

# SCOPE



**MONONA/MADISON (WI)  
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch  
Newsletter**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Tuesday, September 26**

**6:00 pm: Potluck Supper. Bring your own drink.**

Members A-L: please bring a main dish or salad to serve 8-10

Members M-Z: please contribute \$10

**7 pm Program: Carol Salinas, Janesville AAUW STEM**

**Coordinator and Pat Phillips, State AAUW STEM Coordinator**

**Title: 'Tech Savvy Programs'**

**Hostesses: Sue Richter, Sharon Knoop, Jan Robertson, and  
Marian Ehrenberg**

Business meeting to follow.

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

**Please let Kleo know if you want the Zoom option.**

**Carpooling, Kleo Baruth Kritz**

If you need help with this, please contact me [kbkritz@charter.net](mailto:kbkritz@charter.net) so you can come and enjoy our September potluck plus other meetings. And thanks to my GPS for giving me instant results in locating addresses to help me know who lives where!! So let's all get together to celebrate a new AAUW year!!

**PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Pat Ruppert**

I'm always excited by the beginning of our AAUW season: getting together at the potluck and reuniting with people we may not have seen all summer. Learning about the wonderful programs lined up and eating good food! Committees have been hard at work and I thank all those involved for their hard work in providing us with a great year!

Come, enjoy and bring your friends!

## **DIRECTORY, Faith Howe**

Directories will be handed out at the meeting if you haven't already received one.

## **ODYSSEY MEAL DONATIONS, Mary Michor**

Monona/Madison's annual fall meal for the Odyssey Project will be Tuesday, November 7. We will be providing about 40 meals for both adults and children in the tutoring program; an art clinic for elementary, middle schoolers and high schoolers; and music lessons for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

We will pass around an envelope for donations at the September and October meetings. If you are not able to attend either meeting and wish to make a donation, please mail to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison, WI 53717. Put "Odyssey Meal" onto line at bottom of check so Gail will know what it is for.

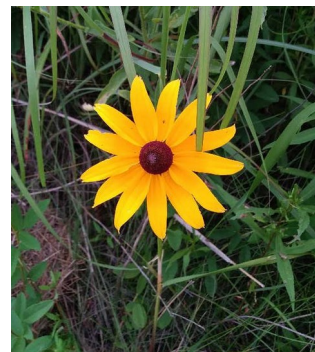
Thank you for your generosity.

## **BRIDGE, Sally Keyel**

We meet the first Fridays of the month from 1-3 or so at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona. Whoever wants to play that month will call me the week before, so I know how many players we'll have. You can pay \$10 for the year, or \$2 each time you play. The format will be multiple tables, switching partners after 4 hands. So you don't need to come with a partner!

## **EVENING LIT, Liz Senseman**

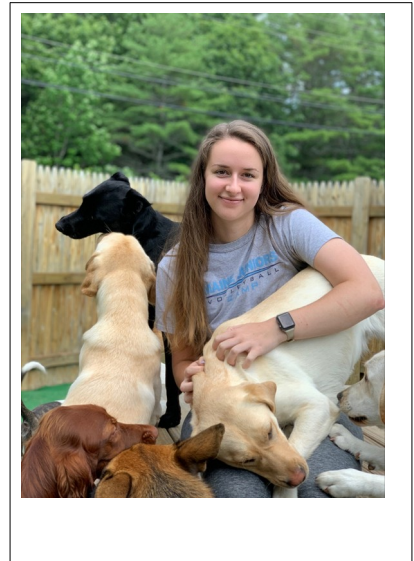
We would like to extend an invitation to all our branch members to join us at our evening book group discussions! We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00pm, and we would welcome new participants. You are not obliged to attend all the meetings - come once, come more often, we would enjoy having you. Our first meeting this year is on September 20th when we will be discussing two (short) books by Claire Keegan, **Small Things Like These** and **Foster** (the movie *The Quiet Girl* is based on this book). Our agenda is listed in the directory, and is also always included in Scope. If you would like to join us for the first meeting please message or call the host Liz Senseman at 608-395-5146 (just so that we get out enough chairs!) We hope some of you can join us.



## MEMBERSHIP, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Lynn Christensen

New Members:

**Sophie Lindsay:** Hi everyone, I'm very excited to be joining this group! My name is Sophie and I will be starting my MS in Kinesiology at UW Madison this fall. I was born and raised in Southern California and attended the University of Southern Maine for undergrad, where I played collegiate volleyball and earned my BS in Athletic Training. I worked briefly as an athletic trainer at USM but recently moved to Wisconsin for graduate school. In my free time, I enjoy reading, running, and playing volleyball.



