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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

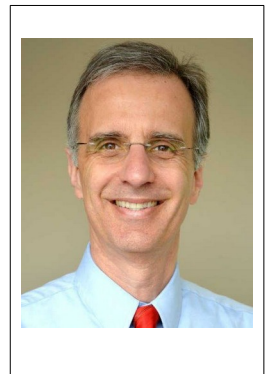
6:30 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Program: Joe

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BRANCH

Parisi and Kathy Kuntz, “Dane County and Climate Change” Getting Results: Dane County’s Ambitious Climate Action Plan Dane County has taken numerous steps to green its internal operations, saving money and reducing emissions. Now, via the 2020 Dane County Climate Action Plan, Dane County is partnering with local governments, businesses and individuals to accelerate climate action across the county. Join County Executive Joe Parisi and Director of the Office of Energy & Climate Change, Kathy Kuntz, to learn more about how Dane County’s ambitious climate action plan benefits businesses and residents.

Joe Parisi has called Dane County home his entire life. He sought out public service as a way to give back to a community that has given so much to him. Joe was first elected as County Executive, the chief elected leader of Dane County, in 2011 after 6 years in the State Assembly and 8 years as Dane County Clerk. Joe’s priority is to ensure that everyone in our community has access to the opportunity to succeed. He believes investing in people pays big dividends. Joe knows this can work because he experienced it. Now Joe believes it is his turn to give back to ensure that our children’s generation has access to the same opportunities that were available to him. Joe and his wife, Erin Thornley Parisi, raised their two daughters on Madison’s east side. With a population of more than 500,000 and an annual county budget of \$600 million, Dane is Wisconsin’s second largest county. Dane County has the highest private sector job and population growth in Wisconsin.



Kathy Kuntz, CC-P, is the Director of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change in Madison, Wisconsin. Kathy has almost 30 years of experience implementing programs focused on resource efficiency and climate action. Prior to joining Dane County Kathy led Cool Choices, a nonprofit that worked with businesses and local governments and prior to that Kathy led Focus on Energy, Wisconsin’s statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy program.



Virtual and in person at Pinney Library Hostess: Carrie Wurz. Bring your own drink. Snacks provided. The Branch Business Meeting will follow the program, which will include the election of branch officers.

Zoom: Kleo will send out Zoom invitations on **Sunday night**. If you do **NOT** get an invite to the meeting, 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!**

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Kleo Baruth Kritz

Spring will come eventually, but as we wait for flowers to bloom, there are a LOT of things going on! We have interesting meetings to attend, including the State Convention in a few weeks. Since we support the Odyssey program, we've all been invited to their graduation program. Some members are going to Milwaukee to see the Arts in Bloom exhibit. And it's time to renew our memberships for the upcoming year. National dues have gone up, so the total most members pay will be \$95. You can pay by check to Gail Stirr or you can pay online if you follow Kleo's advice listed later in this newsletter to change your password. It's not as smooth as in previous years yet since the National website was changed recently.

Happy April!

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

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| March 2022 Beginning Balance 2/28/22: | | \$13,194.45 |
| Silent Auction donation | \$50.00 | |
| Membership dues (National, State, Branch) | \$450.00 | |
| Total Income: | \$500.00 | |
| Donation: <i>AAUW Fund for Excellence</i> | \$3,000.00 | |
| Donation: <i>Friends of Odyssey Family Fund</i> | \$500.00 | |
| Donation: <i>AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund</i> (in honor of AAUW's 140 th Anniversary) | \$500.00 | |
| Donation: Fitchburg Public Library | \$90.00 | |
| Donation: Friends of Pinney Library | \$45.00 | |
| Donation: Maydm | \$150.00 | |
| Donation: <i>Catholic Multicultural Center</i> | \$150.00 | |
| AAUW WI State Conference: Auction items | \$42.56 | |
| Monona Parks & Recreation (Oneida Park shelter rental, June picnic) | \$60.00 | |
| Total Expenses: | <u>\$4,537.56</u> | |
| Current Balance 3/31/22: | | \$9,156.89 |

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. New Nominating Committee member Sharon Knoop. Elections in April and installation in May.

