

SCOPE



**Monona/Madison Branch  
Newsletter**

**MONONA/MADISON (WI)  
BRANCH**

**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Tuesday, September 24**

**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: „Aging: Outreach for Older Adult Health and Well-being”  
presented by Diane Farsett, PhD, Center on Aging, UW School of Nursing**



Position title: CARE Manager Email: [farsetta@wisc.edu](mailto:farsetta@wisc.edu) Diane Farsetta is the outreach specialist for the School of Nursing's Center for Aging Research and Education

(CARE). In this role, she facilitates communication and collaboration among researchers, clinicians, students, organizations, and community members with an interest in older adult health and well-being. She leads CARE's efforts to develop an app for family caregivers of older adults and to engage students with dementia-friendly communities. Diane holds a PhD in biology and has research, teaching, and communications experience.

**Hostesses: Sue Richter, Sharon Knoop, Betty Schmidt, Linda Bergren**

Business meeting to follow.

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

**PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Pat Ruppert & Debbie Mahaffey**

Summer is slipping into fall! What a surprise to see the first few colored leaves fall from a tree in my yard. And so our Monona/Madison branch starts the 2024-25 year! We have an exciting year ahead beginning with our fall Potluck Supper on September 24. We look forward to welcoming our new members and seeing everyone following our summer break.

First, a very grateful note of thanks to Sally Keyel for serving as Co-President the past two years. And, I'm especially thankful to know she will continue to keep us on track and informed via the Scope! Thank you Sally. I'm honored to slip into the role as Co-President with Pat Ruppert. I already love working with her and know we'll be a great team.

Thanks to our wonderful Program Committee VPs Ellen Healey and Georgia Stilp, and Committee members Donna Anderson, Linda Bergren, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Consuelo Lopez, Val Murphy and Gail Steinhorst, we have an interesting and diverse lineup of program speakers. At our fall meeting we'll have a recap of our Annual Book Sale and the opportunity to thank our industrious and dedicated Book Sale Co-chairs Sharon Knoop and Kleo Baruth Kritz, Committee members and the cadre of volunteers; vote on our 2024-25 budget; and share highlights from our member survey and next steps to

address the feedback. By the way, we had a fantastic response to the member survey! Fifty-five percent took time to share thoughts and ideas! Thank you!!

It is gratifying to see our membership is growing and we enthusiastically welcome our new members. We are planning an orientation gathering for new members - new being the last few years. Stay tuned for details. It's going to be a great year!

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

Odyssey Project is a program for men and women who are 18 years or older, have a high school degree or GED, and have financial need. These students are frequently single parents and need a chance to start college for the first time through a program of support and compassion. Once each year we pass an envelope to collect donations used to purchase a meal for approximately 40 adults for one evening of classes.

We will be purchasing Milio's sub sandwiches along with fruit and other items. I will be passing around an envelope at the September and October meetings to purchase Milio's sub sandwiches along with fruit and other items for a meal in November. Thank you for your generosity.

### **DIRECTORY CORRECTION**

Lynn Celley, an honorary life member, is a valued member of our branch. Due to a technology glitch, her name was not listed in our current directory. Our sincerest apologies and please put her information into your directory.

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If you have not received your directory, please contact Kleo Baruth Kritz [kbkritz@charter.net](mailto:kbkritz@charter.net) who will track yours down.



## **BOOKSALE, 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 14**, and **Sunday, Sept 15**, 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:**

- **Monday, Sept 9 from 10-3**
- **Tuesday, Sept 10 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 608-222-3946 if you live in Monona/East side** to make arrangements. If you live on the **West side, contact Kleo 608-273-2476.**

If you still want to sign up to sort on Monday or Tuesday or to sell on Saturday or Sunday, please contact Kleo.

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

## **MILESTONES**

Our condolences to Mary Zins on the passing of her husband Al. There will be a memorial service at Olbrich on Sunday, Sep. 22 from 1-3 p.m.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman**

**Scholarship News:** We have four scholarship funds at U.W. Madison - in the spring awards were made from our **Fund for Excellence** and the **Swenson-Rosenberry Fund**. In addition, we have two much older endowed funds which are managed by the U.W. Foundation. The **Elizabeth Warner Risser Fellowship in Communication Arts** was awarded to two graduate female students, **Liwei Shen** and **Shreya Singh**. Liwei is working toward her doctorate in the field of communication science. She studies cognitive and relationship dynamics of communication, revealing the ways in which we are persuaded by others as well as ways in which we spread information. Shreya is studying rhetoric, politics and culture with an emphasis on the intersections of Indian nationalism, neocolonialism and transnational feminism. The awards made from this

fund generally go towards providing “extras” for these students, in the form of travel assistance for conferences and other events that assist them in their PhD pursuits. The other fund is the **Martha L. Edwards History Scholarship for Women**, which is given to a graduate student in the History Department. We have not received information recently about the recipients of this award, but we are working on obtaining more information - stay tuned! The dollar amounts allocated as spendable in each of these two funds is approximately \$1000, dependent on interest earned, and is split between the recipients if there is more than one selected.

