

SCOPE

Monona/Madison Branch
Newsletter
May 2023



**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

TUESDAY, MAY 23

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Program: “Regulatory Policymaking in the U.S. and Wisconsin” presented by Susan Webb Yackee.

Susan Webb Yackee is Director of the La Follette School of Public Affairs and a Collins-Bascom Professor of Public Affairs at UW-Madison. Her research and teaching interests include the U.S. public policymaking process, public management, regulation, and interest group politics. Yackee received the 2019 Herbert A. Simon Career Contribution Award from the Midwest Public Administration Caucus. It is the highest award in the field of political science for the study of bureaucracy and public administration. Yackee is an elected



member of the National Academy of Public Administration. She is presently teaching a class where UW-Madison undergraduate students work on policy analysis projects for sitting members of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Hostesses: Gail Stirr, Sharon Knoop, Betty Schmidt, Ann Wenzel

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, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sally Keyel

Attending the State Convention was so very uplifting! Great speakers all around, wonderful inspirations, and so many active women being active! Kleo wrote up a little summary below. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a wonderful convention! See the renewal information below to help you renew, and take time to vote in the National bylaws update if you haven't already. Congrats to our scholarship winners too! Such a celebratory time of the year!

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

April 30, 2023

Beginning Balance 3/31/23	\$5,713.24
1. NCCWSL Scholarships donation	\$3,000.00
2. Bridge donations	\$10.00
3. Great Decisions donations	\$50.00
4. Salad Supper	\$120.00
5. June Picnic, boxed lunch orders	<u>\$132.00</u>
Total Income:	\$3,312.00

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- Airline tickets x 4 NCCWSL Student Attendees (\$466.40 each) \$1,865.60
 - Travel agency fees x 4 NCCWSL Student Attendees (\$40 each) \$160.00

Total Expenses: \$2,025.60

Balance 4/30/23 \$6,999.64

MILESTONES

Gathering for remembering Mary Pringle: June 17. Time and place to be announced later.

MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Mary Berg

Please Renew your AAUW Membership.

Renew your AAUW membership—Membership renewal notices from National were emailed beginning the week of April 24th. Dues for 2023 – 2024 are a total of **\$100.00**.

- o National \$72.00 (\$69.00 is tax-deductible)
- o State \$13.00
- o Branch \$15.00

Most AAUW Monona/Madison branch members have a June renewal date and will receive the mid-April renewal email.

Please see the additional information below to understand the new process National is employing.

AAUW National is implementing a ‘rolling renewal’ schedule. Renewal email notifications will be grouped according to your renewal date.

If your renewal date is March, April, May, June, or July 2023, you will be part of this first renewal batch.

Honorary Life Members will not receive renewal notifications.

Self-renewal will be available to dual members and college/university representatives.

You will receive a free one-year subscription to Ms. Magazine when you renew your membership for 2024.

#1 Members receiving the April notice can renew by check **anytime: Write a check for \$100.00 made out to AAUW Monona/Madison** and send it to Gail Stirr.

Gail Stirr

7510 Red Fox Trail

Madison WI 53717

#2 During the week of **April 24th** and after, you can self-renew through the email from the National AAUW organization. Directions are below:

You will receive an invitation to self-renew via email from National, including instructions.

Please, select the blue renew button.

First, you must renew with the National organization,

Second, the directions will prompt you to answer this question: Do you want to include State and Branch Dues?

You **must** select YES.

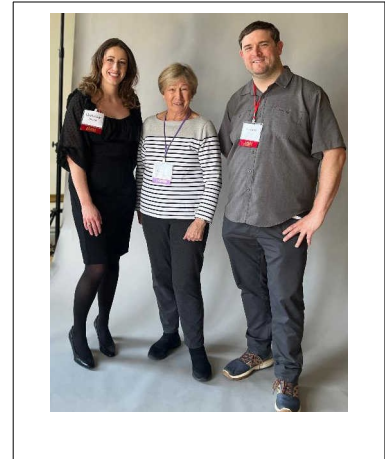
Once finished, you have renewed national, state, and local dues for 2023 – 2024.



