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Monona/Madison Branch
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May 2024



**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

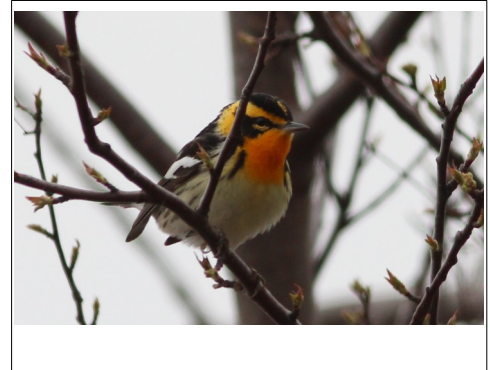
TUESDAY, MAY 28

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Program: “The Wonder of Bird Migration” presented by Mary Murrell, Ph.D, Anthropology, a Branch member and writer of the award winning Monona Bird Report on Monona community radio 98.7 FM, The Voice of Monona.

Hostesses: Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Donna Anderson, Tiffany Butzbaugh

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.



PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Sally Keyel & Pat Ruppert

The tulips are so cheerful and the flowering trees so lovely. We had a really nice time at the State Convention last weekend, and there are several pictures at the end of the newsletter. Thanks to Kleo for all her hard work as Convention Chair!

Come join us at our May meeting as we learn about migrating birds and install next year's officers. Kudos to those who said 'yes'! Our branch can't function without willing people to lead us. Remember to sign up for the June picnic too. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer season.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr

April 30, 2024

Beginning Balance 3/31/24 **\$7,870.56**

- Membership \$100.00
- Branch membership (via National) \$30.00
- June picnic, boxed lunch orders \$264.00
- Great Decisions donations \$45.00
- Bridge donations \$6.00
- Madison College Lunch & fundraising \$579.44*
- *Art in Bloom* Trip & fundraising \$302.75*
- Spring Salad Supper donations \$150.00

Total Income: **\$1,477.19**

- o NCCWSL Student Registration \$565.00
- o Fund for Excellence donation \$2,000.00
- o *Art in Bloom* tickets \$197.75
- o (reimburse V. Murphy)
- o April 11th Madison College lunch \$369.25
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- o Membership (National, State) \$85.00
- o Friends of Odyssey Family Fund \$270.00 (6 meetings x \$45 per 2023-24 budget)
(Branch meeting space donation)

Total Expenses: **\$3,487.00**

Balance 4/30/24 **\$5,860.75**

*Funds raised via April 11th Madison College Lunch: \$210.19

*Funds raised via *Art in Bloom* trip (Milwaukee Art Museum): \$105.00

STUDY GROUP REMINDER, Donna Anderson

Our first of the Summer LUNCH BOOK BUNCH will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 11:30 AM. At Culver's off the beltline 2102 W. Beltline Hwy

All welcome. Casual conversation. Good eats. Meet you all there.

MILESTONES

So sad to hear that Dorothy Haines passed away on April 22. She died peacefully in her sleep on Earth Day. A memorial service will be held at the Dean House on Wednesday, May 15 from 11 to 1.

May: 2 Tiffany Butzbaugh, 8 Val Murphy, 8 Gloria Simley, 9 Sophie Lindsay, 18 Sharon Knoop

June: 4 Sue Richter, 6 Susan Slattery, 19 Georgia Stilp, 26 Donna Anderson

July: 3 Jan Robertson, 7 Marilyn Dam-Rabolt, 13 Ann Wenzel, 14 Reta Haring, 17 Wanda Nelson, 27 Betty Schmidt, 30 Linda Bergren

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

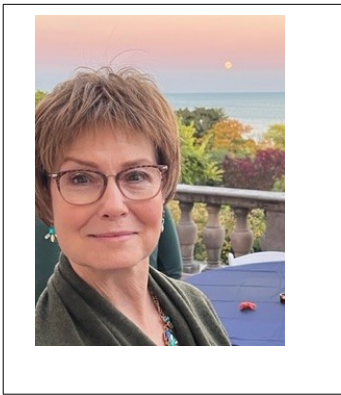
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MEMBERSHIP, Lynn Christensen & Kleo Baruth Kritz

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER: BRENDA SMYTH

Hello Monona/Madison AAUW,



Thank you for your warm welcome at the March meeting.

