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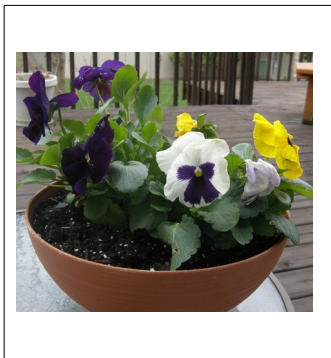
TUESDAY, MAY 24

6:30 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Program: Koua and Dia Vang will talk about their refugee experience and Hmong culture.

Virtual and in person at Pinney Library Hostesses: Bring your own drink. Snacks provided. The Branch Business Meeting will follow the program, which will include the installation 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, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sally Keyel Spring--daffodils and crab apple blossoms peeping out--and we look forward to summer and the future. Our June picnic is a great opportunity to invite guests to check us out, an opportunity for us to recruit new members. It is timed to take advantage of the special program sponsored by National, the **“Shape the Future” membership campaign** that branches can use to recruit and retain members. With this campaign, branches can offer **50% off** national and state dues when prospective members join

AAUW at any event or meeting. Branches can also earn one free national membership for every two new members they recruit. Please bring guests to the picnic to learn more about our branch and meet our membership and may all of us just have a fun day! Remember this summer we also have a branch new group, **the Lunch and Book Bunch**, meeting from 11-1 on Wednesday, June 18, at Panera on University Avenue. Bring a

book you loved or hated, but mainly just bring yourself—guests welcome, too--and prepare for a lively lunch with your AAUW friends!!

And next fall we will be finding a new home for our meetings: the Odyssey Center at 2238 South Park Street in the UW South Madison Partnership building, which is right behind the Goodman Public Library. It's a win-win situation in that we have been supporting the Odyssey Project for years and now our monthly fees will further support the Project. Our first meeting, a live potluck after several years without, will be held in the large Odyssey classroom, which has an excellent hybrid system, so we can continue hybrid meetings throughout the year. And forward our branch will go into the future!!

MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg

2022-2023 dues are due by early June.

National \$67 (\$64 tax deductible)

State. \$13

Branch \$15

Total \$95.00

You may pay online. Once you get a new password, the directions are quite clear. If you prefer you can send a check to Gail Stirr at 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison, 53717.

Life Members pay only state and branch dues yearly. If you would like to be a life member

you pay \$1240.00 before June 30, 2022 and become a national member forever. It is a good deal for many members.

Email Lynn at email@lynnchristensen.net if you are interested.

Invite guests to our picnic to check us out and they can save money on their first year memberships by paying half price for National and State dues through **SHAPE THE FUTURE**.

Without Shape the Future they would pay \$67 (National) + \$13 (State) + \$15 (Branch) = \$95

With Shape the Future they would pay \$33.50 (National) + \$6.50 (State) + \$15 (Branch) = \$55

Gail will have membership forms at the picnic or I can email one if that is more convenient.

DIRECTORY, Lynn Celley

As you may know, I am no longer putting together the directory for AAUW. However, I want to update everything I can before I turn the document over to Faith. Therefore, I ask each of you to look at your entry in the current directory and see if it is correct or if you have made changes - email address, discontinued land line, change of address. If you have a change/update for the new directory, please send it to me by May 20th -- lynncelley@gmail.com Thank you.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr, April 30, 2022

Beginning Balance 3/31/22: \$9,156.89

- Silent Auction donation \$9.00
- Membership dues (National, State, Branch) \$485.00
- Branch dues (return from National) \$15.00
- Art in Bloom trip \$340.00
- June 4 picnic registrations \$280.88

Total Income: \$1,129.88

- Donation to AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund (in honor of AAUW's 140th Anniversary) \$1500.00
- National and State Dues \$455.00
- Tickets purchased: Art in Bloom \$198.88
- Returned check \$16.00

Total Expenses: \$2,169.88

Current Balance 4/30/22: \$8,116.89

IMPORTANT!! RESET PASSWORD ON NATIONAL WEBSITE!! Kleo Baruth Kritz

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:

1. Log in to National website <https://www.aauw.org>
2. A box will show up and say "Password Reset Required." Type in your email address.
3. Go to bottom and click "Forgot your Password?"
4. Then a new box "Reset your Password" shows up. Type in your email again
5. Then click 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, 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 are most welcome to call me if you get frustrated. I have been there and will sympathize totally with you and try to figure out how to solve the problem.

