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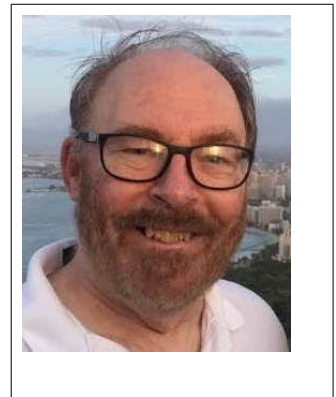
**Monona/Madison Branch  
November/December 2022 Newsletter**

**Tuesday, November 22**

**6:15 p.m.: Social time *NOTE NEW TIME!!***

**7 p.m Program: “Final Five Voting” presented by Richard Russell, Speakers’ Committee for Voters First.**

Richard is a life-long Wisconsinite who retired in 2000 after careers as an analyst for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and database developer for the Wisconsin Alumni Association and is now owned by four cats. His interests include pickleball, science fiction, skepticism (telling the science from the fiction), round dancing, databasing, and good government. He claims to have more opinions than any ten people should be legally allowed to have but makes up for it by giving them away as fast as possible.



**Final Five Voting** is a relatively new concept in the arena of good-government activism, so come hear what Richard has to say!

**Hostesses: Pat Ruppert, Liz Senseman, Linda Hoelzel, Sandy Knesting**



**Hybrid meeting or in person. Location: Odyssey Center, 2238 South Park St, room 22, in the UW South Madison Partnership Building behind the Goodman Library.**

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](mailto:kbkritz@charter.net) and Kleo will send another invite to you.

**Saturday, December 3: Holiday Luncheon with Silent Auction, Live Auction and mini Book Sale**



**Maple Bluff Country Club**

**11:00 Bar opens**

**11:15 Auction & Book Sale begin**

**12:00 Luncheon (see menu below)**

**Speaker: , Madison/Monona Nominee to NCCWSL**

**Hostesses: Ellie Beck, Donna Anderson, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Wendy Way, Mary Zins**

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

As usual, so many things going on. Such a busy time of year! Please sign up for the Holiday luncheon by the November meeting. Special thanks to Peggy Anderson for arranging an enticing meal! And to the whole committee for all their dedicated work. I look forward to the comraderie as well as the silent auction, meeting our NCCWSL nominee and other activities.

Please also note we've changed the social time of the general meetings to 6:15 so people can spend more time together before the program begins.

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON ACTIVITIES, Kleo Baruth Kritz**

'tis the time for the holiday festivities, just a month away:

We will need items for the silent auction. Yes, it can be some lovely item you have or a crafted object. However, we have many talented women. How about a skill you can share with others? One year Sally had a jewelry making session for members. Donna and I had a high tea for 8 people with a set price for a slot. Janesville had a member who offered a soup-a-month for a year, a very tasty item. Use your imagination, three special desserts for major holidays? You all are creative!!

We also need baskets for the live auction. Come up with a catchy title and a list to put in front of the basket so our guests can see full content. This is what I used in 2020:

**TREATS & TEA for TWO OR JUST YOU**

Two Violet 3-legged Cups and 6 Tea Bags

Package of 16 Paper Napkins

Baker's Dozen Crisp Chocolate Chip Cookies & Recipe

Baker's Dozen Chocolate Chip Mocha Fudge Cookies & Recipe

It makes it easier for bidders to know what is in the basket and for the auctioneers to be able to promote the basket.

- Our final event is the holiday book sale. Here you don't have to prepare anything and definitely do **NOT** bring any book donations to the luncheon. (Save them for our big sale next September!) Sharon and I have already picked out some exquisite children's books as well as adult books from the October sale and have about five boxes in our garages. There will be a donation jar accepting either cash or checks.
- We will have a short presentation by the young lady we nominated for the NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) that was virtual this year.

**So 'tis the time to show off your holiday outfits (an opportunity to dress up!!), invite friends to attend with you, enjoy a delicious luncheon, and visit with friends old and new!**

### **AAUW Holiday Luncheon:**

Silent Auction: scan your home for items you would like to donate. All proceeds go to our scholarship funds. You may start delivering your items for display at 10:30 am.