I grew up on a farm in Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Home Economics and Journalism.

Early in our marriage my husband and I lived in Madison while he completed a post doc at UW. After that we moved to the East Coast and lived for many years in southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. We returned to Madison in September 2022 and live on the southwest side near Verona.

I am retired from corporate personnel work and enjoy travel, reading, sewing, cooking, and gardening. When I lived in Pennsylvania I took many horticulture classes at Longwood Gardens, and I was a Penn State Master Gardener. I now garden at our lake home in Northern Minnesota and I volunteer for our condo's Landscape Committee.

We're very happy to be back in Madison. I look forward to getting to know all of you.
Brenda Smyth

A NEW ADVENTURE FOR YOU WITH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, Lynn Christensen and Kleo Baruth Kritz

Spring is here and so is membership renewal time! Now some of you have never done online renewal because it has been too difficult and we agree that was originally true with the new AAUW website. It is super easy this year so why not give it a try? Challenge yourself!

You got an AAUW National email this past Saturday. And here is the live link you need:

To renew now, click, [HERE](#) to enter and confirm a new password and access your **Personal Snapshot**.

- First put in a new password and confirm it if you have never done this before. This link takes you right to the correct spot. (Everyone will need to change their password.)
- Need to put in your address, phone number, email, and degrees earned. (If you have done this before, just scroll through check to make sure everything is correct.)
- Then hit RED RENEW button at bottom
- Need to renew National dues. (**\$72 and entire amount is tax-deductible.**)
- Scroll through all the Branches listed and select your branch. (Wisconsin is at the bottom of the list.) (\$15)
- You need to confirm Wisconsin State dues (\$13)
- Then, you can pay via credit card, which will be \$100.
- If you want a receipt for tax purposes, please hit print key.

- It's really easy and will give you an opportunity to exercise your brain cells plus make it easier for Gail Stirr. So give it a try and you may surprise yourself.

If you are, however, not computer savvy, you can still make out a check for \$100 to Monona/Madison and mail it to Gail Stirr, 7510 Red Fox Trail, Madison, WI 53517, who will register you online.

We want all of you to renew and stay in our branch! As of Tuesday we congratulate the ten members who have already renewed online. Remember Lynn and Kleo will be calling you in a couple weeks to remind you to renew or we will send out our attack cats.....

SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman

Scholarship News

Last month we profiled the recipients of our Odyssey awards. This month we will highlight the adult students who received awards at the recent UW Outstanding Adult Students Reception.

We award a \$2000.00 scholarship to **an undergraduate single parent** from our **Fund for Excellence**. We have been giving this scholarship since 1993, and this year the award went to **Skye Moss**. She is a BSW student at the UW, and plans to earn her Masters in Social work. She is a first time mom, having had her son just this past January.



In addition we had 3 recipients of the OURAS awards. These awards are for **Outstanding Undergraduate Returning Adult Students** and we contribute to these awards through our **Swenson Rosenberry** fund.

Our three winners were:

Dora Aranda who is a mother of 3, and who is majoring in biochemistry. She has overcome many challenges, including a TBI resulting from a traffic accident, family struggles, pandemic, and financial issues.

Our next recipient was **Norman Canestorp**, who was laid off from his telecommunications job in 2018. After

a 15 year break from attending school he entered the **Badger Ready** program at UW, and was then admitted as a student to UW. He hopes to be able to pursue his Masters in Speech Pathology, and volunteers much of his time to GiGis Playhouse, a local Down Syndrome achievement center.



Our final recipient of the OURAS award went to **Jennifer Halvorson**.

She dropped out of college at age 19, and after several years of maneuvering through addiction issues with her partner she entered the surgical technology program at MATC. After working successfully for several years at Reedsburg Area Medical Center, she decided to pursue her nursing degree at UW. Jennifer is shown here with our Co-President, Pat Ruppert.



