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Monona/Madison Branch
OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter
Tuesday, October 22

**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Program: “Encouraging Juveniles in Detention and Odyssey Writing Program” presented by Albert Watson, Dane County Juvenile Detention Center. Albert Watson is a Detention Officer at the Dane County Juvenile Detention Center, where he also hosts a cooking club. This series, features the Odyssey Project, a University of Wisconsin humanities class for adult students facing economic barriers to college. With its whole family approach to **breaking the cycle of generational poverty through access to education**; and this program has been transformational. Albert Watson is an alumnus of Odyssey.

Hostesses: Ellen Healey, 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. 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.

PRESIDENTS’ CORNER, Pat Ruppert & Debbie Mahaffey

Fall is finally showing her crisp nights and sunny days. Our first meeting of the year brought us together to enjoy a salad supper and to hear Diane Farsetta, PhD., talk on Ageism and the Intersectionality with Health. We learned about the results of our survey – a sincere thank you to the 70% of our members who responded. Based on the survey responses, we have work to do in three areas – engagement with each other and with the community, thinking about our meeting place and time of day, and reviewing our financial priorities to ensure that we can continue to fund those activities most important to our branch. If you have ideas to share on any of these three things, please contact Debbie Mahaffey or Pat Ruppert and let them know your thoughts so that we can present some possible solutions for the branch to consider. Enjoy this beautiful weather – we’ll see you on October 22.

MEMBERSHIP, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jennifer Ondrejka



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!

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

New address for Donna Anderson: 17 Blue Iris Way, Fitchburg 53711.

ODYSSEY MEAL DONATIONS, Mary Michor

Monona/Madison's annual fall meal for the Odyssey Project will be Monday, November 18. This year 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. Our September members were very generous but we still need some more donations. 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.

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



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Robby Sonzogni

Holiday Luncheon festivities will begin at 11:00 on December 7. This is an opportunity to socialize with all our members, enjoy a glass of wine, place bids on our silent auction items and buy books curated from our book sale. Proceeds from the silent auction, baskets sold at our live auction as well as the books sold benefit our scholarships. Plan now for an item to bring for the silent auction or a fun basket. We hope to keep providing these scholarships into the future.

Chef's menu:

Fresh Club Rolls with Whipped Butter

Pickled Cherry Salad with spring mix, shaved Chioggia and balsamic vinaigrette

Cod en Papillote with winter vegetables, herbs, and Pernod butter (opened tableside by servers)

OR

Portabella en Papillote with winter vegetables, herbs, and Pernod butter (V)

Chocolate Tart with whipped caramel crust, seasonal Farmers Market Fruit, Chantilly Cream

Coffee, tea, iced tea and milk are included. Price \$25,00

Reservations and payment due by November 26, 2024.

Please mail menu choice and check made out to Monona Madison AAUW to:

Robby Sonzogni, 9510 Wild Prairie Trl, Verona, WI 53593

Questions? sonzognirobby@gmail.com or 608-576-6213

Include any dietary restrictions with payment.

Reservations/ payment can also be made at October or November branch meetings.

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 12th and Sunday, October 13th from 12 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!



FUNDRAISING TRIP, Val Murphy

A group of members will be going for a tour of Tandem Press at 10:30am Weds. Oct.

23 and will go to the Ancora Cafe for lunch after the tour.
Info from their website: <https://tandempress.wisc.edu/about/>

"Tandem Press is a publisher of fine art prints that hosts internationally renowned artists in its studio space, assisting them as they create original fine art editions. Using an array of traditional and contemporary printmaking techniques, Tandem Press stands at the forefront of research, experimentation, and new developments in the field of printmaking and has established itself as a leader among international fine art print publishers."

The cost of this trip will be the \$15 donation for scholarships. Members will cover their own lunches. Please contact Val Murphy lvsmadcity@gmail.com or 608 833-5595 to RSVP. We have several drivers, so please let me know if you want to drive or if you need a ride.

**FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr
September 30, 2024**

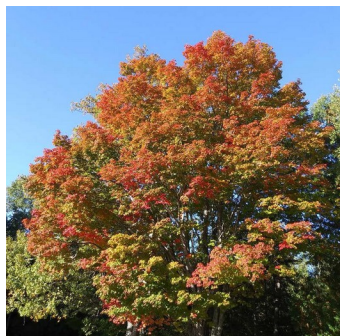
Beginning Balance 8/31/24	\$3,315.73
• Book Sale income	\$4,089.00
• Deposit of cash debited from Bank account, used for Book Sale	\$100.00
• Fall Salad Supper	\$130.00
• Odyssey Meal donations	\$248.00
• Branch Dues (repaid from National)	\$15.00
• La Cuisine (scholarship donations)	\$135.00
• Evening Lit Group (scholarship donations)	\$105.00

Total Income: **\$8,137.73**

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- Cash for Book Sale cash box \$100.00 (repaid by deposit shown above)

Total Expenses: **\$100.00**

Balance 9/30/24 **\$8,037.73**



BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz and Sharon Knoop

AND THE FINAL TOTAL FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIPS IS \$4089!!! We made \$2772 on Saturday and \$1317 on Sunday in sales and donations each day with a total head count of 259. What an accomplishment for our Monona/Madison branch! (Just for comparison in our 2023 book sale our profit total was \$2934 with a total head count of 217.)