**Mary Michor:** I am a senior Senior. I graduated from UW-Milwaukee (where I spent most of my adult life) with a BA in Sociology. Past employment included: State Dept. of Probation & Parole; team teaching

in Special Ed; and several years in a private counseling office.



In addition to my family, I dearly love all things outdoors. Fortunately, I am still able to hike local/state/national parks and trails. I've enjoyed traveling, hot air ballooning, zip lining, sky diving, and motorcycling on the back of my brothers' and nephew's BMWs along the back roads of the Mississippi River valley. Several years after retiring, I moved to Fitchburg. I now volunteer on our condo's events committee and as a "weed warrior" on the grounds committee. I also volunteer at the library. "You never know what you'll find at the library." So said a fellow volunteer--Kleo-- who became a close friend. She often asked me to join her as her guest at various AAUW events and outings, which I always enjoyed. She often suggested become a member . . . and now I have. Better late than never!

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**KENIA SERVIN:** I first want to thank everyone for allowing me to join this amazing group! My name is Kenia Servin, a proud first-generation Latina college graduate. I am also the daughter of two Mexican immigrant parents, who are my



life's pillars and greatest motivators to lead a life full of purpose. Though I have had many uphill climbs, the biggest hurdles I faced were due to improper healthcare. I have seen the disparities of the healthcare system, and how it has led to the suffering of underrepresented communities. From an early age, I took what I call a "mental oath" to mitigate the damages and help alleviate the burdens. I hope to one day receive my white coat, but until then, I am excited to use my time to engage with the local Latine community and optimize my own well being.

**Linda Bergren:** I am a Wisconsin woman: I was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and graduated from high school there. I next attended UW-La Crosse and UW-Madison. I graduated with a degree in education and two children. I taught physical education and health at Memorial High School in Madison for ten years. I then moved into business and sold computer systems at Gordon Flesch for six years and then became a financial advisor for Robert Baird and Morgan Stanley for the next twenty years. I have committed to work in the community by being a Lion, River Food Pantry board member, and part time teacher at Madison College. I would like to continue to be a community advocate through AAUW in my retirement.



### MILESTONES:

We're saddened to hear of the passing of member Dorothy Schmidt. A private Celebration of Life for the family is scheduled at a later date. You may share your memories of Dorothy with her family at Family of Dorothy Schmidt, 1118 Swallowtail Drive, Madison, WI 53717.



**September Member Birthdays: Sep 1, Dorothy Hujik; Sep 6, Sally Hestad; Sep 13, Marjorie Sutton**



## FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

July 1 - August 31, 2023

**Beginning Balance 6/30/23** **\$7,730.66**

- Membership renewal/dues \$1,456.00
- AAUW National (Branch dues deposit) \$45.00
- Scholarship donation \$25.00

**Total Income:** **\$1,526.00**

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- National & State dues \$1,599.00
- Branch check order (checking account) \$50.70
- Yard signs for fall book sale \$137.15

**Total Expenses:** **\$1,786.85**

**Balance 7/31/23** **\$7,469.81**

**August 16, 2023**

**Beginning Balance 7/31/23** **\$7,469.81**

- Membership renewal/dues \$100.00

**Total Income:** **\$100.00**

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- National & State dues \$111.00
- Monona High School Scholarship \$1,000.00
- LaFollette High School Scholarship  
(Kusuda Family) \$1,000.00
- AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund \$1,000.00
- AAUW National donation in memory  
of Mary Pringle \$25.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$3,136.00**

**Balance 8/16/23** **\$4,433.81**

**The proposed budget for the upcoming year is attached separately. Please look it over before the meeting so we can vote on it.**



## **BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sharon Knoop**

Thanks to all our members, their families, and friends for the donations to our book sale. We are going to have our book sale on **Saturday, Sept 16**, and **Sunday, Sept 17**, from 9-3 on both days at the Dean House porch. The bag sale for \$5 will be on Sunday 1-3.

Please remember to **deliver any books** you are storing **to the Dean House on:**

- o **Monday, Sept 11 from 11-3**
- o **Tuesday, Sept 12 from 9-2 (We do prefer Tuesday morning because we hope to be done sorting early Tuesday afternoon.)**

If you are **unable to deliver books yourself** due to health or transportation issues, please **contact Sharon Knoop 608-222-3946 if you live in Monona/East side** to make arrangements that week for one of them to pick your books up.

