

SCOPE



**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch
November/December 2023 Newsletter**

Tuesday, November 28

6:30 p.m.: Social Time

7 p.m Program: “Unite Against Book Bans: Standing Together in the Fight Against Censorship Habit” presented by Kristina Gomez, M.A., Library and Information Studies, Community Engagement Librarian, Madison Public Library, Intellectual Freedom Chair, Wisconsin Library Association.



**Hostesses: Carrie Wurz, Linda Voss, Suzanne Poggio,
Wanda Nelson**

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. 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.

Saturday, December 3: Holiday Luncheon with Silent Auction, Live Auction and mini Book Sale

Maple Bluff Country Club

11:15 Auction & Book Sale begin

12:00 Luncheon (see menu below)

Speakers: Monona/Madison Nominees to NCCWSL

Hostesses:



PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Pat Ruppert

So many activities coming up! Please bring something for the Silent Auction, and be ready to buy some nice gifts. There will be the book sale and the live auction as well! It'll be nice to hear from the NCCWSL attendees too. The deadline to send your check to Robby (made out to Monona/Madison AAUW) is Nov. 22, so BEFORE our next meeting. Maple Bluff is such a lovely location too.

Now that October has ended, Thanksgiving and Christmas come quickly! In all our busy-ness, please think about ideas for fundraising trips and let Val Murphy and Jan Robertson know. We want to do all we can to meet our scholarship goals. Happy Holidays!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Robby Sonzogni

December 2, 2023

Maple Bluff Country Club

New French Luncheon Menu:

Salad: Red Wine Poached Pears, Chevre, Toasted Walnuts, Greens, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree: Confit Chicken Pithivier Chicken thigh, flakey crust, roasted seasonal vegetables chicken veloute (Pithivier is the French village where this first became popular)

Dessert: Tarte au Citron. Lemon curd, crumb crust, seasonal farmers market fruit, Chantilly cream)

The vegetarian version will use roasted fall vegetables instead of chicken.

Price \$25.00

Reservations needed by November 22 and must be paid by November 22. You can email your name and menu choice to sonzognirobby@gmail.com

Checks should be made out to Monona/Madison AAUW and mailed to:

Robby Sonzogni
9510 Wild Prairie Trail
Verona, WI 53593

Donations needed for the Silent Auction! Please bring homemade, gently used, specialty food items and any services you'd like to offer! There will be a live auction too, so we need people to donate baskets. They're usually themed. The more, the better!



FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

October 31, 2023

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

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| 1. La Cuisine donations (to scholarships) | \$105.00 |
| 2. Lit Group donations (to scholarships) | \$100.00 |
| 3. Scholarship donation | \$15.80 |
| 4. Bridge donations (to scholarships) | \$40.00 |
| 5. Odyssey Meal donations | \$120.00 |
| 6. Unrestricted donation | \$80.00 |
| 7. Branch dues (repaid from National) | \$30.00 |
| 8. Holiday Luncheon | <u>\$350.00</u> |
| Total Income: | \$840.80 |

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| • National, State & Branch dues | \$100.00 (new member) |
| • 100 th Anniversary Cake (June picnic) | \$24.99 |
| • <i>Doyenne</i> donation | <u>\$250.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | \$374.99 |

Balance 10/31/23 **\$8,346.46**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

What happens when we place a phone call to a member and the phone has been disconnected? Or a person who normally responds to email suddenly stops? This was the issue brought up at our October meeting. While in some cases, we know a friend whom we can call to find out what is happening, in other cases it is very difficult to track down a friend or family member. And when an emergency happens with an accident or hospitalization, the family has too many other issues to deal with, and contacting us is not a priority, if they even think of it.

We are proposing an Emergency Contact List, which will NOT be published in the directory, but will be kept by several officers (president, membership VP) in case this situation arises. In the next few weeks Kleo will send out an email asking you to list an emergency contact: name, relationship (friend, son, daughter, or other family member), phone, and email. We will keep this confidential.

It will be your responsibility to update or reconfirm this information yearly. We value all of you and want to keep in contact with each one of you.