ODYSSEY GRADUATION

Please see the second attachment to this email for the Odyssey Graduation information and invitation.

AAUW NATIONAL HAS A NEW WEBSITE, Kleo Baruth Kritz

Important!! Please Reset your Password!!

National AAUW briefly closed their website and reopened it with major changes. Your email will now be your username (not your ID number). You will need to set up a new password. These are the steps to follow:

- Log in to National website <https://www.aauw.org>
- A box will show up and say “Password Reset Required.” Type in your email address.
- Go to bottom and click “Forgot your Password?”
- Then a new box “Reset your Password” shows up. Type in your email again
- Then click the big blue box that says “Reset your Password”
- 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, if you do not get a password reset email back, send an email to memberinfo@email.aauw.org and ask for a password reset. It may take as long as 24 hours for it to finally come through.

You will not be able to renew your membership online unless you have reset your password.

MILESTONES

Our best wishes and thoughts for healing for Reta Haring.

NEW LUNCH BOOK BUNCH, Donna Anderson

Do you miss getting together with the fascinating women of AAUW over the Summer months? Well there is a solution for you. There will be a casual gathering and ALL are welcome. We will meet to have lunch, a snack, coffee, dessert or whatever you desire.

In addition to our usual stimulating conversation, and to provide a focus we ask that you bring a book. It can be a book that makes you think, cannot get out of your mind, want to talk about, give away or recommend. It can even be a book that you dislike and do not recommend! If you don't have a book, come anyway. Love to see you. The point is to enjoy each other's company while we chat about books and share a meal or refreshments in a casual setting. **FIRST MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 11 A.M. TO ABOUT 1 P.M. The location will be at Panera Bread, 3416 University Ave. Madison. EMAIL DONNA BY JUNE 14, 2022 1danderson54@gmail.com SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MANY SEATS TO SAVE.**

SECOND MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 11 A.M. TO ABOUT 1 P.M. The location will be at Culver's, 2102 W. Beltline Hwy. Madison. EMAIL DONNA BY JULY 5, 1danderson54@gmail.com SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MANY SEATS TO SAVE

See you all soon for the best season of the year in the best State!

(If there is enough interest, we will be planning a "Lunch Book Bunch" interest group as an activity for the 2022-23 year.)

SPRING PICNIC, Gail Stirr

Saturday, June 4th from 11:30 am-2:00 pm, Oneida Park Shelter, Tecumseh & Neponset Ave intersection, Monona

<http://mymonona.com/Facilities/Facility/Details/Oneida-Park-21>

Join fellow members & guests as we gather to welcome summer! Oneida Park Shelter has picnic table seating, an adjacent restroom, and nearby parking. We will have several folding "camping chairs" available for comfortable options (and you are welcome to bring your own). We hope that our high school scholarship recipients will be able to attend, and we also encourage you to invite guests. Thank you!!

Picnic Committee: Donna Anderson, Mary Berg, Wanda Nelson, Shiela Reaves, Pat Ruppert, Gail Stirr

Arrive between 11:30am and Noon. Welcome & introductions at Noon; picnic and chat until 2pm – we have the shelter reserved for a leisurely gathering.

****Please select one of the box lunches from *Crema Cafe*. MENU AND FORM FOUND AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.**

ATTENTION! Kleo was just notified that our branch has qualified for 3 stars! Good job, Monona/Madison AAUW!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS, Liz Senseman

The first of our scholarship recipients have been selected! Each year a representative of our branch participates in the selection of **Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Student Awards**. These are congratulatory awards for adult students who have overcome various hardships and are now graduating from UW Madison. We contribute to these awards with the interest generated by the **Swenson-Rosenbery** fund held at UW. This year there were 7 eligible candidates. Each student prepared a biographical essay, and along with a faculty recommendation, their transcript and a 30 minute interview the committee selected three students to each receive \$1000.00. (The remaining students received either \$500 or \$250).

The three award winners are:

Danielle Tolzmann, a 52 year woman who is graduating with a BS in Community and Nonprofit Leadership with certificates in Disability Rights & Services and in Public Policy. She is the mom of an autistic son and has been extensively involved with local organizations dealing with disabilities.