**And remember to bring your family, friends, and neighbors as well as yourself to pick up some great bargains to read!**

## **DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSIONS, Kleo Baruth Kritz**

The Beaver Dam branch of American Association of University Women is presenting a public program by Pardeep Kaleka, co-author of the book, *The Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate*, at the BDACT Fine Arts Center, 117 W. Maple Avenue, on Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 PM. In a discussion/moderator format, Kaleka will converse with well-known Beaver Dam area radio personality, journalist, and writer Craig Warmbold. This unique, inspiring program is offered to expand community discussion about the impact of hate, a conversation that was initiated last year with the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Oluo Ljeoma. The speaker program is supported by a grant from the Beaver Dam Area Community Foundation

*The Gift of Our Wounds* is a true story about how Kaleka, son of the Sikh leader who was murdered in one of the deadliest mass-murder hate crimes at the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, and Arno Michaelis, founder of one of the largest racist skinhead organizations in the world, breached a great divide to find brotherhood and love. In 2012, as an ongoing peaceful response to the Temple shooting, Kaleka and Michaelis founded Serv2Unite, an organization nationally recognized for bridging school and community groups. Kaleka's talk will explore the role of both communal and individual trauma and healing.

Pardeep Kaleka is a hate and violence prevention senior advisor and the co-director of "Not In Our Town," a de-radicalization and trauma specialist with Parents4Peace, assisting individuals offramp from violent ideologies. He serves as a lecturer on Peace Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and is an award-winning columnist with Milwaukee Independent, contributing articles on community mental health concerns.

Following Kaleka’s presentation, there will be an opportunity for audience questions and discussion.

[Tuesday Morning Booktalks: A benefit for Odyssey](#)

Fall 2023 “I belong in this place of words. This is my home. This dark, bone black inner cave where I am making a world for myself.”—bell hooks “The artist must elect to fight for Freedom or for Slavery. I have made my choice.”—Paul Robeson This fall we will explore the two short but powerful...

[odyssey.wisc.edu](http://odyssey.wisc.edu)

This fall we will explore the two short but powerful memoirs below:

**Tuesday, September 26th:** bell hooks’s *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood* (1996)

**Tuesday, October 24th:** Paul Robeson’s *Here I Stand* (1958)

**Discussions will be from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at 2300 S. Park St. (next to Lane’s Bakery), with free, accessible parking and light refreshments. Classes are offered free but as a benefit to the UW Odyssey Project, so please donate if you can.**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, May 23, 2023**

**7 p.m. Speaker:** “Regulatory Policymaking in the U.S. and Wisconsin” presented by Professor 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. Thanks to the hostesses: Gail Stirr, Sharon Knoop, Betty Schmidt, and Shiela Reaves  
Welcome: At 8:05 p.m. Kleo welcomed 20 members in person and two members on Zoom.

**Committee Updates:**

Minutes from April 25, 2023: Minutes were approved as printed in *May Scope*.

Finance Report, Gail Stirr: Please see *May Scope* newsletter for April’s full report. For today’s final meeting of the Branch season 2023-2024:

Beginning Balance 4/30/23 \$6,999.64

- Membership renewal/dues \$756.00
- Great Decisions donations \$10.00
- June Picnic, boxed lunch orders \$396.00

Total Income: \$1,162.00

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- National & State dues \$595.00
  - Odyssey Family Fund donation

Branch meetings held at Odyssey Center

(6 x \$45 per 2022-23 budget) \$270.00

Total Expenses: \$865.00

Balance 5/23/23 \$7,296.64

**Program, Donna Anderson:** Program for speakers 2023-2024 almost completed and will be finished by August.

**Membership, Lynn Christensen:** Dee Zimmerman is now an Honorary Life member, having been a for 50 years. National website for online membership renewal is easier this year. See May Scope for sending a check (\$100) to Gail Stirr.

**Ed Funds, Liz Senseman:** Lovely photos of two Monona High School winners were distributed by email and recipients have been invited to June 3 picnic. See May Scope newsletter for bios and thanks of three UW returning adult students who received scholarship money in award ceremony.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Mary Zupanc:** Please see Kleo's article in May Scope reporting on Judge Derek Mosley keynote speech, "Unconscious Bias" at AAUW 2023 State Convention.

**Fundraising, Jan Robertson:** Jan is taking suggestions for field trips next year.

**Newsletter, Sally Keyel:** Deadline for Scope articles is the first Wednesday of the month and for the Branch 2023-24 season, Sept. 6.

**Hospitality, Kleo:** During the meeting, members signed up for hostess duties at monthly meetings for next year at the UW Odyssey Center.

### **Old Business**

- June 3 Picnic, Gail Stirr: Over 30 have registered. Deadline is May 24 for boxed lunches.

- Lunch Book Bunch, Donna Anderson: Please call Donna if interested in attending.

Next time & place: Thurs, June 15 at 11:30, Culver's Patio, 2102 W Beltline.

