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**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

Monona/Madison Branch
Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2023

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, Zoom Meeting

6:30 Social time via Zoom

7 p.m. Program: “Indigenous Journalism: Changing the Narrative about First Americans” presented by Karen Lincoln Michel (Ho-Chunk Nation).

Karen Lincoln Michel is a pioneering journalist dedicated to helping Native American communities tell their own stories and reflect Indigenous viewpoints. She is currently president and CEO of IndiJ Public Media, a nonprofit organization that owns ICT, formerly Indian Country Today, headquartered in Phoenix, AZ. ICT covers the Indigenous world through a daily digital platform and a weekday newscast with international viewership. Karen joined in 2020 after serving five years as the editor and publisher of Madison Magazine.

Karen took over ICT’s business operations just two months before the 2020 pandemic shut down the nation in March. ICT made the bold decision to launch a daily newscast to ensure that Indigenous communities learned how the coronavirus affected Native populations. “ICT Newscast with Aliyah Chavez” (<https://indiancountrytoday.com/newscasts>) is now carried on 39 public television stations and an additional 195 partner stations of the Boston-based World channel. It is produced at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, where Arizona PBS is the presenting station.



Karen was born into a close-knit family of the Ho-Chunk Nation growing up in the Ho-Chunk community of Tomah and graduating from Tomah High School with regular travel to relatives of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska reservation.

ZOOM: Kleo will send out Zoom invitations on Sunday night. In the past you could come in early without Kleo, the host, and just visit. She now will use a waiting room for our general meetings and you will see the message “The host will admit you” when you open your zoom invite. Kleo would appreciate you signing in by 6:45 and plans to let people in starting 6:30 so you can visit, but she would like you to be signed in by 6:50. The speaker will start precisely at 7 and she hopes to have everyone admitted who is coming. Kleo’s cell phone is 765-469-1936 if you need to call her for any reason the night of the meeting.

Other branches including Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Tomah plus the State Board have been invited so expect to see some unfamiliar faces who are also interested in our speaker. The meeting will be recorded and sent out to our members and recording will be available until next meeting.

PRESIDENTS’ CORNER, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Sally Keyel

Holiday luncheons, book groups, dynamic programs, bridge, contributions to scholarships for promising students, Great Decisions, La Cuisine, FRIENDSHIPS; these are some of the things that might come to mind if you were asked what the Monona/Madison branch of AAUW means to you. However, our branch can only prosper and be healthy if we can find women willing to assume leadership positions. Yes, we realize that some of our elder members have been dynamic leaders in the past and are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, which they should.

Maybe you are a more recent member and want to get more active? Not only do we need officers for our branch, but there are committees that would gladly welcome you: the program committee, the public policy, the DEI, the holiday luncheon, to name a few. These positions give you the opportunity to meet new people, forge friendships, and contribute to our branch. In the past there were more chances for informal visiting at our monthly meetings, but zoom meetings, which has been great for keeping our branch going, do have their limitations in casual visiting and encouraging members try something new. Think about it and contact Kleo or Sally if you have questions. We all want our branch to thrive and our members are what make that happen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Sharon Knoop & Marian Ehrenberg

We're in the process of filling the positions for 2023-24. Stay tuned! Anyone interested in volunteering for positions, please let us know. Sharon Knoop: sknoop4270@sbcglobal.net or Marian Ehrenberg: marianeh2014@gmail.com. Thanks!

NATIONAL BYLAWS VOTE, Kleo Baruth Kritz

This year the National AAUW Governance Committee and Board of Directors are recommending the adoption of updated bylaws to align AAUW's bylaws with current governance practices and principles related to board operations and to streamline the structure of the bylaws. These are some of these changes:

- 1 Revising the wording describing AAUW's charitable purpose
- 2 Moving the start of board terms from July 1 to the day following election.
- 3 Having board officers elected by the board, not the membership.
- 4 Limiting the Board Chair term to 2 years, with the possibility of a second term as Chair, only in a second term on the board.

This is basically a cleanup of the bylaws and there is nothing controversial being proposed. If you want to look over the proposed changes on the National website, go to <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2023-aauw-bylaws-proposed-changes/>

Please **VOTE** on these proposed bylaw changes when you receive an email this spring from National. Approval of changes to the bylaws requires a vote of the AAUW membership and those changes must be approved by 2/3rds of those members voting.

February Birthdays:

February 5, Dianne Taris; February 10, Barbara Ebert; February 18, Bobbi White; February 21, Shiela Reaves; February 28, Laura Nielsen



WOMEN'S HISTORY, Bobbi White & Mary Boyd

Grace Hopper, December 9, 1906 - January 1, 1992

Known as 'Amazing Grace' and the first lady of software, pioneering computer programmer Grace Hopper is best remembered for helping to create the first all-electronic digital computer, UNIVAC (Universal Automatic Computer).

Hopper was born in New York and attended Vassar College. She graduated in 1928 with a mathematics degree and then received master's and doctorate degrees in mathematics and physics from Yale University in 1934

During WWII at the age of 37 she enlisted with the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). She trained at the Naval Midshipmen's School at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and graduated at the top of her class in 1944. From there she was assigned to the Bureau of Ships Computation Project at Harvard University as a lieutenant, jg.

It was as an employee of Eckert Mauchly Computer Corporation that Hopper undertook pioneering work in compiling mathematics code into a language. Her assistance in developing the first computer compiler and the first computer programming language (COBOL) helped to revolutionize the world of computers.

Due to her invaluable knowledge, at the age of 60 she was recalled to active duty with the Navy to tackle standardizing communication between different computer languages. She remained there for 19 years, retiring as an admiral at the age of 79. In addition to her programming accomplishments, Hopper's legacy includes encouraging young women to learn how to program.

The "GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION" is the world's largest technical conference for women in computing, and her legacy continues to serve as a role model and inspiration to women working in a variety of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) today. Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education for more than eight years.



From Jan Robertson:

“WISCONSIN WOMEN: A Gifted Heritage” In 1982 the Wisconsin State Division AAUW published Wisconsin

Women: A Gifted Heritage featuring 90 short biographies of women from all parts of the state in many different fields of endeavor, the book is a panorama of Wisconsin women spanning three centuries. Its pages open with Winnebago chieftess Glory of the morning and close with

Olympic champion medalist Beth Heiden. A committee of eighteen AAUW members spearheaded the project with members across the state writing the biographies. Hard copies of the book were purchased by individuals and libraries across the state. book

If you haven't seen a copy of the book, check it out at your local library.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

December 31, 2022

Beginning Balance 11/30/22: \$11,380.65

- Holiday Auctions \$1,649.00
- Chazen Museum trip
Fundraising for scholarships \$91.00
- Bridge donations \$4.00
- Holiday luncheon meals \$78.00

Total Income: \$1,822.00

1. Purchase new cash box (for Branch events) \$7.35
2. Maple Bluff CC Luncheon invoice \$1,455.96

Total Expenses: \$1,463.31

Balance 12/31/22: \$11,739.34

January: Beginning Balance 12/31/22 \$11,739.34

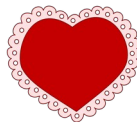
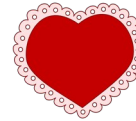
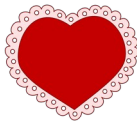
- Holiday Auction \$36.00
- Bridge donations \$16.00

Total Income: \$52.00

Balance 1/24/23 \$11,791.34

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, Val Murphy

The program committee will start meeting in the next month or so. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Val Murphy, lvsmadcity@gmail.com



STATE CONVENTION, Kleo Baruth Kritz



The **2023 AAUW Wisconsin Convention** will once again be held in-person and we can't wait to see you! April 28-29.

Registration to open shortly. Be sure to visit our Convention website here:

<https://aauwwisconsinconvention.com/>

At the Convention, you'll hear from engaging speakers! covering topics like: Unconscious Bias and DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion), the UW-Madison Odyssey Project, Environmental Sustainability, Financial Wellness for Women, and more!

As an attendee, you'll also have the unique opportunity to:

- **Meet and engage** with special guest, Katrina Sun Breeze, from AAUW National
- Participate in **interactive group learning activities**
- **Network** with other members of similar interests during our small group "counterpart sessions"
- **Enjoy good food and hospitality**, a sense of camaraderie, and raffles!

And do you want a 1:45 minute tour of the Marriott West Milwaukee with our tour guide Becca Surges???? Maggie Winz, our state president, gave this video the following critical review: Brava!! And the Oscar for best short film goes to: Becca and Fanny!

Well done Ladies

Intrigued??? Click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UQGMZoAVCzE>

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 24, 2023 Zoom Meeting

Speaker: Frances Huntley-Cooper spoke on "Thinking Locally: My Experience as the First African American Mayor in Wisconsin, Plus Public Service to Dane County and the State of Wisconsin." Also: see January feature in *Brava Magazine* "The Power of One" and PBS *Wisconsin Life* January story (approximately 5 minutes, season 9, episode 11) at: <https://wisconsinlife.org/story/wisconsin-first-african-american-mayor/>

Co-president Kleo Baruth Kritz welcomed 41 members on Zoom screens to hear the speaker. Branches invited were Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Tomah (with 11 Tomah members on one zoom screen) plus the AAUW State Board with members from Northwoods, Milwaukee, and West Suburban-Milwaukee.

Call to Order: Co-president Sally Keyel opened meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Special acknowledgment of Jan Robertson: Kleo revealed that the *Lil' Badger*, which

just came out from State, included a “Blast from the Past!” article written by Jan about a book *Wisconsin Women: a Gifted Heritage*, which was a project of the 1982 Wisconsin AAUW when Jan was the State Treasurer. The book includes 90 short biographies of women from all parts of the state spanning three centuries, and the biographies were written by AAUW members throughout the state.

Minutes from November 2022 printed in *Scope* newsletter approved as written.

Committee Updates:

Financial Report, Gail Stirr: Financial report sent earlier to membership. Balance as of Jan. 24: \$11,791.34. Note: Holiday auctions raised \$1,649.00 on Dec. 31.

Program, Donna Anderson: Next month the committee will be getting together. Donna asked if anyone had a topic/speaker or wanted to be a part of the committee to please let her know.

Public Policy, Deb Mahaffey: Deb said she was hoping for volunteers to work with her concerning public policy but no volunteers so she will continue to send out information about community events. An AAUW State webinar will be held January 26, “How to speak to your legislator” with a speaker and you need to register to attend. Also see State AAUW website for Public Policy updates and important links <https://aauw-wi.aauw.net/>

Fundraising, Val Murphy: Kleo read Val’s memo:

- February 16: gourmet luncheon at MATC at noon, prepared and served by culinary students. Cost is \$26.50 plus \$15 for scholarship fund=\$41.50. Val has reservations made for 11 of us but there are still openings at the dining room at this time. If interested, email Val lvsmadcity@gmail.com so she can make a reservation for you.
- Future fundraising ideas needed. Please give Val any ideas you have for future fundraising trips that you would enjoy.

Nominating Committee, Sharon Knoop: We need members for leadership positions in our branch. Committee will be meeting this week and please see article in upcoming *Scope* for branch officer vacancies for a slate to be announced in February or March. Call: 608-222-3946 - Sharon Knoop

DEI, Kleo Baruth Kritz: Diverse voices such as speakers Frances Huntley-Cooper in January and Karen Lincoln Michel in March. Kleo asked for special moments that

involved DE&I :

- Mary Zupanc talked about a study done on health care disparities on four groups: Native American tribes, Hmong, African Americans and Hispanics. She said you can't go in and say what you plan to do, but you need to listen to the people in regard to their culture, religion, etc. and work with the community to come up with a project that will work for them. She offered to discuss neurology research, on healthcare disparities like this in the future.
- Lynn Celley told about the 9-year-old niece of her daughter in Minnesota. The school is offering opportunities for students to befriend disabled/less fortunate students with a few activities during the day and an outside activity like going holiday shopping. The little girl is so excited to be able to do this.

STEM, Donna Anderson:

- Janesville and Fort will have their Tech Savvy on Saturday, April 15, at UW-Whitewater.
- Do consider volunteering: registration desk, escort for speakers, whatever needs to be done – Donna, Kleo and Debbie Mahaffey have already volunteered.
- Do you have any contacts in Middle Schools (counselors, teacher) to share publicity on April 15? Grades 6th-9th (including boys!) Janesville will be providing a very detailed flier.

New Business

National Bylaws: Mary Zupanc, a member of the National AAUW board in Public Health Care Policy, has been a long time member of National and this is the first year she has had the time to belong to a branch.

- National is proposing this year to streamline bylaws to be in accord with other non-profits and to reflect modern organization. There is nothing controversial, just a cleanup of the bylaws. Comment period is now open on the National website.
- Please VOTE on National bylaws. A 2/3 vote is needed for it to pass.
- Next year an open membership vote is scheduled that would eliminate the education requirement to increase diversity, equity and inclusion. Mary suggested a forum to discuss it and newsletter articles.
- Next National Board meeting is in mid-February and Mary will report back to our branch.

State Convention 2023 at Marriott West Milwaukee in Waukesha: April 28-29, 2023 – Kleo

- Will be a Silent Auction for National's Greatest Needs Fund and branches will need to prepare baskets minimum of \$50 and people can view them at website but

bidding will only be done at convention itself.

- Registration will be opening end of February/early March on Convention Website <https://aauwwisstateconvention.com> Check it out!! Silent Auction baskets can be viewed.
- Speakers include: **Katrina Sun Breeze**, National AAUW Senior Director of Institutional Advancement; **Judge Derek Mosley**, now at Marquette Law School, on Unconscious Bias; **Sarah Godlewski**, former State Treasurer and primary candidate for U.S. senator who also has a website on encouraging women to run for office; environmentalist **Dr. Marissa Jablonski** on impact of one-use plastics and ways to lessen. Breakout speakers include the **Odyssey Project at UW-Madison** for increasing college opportunities to underserved communities; financial planning for women; **Afghani Women's** panel; public **policy**; and **DE&I**.

National College Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL or “nick whistle”) – Donna Anderson, Shiela Reaves. In Washington, DC with theme of “Equity” held May 31-June 2. Monona/Madison Branch has one \$1,000 scholarship, which includes travel expenses:

- **Deadline for M/M scholarship application is March 10**
- National registration fee is \$565, which covers housing, food, etc. and State is offering five \$1000 scholarships, which include travel expense
- 800 expected to attend, including international college students
- Recruitment: Think of young college women you know that could benefit from this conference and email Donna or Shiela for applications & flyer.

Study Groups

- Morning, Afternoon, Evening Lit groups
- Bridge: Feb. 3, don't need a partner; contact Sally K

Important Dates

- **Newsletter deadline:** Wednesday, Feb. 1st
- **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, Feb 9 at 1 pm via Zoom. Kleo will send out invite to entire membership and anyone is welcome to attend.

Next meeting on Zoom: Feb. 28, Karen Lincoln Michel “Indigenous Journalism: Changing the Narrative about First Americans.” **Note:** We have invited Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, Tomah and the AAUW Wisconsin State Board. (Our speaker graduated from Tomah High School.)

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Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge at St. Stephen's
- **Feb. 9 at 1 p.m.:** Board Meeting via Zoom
- **Feb.14: Film Group**
- **Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.: Evening Book Club: Zoom meeting.** Reviewer: Ellen Healey; *All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days* by Rebecca Donner
- **Feb. 16 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Literature: Monona Library.** Leader: Wanda Nelson; *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- **Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature: Monona Library.** Leader, Carrie Wurz; *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka
- **Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.: General Meeting via Zoom**
- **Apr. 28-29: State Convention**

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