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

NEW LUNCH BOOK BUNCH, Donna Anderson

LUNCH BOOK BUNCH AAUW Summer Meet UP

Join us for lively discussion, good food and nice atmosphere while sharing ideas about books we have read or want to read. Mark your calendars.

FIRST MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

11:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m.

Location: Panera Bread on University Ave.
3416 University Ave.
Madison, WI.

SECOND MEETING

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

11:00 A.M. to about 1:00 p.m.

Location: Culver's (back garden)
2102 W. Beltline Hwy.
Madison, WI.

Please email Donna Anderson at 1danderson54@gmail.com to let us know how many will attend

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.**

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS, Liz Senseman

On Tuesday April 26th four branch members had the privilege of attending the reception for Outstanding Adult Students at the UW Union South. Our branch sponsors a Single Parent Scholarship (in the amount of \$2000.00) and this year the recipient was Meg Mercy. Her biography and thank you note are included here. In addition the three Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Students who were profiled in last months Scope were presented with their awards. It was a truly inspiring evening!



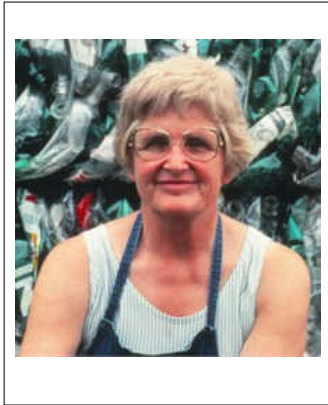
Bio: Meg Mercy is a first-generation college student who spent nearly ten years as a low-income single mother to two daughters before returning to UW–Madison to finish her education in 2020. During the interim she became a domestic violence advocate, educator, author, public speaker, and filmmaker. Since returning to school during the pandemic, Megan has been taking courses, studying for the MCATs, and homeschooling. After completing a bachelor’s degree in social work, she aims to pursue a master of social work and then pursue a doctor of medicine degree. Megan plans to continue advocating for policy changes that protect the vulnerable while raising her girls to promote justice and compassion. All three are looking forward to traveling internationally together as soon as they can.

From Meg: Thank you-I did not expect to win this award. I did not even expect to ever be able to return to UW-Madison. After leaving an unhealthy family situation and then having to leave UW-Madison shortly after I began attending as a first-generation college student due to an inability to access financial aid, after ending up in an abusive marriage, escaping, and then spending nine years deep in poverty as a single mother to two daughters while weathering ongoing abuse, I had assumed that the opportunity to pursue my dreams was long past me. I have wanted to study medicine since I was a child, and I have wanted to study social work since I began domestic violence advocacy work in 2012. Now, with my children entering middle school, I am a year shy of graduating as a social worker, and I am hopeful of being accepted into medical school and finally realizing the dreams I thought were impossible to reach. Thank you so much for your generous gift. The encouragement of being specifically chosen for this award means just as much to me as the financial assistance. I plan to continue studying social work, continue doing advocacy and public speaking, continue writing novels and filmmaking, and to study medicine, work with nonprofit organizations, and finally feel like I am providing for my girls and making the most of my life. Thank you so much for enabling me to build the future I have always hoped for.

The branch members who attended with me were Robby Sonzogni, Barb Sorensen and Pat Ruppert. Robby and Barb, along with member Ann Huggett, were instrumental in setting up these UW awards and have participated in the selection of recipients in past years.

The two high school scholarship recipients are yet to be named - details will follow as soon as we receive the information!

WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White



Milly Zantow--- Environmentalist (1923-2014) Following the April meeting program on the environment and climate change we thought you should meet Milly Zantow, a local Wisconsin environmental pioneer. This is an article from a Wisconsin State Historical Society document entitled, **12 Wisconsin Women Overlooked by History.**

Milly Zantow was born Mildred Louise Taylor on an Oklahoma farm. Prior to coming to Wisconsin she turned down several college scholarships to care for a sister in Virginia who was ill. She took night classes and when WWII broke out, she went to work for a federal agency now known as NASA. In 1944 she

married and after her husband’s death in the 1960’s, she married Forrest “Woody” Zantow and moved to Wisconsin. She and Woody had three sons.