Used Book Sale: there will be a section of our auction area set aside for a small book sale.

Post Luncheon Gift Basket Auction: We have delighted in bidding on many creative gift baskets the past couple of years. Think of a special basket that you might like to offer and bring it along. Our own Vanna White will entertain us with her sales acumen.

### **Lunch Entree Choices:**

The Bogey: Grilled chicken breast, bacon, ham, Swiss cheese, shredded lettuce, ranch dressing, toasted bun.

The Big Frenchie: Shaved prime ribeye, pepper jack cheese, bell peppers, garlic baguette, au jus on the side.

Triple Grilled Cheese Sandwich: Chèvre cheese, Gruyere cheese, Hook's one year aged cheddar, sourdough toast.

Peppermint ice cream with chocolate sauce drizzle and mint leaf. (If you cannot eat ice cream or chocolate, please indicate when ordering entree and a substitute will be made.)

All entree's include a holiday salad, fruit cup side dish, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, etc.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

Cost: \$26.00

Please email Peggy Anderson at: [Pppowers38@gmail.com](mailto:Pppowers38@gmail.com) with your reservation

Payment: Pay at the event or send a check to Gail Stirr beforehand

**All cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline: November 22, 2022**

During our regular festivities for the Holiday luncheon we will also be welcoming a few special guests. We will have an opportunity to hear from our NCCWSL student, Izabella Moore, about her experiences at the 2022 AAUW Leadership Conference. She will be accompanied by her mother. In addition we will have Dean Leslie Petty from Madison College. She was the person who referred Izabella to our scholarship and she gave a wonderful presentation at our October meeting. We hope to work with her in the future. Please welcome all of them warmly.

Izabella Moore graduated from Waunakee Community High School. She attended her freshman year at Madison College and transferred to U. W. Whitewater. She is currently a Sophomore at U.W Whitewater. She plans to major in History and have a minor in Race and Ethnicity. Her goal is to teach African American history on a high school level.



### **DIRECTORY UPDATES, Faith Howe**

Please make these corrections in your directory:

1. Wanda Nelson's email is [wanda.nelson@charter.net](mailto:wanda.nelson@charter.net)
2. Stephanie Sorensen's correct cell is 608-338-7813
3. Ann Wenzel's correct address is 1054 Woodrow St, Madison 53711
4. Shiela Reaves new number is: 608-358-4471.

### **GREAT DECISIONS, Mary Boyd**

Great Decisions is one of our interest groups. It is a discussion focused group for individuals interested in world affairs. Participants purchase a booklet (approx. \$32) featuring 8 professionally written articles (about 10 pages each). Topics for 2023 include: Energy Geopolitics, War Crimes, China and the U.S., Economic Warfare, Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at a Crossroads, Climate Migration. The group meets usually at a library. We watch a 30-minute video together that supplements our reading and then participate in a group discussion. Meeting time is 1:30 p.m. to no later than 3 p.m. Our first discussion will be February 6<sup>th</sup>; location to be determined. (Madison Libraries do not schedule meetings more than 2 months in advance.) If you are interested in joining us, contact Mary Boyd (608-222-7673).

### **MILESTONES**

Wishing Shiela Reaves a speedy recovery from her broken wrist and following surgery.  
**November Birthdays:** Dorothy Schmidt, 9; Faith How, 10; Suzanne Poggio, 10; Ann Huggett, 15; Marian Ehrenberg, 16; Liz Senseman, 19; Carrie Wurz, 24; Sally Lee, 27.  
**December:** Sandy Knesting, 7; Mary Murrell, 7; Mary Boyd, 8; Mary Berg, 12; Pat Ruppert, 13; Wendy Way, 13; Beverly Davison, 15.



## FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail StirrAAUW

September 30, 2022:

**Beginning Balance 8/31/22: \$6,487.11**

- Fall Potluck \$175.00
- Odyssey Meal donations \$203.00
- Odyssey Scholarship donation \$30.00
- Branch dues (return from National) \$15.00
- La Cuisine donations \$120.00
- Lit Group donations \$220.00
- 2022 Silent Auction donation \$9.00
- Uncashed check to National (2/2022; lost) \$25.00

**Total Income: \$797.00**

- Directory printing \$163.31
- Directory mailing/postage \$15.60

**Total Expenses: \$178.91**

**Balance 9/30/22: \$7,105.20**

October 31, 2022:

**Beginning Balance 9/30/22: \$7,105.20**

- Fall Potluck \$10.00
- Book Sale income + donations \$3,050.95
- Deposit of cash debited from bank account, used for book sale \$100.00
- Dean House use fee donation \$150.00
- Odyssey meal donations \$256.00
- My Arts fundraising tour donations \$135.00
- Holiday Luncheon meal payments \$26.00
- Bridge donations \$51.00
- La Cuisine donations \$30.00
- Lit Group donations \$140.00

**Total Income: \$3,948.95**

- 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)
- WI Dept of Financial Institutions \$25.00 (annual fee for non-profit organizations)

**Total Expenses: \$275.00**

**Current Balance 10/31/22: \$10,779.15**

## **FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy**

### **Possible Fundraising Trip at the Chazen Museum of Art**

The Fundraising Committee is looking at setting up a trip to the Chazen Museum in early December. We would likely plan to have lunch and then tour the Museum. If you might be interested, please email Val Murphy at [lvsmadcity@gmail.com](mailto:lvsmadcity@gmail.com), and I will start to narrow down dates. If you also have other ideas for future fundraising trips, please send those as well. Here is a description of the exhibit we would be visiting: *Sifting & Reckoning: UW–Madison’s History of Exclusion and Resistance* "For generations, University of Wisconsin–Madison students and staff have been committed to the [“fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth can be found.”](#) a commitment to understanding the world and using that knowledge to improve the lives of people in Wisconsin and beyond. But the university has never stood separate from the nation’s currents of exclusion, or from its struggles for equality. Now, the university community has an unprecedented opportunity to learn from its own histories of discrimination and resistance, to sift and reckon with our past. The UW–Madison [Public History Project](#) presents [\*Sifting & Reckoning: UW–Madison’s History of Exclusion and Resistance\*](#) to the public through a collaborative partnership with the Chazen Museum of Art. The UW–Madison Public History Project is a multiyear effort to uncover and give voice to these histories. In response to the increased awareness of the Ku Klux Klan’s presence on campus in the 1920s, Chancellor Rebecca Blank created the project to better understand our university’s past. The exhibition surveys over 150 years of history, using archival materials, objects, and oral histories to bring to light stories of struggle, perseverance, and resistance on campus."

## **PUBLIC POLICY, Debbie Mahaffey**

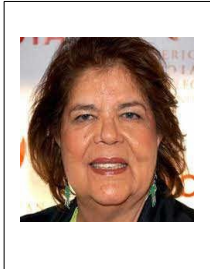
**Public Policy Committee Report.** At the October meeting Debbie Mahaffey, co-chair, highlighted a few organizations that monitor legislation activity and document legislators’ positions on issues relevant to AAUW priorities, namely, access to education, women’s health and economic security. Organizations include, Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN): [www.wisconsinnetwork.org](http://www.wisconsinnetwork.org); Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health: [www.supportwomenshealth.org](http://www.supportwomenshealth.org); and League of Women Voters: [www.lwvdanecounty.org](http://www.lwvdanecounty.org).

The AAUW State Policy Committee and National AAUW also provide timely information, training, and guidance regarding state and national issues. Further, access to timely information is available via the Wisconsin State Legislature website: [www.legis.wisconsin.gov](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov).

In summary there is an abundance of information readily available to us, and the potential to collaborate with organizations with common missions. The questions are: How do we want to engage with public policy? Do we want to partner with, for example LWV or WPEN to express a AAUW voice? Do we prefer individual choice in civic engagement?