STATE CONVENTION TIDBITS, Debbie Mahaffey

Recap of 2024 AAUW State Convention: Architects of Our Future. Monona/Madison Branch had great participation from our members including: Donna Anderson, Linda Bergren, Ellen Healey, Sally Keyel, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Consuelo Lopez, Deborah Mahaffey, Val Murphy, Susan Slattery, Georgia Stilp, and Gail Stirr. Racine Mayor Cory Mason welcomed Convention attendees, followed by the beautiful and talented Miss Kenosha Willow Newell who sang "A Change in Me" from Broadway *Beauty and the Beast*. Melissa LaDuke, Chair of National AAUW Inclusion and Equity Committee, and Meghan Kissell, National AAUW Senior Director of Policy



and Membership, delivered keynote addresses and spent the 2 days visiting with Wisconsin members. Pardeep Singh Kaleka, author of *The Gift of Our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate*, was also a Friday evening keynote speaker who delivered a moving message titled "Healing in the Aftermath of Hate." The conference also included several breakout sessions in a range of topics.

The basket auction offered a wide variety of amazing gift baskets for the silent auction! The auction earned \$6200 for Greatest Needs Fund which included a \$3000 check from the Milwaukee branch. Several of our Branch members were the successful bidders.

State Convention marks the culmination of the year for Board members and officers who have completed their terms and installation of 2024-25 officers. Our Branch members are well represented in State leadership roles with Kleo Baruth Kritz, State Program VP co-chair for Convention 2024, continuing to organize the Convention 2025 in the La Crosse area. Consuelo Lopez, will serve as District 1 Coordinator working with the branches in our District: Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville and M/M; and Susan Slattery, will be a member of the State Nominating committee to find candidates for State Officer positions next year. (Thank you and congratulations!)

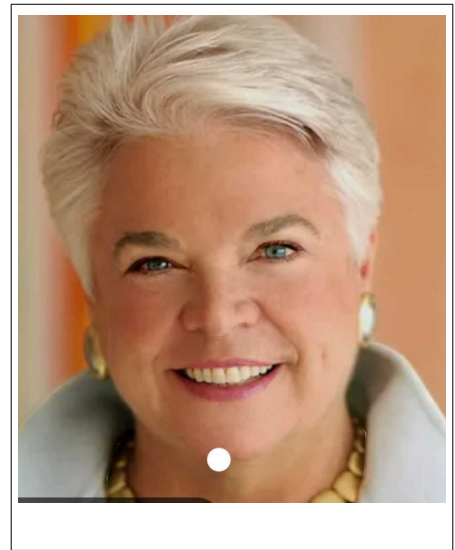
WOMEN’S HISTORY, Susan Slattery

Pleasant Rowland was born on March 8, 1941 in Chicago and grew up in a northern suburb of Chicago. She was the oldest of 3 sisters and a brother.

After graduating from Wells College in 1962, Rowland began teaching second grade students in Massachusetts and continued her work as a schoolteacher in several states from 1962-1968. She also worked as an on air reporter and anchor for KGO-TV the San Francisco ABC affiliate from 1968-1971.

While on assignment, Rowland met a rep from Boston Education Research and became involved in writing and publishing children’s textbooks from 1971-1978. She created

comprehensive language arts programs called “Beginning to Read, Write, and Listen”. Rowland met her husband, W. Jerome, “Jerry” Frautschi in Madison in 1976 while attending a press check on the first printing of her language-arts program at Webcrafters, a family owned printing firm. They became business partners and were married in May 1977.



In 1986, Rowland founded the Pleasant Company to manufacture American Girl Dolls. The American Girl product line aimed to teach aspects of American history through a 6-book series from the perspective of a girl living in that period. Her company would go on to produce dolls, books, and accessories incorporating imagination, play, and history. Rowland was inspired to create the American Girl Doll collection during a visit to Colonial Williamsburg in 1984.

In the first 2 years of Pleasant company, sales grew from \$1.7 million to \$7.6 million worth of products. Despite the fact that Rowland was diagnosed with Breast cancer, she never missed a day of work and credits the Pleasant Company for saving her. The company continued to be highly successful and in 1991 she launched the historical doll series and novels describing their lives in the accompanying novels. The company began producing the American Girl magazine in 1992 and the first American Girl retail store opened in Chicago in 1998. In the summer of 1998, Rowland sold Pleasant Company to Mattel Inc. for \$700 million. Rowland and her husband W. Jerome Frautschi are major philanthropists in Madison.