Christine Gerbitz, a 54 year old who is pursuing her passion for teaching, is currently student teaching at Midvale Elementary. She and her husband are ex-farmers, and then for many years she worked in banking while also devoting many hours to 4-H and to her church. Her son will be graduating with her this May.

Carly Major overcame chronic health and pain issues in pursuing her degree. Her dream is to open a healing center with a multidisciplinary team approaching health from a holistic model. She was instrumental in the decision by the UW to allow herself and other students who felt unsafe to continue with remote learning.

All seven of the candidates had to overcome the obstacles placed by the Covid pandemic, especially with remote learning, and all showed remarkable strength and determination in completing their degrees.

Once our other scholarships recipients are selected (two high school awards and the UW Single Parent award) we will let you all know more about them!



STATE CONVENTION 2022 April 22-23, 2022

“Celebrating Breaking Barriers”

Keynote speaker Friday night: Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO,

“Breaking Barriers & AAUW 140 Years & Moving Forward”

140th Anniversary Video

Quick & Easy Registration Opened Monday, April 4!

Watch for an email sent directly to you!

If don’t get an email, contact Kleo.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR THE DISTRICT 1 MEETING ON FRIDAY NIGHT 6:15-6:45. Each registrant will then be receiving a confirmation email with all the links they will need for the entire convention.

Friday, April 22

6:15-6:45 pm District Meetings (District coordinators)

7:00 – 9:00 pm Convention Opening

- Welcome from State President Joan Schneider
- Poem from Dasha Kelly Hamilton, Wisconsin Poet Laureate
- Keynote Address from Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO

"Breaking Barriers & AAUW 140 Years & Moving Forward"

140th Anniversary Video

9:15 – 10:00 pm Hosted Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, April 23

9:30 – 10:45 am Business Meeting & Installation of Officers

11:00 am – Noon Keynote Speaker – Renee Gralewicz

Noon – 12:25 pm Lunch Break

12:30 – 1:10 pm Breakout Session 1 (4 choices)

1:20 – 2:00 pm Breakout Session 2 (4 choices)

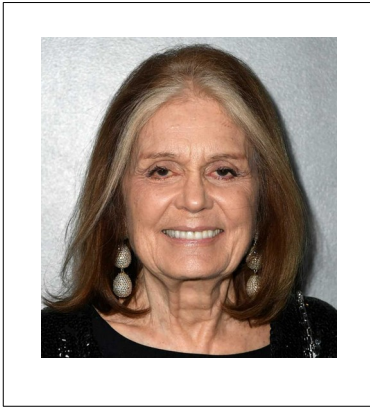
2:10 – 2:50 pm Breakout Session 3 (4 choices)

3:00 – 3:20 pm Closing Speaker – Dr. Susan McFadden

3:20 – 3:25 pm Final Message of the Day



WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White



Gloria Steinem. A social activist, writer, editor, lecturer, and feminist organizer, Gloria Steinem has been in the forefront of the women’s rights movement since the late 1960s, campaigning passionately for social justice ever since.

Steinem was born in Toledo, Ohio and spent her early childhood traveling with her parents in a house trailer. From a young age, it was clear that she would not follow the traditional path expected of a woman at that time; settling down to marriage and having a family was not on her agenda. Instead, she studied government at Smith College in

Massachusetts

After completing her degree in 1956, she received a fellowship to study in India. Her time there ignited an interest in grassroots activism that would later inspire her work in the field of women’s liberation and the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (which is still pending)

On her return to the United States, Steinem carved out a career for herself as a freelance writer while becoming involved in the women’s rights movement, leading marches and touring the country as a speaker where she found herself very much in demand.

In 1971 she founded the National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC) with Betty Friedan, Bella Abzug, and Shirley Chisholm. The organization continues today to promote gender equality and to ensure the election of more women to public office. She went on to launch the trailblazing Ms magazine which dealt with contemporary issues from a feminist perspective often unafraid to tackle difficult subjects such as domestic violence.