We will be convening a small, time limited group to discuss direction and suggest options for AAUW Monona/Madison engagement with public policy. Please let Debbie Mahaffey know if you are willing participation in the discussion. [Mahaffey11@gmail.com](mailto:Mahaffey11@gmail.com) or 608.770.9681.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White



### **Wilma Mankiller (1945-2010)**

This month we choose to honor Wilma Mankiller who, in 1985, became the first woman to assume leadership of the Cherokee Nation, the largest Native tribe in the U.S. She held this position for a decade, an era of relative prosperity, cultural reimagination and self-governance for the Cherokee people.

She was born in rural Oklahoma but moved to San Francisco at age 11 with her family as part of a federal attempt to assimilate Native people into cities. There, they lived in poverty and faced racism but were also part of a politically active and diverse community which laid a foundation for her later activism.

After a marriage and divorce, she moved back to Oklahoma to her family land. She and her children lived without running water or electricity. She worked for the Cherokee tribe using knowledge gained while in California about political history and federal Indian law and using the Cherokee concept of “Gadugi”—collective community work toward a common goal. She remarried to a fellow Cherokee activist.

In 1983, despite sexism and hesitancy about her relatively recent return to Oklahoma, she was selected as the running mate to Ross Swimmer who was running to become chief of the Cherokee nation. They won, and in 1985, when he decided to take a federal job, she assumed the role of Principal Chief. Her training and belief system honed working for Native causes in California was progressive. As a result, she worked to connect economics with social programs. She worked to put revenue from casinos and other tribal ventures into health clinics, job training and other self-determination ventures. As a result, she won 2 more terms as Principal Chief and only retired due to poor health. During her time as Chief, tribal enrollment grew, employment rates doubled and infant mortality rates dropped. Tribal resources increased to over \$150 million. Sadly, she died in 2010 of pancreatic cancer.

Her policies on healthcare, education and self-governance for the Cherokee Nation have provided a model that would be followed by other tribal nations in the U.S. In 1985 she was **Time Magazine’s woman of the year**. In 1993 she was **inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame**. She was awarded the **Presidential Medal of Freedom**, our nation’s highest civilian honor in 1995 by President Clinton. To learn more about Wilma Mankiller, read her autobiography, [Mankiller: A Chief and her People](#). Note: Recently she was **selected to appear on a U. S. quarter--** honoring American women.

(Excerpts adapted from TIME magazine and Wikipedia articles.)

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, October 25, 2022

Hybrid meeting at the Odyssey Center & Zoom (Unfortunately, technical difficulties occurred with the Zoom audio and Zoom had to be discontinued. Zoom participants could be heard but they could not hear the speaker. Apologies to the Zoom participants.)

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- **Speaker.** At 7:00 P.M. Val Murphy introduced Dr. Leslie Petty, Ed. D., Dean of the School of Academic Advancement, Madison College. Dr. Petty spoke about her background and decision to leave the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Business School to follow her passion to deliver educational opportunities to underserved and underprivileged. Her focus is assisting students with obtaining high school degrees, CNA and phlebotomy certificates, and preparation for associate degrees. About 12,000 to 14,000 students are currently enrolled in the programs at seven campuses.
- **Call the Meeting to order at 7:59 p.m.** by Co-president Sally Keyel.
- **Hostesses:** Sally thanked the hostesses Donna Anderson, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Ellen Healey, and Lise Skofronick for the refreshments.
- **Minutes from September 27, 2022,** general meeting were approved as printed in *Scope*.
- **Financial Report.** Gail Stirr, reported a balance of \$10,327.00, which included \$3,050.95 from the October book sale. Gail Stirr's full report is posted in the *Scope*.
- **Program.** Val Murphy reported that the speaker for November is Richard Russell from the Committee for Voters First.
- **Membership.** Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg reported that they have three potential new members.
- **Fundraising.** Val Murphy announced there will be a My Arts Tour this Thursday (October 27) and a trip to the Chazen Museum of Art is in the planning stage.
- **DE&I.** Kleo Baruth Kritz stated the DE&I committee meetings will be suspended as the holidays are a busy time but we do have DE&I activities planned:
  - We have five DEI programs that are set up for this year including the Odyssey program last month
  - We donated two boxes of diverse children's books from our book sale to Junior Odyssey Program
  - We are encouraging members to share an *aha* moment in which they experienced something that touched their lives and they still remember it. Limit to three minutes.