For questions, contact Lynn Christiansen, 608-225-7770, Email: email@lynnchristiansen.net

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS, Liz Senseman

The ceremony honoring UW returning adult students was held on Wednesday, April 26 at the UW Memorial Union Great Hall. We were fortunate to be able to meet the two recipients of the Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Student Awards, **Christine Fifarek** and **Robert Hall**. The criteria and selection processes were outlined in last month's newsletter; as promised here are brief bios of our two winners.



Christine left college after 3 years, overcome with student loans and the burden of self-sufficiency. She had left home at age 18 with no family support as she started college. Over the next few years she tried various jobs and ended up joining the military where she selected a job as Licensed Practical Nurse Specialist from a long list of options. She soon found herself surrounded by leaders who believed in her and encouraged her to start working towards a BSN. When her daughter was born she was determined to be a role model for her. After graduating Christine plans to gain experience on an ICU/Critical care unit, then apply to the nurse anesthetist doctorate nursing program at Marquette University.

Robert will graduate this year with a double major in Genetics and History. Along his journey he has overcome incarceration, poverty and homelessness. Initially hiding his non-violent felony convictions from those in the academic world, he realized that being open about his past was freeing and helped him progress in his coursework. He has been involved in research and in many organizations on campus, and started Liberated Intellects, the first formerly incarcerated led project aimed at helping other formerly incarcerated individuals in fostering their education. He will be attending Stanford University pursuing a PhD in evolutionary biology.

Sanna Kelly, the recipient of our Single Parent Scholarship, was unable to attend the ceremony, but her bio and thank you note to the branch were included in last month's newsletter.

Meanwhile the high school scholarship recipients have still not been selected, a separate news flash will be sent once we have more information!

Thanks to everyone for supporting our scholarship and award programs!

AAUW**NATIONAL:****Reminder**

Vote in AAUW's national election. If you have voted, thank you! Read no more. If not, please take 5 minutes and vote. Yes, it is that easy. Look for the email titled "AAUW Election 2023." The email contains your Elector ID and your password. By clicking on the link directly following the ID and Password, you go straight to the ballot. Merely put in your personal Elector ID and password. That takes you straight to the ballot. Vote, then hit "continue". That will give you a final chance to confirm. Hit "confirm" and you have voted. It is that quick and easy! Do not delay, just vote now.

From the State President, Maggie Winz: Here's more information about the yellow postcard that we all received last week from Katrina Sun Breese regarding the Member Database Updates and the Oral History Project. Many of our members were uncertain about the postcards, or even upset.

My hope is that by sharing the attached information, members can make the best choice for their own response, which of course includes doing nothing!

And my main take-aways are:

1. Calling PCI is totally optional.
2. Giving information is optional.
3. Purchasing anything from PCI is optional.
4. AAUW only receives \$10 for each purchase. This is not a major fundraiser!
5. AAUW receives two main benefits from this project: updating member database with current emails, etc.; and collecting oral history from our membership.
6. If a member purchased something from PCI, and later decided to cancel the order, there are instructions for how to do that. If they aren't satisfied with PCI's response, they should reach out to AAUW national office, or contact me for assistance. Really. We're here to help.

STUDY GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT, Donna Anderson

The Summer Book Lunch is Back!!

We will meet at The Lakeside Cafe, 402 W. Lakeside St. Madison. We have two meetings scheduled so far Friday, May 19 at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome, including significant others. Bring ideas about your favorite book you have read over this LONG Winter. Also bring ideas for discussion and meeting times for future meetings. We are informal and open to new ideas while having a beverage, snack or meal. See you all there.

STATE CONVENTION TIDBITS, Kleo Baruth Kritz, State Program VP/ Convention Co-Chair

- Ten Monona/Madison Members attended: Donna Anderson, Ellen Healey, Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Val Murphy, Shiela Reeves, Pat Ruppert, Georgia Stilp, Gail Stirr, Mary Zupanc
- A Certificate of Honor was presented to the Monona/Madison Branch in recognition of our 100th Anniversary.



- A Certificate of Achievement was presented to the Monona/Madison Branch for our excellent work improving our membership count 2020 through 2022. (Many branches have declined in numbers.)



• The breakout session “Twenty Years of Changing Lives: The UW-Madison Odyssey Project,” which was presented at our September 2022 branch meeting was a great success with Keena Atkinson and Char Braxton telling their powerful stories to 30 attendees.