An acclaimed journalist and award winning author, Steinem wrote extensively about women’s issues in books and essays that have always garnered attention and sometimes controversy. Steinem was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013 and was an honorary co-chair and speaker at the Women’s March on Washington, the day after the inauguration of Donald Trump. Her words continue to empower and inspire.

Today at age 87, Gloria Steinem is fully aware that both her work and the country’s work remain unfinished.

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, March 22, 2022

Zoom meeting

Speakers, 7:00 p.m. “Celebrate the 50th Year Anniversary of IX (1972—2022)” by **Nona Gronert**, a Ph.D candidate in the Sociology Department at University of Wisconsin–Madison and a 2021 National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellow, and **Katie Ahrens Smith**, Sr. Associate Athletic Director at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. She oversees UW’s compliance office and is Deputy Title IX Coordinator.

Welcome & Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Co-Presidents Sally Keyel and Kleo Baruth Kritz who welcomed 21 Zoom members.

Minutes from last February 22 general meeting approved as printed in *Scope*.

Committee Updates

Financial Report, Gail Stirr: see next *Scope*: Beginning Balance 2/28/22: \$13,194.45
Total Income (mostly membership dues): \$500
Total Expenses (mostly National, libraries): \$695
Current Balance 3/22/22: \$12,999.45

Programs, Jan Robertson, Val Murphy: Committee currently discussing possible speakers.

Membership, Lynn Christensen and Mary Berg:

- Please do **NOT** try to pay your dues online on the National website until after March 31 and do not send checks to Gail. National is having some major issues with their new website. We will keep you informed in April *Scope* as National informs us.
- Gail Stirr said tax deductions will be clarified later this spring from National.

Fundraising, Val Murphy: Eight people will attend “Art in Bloom” April 10 at Milwaukee Art Museum and travel by car. Val is taking suggestions for any other trips that we might want to do.

Public Policy, Bobbi White: Gerrymandering issues still being discussed.

EF & Scholarships, Liz Senseman: UW-Madison Single Parent and Returning Adult awards to be announced later this week and printed in next month’s *Scope*.

Nominating Committee, Linda Hoebel, Marian Ehrenberg, Sandy Knesting: Election at next April meeting.

Slate of officers for 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
- Elections in April and installation of officers in May

DE&I, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Marilyn Dam-Rabolt:

Our third committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 11 am. Our committee is a combination of a planning committee/study group on white privilege and includes Reta Haring, Deborah Mahaffey, Shiela Reaves, Georgia Stilp, Gail Stirr, and Elissa Strauss. If you want to be a part of this group, please let Kleo know so you can join the April 6 meeting. After that we will not be accepting new members until next year.

STEM, Donna Anderson: “Tech Savvy” from Janesville Branch is April 30 and Donna Anderson & Kleo Baruth Kritz have volunteered to help that day at UW-Whitewater. Students encouraged to attend.

University Relations, Bobbi White: Suggestion to partner with AAUW is being considered by UW dean this semester.

Old Business

National College Conference for Women Student Leaders, virtual on May 24-26

- o 9 nominees from 5 branches have applied for 10 state scholarships
- o Monona/Madison Branch has one nominee among the 9
- o Special thanks to Shiela Reaves and Donna Anderson for coordinating this state program of NCCWSL
 1. **State Convention--April 22-23**, virtual and free. See current *Badger Briefs* newsletter.
- o Registration will be coming out soon via email
- o A virtual auction is planned and each branch is being asked to donate something such as the following: “an experience – museum tickets, event tickets, or other interesting events; a collection of items (in a manner similar to a “basket”); or something special from your area or from someone in your area who is creative (who might even be a member of your branch?).
- o Items for virtual state auction are due March 28 (description, photo) and the funds raised will go to the Greatest Needs Fund.

- o Gail Stirr suggested costs could come from budget (\$50-70); ideas to be discussed soon by Gail Stirr and Kleo Baruth Kritz.
- 2. **Responses for new interest groups from *Scope* survey–Sally Keyel**
- o Book and Lunch: gather once a month at a restaurant for lunch and trade books.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Board Games: meet once a month at people’s houses to play various board games.
- o **Discussion:** Sally said she had received four votes for book and lunch, one for stitchery, and one for board games from the survey in the *Scope*. Donna Anderson will take charge of organizing a Book and Lunch group. Members could bring books to loan to other members, outside seating is preferred, and leisurely time is needed for discussion if in restaurants. More information will be given on where and when meeting.

