some showing up on Wednesday to move tables and unpack boxes, some spending long hours sorting boxes after boxes after boxes on Thursday, and some coming back Friday to finish sorting boxes. These women must be acknowledged for all the hard work-and it was hard work with those heavy boxes-they did: Ellie Beck, Mary Boyd, Lynn Celley, Linda Christensen, Linda Hoelzel, Sally Keyel, Sandy Knesting, Val Murphy, Shiela Reaves, Jan Robertson, Pat Ruppert, Liz Senseman, Gail Stirr, and Ann Wenzel.

Without great publicity, it wouldn't matter how many books we sorted, so a special shout-out has to go to Mary Boyd and Pat Ruppert for all the yard signs (one guy said he "was seeing signs all week") and flyers distributed throughout the community. Special thanks to Wanda Nelson, who designed the sunny yellow fliers and bookmarks. When people were asked how they became aware of the sale, we kept hearing people saying over and over it was because of the signs and fliers everywhere!!!

Thanks must go to our cashiers who showed up for the actual sales and collected the money for our scholarships: Peggy Anderson, Mary Berg, Shiela Reaves, Helen Sjolander, Lise Skofronick, Georgia Stilp, Gail Stirr, and Bobbi White.

And the final job, the cleanup, when everyone is exhausted and just wants to go home, but these dedicated individuals stuck around for the final dismantling of our fundraiser: Donna Anderson, Mary Boyd, Val Murphy, Shiela Reaves, Pat Ruppert, and Gail Stirr. Tom Knoop, Kevin Ruppert, and Virgil Simley must be thanked for hauling those huge and heavy St Vinnie bins into the Dean House and helping fill them with our leftover books.

And thanks to all who contributed books, picked up books, invited family and friends to the sale, and supported our book sale with monetary donations!! You all rock!!! We also had one unexpected young lady at our sale. She was the 2015 recipient of our Monona Grove scholarship and she had completed college. As we told her, by supporting our book sale she is supporting a scholarship for another young lady in the future!

FILM GROUP, Jan Robertson

If you are interested in joining the Film Group this year, please let Jan Robertson at jbrober1@tds.net know as an email is sent out each month prior to the second Tuesday of the month giving the movie title, time and location. The Film Group will start in November.

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. We usually meet late January-early May.

Each year the <u>Foreign Policy Association</u>, New York, N.Y publishes a booklet covering 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. Meetings (by Zoom or in-person) will be determined in consultation with the group as circumstances dictate at the time. Cost is \$30 for the book-a small increase from last year. (This book is necessary and contains the primary information for each topic.) In the past, there has been a DVD to provide additional information at the on-site meetings. This year's format will be a series of short webinar style lectures by professors on DVD rather than the documentary style of the past. For more information about the group, or to order a book, contact Mary Boyd (222-7673) or boydma2322@sbcglobal.net no later than October 22nd to receive a discount

<u>Topics for 2022 are</u>: Intro topic: Changing Demographics in the world (and their consequences/challenges for the future); 1. Outer Space (with more participants, how will the U.S. fare?); 2.Climate Change; 3.Russia and the new administration; 4.Myanmar and Asean-(human rights crises, civil resistance and the role of Asean); 5.The Quad Alliance-(U.S pivot to Asia and the dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India); 6.Industrial Policy-(trust and mistrust in government, supply chain issues and weakness in the international economy); 7. Drug Policy in Latin America; 8. Biden's Agenda

Heads Up, Sally Keyel

Just to let you know, I'll be having an Open House Garage to sell my jewelry, stuffed toys and my son's nature photography in my garage and driveway on Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday the 24th from noon to 5. 20% of the sales to AAUW members will be donated to the branch. Nice time to do some Christmas shopping, or just getting out! Bring your friends!

on our order. Books typically arrive sometime in late December.



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

At the end of the newsletter is some information from Carlene Bechen, Organizer for Fair Maps. Her email is <u>Carlene@fairmapsWI.com</u> if you have any questions or comments.

