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**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch
OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter**

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Program: “Make Live Theater Your Healthy Habit” presented by Jennifer Uphoff Gray. She is the artistic director of Forward Theater Company. Regionally, she has directed for Madison Rep, Milwaukee Shakespeare, and Four Seasons Theatre. She directed the National Tour of *Copenhagen*, and was Associate Director on Broadway of *Copenhagen*, *Cabaret*, *The Blue Room* (starring Nicole Kidman) and *The Life*. Jen grew up in the Madison area, holds a degree in Dramatic Literature & Stage History from Harvard College, and is the proud parent (alongside husband Peter) of Jamie, Seeger and Arden.



Hostesses: Barb Sorensen, Lynn Christensen, Gail Steinhorst, Robby Sonzogni

Location: Odyssey Center, 2238 South Park St, room 22, in the UW South Madison Partnership Building behind the Goodman Library. The parking spaces right in front of the Odyssey Center labeled 30 minutes or an hour have no restrictions after 5 pm so you can park there.

Meetings will be in person as well as on Zoom. Please let Kleo know if you want the Zoom option so she has an idea how many of you there will be. Due to the equipment at the Odyssey Center, there will one change. In the past you could come in early without Kleo, the host, and just visit. She now needs to use a waiting room for our general meetings. When you open your zoom invite, you will see a message that the host will soon let you in. Kleo would appreciate you signing in by 6:45 and plans to let

people in 6:45-6:50. The speaker will start precisely at 7 and she hopes to have everyone admitted who is coming. You can sign in at 6:30 for that matter and then just do other chores around the house but you will see the message “The host will admit you” so you can relax and know everything is working. Kleo’s cell phone is 765-469-1936 if you need to call her for any reason the night of the meeting.

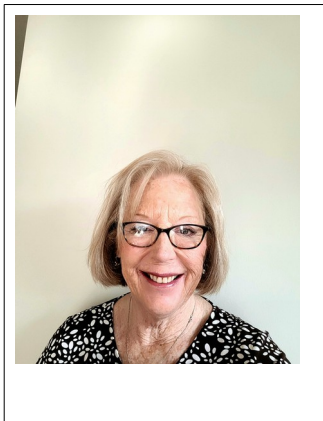
PRESIDENTS’ CORNER, Sally Keyel & Pat Ruppert

As the days grow shorter and cooler, our branch is gearing up for action. So many events happening, including excellent programs, helping Odyssey out with meals, getting ready for the December luncheon with the silent and live auctions, and new members joining! The Kenosha branch has invited ours to share in their program on Native Americans (see below). The book sale was a great success. Thanks to all for their hard work, especially to Kleo and Sharon for arranging and facilitating it. Happy Autumn!



MEMBERSHIP, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Lynn Christensen

Susan Slattery: I am a graduate of St Mary’s School of Nursing. I completed my Bachelor’s degree in 1987 and my Master’s in Nursing in 1994. I specialized in Women’s Health and am a Women’s Health NP. I returned to school at Marquette University to become a Nurse Midwife and practiced for 17 years. I went back to school to complete a Family NP post Master’s certification in 2015 from University of Massachusetts. I am married, have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren.



Jennifer Ondrejka: AAUW gave me a scholarship over 50 years ago. Consuelo Lopez helped me come full circle when she invited me to a meeting of this chapter. I’m happy to repay my “debt” by working with you to help others get scholarships.

I grew up in the Milwaukee area and moved to Madison where I received a BA in Philosophy and an MA in Rehabilitation Psychology. My internship took me to Rhode Island, where I stayed for 13 years working in advocacy for people with disabilities. At the same time, I was part of a group of actors and

directors who founded a theatre company to produce original plays. Since returning to Wisconsin, I continued in disability advocacy, finishing my career as Executive Director of the State Board on Developmental Disabilities.

Since retirement, I have been traveling the world with my husband Tom Rudy, a retired professor of Pharmacy. When we’re in Wisconsin, I love gardening, reading, theatre, and working with our neighborhood association on prairie restoration and other community improvement projects.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Robby Sonzogni
SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, December 2, 2023

We will convene at the Maple Bluff Country Club at 11:00 am to shop at our silent auction, browse the used book selection, enjoy a glass of wine and time together before our luncheon at noon. Now is a good time to search your household for items you would like to donate to the auction. You might also want to think about creating a gift basket to auction off after our meal. Our auctioneer is eager to drive up the bids, so we can add funds for scholarships.

Menu options and price will be available at our October meeting.



FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr
September 30, 2023

Beginning Balance 8/31/23 **\$4,493.81**

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| 1. Membership renewal/dues | \$200.00 |
| 2. Book Sale income | \$2,934.00 |
| 3. Deposit of cash debited from bank account, used for book sale | \$100.00 |
| 4. Dean House rental donation | \$150.00 |
| 5. Odyssey Meals donations | \$240.00 |
| 6. Fall Potluck Supper (to scholarships) | \$60.00 |
| 7. La Cuisine donations (to scholarships) | \$45.00 |
| 8. Lit Group donations (to scholarships) | \$120.00 |
| 9. Bridge donations (to scholarships) | <u>\$54.00</u> |

Total Income: **\$3,903.00**

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| 1. National, State & Branch dues | \$100.00 (new member) |
| 2. Cash for book sale cash box above) | \$100.00 (repaid by deposit shown |
| 3. Dean House rental (covered by donation) | \$150.00 |
| 4. Insty-Prints, Directory printing | <u>\$166.16</u> |

Total Expenses: **\$516.16**

Balance 9/30/23 **\$7,880.65**

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 passed around an envelope for donations at the September meeting and will do so again at the October meeting. 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.

BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Sharon Knoop

AND THE FINAL TOTAL FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS IS \$2938!!! We made \$2238 on Saturday and \$696 on Sunday. We earned almost enough for three scholarships!

We could not have done it without our members who donated books, sorted books, sold books, and bought books. Special recognition must be given to the women who volunteered for the sale, some showing up on Monday to move tables and unpack boxes, some spending long hours sorting boxes after boxes after boxes on Tuesday, some selling books, and some doing the cleanup at end of day Sunday. These women must be acknowledged for all the hard work—and it was hard work with those heavy boxes—they did: Donna Anderson, Linda Bergren, Lynn Celley, Linda Christensen, Debbie Mahaffey, Mary Michor, Val Murphy, Sue Richter, Jan Robertson, Pat Ruppert, Liz Senseman, Lise Skofronick, Robbi Sonzogni, Barb Sorensen, Georgia Stilp, Dianne Taris (and her husband Bill Taris), Gail Stirr, Linda Voss, and Carrie Wurz.

Without great publicity, it wouldn't matter how many books we sorted, so a special shout-out has to go to Mary Boyd and Pat Ruppert for all the yard signs (one guy said he "was seeing signs all week") and flyers distributed throughout the community. Special thanks to Wanda Nelson, who designed the sunny yellow posters. When people were asked how they became aware of the sale, we kept hearing people saying over and over it was because of the yard signs and posters everywhere!!!

Heads Up, Sally Keyel

Just to let you know, I'll be having an Open House to sell my jewelry and my son's nature photography on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th from 11 to 5. 20% of the sales to AAUW members will be donated to the branch. Nice time to do some Christmas shopping, or just getting out! Bring your friends!



MILESTONES October Birthdays: 1st Stephanie Sorensen, 23rd Dee Zimmerman, 30th Ellie Beck, 31st Ellen Healey



GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP, Mary Boyd

Great Decisions is a world affairs discussion program of the Foreign Policy Association located in New York City. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book (on our own). When the group meets for a specific topic, we first watch a lecture presented on a DVD and then discuss the topic selected for the meeting. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes and usually start at 1:30 p.m. Our group typically meets every two weeks starting this year – February 5th (8 sessions). We usually meet at a library based on group membership and availability of space.

The eight topics for 2024 are listed as: 1. Mideast Realignment; 2. Climate Technology and Competition; 3. Science Across Borders; 4. U.S.—China Trade Rivalry; 5. NATO's Future; 6. Understanding Indonesia; 7. High Seas Treaty; 8. Pandemic Preparedness (More information is available on the website: www.fpa.org/greatdecisions)

Cost varies based on number of participants, shipping charges and book and DVD costs. I anticipate it will be **about \$35** this year which includes a discount if we order a minimum of 10 books by October 25th. Payment is due when the books arrive sometime in late December or early January.

If interested, contact Mary Boyd (boydma2322@sbcglobal.net) or (608-222-7673) by October 20th. We welcome new members.

INVITATION FROM KENOSHA BRANCH:

October 18 at 4 p.m.: David Grignon, Tribal History Preservation Officer, “From Keshena to Kenosha: The Menominee Tribe in Wisconsin,” co-sponsored by the KPL and KPM, at Kenosha Public Library, Southwest Branch

AAUW Kenosha, in conjunction with the Kenosha Public Museum and the Kenosha Southwest Library invite you to join us at our October program- Keshena to Kenosha! Join David Grignon, Menominee Tribal Director of Historic Preservation, as he speaks on the past, present, and future of the tribe, as a First Nation whose ancestral home has always been within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin. The Menominee tribe is among the few tribes in Wisconsin whose origin stories, burial and other sites have placed them in the area now known as the state of Wisconsin, and parts of the States of Michigan and Illinois, for 10,000 years.