- And special thanks to Barb Sorensen, who designed our dynamic and colorful Monona/Madison triboard that showed our accomplishments as a branch and was displayed as one of the ten triboards in the convention hallway.
- Our baskets: “Gardener’s Delight” created by Marilyn Dam-Rabolt and “Busy Hands, Busy Minds Ages 2-6” created by Gail Stirr with additional items tossed in by Mary Boyd, Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Debbie Mahaffey, and Georgia Stilp contributed to the \$2410 earned by the silent auction plus there were additional monetary donations of \$2500. The total for auction and donations to be sent to the Greatest Needs Fund was \$4910. And Sally’s stuffed squirrel ended up returning to our area with Val Murphy having the winning bid!! Donna had the winning bid for “Life at the Lake” donated by Geneva Lakes.



More pictures at end of newsletter.



DE&I, Kleo Baruth Kritz (snippets from Judge Derek Mosley's "Unconscious Bias" Convention Keynote)

Two dolls, absolutely identical in every way. Except one is white and one is black. This doll test was done back in the 1940s with white and black children, ages 3 to 7. Each child was asked: Which is the beautiful doll? Which is the ugly doll?

Which is the nice doll? Which is the mean doll?

The children, both white and black, usually pointed to white doll as the beautiful, nice doll and to the black doll as the ugly, mean doll.

Then the last question was asked: Which doll looks like you?

These interviews were taped and the Judge showed the faces of the black children who finally pointed to the black doll with some realization of what just had happened. They were the ugly, mean doll! The purpose of these doll tests was "to study the psychological effects of segregation on African-American children" and the psychologists "concluded that 'prejudice, discrimination, and segregation' created a feeling of inferiority among African-American children and damaged their self-esteem." <https://www.naacpldf.org/brown-vs-board/significance-doll-test/>

Band-Aids are marketed as "flesh-colored." But whose flesh? That is another example of unconscious bias because in the past we never even thought about it! Imagine putting a tan Band-Aid on a scratch on a black face. Doesn't quite blend in, does it? Yet that was accepted as the way it was. Today there are at least five different shades to match diverse skins.

And this is just the beginning of the ways things are depicted that we have just accepted. Aunt Jemima's pancake mix had a stereotypical portrayal of a black woman-think Mammy in *Gone with the Wind*- and her broken English on the original advertisement. What I didn't know was that Jemima was a very derogatory word for black women. And of course, Uncle Ben's rice was originally listed as "plantation" rice and he, too, had broken English on the advertisement.

Judge Moseley stressed that culturally we have been programmed to see white as good and black as negative. Just look at Luke Skywalker in his white clothes in contrast to Darth Vader decked out in black and keep going with black cat, black sheep, black magic, black balled...

WOMEN’S HISTORY, Mary Boyd & Bobbi White

Ella Fitzgerald, Notable Woman of Song: (born April 25, 1917, Newport News, Virginia; died June 15, 1996, Beverly Hills, California), American jazz singer who became world famous for the wide range and rare sweetness of her voice. She became an international legend during a career that spanned some six decades. As a child, Fitzgerald wanted to be a dancer, but when she panicked at an amateur contest in 1934 at New York City’s Apollo Theatre and sang in a style influenced by the jazz vocalist Connee Boswell instead, she won first prize. The following year Fitzgerald joined the Chick Webb orchestra; Webb became Fitzgerald's guardian when her mother died. She made her first recording, “Love and Kisses,” in 1935, and her first hit, “A-Tisket, A-Tasket,” followed in 1938. After Webb’s death in 1939, she led his band until it broke up in 1942. She then soloed in cabarets and theatres and toured internationally with such pop and jazz stars as Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, the Mills Brothers, the Ink Spots, and Dizzy Gillespie. She also recorded prolifically.

During much of her early career she had been noted for singing and recording novelty songs. Her status rose dramatically in the 1950s when jazz impresario Norman Granz became her manager. From 1956 to 1964 she recorded a 19-volume series of “songbooks,” in which she interpreted nearly 250 outstanding songs by Richard Rodgers, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Jerome Kern, Irving Berlin, and Johnny Mercer. This material, combined with the best jazz instrumental support, clearly demonstrated Fitzgerald’s remarkable interpretative skills. Although her diction was excellent, her rendition of lyrics was intuitive rather than studied. For many years the star attraction of Granz’s Jazz at the Philharmonic concert tours, she was also one of the best-selling jazz vocal recording artists in history. She appeared in films (notably Pete Kelly’s Blues in 1955), on television, and in concert halls throughout the world. She also recorded a number of live concert albums and produced a notable duet version of Porgy and Bess (1957) with Armstrong.