### **EVENING BOOK GROUP**

Our evening book group starts up again on Wednesday September 18th at 7:00pm. We welcome everyone to our meetings! We will be discussing “You are Here” by David Nicholls - join us if you can. We will meet at the home of Gail Stirr. More information about our books for the year may be found in your new directory.

### **BRIDGE**

Bridge will 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! Starts October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEMBERSHIP, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Lynn Christensen**

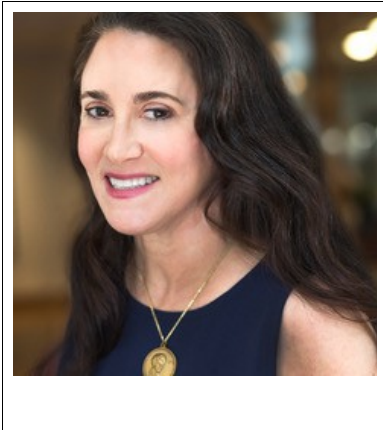
New Members:

**Franciska A. Coleman** Hello, everyone, I am a law professor at the UW-Madison School of Law, where I teach First Amendment Law and Intro to Constitutional Law. I have a JD from Harvard Law School, a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, and an MEd from Texas A&M University (which I also attended as an undergrad). Fun fact, my first law teaching job was in Seoul, South Korea, and I totally fell in love with the country! I lived there for six years and now have an abiding love for Korean food, Korean and



Chinese dramas and Japanese anime. My dog, a ten-year old chi-pin named Hershey, also loved Korea and is a bit disappointed because American dog clothes are nowhere near as stylish as his Korean clothes. Now that I've committed to staying in Madison for the next little while, I'm hoping to become more connected to the community through groups like AAUW.

### **Jenny Beatty**

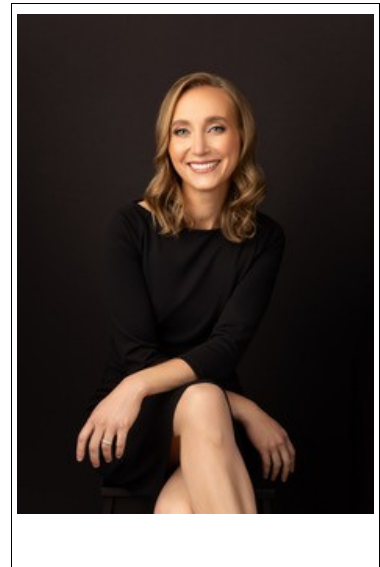


I was born and mostly raised in Madison, and left town after graduating from UW in 1985. After 28 years living in other parts of the U.S., I returned to Madison to help my aging parents. My career has been as a professional pilot, including 33 years as an airline pilot. There were about 2% women airline pilots in the U.S. when I started, and in those three decades it's increased to 5% today. Throughout my flying career, I have worked to promote pilot careers to women and

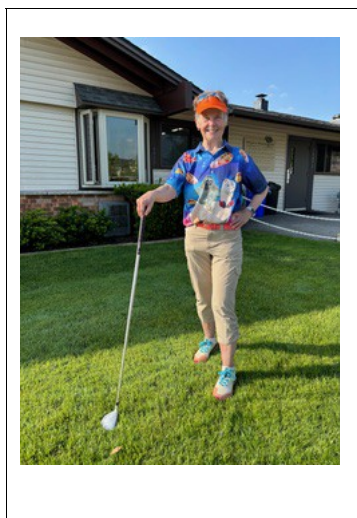
to help women in these careers through research, writing, mentoring, scholarships, and advocacy. Now I am returning to college to formally study scientific research methods, with the goal of doing more research of women in professional pilot professions. I am joining AAUW to be part of a community that supports women in their educational goals.