WOMEN'S HISTORY, Bobbi White

Coco Chanel, August 19, 1883 - January 10, 1971

Coco Chanel was born Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel in Sammur, France. While she eventually was to become synonymous with glamour, her early years of poverty were anything but that. After her mother's death, her father, who worked as a peddler, put her in an orphanage. She was raised by nuns, and it was there that she learned to sew, a skill that would change the course of her life.



Chanel worked for a few years singing cabaret where she gained her nickname "Coco", but her fashion career began in Paris in 1910 on Paris's Rue Cambon, the location of her first shop, selling hats, and financed by her latest in a string of wealthy lovers, Boy Capel. She soon expanded her business with other locations and began making clothes. Chanel's designs, in contrast to the stifling corset style prevalent at the time, stressed simplicity and comfort. It revolutionized the fashion industry.

Through the 1920s Chanel took her already thriving business to new heights with the launch of her signature scent, Chanel No. 5, the first time a perfume had ever featured the name of its creator. Then in 1925, inspired by menswear, she introduced her now legendary suit for women, consisting of a collarless jacket and a fitted skirt. Next came the chic and sophisticated little black dress -- staple party wear even today!

The economic depression of the 1930s slowed down her commercial endeavors, but it was the outbreak of World War II that forced Chanel to close down her business. During the German occupation of France, she courted controversy through her involvement with German military officer, Hans Gunther von Dincklage. Although not officially charged as a collaborator, many believed her to have betrayed her country. As a result, Chanel spent several years in Switzerland. Yet, at the age of 70 Coco Chanel made a triumphant return to the fashion world where she once again wowed the public with her styles of sophisticated simplicity.

MILESTONES

November Birthdays: Faith How, 10; Suzanne Poggio, 10; Ann Huggett, 15; Marian Ehrenberg, 16; Liz Senseman, 19; Carrie Wurz, 24; Sally Lee, 27. **December:** Mary Murrell, 7; Mary Boyd, 8; Mary Berg, 12; Pat Ruppert, 13; Wendy Way, 13; Beverly Davison, 15.



AAUW STATE CONVENTION, Kleo Baruth Kritz



The Event: AAUW WI STATE CONVENTION 2024

The Hosts: District 3 (Geneva Lake, Kenosha, and Racine)

The Theme: AAUW: Architects of Our Future

The Place: Delta Hotel by Marriott Racine on edge of Mt. Pleasant

The Plan: Put on your calendar now!

The When: April 26-27, 2024

FILM GROUP, Georgia Stilp

The film group will be meeting the 2nd **Tuesday** of the month, which is the “cheap” day of the week for movies. The only theaters that still are in business are AMC Fitchburg on McKee Road and Marcus Point Cinema just off Mineral Point Road. All the rest we used to go to have closed. Six of us went to see *Barbie* in October, and I will select the movie on the Friday before our Tuesday date, which is when the schedule for next week is announced. Right now we are sending email announcement out to entire group, but I am putting together a list of the people who want to be notified each month. Please email me stilpgeorgia@gmail.com if you want monthly notifications for what film we are seeing.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, October 24, 2023

- **7 p.m. Talk:** “Make Live Theater Your Healthy Habit” presented by Jennifer Uphoff Gray, artistic director of Forward Theater Company of Madison. Regionally, she has also directed for Madison Rep, Milwaukee Shakespeare, and Four Seasons Theatre.
- **Thanks to the hostesses:** Barb Sorensen, Lynn Christensen, Gail Steinhorst, Robby Sonzogni

- **Welcome to Members: Sally Keyel** welcomed 17 members in person and six on Zoom.
- **Minutes** of meeting Sept. 26, 2023, as printed in newsletter were approved as printed in October *Scope*.