They started the Overture Foundation in 1996 the set out to help develop an arts district in Madison. Rowland and her husband gave multiple gifts totaling \$205 million to cover the building costs for the Overture Center for the Arts and art gallery in 2004. Rowland said, “ The arts are for everybody, it is the one way of bridging all the gaps, the voids, and the tensions in a community.”

In 2019, Rowland pledged \$20 million to build the Madison Youth Arts Center. It opened in 2021 and now provides a space for performing and visual youth art groups. Following that, in 2021, Rowland donated \$10 million toward the construction of a new transplant clinic at UW Hospital. She received a kidney transplant at the hospital in 2012. It was her gift to others who face the same challenges she did and to the world class transplant team at University Hospital.

Rowland also donated \$1 million in 2021 for Madison’s Black Business Hub. She wrote in a press statement, “I am inspired by the Urban League’s vision and pleased that our investment can help bring that vision to life.”

Pleasant Rowland is an American educator, reporter, writer, entrepreneur, and a generous philanthropist who has made Madison, Wisconsin an even more amazing place to live!

References and excerpts were from Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia.

Susan Slattery, Member of the Monona-Madison Chapter of AAUW and a huge collector and fan of the American Girl doll company.

JUNE PICNIC, Gail Stirr

Monona/Madison AAUW Spring Picnic Saturday, June 1st, 2024 – 11:30am – 2:00pm

Tower Hill Park Shelter, 5610 Cheryl Drive, Fitchburg 53711

<https://fitchburgwi.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Tower-Hill-Park-11>

Join fellow members & guests as we gather to welcome summer! Tower Hill Park Shelter has picnic table seating, an adjacent restroom, and nearby parking. We encourage you to invite guests! Thank you!! *Picnic Committee: Donna Anderson, Linda Bergren, Debbie Mahaffey, Wanda Nelson, 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; OR select a half salad/half sandwich combo. All include chips or baguette, beverages (iced tea, lemonade, bottled water), and cookie.**

1. **Green Goddess Cobb Salad with Chicken**—Chicken, 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.

2. **Fuji Apple Salad with Chicken (or without)**—Chicken, 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. **Indicate with or /without chicken on the form you return.**

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.

4. **Steak & Garlic Aioli Sandwich**—Tender, marinated steak, crisp mixed greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, pickled onions, garlic aioli, salt, and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough.

5. **Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich**—Chicken tossed with diced celery, sliced red grapes, toasted almonds and special dressing, crisp mixed greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, salt & pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough.

****Cost for each box lunch is \$22.00** (no increase from last year)

[includes tax, a portion of the park shelter rental fees, and a small donation supporting our branch scholarships.] **Registration deadline is Monday, May 20th.**

****To register for the June 1st AAUW picnic: fill out the form below and send with payment to Pat Ruppert, 2925 Maple Run Drive, Madison WI 53719. Checks payable to AAUW Monona/Madison. Questions? Contact Pat Ruppert (608-698-1376) or Gail Stirr (608-239-3243).**

Member Name _____ Single Selection _____

OR Half Salad _____ Half Sandwich _____

Guest Name(s) _____ Single Selection _____

OR Half Salad _____ Half Sandwich _____

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, April 23, 2024

6:00 Evening began with Salad Supper

7:00 Angela Smith, Grants Manager, and Meghan Salzwede, Development Director, with The Road Home delivered a presentation: *Every Child Deserves A Home*. The non-profit guides families' transition out of homelessness. A case manager with The Road Home works with a family to identify family goals and then provides customized support services to address those goals and assistance in locating affordable housing to break the cycle of homelessness. The availability of affordable housing is a significant and on-going struggle. The Road Home owns rental property and also partners with housing development companies to create more avoidable living options. Actually financial rental assistance is covered by county, state or federal funds.

Road Home has an on-going need for volunteers and will be hosting a breakfast on October 24. Members were invited to attend and learn more about volunteer opportunities. Contact Meghan for more information: meghans@trhome.org.

Co-President Pat Ruppert called the meeting to order at 8:02.

Thanks to hostesses: Betty Schmidt, Helene Phelps, Bobbi White and Ellen Healey for hosting our Salad Supper.

Introduction of Guests: There were no guests.

Minutes of the March 26, 2024, meeting were approved as printed in March *Scope* newsletter.