This is the **LARGEST** book sale our branch has had since the pandemic. We could not have done it without our members. Special recognition must be given to the women who volunteered for the setup, some showing up on Monday to move tables and unpack boxes and others spending long hours sorting boxes after boxes after boxes on Tuesday.. These women must be acknowledged for all the hard work—and it was hard work with those heavy boxes-- they did: Linda Bergren, Lynn Christensen, Marian Ehrenberg, Ellen Healey, Linda

Hoelzel, Sally Keyel, Consuelo Lopez, Debbie Mahaffey, Mary Michor, Val Murphy, Jennifer Ondrejka, Sue Richter, Pat Ruppert, Liz Senseman, Lise Skofronick, Robby Sonzogni, Barb Sorensen, Gail Steinhorst, Gail Stirr, 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 with her helpers Liz Senseman and Carrie Wurz 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 colorful fliers. 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 fliers everywhere!!!

Thanks must go to our workers and cashiers who showed up for the actual sales and collected the money for our scholarships: Linda Bergren, CiCi Becker, Debbie Mahaffey, Val Murphy, Jennifer Ondrejka, Shiela Reaves, Liz Senseman, Susan Slattery, Lise Skofronick, Sue Richter, Gail Steinhorst, Gail Stirr, Bobbi White, and Carrie Wurz.

And the final job, the cleanup, when everyone is exhausted and just wants to go home, but these dedicated individuals stuck around for the final dismantling of our fundraiser: Ellen Healey, Sally Keyel, Sue Richter, Lise Skofronick, Gail Stirr, and Bill Taris. Those huge and heavy St. Vinnie bins have to be hauled into the Dean House and then filled with all our leftover books.

And thanks to all who contributed books, picked up books, invited family and friends to the sale, and supported our book sale with monetary donations!! You all rock!!! And many students will benefit from these scholarships.....More pictures at the end of the newsletter.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP, Mary Boyd

2025 (We Welcome New Members)

How do you learn about American foreign policy and how that affects us here in the U.S. or locally in Dane County? I don't know about you, but I find it is difficult to get quality information in a timely way.

Our AAUW branch has an answer: an interest group that utilizes materials from the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. Their materials developed by experts in the field include a briefing book (8 separate topics –with approximately 10 pages written by an expert on each topic.) Each member of the group purchases a briefing book costing approximately \$35- which varies slightly depending on the number of participants.

Topics for 2025 are: 1. **American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads**; 2. **U.S Changing Leadership of the World Economy**; 3. **U.S.-China Relations**; 4. **India: Between China, the West, and the Global South**; 5. **International Cooperation on Climate Change**; 6. **The Future of NATO and European Security**; 7. **AI and American National Security**; 8. **After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East**

As a group, we also purchase a DVD (usually included in the \$35 fee) with an additional lecture about each topic. We meet 8 times (every 2 weeks) between the first week of February and the middle of May usually at a library on a Monday afternoon. We view a 30-minute DVD presentation for that topic and then as a group discuss and answer questions about the topic. Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes depending on group involvement. More information is available on the website: www.fpa.org/greatdecisions

Payment is due when the books arrive sometime in late December or early January. As with all our interest groups, there is a \$10 donation request to help support the AAUW charitable agenda.

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, September 24, 2024

Our program presentation was titled “Aging: Outreach for Older Adult Health and Well-being” by Diane Farsetta, Ph.D. of the School of Nursing at UW.

Following this program, Co-president Pat Ruppert called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

She thanked the hostesses for this meeting: Sue Richter, Sharon Knoop, Betty Schmidt, and Linda Bergman.

Consuelo Lopez introduced her guest, Eunice Gibson.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as previously sent to members.

Our current bank balance is \$7,304.73 after our very successful book sale. The finance report as included in the Scope was approved.

Committee Reports

Programs: Ellen Healey reported that the next program will be presented by Albert Watson on the topic of Juvenile Detention.

Membership: Kleo Baruth Kritz reported that we currently have 66 members. One of our new members, Franciska Coleman (bio in the last Scope) attended the potluck but was unable to stay longer.

Public Policy: Nothing new to report.

District 1 Coordinator, Consuelo: There will be a meeting on Oct. 12 at Quivey's Grove with other members from Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, and Janesville to share what each branch is doing.