The Menominee Historic Preservation Department was created by the Menominee Tribal Legislature in 1991 to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Menominee people, particularly to preserve the Menominee language which is sacred to the Menominee people. In 1999, the Historic Preservation Department received the unique status as an official designation as Tribal Historic Preservation Office from the National Park Service enabling the Menominee Tribe to protect its cultural resources.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 26, 2023

7 p.m. “Tech Savvy Programs” presented by Carole Salinas on the development of AAUW Tech Savvy programs to encourage middle school girls to pursue STEM programs and an overview of what Janesville/Fort Atkinson AAUW has done the past years with their Tech Savvy at UW-Whitewater.

Thanks to hostesses: Lynn Celley, Sue Richter, and Carrie Wurz. Potluck meeting: Members A-M brought dinner salads or main dishes to share.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests and New Members: Sally Keyel called the meeting to order with 21 members in person and 4 members on Zoom. Stephanie Sorensen introduced her guest Susan Lebergen. Sally introduced the four of the six new members who were present: Linda Bergren, Kenia Servin, Susan Slattery, and Mary Michor.

Minutes from May 24, 2023: Approved as printed in September newsletter.

Finance Report, Gail Stirr: Gail reported \$7,585.65 in banking account and a detailed report will be in the October minutes.

Programs, Donna Anderson and Ellen Healey: Programs are arranged for the year.

Membership: Lynn Christensen and Kleo Baruth Kritz: Kleo stated we have 69 members including six new ones with four of them at the meeting. Directories have all been sent out.

Public Policy, Debbie Mahaffey: Debbie encouraged us to think about the possibility of coordinating with the League of Women voters to do voter registration.

EF, Liz Senseman: No report.

STEM, Donna Anderson: Donna will keep in touch with Janesville branch for volunteer opportunities at their Tech Savvy in the spring.

DEI, Kleo and Mary Zupanc, Kleo said she and Mary Michor went to the AAUW Beaver Dam event last week to hear “A Conversation with Pardeep Kaleka”, co-author of *Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate.* Many of you may remember the event in 2012 at Oak Creek when a white supremacist murdered 7 people at a Sikh Temple near Milwaukee. The book was written in alternating chapters by Pardeep and Arno Michaelis, and it is worth reading. Beaver Dam recorded the presentation and Kleo will send out the video this week.

Fundraising, Val Murphy: No report.

Publicity, Pat Ruppert and Mary Boyd: No report.

Newsletter: Sally Keyel: *Scope* articles due next week by Wednesday.

Odyssey Meals, Mary Michor: Kleo thanked Eli Beck for all her hard work over the years in doing the Odyssey meal and welcomed Mary Michor to the position. Meal will be Tuesday, November 7. An envelope was passed around for donations at the meeting and will be passed around again at the October meeting.

Web Editor, Gail Stirr: Gail would like to find a new web editor.

University Relations, Bobbi White: No report

Book Sale, Kleo and Sharon Knoop: Kleo thanked the members for making the sale successful. We made \$2,934, almost enough for three scholarships, and 217 people attended (not including children).

Old Business: Sue Richter reported that Marian Ehrenberg, our corresponding secretary who sends out cards to members when needed, has had a serious fall and is now home. Sue encouraged us to send cards to her.

New Business:

- Gail presented the details of 2023-24 Budget, which has been approved by the board. Kleo moved and Carrie seconded that the budget be approved. The budget was approved unanimously.
- Donna encouraged people to donate money to the AAUW Monona/Madison Scholarship for Excellence so it will become fully endowed. Kleo pointed out all the information is in back of the directory if want to make a donation.

Important Dates:

- Next board meeting Thursday, October 12, at 1:30 P.M. at the home of Donna Anderson
- Next general meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2023 and the speaker will be Jennifer Uphoff Gray from Forward Theater Company.
- AAUW Regional Convention is October 19-21 at Drury Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, and 11 states are involved.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Anderson, Substitute Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Oct. 6 at 1 p.m.: Bridge:** Place: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Oct. 10: Film Group**
- **Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.: Board meeting at Donna Anderson's**
- **Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.: Evening Literature:** Host, Robby Sonzogni; Reviewer, Ellen Healey; *Tailspin* by John Armbruster
- **Oct. 26 at 9:30 a.m: Morning Literature:** Monona Public Library; Discussion leader: Linda Voss. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Barmus
- **Oct. 24 at 6:30:** General Meeting

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