Finance Report: Pat Ruppert gave the financial report in Gail Stirr's absence. The detailed report is attached.

Program: Donna Anderson reported that the 2024-25 committee has begun identifying programs for next year. The next committee will be via zoom on Tuesday, April 30. Members are invited to send speaker suggestions. Donna also mentioned that the Book Lunch Group begins again in May.

Membership: Lynn Christensen and Kleo Baruth Kritz reminded members to renew their membership. On-line renewal is easy and preferred; sending a check to Gail Stirr, treasurer, is also an option.

Nominating Committee: Marian Ehrenberg, Sharon Knoop, Kleo Baruth Kritz expressed their thanks to those who were asked and agreed to serve.

Slate of new officers for 2024-2025 were unanimously approved as presented: Co-President Deborah Mahaffey, Co-Program VP Georgia Stilp, Co-Membership VP

Jennifer Ondrejka, Recording Secretary Stephanie Sorensen, Corresponding Secretary Marian Ehrenberg, and Finance Officer: Gail Stirr

Public Policy: Debbie Mahaffey reported that the State Public Policy group will be hosting a session at AAUW State Convention.

Educational Funds: Pat Ruppert delivered comments from Liz Senseman:

“I hope everyone got the chance to read about our four Odyssey award recipients in the April *Scope*. The UW awards are being presented on Wednesday evening, and information about the recipients will be in the May *Scope*. The high school scholarship recipients will be announced in May, and so a special note will be sent out to members after their award ceremony. Thank you everyone for your continuing support of these deserving students.”

STEM and NCCWSL: Donna Anderson is working on NCCWSL arrangements.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: Kleo Baruth Kritz reminded us that the speaker for the evening presented an excellent model of collaborative work to address DEI.

Fundraising: Val Murphy reported two recent events, luncheon provided by Madison College Culinary Program and Art in Bloom were highly successful. She indicated tours of Tandem Press and the new WYSO building are being considered and invited others to offer ideas.

Publicity: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Pat Rupert reminded us that Wednesday, May 1 is the deadline for articles in the next *Scope*.

Old Business

National Membership Voting: Kleo Baruth Kritz reminded members to vote on changing the National bylaws to open membership. National will be sending out another email reminder to those who have not voted.

New Business: Kleo reported that 11 members from our Branch are planning to attend the State Convention; April 26 & 27, 2024, in Racine.

Monona/Madison Annual Summer Picnic will be June 1, Tower Hill Park 11:30-2:00 pm. Event information and lunch choices were sent to members. Meal selection and payment should be sent to Pat Ruppert.

Upcoming events:

Next Meeting May 28, 2024 in person: Speaker will be Mary Murrell, PhD. Anthropology, a branch member and writer of the Monona Bird Report on Monona community radio 98.7 FM Title: The Wonder of Bird Migration, The Voice of Monona

April 25: Morning Literature: *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret* by Judy Blume

May: Evening Literature planning meeting to be scheduled

June 27: Lunch Book Bunch at Culver's on Beltline : June 27 at 11:30

Adjourned at 8:47pm.

CALENDAR

- **May 3 at 1 p.m.:** Bridge Finale, St. Stephen's, Monona
- **May 14 :** Film Group
- **May 18 at 6:30 p.m.:** La Cuisine: Marshall Field's Cookbook Revisited. Hostess: Sharon Knoop; Co-hostesses, Barb Sorensen & Donna Anderson
- **May 23 at 9:30 a.m.:** Morning Literature: Monona Library; Leader, Sally Lee; *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
- **May 23, at 11:30 a.m.:** Summer Book Lunch Bunch: Culver's on the Beltline
- **Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Planning meeting, date TBD
- **May 28 at 6:30 p.m.:** General Meeting and Installation of Officers
- **June 1, Summer picnic at 11:30, Tower Hill Park Shelter**
- **June 13 at 1 p.m.:** Board Meeting at Gail Stirr's
- **June 27 at 11:30 a.m.:** Lunch Book Bunch, Culver's on the Beltline and July 25, Aug 22 same time, same place.

Co-presidents: Sally Keyel & Pat Ruppert; Membership: Lynn Christensen & Kleo Baruth Kritz: Sally Keyel. **Monona/Madison AAUW website: monona-madison-wi.aauw.net**

