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**MONONA/MADISON (WI)  
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch  
Newsletter  
March 2022**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

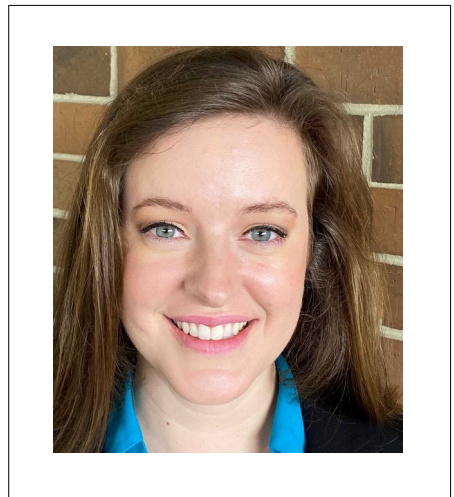
**6:30 p.m.: Social**

**7:00 p.m.: Program: Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Title IX. Nona Gronert**

**Program, 7 p.m.: Celebrate the 50th Year Anniversary  
of IX (1972—2022)**

Title IX is arguably one of the most important pieces of federal education legislation to focus on individual rights based on sex. Our speakers will update us on the history of Title IX and focus on educational achievement at the university level in the areas of athletics and progress in reducing sexual harassment and assault. Our speakers are Nona Gronert and Katie Ahrens Smith.

Nona Gronert is a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She is also affiliated with UW-Madison's Sexual Violence Research Initiative and is a 2021 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellow. Gronert's research focuses on sexual violence (i.e. sexual harassment and sexual assault) in higher education. Her dissertation uses a historical case study of one university to explore how strategies to address sexual violence are institutionalized, and how Title IX implementation has become part of student expectations, university structures, and administrators' careers. She personally became interested in Title IX and sexual violence during her time as an undergraduate at Occidental College, one of the colleges featured in *The Hunting Ground* a documentary about sexual assault in higher education. You can learn more about Gronert's work at <http://www.nonamariagronert.com>.





Katie Ahrens Smith –Sr. Associate Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. She oversees UW’s compliance office and is Deputy Title IX Coordinator. She also serves as sport administrator for women’s volleyball and co-sport administrator for football. Prior to these assignments, she spent 21 years in UW’s compliance office beginning in 1998 and has served in various compliance roles overseeing all facets of the office prior to her promotion to Director of Compliance in 2010. The focus of her talk will be Title IX as it stands in 2022, how it has changed, and the challenges it faces in the evolving world of college athletics.

### **Zoom Meeting**

Kleo will send out Zoom invitations on **Sunday night** for any Zoom events that week. If you do **NOT** get an invite to a meeting or your book club contact her on Monday [kbkritz@charter.net](mailto:kbkritz@charter.net) or 273-2476 so she can resend it to you. **Please check the Zoom invite you receive right away to make sure the actual invite link is there!** (We had a couple members who received the Zoom email but didn’t check it until just before the actual meeting and discovered no link was on the email!) You might want to create an email file titled “Zoom Invitations” to store your invitations. If you do not file emails, you might want to put a colorful flag next to it to make it “stand out” so invitation does not get lost in all the other emails you get. Kleo will start Zoom monthly meeting at 6:45 for members to get in, and be able to do some informal visiting. If an unexpected Zoom issue arises that evening, you can contact her. She will try to get it resolved. Speaker will begin at 7 p.m.

### **PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Kleo Baruth Kritz**

We decided to conduct a zoom meeting in March, but we will meet in person at Pinney Library in April, as things stand now. Looking forward to seeing more than faces! There are a lot of things going on as we do what we do in AAUW! We’re: 1)getting ready for the State Convention, 2) looking for a NCCWSL candidate, 3) establishing a working DE&I committee, 4) deciding what to do with extra funds, 5) continuing to support Odyssey, 6) enjoying interesting and informative programs and so much else! Happy Spring!



## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE Sandy Knesting, Marian Ehrenberg, Linda Hoelzel**

### **Slate of officers for 2022-23:**

Co- President- Sally Keyel

Co- VP Programs -Donna Anderson

Co-VP Membership-Lynn Christensen

Corresponding Secretary -Marian Ehrenberg

Backup Secretary to be determined as needed

Elections in April and installation in May

New Nominating Committee member Sharon Knoop

### **NATIONAL AAUW HAS A NEW WEBSITE, Kleo Baruth Kritz**

National AAUW briefly closed their website and has now reopened it with major changes. Your email will now be your username (not your ID number) and you will need to set up a new password. There are definite glitches right now but these are the steps to follow:

1. Log in to National website <https://www.aauw.org>
2. A box will show up and say "Password Reset Required" and type in your email
3. Go to bottom and tap "Forgot your Password?"
4. Then new box "Reset your Password" shows up and type in your email again
5. Then tap the big blue box that says "Reset your password"
6. A green notice will appear at top of page that says if this is a valid user email you will get an email from National for the reset and all is well.