### **Jessica Calarco**

I'm a Professor of Sociology at the [University of Wisconsin-Madison](https://www.wisconsin.edu/), an award-winning teacher, a leading expert on inequalities in family life and education, and the author or coauthor of four books, including most recently  [\*Holding it Together: How Women Became America's Social Safety Net\*](#), which was published in June 2024. Drawing on more than five years of research, the book reveals how women have come to bear the brunt of our broken system, what the weight of that responsibility is doing to women, and why so many Americans believe the myths that delude us into believing that we don't need a social safety net and divide us by race, class, gender, religion, and politics in ways that keep us from coming together to demand the



support we all need and deserve. The book has received praise from [Melinda French Gates](#), [Ai-Jen Poo](#), [Tressie McMillan Cottom](#), [Anne Helen Petersen](#), [Jennifer Breheny Wallace](#), and [Anne-Marie Slaughter](#); has been featured on NPR's [On Point](#) and [It's Been a Minute](#); and has been reviewed in [the Atlantic](#), [the New York Times](#), and [Kirkus Reviews](#). When I'm not writing books, I'm often writing on social media or writing op-eds for outlets like the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic*, and CNN. And when I'm not writing, you can usually find me trail running or on the sidelines at my kids' soccer games



### **Mary Messerlie**

Hello, my name is Mary Messerlie and a proud member of AAUW Milwaukee West Suburban and happy dual/triple member of Monona/Madison and Milwaukee. I think it is fun to be engaged with other branches. I “pretend” to play golf and some weeks it works better than others. I graduated from Indiana University with an BS in Rhetoric (I am a great conversationalist) and a Master's in Higher Education. I worked at Marquette and other colleges and then I transitioned to manufacturing in Human Resources. I retired a

number of years ago and now teach communications at Waukesha County Technical College.

I am a passionate, empathetic, and joyous person. My life is full of gratitude. I have been a lifelong runner and now preparing for a half marathon. I am super excited about my dual (triple) membership with Monona/Madison and look forward to attending branch events. I live in Brookfield so if anyone is in my area, please reach out. Perhaps we can have coffee or take walk.

My last “fun fact” is that I am in a senior dance group called the Wisconsin Diamond Dancers (yes, we are on YouTube!). We dance at local summer and holiday parades to favorite tunes such as “Dancing Queen,” “Uptown Funk,” “Let's Get Loud,” and our holiday songs including “All I Want for Christmas.” Super fun and who doesn't love a parade? I am just grateful to participate in them!!

CiCi Becker

Hello! My name is CiCi and I'm happy to be joining the local AAUW branch in Madison. I am originally from Gaylord, Michigan, but decided to move to Madison after I completed my graduate degree in folklore. My mom is an AAUW member in my hometown, and growing up I would help out every year with the used book sale. It's what helped me get into reading and I loved sorting through the books and exploring new authors and genres I never would have otherwise. When I moved to Madison, my mom suggested I join the local AAUW branch to meet new people, and I wanted to see if I could continue helping with the used book sale here in Madison just as I've always done. Currently, I work for the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Veteran Services Office. I enjoy reading, playing games, traveling, cooking, singing, and snuggling with my two adorable cats Sprite and Zelda after a long day at work. I look forward to my time in AAUW and meeting you all soon!







**August 31, 2024**

**Beginning Balance 7/31/24                      \$3,885.11**

- Membership    \$28.00
- Branch dues reimbursed from National       \$30.00

**Total Income:    \$58.00**

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- Membership (National and State)                      \$98.00
  - The Road Home – donation                              \$250.00
  - Branch Survey mailing                                      \$113.22
  - 2024-25 Branch Directory                                \$166.16  
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**Total Expenses:    \$627.38**

**Balance 8/31/24    \$3,315.73**

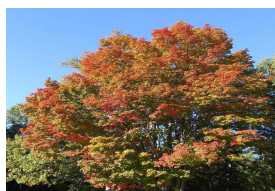
**The proposed budget for the upcoming year is attached separately. Please look it over before the meeting so we can vote on it.**

**PROGRAM BY BEAVER DAM BRANCH**

Weds, Sep. 18 Milked presented by the author, Ruth Conniff. Please see the attached flyer for information.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, May 28, 2024**

The minutes will be emailed separately.



## CALENDAR

- **Sep. 14 & 15 from 9-3: BOOK SALE**, Dean House
- **Sep. 18 at 7 pm: Evening Lit.** Host: Gail Stirr; Reviewer: Liz Senseman. *You are Here* by David Nicholls
- **Sept 18 at 7 pm: Beaver Dam Special Program**, Ruth Conniff, *Milked* BDACT in Beaver Dam
- **Sep. 21 at 6 pm: La Cuisine:** Football Kickoff. Host: Barb Sorensen; Co-hosts: Robby Sonzogni and Suzanne Poggio
- **Sep. 24: Potluck and General Meeting**, Odyssey Center, 2238 South Park St.
- **Sep. 26 at 9:30 am: Morning Lit.** Monona Public Library; Discussion Leader: Sue Richter. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
- **Oct. 4 at 1 pm: Bridge.** St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona

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