During the 1970s she began to experience serious health problems, but she continued to perform periodically, even after heart surgery in 1986. In 1993, however, her career was curtailed following complications stemming from diabetes, which resulted in the amputation of both her legs below the knees. Fitzgerald’s clear tone and wide vocal range were complemented by her mastery of rhythm, harmony, intonation, and diction. She was an excellent ballad singer, conveying a winsome, ingenuous quality. Her infectious scat singing brought excitement to such concert recordings as Mack the Knife: Ella in Berlin and was conveying a winsome, ingenuous quality and was widely imitated by others. She garnered 14 Grammy Awards, including one for lifetime achievement. She also received a Kennedy Center Honor for lifetime achievement (1979) and the National Medal of Arts

JUNE PICNIC, Gail Stirr

Happy 100th Anniversary, Monona/Madison !! Madison Branch AAUW originated in 1923. Monona Branch originated in 1958. These two branches merged in 2014. You and your Friends are invited to celebrate our 100th Anniversary at the Tower Hill Park in Fitchburg 5610 Cheryl Drive, Fitchburg on Saturday, June 3 11:30am – 2:00pm at our Annual June Picnic

Join fellow members & guests as we gather to celebrate 100 years of Madison & Monona AAUW and to welcome summer! Tower Hill Park Shelter has picnic table seating, an adjacent restroom, and nearby parking. 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, Debbie Mahaffey, Wanda Nelson, Helene Phelps, 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 these boxed lunches from *Panera Bread*.**

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

1. *Green Goddess Cobb Salad with Chicken*—Chicken raised without antibiotics, arugula, romaine, baby kale and red leaf blend, grape tomatoes and pickled red onions tossed in freshly made Green Goddess dressing and topped with fresh avocado, Applewood-smoked bacon and cage-free hard-boiled egg. Served with French baguette and cookie.

2. *Fuji Apple Salad with Chicken*—Chicken raised without antibiotics, arugula, romaine, baby kale and red leaf blend, grape tomatoes, red onions, toasted pecan pieces, Gorgonzola and apple chips tossed in sweet white balsamic vinaigrette. Served with French baguette & a cookie.

3. *Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich*—Zesty sweet Peppadew™ peppers, feta, cucumbers, emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, hummus, salt, and pepper on Tomato Basil Bread. Served with chips, a pickle, and a cookie.

4. *Roasted Turkey & Avocado BLT Sandwich*—Roasted turkey raised without antibiotics, Applewood-smoked bacon, emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, fresh avocado, mayo, salt, and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough. Served with chips, a pickle, and a cookie.

****Cost for each box lunch is \$22.00.**

[includes tax, a small amount towards lunches for scholarship student guests & their parents, and a scholarship donation.]

Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 24th.

****To register for the June 3rd AAUW picnic: fill out the form below and send with payment to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison WI 53717. Make checks out to AAUW Monona/Madison. 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) _____

May: 2 Tiffany Butzbaugh, 8 Megan McGuire, 8 Val Murphy,
8 Gloria Simley, 18 Sharon Knoop

June: 4 Sue Richter, 19 Georgia Stilp, 26 Donna Anderson

July: 3 Jan Robertson, 7 Marilyn Dam-Rabolt, 13 Ann Wenzel,
14 Reta Harring, 17 Wanda Nelson, 27 Betty Schmidt

August: 2 Peggy Anderson, 7 Helen Dyer, 19 Paula O'Neal, 22 Helene Phelps, 27
Robby Sonzogni, 30 Misao Kusuda



AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 25, 2023 7 p.m. Speaker:
“Changing the Face of the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem,” Heather Wentler, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Doyenne. Women-led ventures continue to outperform their male counterparts in building ventures that require less initial funding and higher profits and investment returns, yet their stories are untold and access to resources continues to be a hurdle.