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White

Maria Telkes, Inventor. We have all heard of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell as famous inventors, but can you name a single female famous as an inventor in a STEM field? I couldn't until I read about Maria Telkes (1900-1995) who as a Hungarian emigrant became a prolific inventor in the field of solar energy technologies, an ever more important field in the 21Century.

Early Life Maria was born and educated in Budapest, Hungary receiving a BA, MA and PhD. Degree in physical chemistry from

the University of Budapest in 1924. She immigrated to the United States in 1925, visiting a relative who was the Hungarian consul in Cleveland Ohio. After working for a few years as a researcher at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation she moved to doing solar energy research for M.I.T. (Mass. Institute of Technology).

M.I.T. Research & Resulting Inventions (1939-1953)

During WWII she was a civilian advisor to the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD). She is credited with <u>inventing a solar powered desalination machine</u> which helped soldiers get clean water in difficult situations & solved water problems in the U.S. Virgin Islands at the time. She also <u>invented a solar powered oven</u> to be used by people without technology— to heat things. It has been used in remote tribal Indian reservations and in other remote areas of the world. While working on this oven, she <u>developed a better way for farmers to dry crops</u>, a methodology still in use. In 1947 she <u>created the first thermoelectric power generator</u>. In 1948, this led her to team with architect Eleanor Raymond and philanthropist and sculptor Amelia Peabody to use the principles of semiconductor thermoelectricity to create the Dover Sun House solar heating system. Later, in 1980, she helped the US Department of Energy develop and build the first fully solar-powered home.

In the 1970's she moved to Texas and consulted with a number of start-up solar companies.

Recognition: Though never a household name, she did receive a number of awards including induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2012--too bad she was no longer alive to enjoy the recognition. Over the course of her career, she held more than 20 patents. Now and in the future, let all of us remember her name, and use her as a role model for girls and young women.

Further reading available:

Google --Maria Telkes, women inventors-- from which this article was generated.

Also: https://www.cpaglobal.com/women-innovators/maria-telkes

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 28, 2021

Welcome: This first hybrid meeting was called to order by co-president Sally Keyel, who welcomed eleven Zoom members plus 25 in-person members attending the Pinney Branch of Madison Public Library.

Minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved as printed in the *Scope*.

Financial Report: Gail Stirr. The current balance as of today is \$12,769.21 (plus \$24 that will bring the total book sale profits to \$3500.) Report will be in next issue of the *Scope*.

Membership: Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg. Introduction of Georgia Stilp and Faith Howe [Patti Row] as new members.

Programs: Val Murphy and Jan Robertson. Sally complimented the program committee on this year's programs.

Public Policy: Consuelo Lopez. Consuelo endorsed presentation of Fair Maps speaker and activities. **Odyssey Meal, Ellie Beck.** Odyssey meals will continue as groups determine covid protocols. Currently, Odyssey will accept baskets of food submitted by individuals.

Holiday Luncheon, Ellie Beck. Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4 at Maple Bluff Country Club with three dishes to choose from: beef, chicken and vegetarian.

NEW: Members can email their meal choice directly to Ellie at elliebeck1938@gmail.com Members will pay for luncheon meal at time of event (please, no mail). More information in the next *Scope*.

Book Sale, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Sharon Knoop. Kleo complimented the hard work of co-chair Sharon Knoop, Wanda Nelson who designed the flier/bookmark, and Mary Boyd who strategically placed yard signs. She praised all the work of the setup crew who sorted so many boxes, the sale ladies, and the cleanup crew. An anonymous member donated money to pay Dean House expenses. 2021 BOOK SALE DATA

Profit Total was \$3,500 with total head count of 252 (not counting children)

- \$2692 Saturday Sales with 152 attending
- \$758 Sunday Sales with 57 plus 43 for bag sale
- \$50 Earlier Donation to Sale
- \$150 donation generously covered the Dean House rental fee

(Compare to 2019 BOOK SALE DATA: Profit Total was \$1,486.35 with total head count 116.)