Publicity: Pat reported that we now have a Facebook page if anyone is interested in reading or posting. Mary Boyd thanked everyone for the help given to put up signs in the very hard dirt. It was so helpful to have some new people involved to add new ideas including new places to put signs that would get attention.

Old Business

Book Sale: Kleo enthusiastically reported the results of this year's book sale in which we raised \$4,089 with an attendance of 259 people. This is one of the largest we have had. Mary Pringle's daughter called and offered her books and so did one of her neighbors so there was quite a large selection this year. It will help our scholarship fund considerably though we cannot do this every year.

Nominating Committee: Gail Stirr volunteered to fill the last place on the nominating committee for a three year term.

Report from the Board Meeting: Debbie Mahaffey reported that the Board discussed the book sale and the proposed budget at their last meeting.

Member Survey: Pat reported that 68 surveys were mailed to members with 50 returned, which is excellent participation and demonstrates that members are engaged and care about the organization. The 3 main reasons given to attend meetings in person are (1) interest in the speakers, (2) a sense of commitment to the group, and (3) the opportunity to socialize and get to know members. In general, members feel good about our social events and our scholarship awards. They want to keep our interest groups and keep the donations for participation to maintain our fundraising. There is also support for increasing our local dues to meet our commitments or to lower our awards. Other things mentioned were a desire for more ways to get to know each other especially those who might be potential car poolers. Members enjoy trips and suggested that art exhibits and plays might be worthy activities. There was also a suggestion that there be one event that would include spouses. Times and places for meetings were quite split in terms of preferences. We do have many members who no longer drive at night.

Proposed Budget: The proposed budget was sent to everyone previously and Gail brought along a few copies. The proposal showed the actual numbers for 23-24 compared to the proposal for 24-25. The funding for NCWSSL was eliminated due to the high cost to support someone, the difficulty in finding good candidates as well as some reluctance from them to report back to us regarding their experiences. All of the regular income and items that we must raise funds to support are on the front page. It

includes several scholarships we support and continuing them at the same levels of \$1000 and \$2,000 for the AAUW Fund for Excellence as well as donations to Odyssey for a meal and to The Road Home.

This shows our anticipated income to be \$7865 and our expenditures to be \$8780. We must find a way to make up that difference of \$915. The recent book sale will help, and this proposal doesn't show what we actually earned this year.

On the back page of the budget is the information about our scholarships housed and administered by the UW Foundation and UW System Funds. They earn interest that we can spend. We expect to earn interest of \$3253 this coming fiscal year and we should spend this because it will not continue to earn anything - it just sits in an account for our use. We anticipate an additional \$2741 in expendable cash from the Fund for Excellence for a total of \$5994 from this source for the scholarships named there. We now have four endowed scholarships producing awards ranging from \$400 to \$2000 per year.

It was noted that the Board has approved this budget (developed by the finance officer, ed funds chair, and co-presidents). A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed budget for the 24-25 fiscal year. It was approved unanimously by the membership.

The two co-Presidents reviewed 5 years worth of books done by Gail and found no errors or discrepancies. Auditing the books every 5 years should be a part of their duties.

Change of Meeting Format: Debbie reported that as a result of survey feedback regarding a desire for shorter meetings that we will only do business meetings on the months when there has been a Board meeting earlier that month and there are actions items that require membership input. Other months there will simply be social time and an announcement from any committees that have something new to report. Given the wide ranging survey responses as to when and where meetings should be held, it was decided that a small committee of 3 to 4 members should take on the task of exploring options. Every meeting does not have to be at the same place and time. We already have, for example, 2 zoom meetings in the winter. Two more of our meetings are potlucks, the Dec. Meeting is a social/fundraising event, so the only issue is the potlucks need to have sufficient space and tables available to use. Unfortunately, the Monona Senior Center is no longer an option. No one volunteered yet.

Additional notes - every event does not have to be a fundraiser. Perhaps a volunteer/civic activity done as a group would foster getting to know each other better and it might increase the visibility of our organization.

Next Board Meeting: October 16 at 1:00 pm at Debbie's home - anyone can attend.

Next Membership Meeting: October 22 at 6:30 pm here.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Sorensen

CALENDAR

- **Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.: Bridge:** Place: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Dr, Monona
- **Oct. 8: Film Group**
- **Oct. 16 at 1:00 p.m.: Board meeting at Debbie Mahaffey's**
- **Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.: Evening Literature:** Host, Robby Sonzogni; Reviewer, Ellen Healey; *Daughters of Shandong* by Eve J. Chung
- **Oct. 22 at 6:30:** General Meeting
- **Oct. 24 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Monona Public Library; Discussion leader: Sally Lee; *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Co-presidents: Pat Ruppert & Debbie Mahaffey; Membership: Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jennifer Ondrejka; Newsletter: Sally Keyel website, www.monona-madison-wi.aauw.net