- State Convention 2023, Kleo: Ten branch members attended and, overall, 90% of all attendees reported they would attend 2024 State Convention in Lake Geneva–Racine area. Keynote and Breakout Session speakers received mostly scores of 4's & 5's out of a 5-point scale. Additionally, Kleo recognized Barb Sorenson's excellent trifold panel for the convention that displayed Monona/Madison's activities in photos and text. As State Program VP, Kleo will again co-chair next year's State Convention planning.

### **New Business**

- 100th Anniversary, Kleo: Kleo displayed the State's Certificate of Honor for Madison's 100 years of service, now the Monona/Madison Branch, which was presented at the State Convention.



- Increasing Membership, Kleo: Kleo displayed the State's Certificate of Achievement for improving membership numbers from 2020 to 2022 despite Covid, which was presented at the State Convention.

- Holiday Luncheon Chair, Kleo: There are many volunteers for the first Saturday in December to handle the silent auction, live auction, and book sale, but a formal chair is needed to handle the food menu with Maple Bluff Country Club (such as ensuring a prime rib sandwich).

- Fall Book Sale at Dean House, Kleo and Sharon Knoop: **SAVE YOUR BOOKS!** Volunteers will pick up books if necessary — please call Sharon at 222-3946. Please put these dates on your calendar for volunteering:

Tues, Sept 12 & Wed, Sept 13 – Book Sorting

Sat Sept 16 – Book Sale from 9-3

Sun Sept 17 – Book Sale from 9-3 and Cleanup

- Next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 6 at 1 pm at Gail Stirr's home. Please Note: This has been changed from the Directory. All members are welcome to attend.

- AAUW Central States Regional Convention – October 19-21 at the Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch; 11 states are involved from Minnesota to Texas. Driving takes about five hours.

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

- Carnation Colors, Ribbons and Installation of New Branch Officers – Sue Richter:

- **RETIRING** officers. First, Sue recognized retiring officers: Kleo K.B. as Co-President with a blue carnation (blue symbolizing leadership, vision, wisdom); Val Murphy as Program Chair with a red carnation (creativity and innovation); and Mary Berg as Membership VP with a green carnation (growth & renewal).

- **CONTINUING** officers. Next, Sue recognized officers continuing their roles: Sally Keyel as Co-President with a blue carnation (leadership, vision, wisdom); Donna Anderson as Program VP with a red carnation (creativity and innovation); Lynn Christensen as Membership VP with a green carnation (growth & renewal); Gail Stirr as Finance Officer with a yellow carnation (honesty & accuracy); and Marian Ehrenberg & Shiela Reaves co-secretaries for correspondence and minutes with purple carnations (philanthropy and precision).

- **NEWLY ELECTED** officers. Pat Ruppert elected as new Co-President with a blue ribbon (leadership, vision, wisdom); Ellen Healey elected as new Program with VP with a red ribbon (creativity and innovation); and Kleo Baruth Kritz elected as Membership VP with a green ribbon (growth & renewal).

In turn, members stood to pledge help and support to officers by repeating after Sue:

“We believe in your ability / to perform the duties of your offices”

“We promise to support your efforts / and help you in all ways possible”

“We promise to work with you as a team / to accomplish the AAUW mission.”

Adjournment at: 8:35 p.m.

### **Important Dates:**

- Next Board meeting June 6 at Gail Stirr’s home: 1 p.m. All members welcome.
- Next August Board meeting at Sally Keyel’s home: Aug. 10 at 1 p.m. All members welcome.
- Next *Scope* deadline: Wed, Sept. 6
- AAUW Central States Regional Convention – October 19-21 in St. Louis, MO. Theme: “Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together!” At Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis by the Arch (downtown on the Mississippi River).

Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

### **CALENDAR**

- **Sep. 16 & 17 from 9-3: BOOK SALE**, Dean House
- **Sep. 20 at 7 pm:** Beaver Dam book discussion: *The Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate*, BDACT Fine Arts Center, 117 W. Maple Avenue, Beaver Dam
- **Sep. 20 at 7 pm: Evening Lit.** Host: Liz Senseman; Reviewer: Pat Ruppert; *Small Things Like These* and *Foster* by Claire Keegan
- **Sep. 23 at 6:30 pm: La Cuisine.** Mexican Dinner. Host, Sally Hestad; Co-hostesses: Val Murphy & Ann Huggett
- **September 26 at 10:30 am:** bell hooks’s *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood*, Community Room at 2300 S. Park St. (next to Lane’s Bakery)
- **Sep. 26 at 10:30 am: Book Discussion** at the Community Room at 2300 S. Park St.; *Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood* (1996)
- **Sep. 26: Potluck and General Meeting**, Odyssey Center, 2238 South Park St.
- **Sep. 28 at 9:30 am: Morning Lit.** Monona Public Library; Discussion Leader: Wanda Nelson. *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams.
- **Oct. 6 at 1 pm: Bridge.** St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona

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