Hospitality, Carrie Wurz. Suggestion to have members bring their own covered beverages in order to ease different library rules plus time needed to setup and breakdown the library room.

New Business:

Proposed Budget, Gail Stirr. Gail reminded membership that the budget largely accounts for scholarships and Odyssey. Generous donations allowed AAUW branch to meet all obligations plus an addition of a new college scholarship twith the details to be determined later.

- •Mary Boyd made the **motion** to pass budget of \$12,636 for 2021-2022 **seconded** by Mary Berg.
- •Motion passed unanimously.

Five Star program. Kleo reported the deadline extended to June of 2022. The Monona/Madison Branch has achieved 3 stars in Advancement, Programs, and Communication. To achieve another one in Governance we need a strategic plan that aligns with National goals. Kleo Baruth Kritz will chair committee with Donna Anderson, Val Murphy, Liz Senseman, and Gail Stirr. Janesville has graciously shared their format for their strategic plan for us to use. Any others interested would be most welcome.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Kleo Baruth Kritz. This is the focus this year for National and State. Elissa Strauss has volunteered, and we need more members to determine how we can incorporate this successfully into our branch. Kleo deepened the concept of inclusion, which encourages diverse members to participate in projects in addition to membership.

Annual Directory, Lynn Celley after more than 14 years has announced she has done her last directory. Faith Howe, a new member with experience in this area, will take over the directory. Co-president

Sally Keyel announced a \$50 gift certificate for Lynn to show membership appreciation for all that Lynn has done through the years.

Branch Website. Jan Robertson is looking for someone to assist her with our web page and head up in future years. Please contact Jan at: jbrober1@tds.net.

Study Groups.

Morning, Afternoon, Weds Evening Lit groups.

Mary Boyd announced Great Decisions will begin at the end of January 2022. Check October *Scope* newsletter for details.

Dorothy Haines moved to Oakwood East "Rise" and welcomes contacts by cell phone at: 698-2286.

Important dates:

Newsletter Deadline. Wednesday, Oct. 6

Board Meeting. Thursday, October 21 at 1:15. All members are welcome and held on Zoom. Future board meetings will strive to not conflict with other meetings of Lit groups.

Next meeting: October 26, Fitchburg Library at 5530 Lacy Road.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.: Evening Literature:** Hostess, Lynn Christensen; Reviewer, Ellen Healey; *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi
- **Oct. 21 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Literature:** Home, Linda Hoelzel; Leader, Ann Bowles; *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett
- Oct. 21 at 1:15 p.m.: Zoom Board Meeting
- Oct. 26 at 6:30: General Meeting
- Oct. 28 at 9:30 am: Morning Literature: Home, Lynn Celley; Discussion Leader, Linda Voss; *Caste* by Isabelle Wilkerson







Co-presidents: Sally Keyel & Kleo Baruth Kritz; Membership: Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg; Newsletter: Sally Keyel website, www.monona-madison-wi.aauw.net

Fair Maps Lobby Day 2021 - Priorities

Pass
Nonpartisan
Redistricting
SB389 / AB395

Take up the
People's Maps
Commision
Maps

Reject Pro-Gerrymandering Resolution AJR80 / SJR63

80%+ of Wisconsin Voters and these Organizations Support Fair Maps!

- Fair Elections Project
- Wisconsin Democracy
 Campaign
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin
- Common Cause of Wisconsin
- Voces de la Frontera
- Wisconsin Conservation Voices
- All Voting is Local WI
- Grassroots North Shore
- Wisconsin Farmers Union
- Western WI Nonpartisan Voting Districts
- Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

- Hmong American Women's Association
- Souls to the Polls
- Oregon Area Progressives
- American Association of University Women
- WI Public Education Network
- Wisconsin Council of Churches
- Wisconsin United to Amend
- Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort or WAVE Educational Fund
- Fair Maps Volunteer Teams Across Wisconsin

See the full coalition at: fairmapswi.com/coalitionpartners







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