- Debbie Mahaffey shared her four-year-old grandson's acceptance of another little boy in a wheelchair in which her grandson created a raptor at a Build-a-Bear store. He could then choose an accessory and he choose a wheelchair and pushed his raptor, in its wheelchair, through the mall!
- **STEM.** Donna Anderson reported that the next STEM event, organized by the Janesville AAUW, will be at UW-Whitewater on April 15, 2023. We are being asked to help with volunteers for day of the event and may be involved with some of the organization.
- **Odyssey Meal.** Ellie Beck is still collecting donations. Contributions can be sent to Gail. The meal is scheduled for November 9, 2022.
- **Holiday Luncheon.** Peggy Anderson reported that the luncheon is scheduled for December 3 and the cost is \$26.00. Although payment will be accepted on the date of the event, members are encouraged to pay prior to December 3. Checks can be mailed or brought to Gail at the November AAUW meeting. Items for the Silent Auction are to be brought to the event by 10:00 A.M. There will also be a book sale and baskets to be auctioned.
- **Great Decisions.** Mary Boyd stated ten people are signed up. The cost for materials is about \$35.00 and the topic is world political issues. Mary can get a discounted rate on books so wants any members interested to let her know right away. The group's first meeting is February 6, 2023, with all meetings on Mondays.
- **Book Sale.** Kleo Baruth Kritz reported the total profit was \$3,050.95, which includes sales and donations. Next Book Sale is September 16-17, 2023, and we will have a signed contract.
- **Public Policy.** Deb Mahaffey presented the results of the subcommittee. See her handout which contains helpful websites for the Wisconsin Public Education Network, Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, and the Wisconsin legislature, as well as the subcommittee's discussions. Members discussed options, which included joining in with and supporting efforts of other organizations that are better funded and more involve in public policy matters.
- **New Business.** Mary Boyd has spots for 5-10 book sale signs. The cost per sign is about \$15. Mary Boyd moved and Kleo Baruth Kritz seconded the purchase of ten new signs at a cost of \$150.00. The motion was approved.
- **Study Groups.**

- Bridge: Friday, November 4, at 1:00 P.M. Sally reported that bridge meets at St. Stephen's on the first Friday of each month. The cost is \$2.00. Sally asks that members contact her in advance so that she can set up the tables.
- Book Bunch: Donna Anderson reported that the Bunch met September 28, and the next meeting will be November 9, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Lakeside Cafe.
- Newsletter deadline: Wednesday, November 2.
- Next Meeting: November 22, Final Five Voting, with Richard Russell as speaker.
- **Meeting adjourned** at: 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Healey, Volunteer Secretary

## CALENDAR

- **Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.: Evening Lit Group:** Host: Donna Anderson; Reviewer: Lynn Christensen; *An American Quilt* by Rachel May
- **Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Lit Group:** Monona Library; Discussion leader: Linda Voss; *Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight* by Julia Sweig
- **Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Literature;** Monona Library; Leader: Marian Ehrenberg; *The Gates of Europe* by Sirhil Piokhy
- **Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.: General Program, in person and on zoom**
- **Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Dec. 3 at 11:15 a.m.: Holiday Luncheon, Maple Bluff Country Club. Silent Auction, Book sale & Live Auction Basket Sale**
- **Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine: An Italian Christmas** Host: Liz Senseman; Co-hostesses: Suzanne Poggio & Robby Sonzogni
- Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Lit Group, Monona Library; Leader, Sue Richter; *Boom Town* by Garrison Keilor

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Val Murphy and Leslie Petty, the October speaker



The delicious spread at the meeting from the host committee. Thanks to Donna, Lise, Ellen and Kleo!