Zantow got involved with the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in Baraboo in the 1970’s and became their first volunteer administrator. On a trip to Japan for the Crane Foundation in 1978, she was impressed by the Japanese system of recycling after watching people set out sorted waste materials every day.

Back in Wisconsin, Milly Zantow discovered that her county landfill was closing with no replacement ready. She studied the waste material at the landfill and noticed how much of it was plastic. She decided to make plastic recycling possible. She did a lot of research, figured out how to identify different kinds of plastic, and convinced a local manufacturer to use recycled plastic when making new products. Then she and her friend, Jenny Ehl, started a recycling collection center in Sauk County. In addition to the hard, physical work of processing recyclable materials at their center, they spoke to schools and community groups, explaining the benefits of recycling and helping people set up their own local programs. They even inspired a volunteer, Liz Nevers, to earn a master’s degree in recycling and solid waste management.

Zantow helped write Wisconsin’s first mandatory state recycling law, which was passed in 1990. She also developed the system that is now used worldwide to identify and separate the seven different types of plastic for recycling. (Look for the numbered triangle on the bottom of the next plastic product you buy!)

Remember Milly’s mantra: **“Waste is not waste until it is wasted.”**

FIVE STAR NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM, Kleo Baruth Kritz

The Monona/Madison Branch has so far earned three stars in the National Five Star Recognition program, which encourages us to align our activities with AAUW's mission:

- Advancement (membership retention, \$30 per member donation to Greatest Needs, and 140th anniversary gift to Greatest Needs)
- Public Policy (public policy chair, our sign-ups last fall for the 2-Minute Activist, and our meeting in conjunction with Fort Atkinson with a state representative)
- Programs (at least two dealing with DE&I, one in conjunction with another branch, and another mission program)

We will definitely earn a fourth star for Governance and Sustainability (a diversity chair, a succession plan, and a strategic plan) once our strategic plan is placed on the branch website. On National's website in regard to Wisconsin, we are the only branch with 3 stars, Janesville has 4 stars, and the following branches have 5 stars: Appleton, River Falls, and Racine. AAUW WI has earned 3 stars.

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 26, 2022

Hybrid meeting at Pinney Library & Zoom

Speaker, 7 p.m.: Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive, and Kathy Kuntz, director, Office of Energy & Climate Change discussing "Dane County and Climate Change." Now, via the 2020 Dane County Climate Action Plan, the county is partnering with local governments, businesses and individuals to accelerate climate action across the county. Go to: DaneClimateAction.org

Welcome and Call to order at 8 p.m.: Co-presidents Sally Keyel and Kleo Baruth Kritz welcomed 22 members at Pinney Library and 6 members on Zoom.

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

Committee Updates

Financial Report, Gail Stirr – see next *Scope* for full report

Beginning Balance 3/31/22: \$9,156.89

Total Income (membership dues, Art in Bloom, picnic): \$891.88

Total Expenses (National, etc): \$2,073.88

Current Balance 4/26/22: \$7,974.89

Membership, Lynn Christensen, Mary Berg: Welcome new members attending

Fundraising, Val Murphy: Fundraising trip to Art in Bloom, Milwaukee Public Museum included 7 members. Next trip is planned to Ten Chimneys.

Public Policy, Consuelo Lopez, Bobbi White: Bobbi said she is meeting with League of Women Voters to recruit more young people to AAUW. Full report in May. Consuelo hopes that research on student loan now gets attention. She has a student whose research is starting out with AAUW published research on effects of student debt on women, especially minority groups, and she plans to build on this with her own research and interviews.

Odyssey, Ellie Beck & Peggy Anderson: Odyssey graduation ceremony, May 4 at 6 p.m. at UW-Madison Great Hall. All members are welcome.