This is **what should happen** and does for most people if you are lucky! However, it took me over a dozen tries over three days, which produced no return reset email from National, and there were other State Board members who also had similar issues.

If not getting a password reset email back, send an email to [memberinfo@email.aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@email.aauw.org) and ask for a password reset. It took over 24 hours for it to finally come through. I suspect National is being overwhelmed right now.

Note for branch officers: This website is a work-in-process and by no means finished. As of now we cannot get into our database of the branch roster or listing of officers. If you are on the new website and want to get into 5 Star, you will be asked to log in when 5 Star pops up, and you will be using your old ID number and old password. You can get it and submit items for approval. As I said, National has quite away to still go with this.

May the fates be with you as you try to set up your new password!!

## **FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr**

February 2022

Beginning Balance 1/31/22: \$14,719.45

Total Income: \$0

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• Branch donation to AAUW National,  
in memory of Kathy Bell \$25.00

• Donation to The Friends of Odyssey  
Family Fund (\$1,000 for scholarships;  
\$500 for greatest needs) \$1,500.00

Total Expenses: \$1,525.00

Current Balance 2/28/22: \$13,194.45

## **NEW STUDY GROUP SURVEY, Sally Keyel**

Here are some ideas for new study groups:

1) Book and Lunch: gather once a month at a restaurant for lunch (same one or different ones) and trade books. 2) Stitchery: gather once a month at people's homes and do whatever stitchery project you'd like to bring. Nice time to get advice about projects too. 3) Culture and Cuisine: meet once a month at people's homes to hear about someone's trip and eat a snack from that place. Pictures/slide shows optional. 4) Board Games: meet once a month at people's houses to play various board games

Any other ideas welcome. I need to know if you'd be willing to be in charge of coordinating the group (it won't happen without someone to do that). The other issue would be what time and day of the month the group would meet. Please email me at [keyels@frontier.com](mailto:keyels@frontier.com) with any suggestions and also which study group you'd be interested in, and what day of the month.

## **STATE CONVENTION 2022**

**April 22-23, 2022**

**“Celebrating Breaking Barriers”**

## **MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Val Murphy**

Program Committee Meeting March 21

The first meeting of the program committee to start to plan our 2022-23 programs will be a Zoom meeting on Monday, March 21 at 1:30. The committee is open to any interested members. Having committee members with varied interests and contacts helps us put together a nice variety of programs. If you plan to attend and haven't responded yet, or if you are unable to attend but have a suggestion for a topic or speaker please email it to Val Murphy, [lvsomadcity@gmail.com](mailto:lvsomadcity@gmail.com).

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 Applications are also available on our Branch website: [monona-madison-wi.aauw.net](http://monona-madison-wi.aauw.net)

Member dues payments for the 2021-22 year can be made between March 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto: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!**

## **STUDY GROUP CHANGE, Carrie Wurz**

There is a change of book title for March. We will be discussing *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer. Discussion Leader is Wanda and we will meet at her house at 9:30 am on March 24. Please let Wanda know if you will attend.

We will discuss *American Dirt* on May 26 at 9:15 am at Monona Library. Dorothy will lead the discussion.

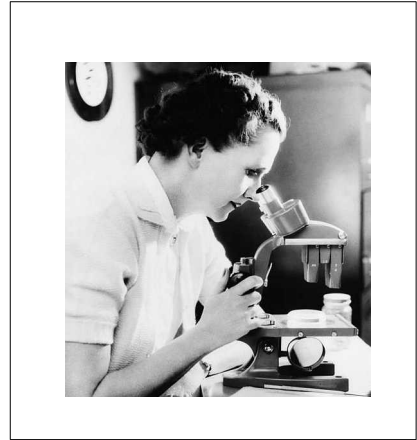
The April 28 meeting will also be at the Monona Library beginning at 9:15 am. Book for April is *The Girl With Seven Names, Escape From North Korea* by Hyonseo Lee.

Start putting together a list of possible “reads” for discussion and voting at our meeting in June. More info regarding where & when later. Thanks for being flexible!!

## **WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White** **Women Who Changed The World**

Rachel Carson May 27, 1907 - April 14, 1964. Rachel Carson was a marine biologist, author, and conservationist considered to be one of the pioneers of modern environmentalism.

Born in 1907 on a farm in the rural Pennsylvania town of Springdale, Rachel Carson fed her love of nature early in life by exploring the forests and streams of her hometown. After a brief stint as an English student at Pennsylvania College for Women, she switched her focus to biology and eventually earned her Master’s Degree in Zoology at Johns Hopkins University.



After being hired by the USA Fish and Wildlife Service in 1935 (a feat in itself for a woman in science) to write seven-minute radio spots about marine life entitled ‘A Romance Under The Waters.’ She next published several articles on the wonder of nature and a person’s place in it. Her poetic, yet scientifically enlightening style, was revealed in her first book *Under The Sea Wind* in 1941 and more famously in “The Sea Around Us” in 1952. The latter placed her on the New York Times Bestseller List and won her the coveted National Book Award.