Committee Updates

- **Finance Report: Gail Stirr.** *Please note: see next issue of Scope for itemized report by Gail.*

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| Beginning Balance 9/30/23 | \$7,880.65 |
| Total Income/donations: | \$240.80 |
| Total Expenses: | \$374.99 |
| Balance 10/24/23 | \$7,746.46 |

- **Program: Val Murphy and Donna Anderson.** Programs are completed for this year.
- **Membership: Lynn Christensen and Kleo Baruth Kritz.** Total of 69 members. Kleo said they are implementing new actions such as doing write-ups in *Scope* to welcome new members and are also assigning a mentor for each new member.
- **STEM: Donna Anderson.** Janeville has their Tech Savvy program scheduled for March 2024 and we will try to work with them.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Kleo BK and Mary Zupanc.** Kleo said there were many inspiring ideas from Regional Convention and will share soon.
- **Fundraising:** Jan Robertson reported the MATC luncheon was very popular last year and is being looked into. An APT tour did not get enough interest. Jan also mentioned an Edgewater Hotel tour that she had taken that she had enjoyed. Sally Keyel mentioned touring Tandem Press in Madison.
- **Holiday Luncheon: Robby Sonzogni.** Holiday Luncheon is on Dec. 2 at Maple Bluff Country Club and has a reservation deadline of Nov. 22. Please see October *Scope* for details. **Kleo BK** reminded everyone there will be a live basket auction so please think of donating a basket as well as a silent auction that will need item. Sharon and Kleo have several boxes for a book sale, too.
- **Newsletter: Sally Keyel.** Deadline for *Scope*: Wed., Nov. 1

- **Odyssey Meals: Mary Michor.** Odyssey meal is scheduled for Nov. 7 and estimated for 50 people. A collection was taken at both September and October meetings.

New Business

- **Approve Strategic Plan, Kleo BK.** Copies available at meeting. Kleo said the plan was updated to include items such as two scholarships for \$500 each for Odyssey, Fund for Excellence being a partially endowed fund, and a new \$1,000 scholarship for NCCWSL. Kleo BK said the plan would be good for the next three years from 2023-2026. **Motion by Mary Boyd to approve Strategic Plan with 2nd from Sue Richter.** Motion approved.
- **Regional Convention Update, Kleo BK.** St. Louis theme Oct 19-23 was “Reaching New Heights Together” for AAUW Regional with membership from 11 midwestern states and with 156 members attending. Missouri did a wonderful job planning 25 speakers with lots of choices, including offering tasty traditional Missouri food. This year National will revisit the bylaws and the 4-year college degree requirement.
- **Emergency Contact Information, Sally K, Kleo BK.** In case of personal emergencies are branch members comfortable giving a personal phone number to branch officers for contact? Personal emergency numbers will not be made public, such as the Directory. Instead, a personal phone number allows officers to call and ask, “Is everything OK?” An email will be sent to give members the opportunity to share an emergency contact number. More explanations will be published in next *Scope*.

Study Groups Updates

- **Film Group, Georgia Stilp:** Film will meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month with six enthusiastic members attending the first meeting.
- **Great Decisions Discussion Group, Mary B:** Will begin Monday Feb. 2, 2024 for 8 sessions (every two weeks) at 1:30 p.m., usually held at local libraries. New members are welcome. Great Decisions is for those especially interested in world affairs and discussing articles. See October *Scope* for further details.
- **Bridge, Sally K:** Next meeting is Nov. 3 at St. Stephens at 1 p.m. in Monona. Sally will send out a reminder email.

Important Dates

- **Next meeting is November 28, 2023** with talk “Unite Against Book Bans” presented by Kristina Gomez.
- **Adjournment** at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shiela Reaves, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR

- **Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge: St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Nov. 14:** Film Group
- **Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.: Evening Lit Group:** Host: Ellen Healey; Reviewer: Robby Sonzogni; *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- **Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.: General Program, in person and on zoom**
- **Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge: St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Dec. 2 at 11:15 a.m.: Holiday Luncheon, Maple Bluff Country Club. Silent Auction, Book sale & Live Auction Basket Sale**
- **Dec. 7 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Lit Group:** Monona Public Library. Discussion Leader: Marion Ehrenberg; *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri
- **Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.: La Cuisine: Peruvian** Host: Suzanne Poggio; Co-hostesses: Liz Senseman & Donna Anderson

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Pictures from the Regional Convention in St. Louis:
The 8 Wisconsin delegates to Regional Convention.



HERStory with Barbie, Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