EF & Scholarships, Liz Senseman: The recipients of the UW-Madison scholarships were presented at award ceremony during April's branch meeting, and four members attended. The three winners of the Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Student awards were presented in last month's *Scope*. The winner of the Single Parent Award will be presented in the upcoming *Scope*.

- Meanwhile, two Monona high school scholarships are still being selected and will be presented in an upcoming *Scope*. The award ceremony for both Monona Grove and La Follette is May 18. Liz will invite both recipients (and their guest) to the June 4 picnic, and will let Gail know if they can attend.

DE&I, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Marilyn Dam-Rabolt: Community Study Group on white privilege have begun by Kleo and Marilyn. Findings will be published in upcoming *Scope*.

STEM, Donna Anderson: Donna & Kleo have volunteered to work at "Tech Savvy," which provides STEM workshops for middle school students at UW-Whitewater Saturday, April 30. It is sponsored by the Fort Atkinson and Janesville AAUW branches.

New Business

Phishing Scam Awareness, Sally Keyel: Money scammers sent emails falsely purporting to be "from Sally Keyel." Warning: Never respond to any emails asking for money (don't click on any links!). Instead, contact Sally Keyel if you get an email since several officers' emails were obtained from our branch website.

Meeting location for next year, Gail Stirr, Kleo Baruth Kritz: Outside groups are no longer allowed at the Monona Community Center or the Senior Center for the year 2022-2023. Therefore, September's potluck will be held at the the UW Odyssey Center, a UW-Madison center that hosts 22 community organizations and hybrid-ready and located at:

- 2238 S. Park Street
- across from the Goodman Library
- plenty of free parking
- look for the office's large sign, "UW South Madison Partnership."
- Fee of \$45 per meeting goes directly to Odyssey

- Kleo Baruth Kritz will schedule meetings for 2022-2023
- Hospitality chair Carrie Wurz needs 3-4 volunteers to bring snacks to each meeting

5 Star Recognition Program, Kleo Baruth Kritz: Monona/Madison Branch has earned three stars for this year's activities and planning to earn fourth star once the strategic plan is placed on the branch website. On the National AAUW website in regard to Wisconsin we are the only branch with 3 stars, Janesville has 4 stars, and the following branches have 5 stars: Appleton, River Falls, and Racine. AAUW WI has earned 3 stars.

Election of Officers:

Co-President: Sally Keyel;

Co-VP Program: Donna Anderson;

Co-VP Membership: Lynn Christensen;

Correspondence Secretary: Marian Ehrenberg.

Motion to accept slate as presented by Linda Hoelzel and second by Carrie Wurz.

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

June 4 Picnic, Gail Stirr: About 20 people signed up for picnic and more forms available for catered lunches from Crema Cafe, Monona. Deadline: May 20.

Study Groups:

NEW GROUP, Donna Anderson: first meeting of Lunch & Book Bunch, Wed, June 15, 11-1 p.m., at Panera Bread, 3916 University Ave. Contact Donna Anderson, if you plan to attend. July 6 meeting will be held at Culver's off the Beltline.

Bridge update, Sally Keyel: Bridge Finale, May 17, 1 p.m. at Lynn Christensen's home.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35 p.m. (time needed for cleanup before library closing)

Important Dates

- **Newsletter Deadline:** Wed., May 4
- **Next meeting:** May 24, hybrid at Pinney Library. Speaker: Dia Vang's Refugee Story
- **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 9, 1 p.m. on Zoom. All members are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **May 14 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine:** A Hawaiian Luau; Hostess: Val Murphy, Co-hostesses: Pat Ruppert & Donna Anderson
- **May 17 at 1 p.m.: Bridge Finale** At Lynn Christensen's house
- **May 19 at 11:30 a.m.: Afternoon Lit:** Monona Garden restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd to select books for 22-23 program year.
- **Wednesday Evening Book Club:**
- **May 26 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Home, TBD; Leader: Wanda Nelson *Things We Cannot Say* by Kelly Rimmer
- **May 24 7 p.m.:** General Meeting
- **June 9 at 1 p.m. via Zoom: Board Meeting**
- **June 15 at 11 a.m.: Lunch Book Bunch:** Panera Bread, 3416 University Ave. Madison.

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, 2925 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): _____

From the Art and Bloom Trip:

