

SCOPE



**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch
Newsletter
March 2023**

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

6:30 p.m.: Social

7:00 p.m.: “The Effects of COVID 19 on the Latinx Community” presented by Kenia Servin.

Hello readers! My name is Kenia Servin and I am a proud first-generation Latina graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. From an early age, I discovered an interest in healthcare and sought to promote a space in which another person’s well-being was held at the forefront. Unfortunately, as I grew up, I began to see the multiple levels of discrimination several communities faced, particularly in medicine. During my second year, I came across the opportunity to work under Dr. Consuelo Lopez-Springfield to not only investigate the specific detriments Latina women suffer because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also explore ways in which healthcare professionals can promote greater health equity. Through my work, I hope to not only give a voice to Latina women, but also bring awareness to an overlooked crisis.



Hostesses: Mary Berg, Sally Keyel, Mary Zins, Linda Voss

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.

Please bring your own beverage.

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 and Kleo will send another invite to you.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Kleo Baruth Kritz

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BRANCH!!! Monona/Madison combined in 2014. The Monona Branch had originated in 1958 and the Madison branch had originated in 2023. This year the Wisconsin State AAUW is recognizing **our 100th Anniversary** at the State Convention from 1923-2023!!!! And together we are going strong into the 21st century.....

We cannot neglect to acknowledge the generous women in the Monona/Madison Branch who have contributed through private donations to National AAUW to pursue our mission goals: Ellie Beck, Mary Berg, Mary Boyd, Lynn Christensen, Beverly Davison, Reta Haring, Sally Hestad, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Consuelo Lopez, Laura Nielsen, Jan Robertson, Liz Senseman, Helen Sjolander, Gail Stirr, Elissa Strauss, Marjorie Sutton, and Mary Zupanc. These women contributed \$6,312 to National AAUW, most to the Greatest Needs Fund, which allows flexibility to use the money where it is needed the most.

In addition to the \$6,312 that these women generously contributed privately, our Monona/Madison Branch as part of our budgeting sent \$2,050 to National AAUW. Thus, from January 1 to December 31, 2022, we sent a total of \$8,362. What a fantastic group of women who are working together to empower women not only in our community but in the nation and world we share!

FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy

April Fundraising Trip:

In mid February, eight of our members braved a snowstorm and attended one of the MATC Culinary Arts Luncheons. The food was excellent as was the company. There were many members who could not join us that day, so I would like to set up a second outing. The luncheons are held at the MATC Truax campus and start at noon and run an hour to an hour and a half. I am looking at either Thursday, April 13 or Thursday, April 20. The cost is \$25 plus tax plus our \$15 scholarship donation. I will need to set up a reservation, so please email me at lvsmadcity@gmail.com if you are interested and let me know which day works for you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Marian Ehrenberg, Sharon Knoop

Thank you to all of the members who accepted officer positions for 2023-2024. The election vote will be at the April meeting and installation will be in May.

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FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

February 28, 2023

Beginning Balance 1/31/23 **\$11,791.34**

1. Great Decisions donations	\$20.00
2. Bridge donations	\$10.00
3. Branch Membership	\$15.00
4. Madison College luncheon (fundraising event: \$105 for scholarships)	<u>\$336.00</u>

Total Income: **\$381.00**

- Madison College luncheon invoice \$231.00

Total Expenses: **\$231.00**

Balance 2/28/23 **\$11,941.34**



CONVENTION 2023 ON THE WAY! Kleo Baruth Kritz

Hey, there may be six more weeks of winter according to Jimmy the Groundhog but by April 28-29 we definitely will be experiencing spring for our AAUW 2023 Convention!!

Take a look at our convention website <https://aauwwistateconvention.com> to view a lively video tour of our amazing venue, the Marriott Hotel in Waukesha, and you can make online reservations or follow telephone directions. **The last date to book and receive the AAUW rate is Monday, March 27, 2023.**



And we have great keynote speakers: Sarah Godlewski, our former state treasurer, who has started a Women Win Wisconsin PAC; Judge Derek Mosley, who speaks both nationally and internationally about Unconscious Bias and Black History; and Dr. Marissa Jablonski, an accomplished water engineer, environmental advisor, and plastics-reduction expert, who speaks about the value of engaging young people in STEM. Plus a variety of breakout choices, and of course, a silent auction!

Convention registration online will be coming soon at <https://aauwwistateconvention.com> so keep checking it out and do join us!!!

We have speakers, OMG do we have speakers

We're still working to get the registration mechanics going, but please **BOOK YOUR ROOM** at Marriott! Seriously we have the block of rooms held for us until 27TH OF MARCH, after that you won't be able to score the good price our team negotiated! (And by team we mean Jean)

Behold, instructions:

To book via phone, call 877-651-7666 which is Marriott General Reservations number. If using this number one must ask for the AAUW 2023 Convention rate and specify that the hotel is the Milwaukee Marriott West, Waukesha, WI 53186. (You will be asked for the zip code.)

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To book online, use this link to get the price:

<https://tinyurl.com/bcfz9dh7>

WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White



Women have been present in the creation and production of music since the very beginning. In fact, the first female composer (or at least, the first female composer remembered by the history books) is Kassiani, an eighth-century nun who composed Byzantine chants. Her music, hauntingly beautiful, is still played today.

Whether they’re given their proper dues or not, women have been shaping and changing the industry, the public’s tastes, and popular styles for thousands of years. Unfortunately, they’re just rarely given the same accolades and recognition as their male counterparts.

Ella Fitzgerald was the most popular female jazz singer in America for more than half a century. In her lifetime, she won 13 Grammy Awards and sold over 40 million albums. Her voice was flexible, wide-ranging, accurate and ageless. She could sing sultry ballads, sweet jazz and imitate every instrument in an orchestra.

She worked with all the jazz greats, from Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Nat King Cole, to Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie and Benny Goodman. She performed at top venues all over the world, and packed venues. Her audiences were as diverse as her vocal range. They were rich and poor, made up of all races, all religions and all nationalities. In fact, many of them had just one binding factor in common – they all loved her.

Ella was born in 1917. Her father, William, and mother, Temperance (Tempie), parted ways shortly to support the family. Joe dug ditches and was a part-time chauffeur, while Tempie worked at a laundromat and did some catering. Occasionally, Ella took on small jobs to contribute money as well. Ella worked as a runner for local gamblers, picking up their bets and dropping off money. She was more of a tomboy, and often joined in the neighborhood games of baseball. Ella was shy and self-conscious about her appearance. As an adult, she developed her famous 'SCAT' song format.

Ella felt very strongly about civil rights and required equal treatment for musicians, regardless of their color. She was inducted into the Down Beat magazine Hall of Fame, and received Kennedy Center Honors for her continuing contributions to the arts. In 1987, United States President Ronald Reagan awarded Ella the National Medal of Arts. It was one of her most prized moments. France followed suit several years later, presenting her with their Commander of Arts and Letters award, while Yale, Dartmouth and several other universities bestowed Ella with honorary doctorates.



MILESTONES

March Birthdays: Consuelo Lopez 6, Ann Bowles 8, Linda Voss 13, Lise Skofronick 16, Gail Steinhorst 21, Sandy Drew 24, Lila Gullixson 26



AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, February 28, 2023

Zoom Meeting 7 p.m. Speaker: Karen Lincoln Michel (Ho Chunk Nation) spoke on “Changing the Narrative about First Americans.” On Feb. 9, Karen received an honorary doctorate from Marquette University, her alma mater, as Doctor in Humane Letters.

Recording can be viewed at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/7YoKcdyqRlMPexQCCdVm-orTTN_pWXCn-REJ3qmNt_O39f4naB8V8lJdWSNq9lIM.Uqdpbx3cGIAwhDx

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Welcome to 14 M/M Branch members on Zoom at 8:01 pm by **Kleo Baruth Kritz**

Introduction of Guests: Additionally, AAUW branches for our speaker Karen Lincoln Michel tonight were from Janesville, Fort Atkinson, and Tomah (via Hawaii) as well as State Board members to total 19 guests.

Minutes from January: Approved as printed in *Scope*

Financial Report, Gail Stirr: See full report in next *Scope*; Gail reported that Jan. 31 balance, **\$11,791.34**. After various fundraising events and invoices, Feb. 28 balance: **\$11,941.34**.

Program, Val Murphy and Donna Anderson: In addition to voices of diversity in January (Frances Huntley Cooper, African American) and February (Karen Lincoln Michel, Ho-Chunk Nation), another diverse voice is scheduled for the March speaker: Kenia Servin, “The Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Latinx Community” at the Odyssey Center with a Zoom option.

Also, Program Committee will meet on Zoom Wed., March 15 with more information coming.

Membership, Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg: Gail reported that we have one new member who donated to National but is presently unidentified by National.

Public Policy, Deb Mahaffey & Bobbi White (Debbie referred to the following websites in her report.):

• AAUW Public Policy webinar https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa5_mEdWkyyc9i46CYUfBWn9N8224Axkw

Deb reported that the state group committee gave a great seminar on how to communicate with legislators. See link above for viewing webinar recordings.

- WI Public Education Network education priorities:

<https://www.wisconsinnetwork.org/budget>

Deb offered this link for public education and DPI's close involvement. Deb can offer links to other Zoom meetings plus keynote speakers.

- WI Public Education Network education priorities:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F2Vw6IJNlpDt7gR6_D6tNZI7AricdInN/view?usp=sharing

See the flyer PDF for details on public education priorities that is well-designed and easy to distribute by email.

Educational Funds, Liz Senseman and Gail Stirr:

- Scholarships for Monona Grove and La Follette high schools are announced in a May 17 awards ceremony and Liz will represent our branch.
- Additionally AAUW supports two UW scholarships: one student scholarship (\$2k) and the second is for returning adults. Selections are on March 23 and Liz will participate. AAUW members will also join Liz, so she'll keep M/M Branch informed.
- Fund for Excellence is starting up in the UW endowment scholarship office.
- Gail reported that \$1,600 interest is available to donate to the \$2000 needed for Fund for Excellence; however \$25,000 is needed to have fully endowed status.

Fundraising, Val Murphy:

Please give Val any ideas you have for future fundraising trips you would enjoy. MATC culinary arts luncheon will repeat in April on a Thursday. Val will send out announcements.

Nominating Committee, Marian Ehrenberg and Sharon Knoop. Sharon announced the slate of new officers listed below. Marian is grateful to members who responded to emails and phone calls.

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DE&I, Kleo Baruth Kritz

- This year the committee originated names and supported speakers with diverse voices (see **Programs** report above) for Jan-March speakers. Additionally, October's speaker Leslie Petty shared her experiences as an African American woman moving as a dean at the UW Business School to Madison College in order

to help students, including African Americans, find the tools to achieve their dreams. She is now working her second year with NCCWSL committee (see below).

- An “Aha” moment from **Shiela Reaves**: In her work with Native American journalists, she noticed that one Native value most often invoked for her was “respect,” which is a kind of currency in communicating to and among Native journalists (and also emphasized by tonight’s Ho-Chunk speaker, Karen Lincoln Michel). Shiela’s “Aha moment” came when award-winning journalist Tony Lone Fight, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes in central North Dakota, once exclaimed that all minority journalists he knew really wanted one thing: to be **respected!** Tony mentioned how respect requires trust and listening skills on the part of mainstream journalists and editors. Respect can build trust among minority journalists – regardless of culture or race.

STEM, Donna Anderson: Janesville and Fort Atkinson will have their Tech Savvy on Saturday, April 15, at UW-Whitewater.

- Need to publicize to any middle schools
- Do consider volunteering: registration desk, escort for speakers, whatever needs to be done
- Debbie Mahaffey, Sharon Knoop and Kleo have already volunteered to work day of workshop.

University Relations, Bobbi White: Bobbi reported there is interest in a small group of UW-Madison women and M/M Branch members to form an alliance to help UW students. Additionally another partnership could form in Bobbi’s neighborhood to help a 12-year-old baker raise money for disabled students in her school to go to camp. Every month she has a menu of baked goods available for purchase. Please contact Bobbi for more information on helping a precocious neighborhood baker.

Old Business

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL / pronounced “nick-whistle”) will be held May 31-June 3 in Washington D.C. – **Donna and Shiela**

- o Monona/Madison Branch has one \$1,000 scholarship, which includes travel expenses. Additionally, the State Board has some funding available.
- o Deadline for M/M scholarship application is March 10, and Donna has students emails. UW sent one application in January.
- o Currently: One application from the UW Department of Life Sciences Communication and three potential applications from Madison College recruited by Dean Leslie Petty (October’s speaker on diverse voices)

New Business

Celebrate AAUW’s Madison Branch that originated a century ago in 1923; Monona Branch, in 1958; and Monona/Madison, in 2014. Please Note: Wisconsin AAUW will

recognize our (Madison) 100th Anniversary at the State Convention.

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

- o 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.
- o We have two baskets being prepared: a "Gardener's Delight" by **Marilyn Dam-Rabolt** and a creative children's basket for grandmothers done by **Gail Stirr** with donations from **Georgia Stilp, Ellen Healey, Kleo**, and a stuffed polar bear from **Mary Boyd**.
- o **Barb Sorensen**, branch historian, will be preparing a trifold board for the convention showing what our branch is all about and would like a couple volunteers to help her.
- o **PLEASE NOTE: Registration for Marriott Hotel** must be done by **March 27** to get **special room rate** so go to the convention website <https://aauwvistateconvention.com> to reserve your rooms. (Directions for phoning in reservations are listed, too.)
- o Registration for the convention itself will be coming in March on convention website, so please keep checking it out.

June 3 Picnic arrangements, Gail Stirr: First, Gail noticed that no one was listed as chair and volunteered to check into finding a park shelter by first trying Monona's parks, which are all booked up. Instead, she found and reserved Fitchburg's Tower Hill Park that is small, less crowded, with a rain shelter, restroom, a playground, and parking on the street. **Wanda Nelson** again volunteered to help with decorations. Other volunteers: **Donna Anderson** (who offered her Fitchburg home *in case* of rain); **Pat Ruppert** who is in contact with Gail. Please note: Gail will be out of town on June 3, so several volunteers are needed to carry on this popular last event of the season.

Study Groups

- Bridge: March 3

Important Dates

- **Newsletter deadline:** Wednesday, March 1
- **Next meeting:** March 28, Speaker Kenia Servin, "The Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Latinx Community" at the Odyssey Center with a Zoom option; Social begins at 6:30 and speaker at 7 p.m
- **Convention 2023 April 28-29, 2023** at Marriott West Milwaukee in Waukesha.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary, Minutes

CALENDAR

- **Mar. 14 Film Group, TBD**
- **Mar. 15 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Host: Donna Anderson; Reviewer: Marilyn Dam-Rabolt. *The Once and Future Witches* by Alix Harrow
- **Mar. 16 at 1 p.m.: Afternoon Lit, Monona Library;** leader, Linda Hoelzel. *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead
- **Mar. 23 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature, Monona Library;** Host, Helen Sjolander. *The Dickens Boy* by Thomas Keneally
- **Mar. 28 at 7 p.m.:** General Meeting
- **Apr. 1 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine;** Small Plates Dinner. Host: Pat Ruppert, Co-hosts: Donna Anderson, Lynn Christensen
- **Apr. 28-29: State Convention**

Co-presidents: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sally Keyel; Membership: Mary Berg & Lynn Christensen; Newsletter: Sally Keyel
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