In 1962, Rachel Carson published probably her best known work, the controversial book, *The Silent Spring*, which exposed the public to the dangers of pesticides used by the government and agricultural industries. The chemical industry and her opponents blasted her personally and professionally; however, the new concern over pesticides led her to a Congressional hearing in 1963 and a subsequent ban on the wide use of a dangerous chemical, DDT.

Rachel Carson died in 1964 after a battle with breast cancer, but left in her wake an enduring awareness of environmentalism which had never been seen before in America.

What would she say about the state of today’s environmental protections?



## **AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February 22, 2022**

Zoom meeting **Speaker:** Denise Faust (CRPC), Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. “Financial Planning for Women.”

**Call to order:** This winter Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by co-presidents Sally Keyel and Kleo Baruth Kritz who welcomed 22 Zoom members.

**Minutes** from last *Scope* for general meeting January 25, 2022. Minutes approved as written.

### **Committee Updates**

**Finance Report by Gail Stirr** Update as of Feb. 2: final balance of \$13,194.45 after giving donations:

- \$25 to National in memory of Kathy Bell
- \$1,500 to Friends of Odyssey Family Fund (\$1,000 for two new scholarships; \$500 for greatest needs fund)
- *Please note:* \$5-6,000 is now available for further discussion, since not directed in the budget

**Fundraising -- Val Murphy.** Perhaps up to 14 people for “Art & Blooms” at Milwaukee Art Museum with travel by bus.

**Public Policy – (Consuelo Lopez out of town) Bobbi White reported:**

Gerrymandering rules are being worked on by activists at the grassroots level. Bobbi recommends: 1) individual members work with LWV for issue-driven political education in the state legislature; 2) help people who believe in Fair Maps and the revision of rules to end gerrymandering; and 3) Monona/Madison AAUW develop a committee to work with LWV.

• Please email Bobbi White if you are interested in working with her on this committee.

**Nominating Committee, Linda Hoezel, Marian Ehrenberg, Sandy Knesting,** The committee now has a full slate of candidates for officers in 2022-2023:

- Co- President: Sally Keyel
  - Co-Program VP: Donna Anderson
  - Co-Membership VP: Lynn Christensen
  - Corresponding Secretary: Marian Ehrenberg
- Note: Backup Secretary to be determined as needed
- New Nominating Committee member: Sharon Knoop
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**DE&I: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Kleo Baruth Kritz.** As Co-Chairs, Kleo and Marilyn Dam-Rabolt will meet this week to discuss agenda of upcoming DEI activities for a committee meeting next week.

## **New Business**

**Strategic Plan Approval** – Motion by Mary Boyd with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

**NCCWSL: Donna Anderson, Shiela Reaves.** Applications & flyer sent in early February to UW-Madison, Madison College, Edgewood College and last year's NCCWSL student Eliza Lindley. Friendly reminders sent out this week for March 1 deadline. New: Student applicants will send directly to Donna Anderson.

**Ideas for New Study Groups** – Sally will create a survey with suggestions and input from other members and publish it in the *March Scope*.

**National Website Change** – Kleo stated ID number and old password are no longer being used. In next *Scope* there will be specific directions on how to successfully create a new password and enter new National website.

**Holiday Luncheon Chair** – **Peggy Anderson, new chair** with committee members: Donna Anderson, Ellie Beck, Sharon Knoop, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Wendy Way, and Mary Zins

## **Old Business**

**State Convention, April 22-23** – Free and virtual; attend as time permits

**Scope Newsletter deadline:** Wed, March 2

**Adjournment:** 8:23 p.m.

## **Important Dates**

- **Next Meeting on Zoom:** March 22, Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX. Please note: Pinney Library reserved for April meeting depending on COVID rates.
- **Newsletter Deadline:** Wed, March 2
- **State Convention:** via Zoom on April 22-23 and is free.
- **Next Board Meeting.** Thursday, June 9 on Zoom. All members are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted, Shiela Reaves, Co-Recording Secretary

## **CALENDAR**

- **Mar. 8 Film Group, TBD**
- **Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club via Zoom;** Host: Gail Stirr; Reviewer, Liz Senseman; *A Woman is No Man* by Etan Rum
- **Mar. 17 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Lit, Monona Library;** leader, Linda Voss; *There, There* by Tommy Orange
- **Mar. 19 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine;** A Caribbean Dinner. Host: Lynn Christensen; Co-hosts: Robby Sonzogni & Ellie Beck
- **Mar. 21 at 1:30 p.m.:** Program Planning Committee Meeting via Zoom
- **Mar. 22 at 7 p.m.:** General Meeting
- **Mar. 24 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature;** Host, Wanda Nelson; Leader, Wanda Nelson; *The Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer.

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