New Business

- Congratulations to **Shiela Reaves** who has been appointed to the AAUW State Board as secretary for the state board meetings
- **Board Ad Hoc Financial Committee** (Donna Anderson, Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Jan Robertson, Liz Senseman, Gail Stirr) had these suggestions for utilizing \$6,500.00 of currently unallocated funds in our branch bank account. Gail Stirr reported on list of ideas discussed:
 - o Maintain a minimum account balance of \$3,000.00 unspent
 - o Donate \$1,000.00 to *National’s Greatest Needs Fund*
 - o Donate \$1,000.00 to *AAUW Fund for Excellence* (at UW Foundation)
 - o Allocate an estimated \$700 to support Branch-sponsored NCCWSL attendee when in-person conference returns
 - o Donate \$500.00 to *Friends of Odyssey Family Fund*
 - o Allocate \$300.00 for donations to organizations that have presented programs, *e.g.*, Catholic Multicultural Center (immigration support); Maydm (STEM training, girls & youth of color in grades 6-12)
 - o **MOTION** by Liz Senseman to accept all suggestions listed above and split \$300 (\$150 to Catholic Multicultural Center and to Maydm; second by Deb Mahaffey. Motion passed unanimously.
- **June 4 Picnic – Gail Stirr:** Oneida Park shelter now reserved for picnic on Saturday, June 4. More details to be printed in *Scope*.

Adjournment at: 8:47 p.m.

Important Dates

- **Newsletter Deadline:** Wed. April 6
- **Next Meeting at Pinney Library:** April 26, “Dane County and Climate Change” by Joe Parisi and Kathryn Kuntz, Dane County Executive’s Office. Please note: Pinney Library reserved for
April meeting (but could change depending on COVID rates).
- **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, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Apr. 12: Film Group: TBD**
- **Apr. 21 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Lit:** Monona Library; Leader, Dorothy Hujik. *The Girl with Seven Names, Escape from North Korea* by Hyonseo Lee
- **Apr. 20 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Host: Robby Sonzogni; Reviewer, Gail Stirr. *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage & a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May
- **Apr. 28 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Leader, Sue Richter, *The Girl with Seven Names, Escape from North Korea* by Hyonseo Lee
- **Apr. 26 at 7 p.m.:** General Meeting

Co-presidents: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sally Keyel; Membership: Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg; Newsletter: Sally Keyel. **Monona/Madison AAUW website: monona-madison-wi.aauw.net**

MENU AND FORM FOR SPRING PICNIC:

All include chips, beverages (iced tea, lemonade, bottled water), and a fresh baked cookie.

- 1. Harvest Greens Salad with Chicken**—grilled chicken, dried cranberries, apples, red onion, pecans, goat cheese, white wine vinaigrette
- 2. The Roman sandwich (vegetarian)**—roasted zucchini & red pepper, provolone, arugula, olive tapenade, basil vinaigrette on baguette; includes small seasonal deli salad
- 3. Chipotle Chicken sandwich**—grilled chicken, chipotle mayo, aged cheddar, roasted tomatoes on baguette; includes small seasonal deli salad
- 4. Ham So Gouda sandwich**—farm ham, smoked gouda, red onion, tomato jam, horseradish mayo, frisee on sourdough; includes small seasonal deli salad

****Cost for each box lunch is \$16.00.** (includes tax and small amount towards lunches for scholarship student guests & their parents)

Registration deadline is Friday, May 20th.

****To register for the June 4th AAUW picnic: fill out the form below and send with payment to Pat Ruppert, 2125 Maple Run Dr, Madison WI 53719. Questions? Contact Pat Ruppert (608-698-1376) or Gail Stirr (608-239-3243).**

Member Name _____

Box Lunch Choice _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Box Lunch Choice(s) _____

Payment enclosed (check to AAUW Monona/Madison): _____