Thanks to the hostesses: Marian Ehrenberg, Debbie Mahaffey, and Val Murphy. Dinner meeting: Members M–Z brought dinner salads or main dishes to share.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Sally Keyel welcomed 27 members in person and one on Zoom.

Minutes from March, 2023: Minutes were approved as printed in April newsletter, *Scope*.

Financial Report, Gail Stirr: As of April 25, final balance is \$6,857.64 after anonymous donor generously supported four students to attend NCCWSL Washington, D.C. National conference in May. See Gail's itemized report in upcoming *Scope*. Additionally, questions about possibly reimbursing members who attend state convention under a "Convention Fund" will be discussed at a summer Board meeting.

Programs, Val Murphy: Final two speakers are being finalized to complete next year's program.

Membership: Lynn Christensen Gail Stirr printed out instructions on how to re-new membership. Members encouraged to go online to National to set up account to renew membership. Instructions also on National's website.

National Bylaws Voting: Kleo encouraged everyone (if haven't voted) to look back at April 5 "AAUW Election 2023" email sent by National if still in your inbox. Elections closes May 16.

Public Policy, Debbie Mahaffey: Kleo announced that Debbie will be the District One Coordinator and congratulated her on her new State Board position. Debbie reminded members that Wednesday is the last day for written comments on the State budget. Now is the time to show support for education. Next Joint Finance begins their work.

UW Odyssey 20th Anniversary, Kleo: Donna Anderson, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Mary Murrell, Shiela Reaves, and Lise Skofronick attended the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Odyssey last week at the UW-Chazen Museum of Art. The Madison mayor and new chancellor spoke as well as Keena Atkinson, an Odyssey speaker from last September who will also speak at State Convention this week.

STEM: Kleo announced that Debbie Mahaffey, Sharon Knoop, and Kleo had volunteered for the Janesville/Fort Tech Savvy at UW-Whitewater. Around 80 middle schoolers, mostly girls, had attended the STEM workshops.

EF & Scholarships, Liz Senseman: Several members will attend UW's scholarship ceremony with Liz.

Old Business:

State Convention this Friday and Saturday: Around ten members are attending. Bidding on baskets are for only attendees at conference; however, baskets can be viewed online.

New Business:

• **June Luncheon Information, Gail Stirr:** Committee assigned tasks for Tower Hill Park in Fitchburg at 5610 Cheryl Dr off Fish Hatchery Rd. Consult April *Scope* for menu. Deadline is May 24 to order luncheons. Will also have a 100th Anniversary cake.

Election of officers slate: Co-President: Pat Ruppert, Co-Program VP: Ellen Healey, Co-Membership VP: Kleo Baruth Kritz, Finance Officer: Gail Stirr (continuing), Recording Secretary: Shiela Reaves (continuing). Motion to accept officers slate by Linda Hoelzel with 2nd by Mary Boyd. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Book Lunch Bunch:** Donna Anderson is beginning book lunch group again. Save dates for Friday, May 19th at Lakeside Coffee House and for Thursday, June 15th. Email will follow for details.
- **Study Groups:** Bridge will meet May 5, the last one until September 2023.
- **Meeting adjourned** at 8:28 p.m.
- **Important Dates:** THIS WEEK, AAUW WI Convention, Waukesha, April 28-29
 - **Newsletter Deadline:** Wed. May 3
 - **Next meeting May 25:** Installation of officers
 - **AAUW Central States Regional Convention – October 19-21 in St. Louis, MO.** Theme: “Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together!” Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch (downtown on the Mississippi River)
- Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **May 5 at 1 p.m.: Bridge Finale, St. Stephen’s, Monona**
- **May 9: Film Group**
- **May 19 at 11:30 a.m.: Summer Book Lunch Bunch:** 402 W. Lakeside St., Madison
- **May 20 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine:** A Hawaiian Luau; Hostess: Val Murphy, Co-hostesses: Sharon Knoop & Sally Hestad
- **May: Afternoon Lit:** Book Selection
- **Wednesday Evening Book Club:** TBD
- **May 23 at 6:30 p.m.:** General Meeting and Installation of Officers
- **May 25 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Monona Library; Leader, Sharon Knoop. *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout
- **June 8 at 1 p.m.: Board Meeting at Gail Stirr’s**
- **June 15 at 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Book Bunch:** 402 W. Lakeside St., 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**

