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Greater Madison Area Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday, September 23

6:00 pm: Potluck Supper. *Bring your own drink and tableware.*

Members A-L: please bring a main dish or salad to serve 8-10

Members M-Z: please contribute \$10

7 pm Program: “Vietnam and the Changing Role of Women in an Increasingly Modern Society,” presented by Tan Phan, co-owner of Cuisine Adventure Tours, Travel with Taste. Tan Phan is a Vietnamese refugee, born in Vietnam and evacuated before the fall of Saigon at age 12. He attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He travels regularly to Vietnam. This year, 2025, is the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam conflict.



Hostesses: Sally Keyel, Jennifer Andrejka, Stephanie Sorensen, Linda Bergren

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

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Debbie Mahaffey & Sue Richter

Fall has arrived and we now have a new name for our AAUW Branch. Members have voted to change our name to more accurately reflect the geographic distribution of our membership. Rather than Monona/Madison yes we are now AAUW Greater Madison Area. Thanks to all of you, more than 50%, who exercised your voting rights.

Our fall season brings energy and enthusiasm on several fronts. For many of us it's a favorite time of year in the Midwest - beautiful cool mornings and sunny days to highlight colorful leaves on the trees, garden mums and other fall flowers. And, we resume our monthly programs and a new slate of activities. Thanks to the Program Committee for an interesting and varied schedule of speakers. Also, we have several Outreach events lined up. A big thank you to Lynn Christensen who has taken on the responsibility of coordinating our volunteer activities. This fall members are invited to volunteer to help *Girls on the Run* and the *Madison Reading Project*. Be sure to read the article from Lynn that details the schedule of fall volunteer opportunities.

Our September meeting is Tuesday, 23rd and we begin with our Fall Potluck. Hope to see you all there AAUW Greater Madison Area members!

DIRECTORY, Faith Howe

Directories will be handed out at the meeting if you haven't already received one.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, Lynn Christensen

We still have openings to work as a group on community projects with fellow AAUW branch members. Sign up begins on September 12 to help hand out water and treats for the November 8 Girls on the Run 5k in Waunakee. It is a public sign up so we want to get on it early. We are also helping with two inside activities. One for Girls on the Run on October 21 and one for Madison Reading Project on November 20. Reply to me at lxvbadger@gmail.com If you missed the earlier notice containing more details I can easily resend it to you.

BRIDGE, Sally Keyel

We 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 3rd.



MEMBERSHIP, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Jennifer Ondrejka

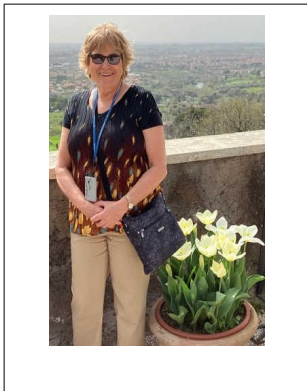
New Members:

My name is Kathy Tuttle. I grew up in Baraboo just down the road from Madison. I got married in Baraboo, raised our girls there, taught there for 40 years and watched my husband Ralph build custom homes in the area. Only thing I did not do was run away with the circus 😊 . In 2006 we bought a dream home on Thousand Island



Lake Chain in Watersmeet. We lived there full time for 15 years. During that time I worked for a DPI program that supported teachers and schools in the northern region in creating meaningful transition plans for students with disabilities as they exited high school. I retired in 2020 and enjoyed the beauty of the north woods kayaking, hiking and being involved in local conservation groups. We decided to move back to the Baraboo area this year. We have come full circle. I look forward to being involved with women in

making a difference, especially during these trying times. I will be more a member at large, but will keep in touch and stay involved in your work as a branch.

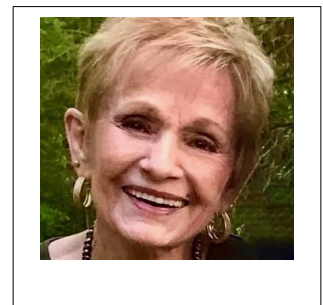


My name is Jan Schubert. I am a retired mental health therapist and live in McFarland, Wisconsin. Besides an interest in history, and of course psychology, I enjoy golf, swimming and walking for exercise, reading, travel, bridge and other card games, and shows and other concerts. While I don't "sparkle" quite as much as I used to, I still enjoying dressing up and going out with

friends. Heard about AAUW from a golf friend (Mary Boyd) and after attending a few events and learning more, feel this is an organization I'd like to support and be a part of.

Rosemary Freeman Lehman

Family, learning, the arts, and nature have always been what I've been about. I was born in Green Bay (an avid Packer fan) into a wonderful family, with three brothers. Learning, music, acting, and the arts were an obsession throughout my early years. I graduated Salutatorian and had a definite focus on college. Then it was off to college (Lawrence College) where I concentrated on writing, music, hosting a radio series, soloing with the Lawrence choir, and acting in theatre productions...graduating Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Lawrence was also where I met my husband, Don, at the first Freshman mixer. We married 13 days after graduation...then with Don's pilot training, set off traveling the



country with the Air Force for three ½ years. Returning to Madison with a new son (born in Texas) we added four more children over the next eleven years, Don serving as Vice President of Vogel Bros. Building Co. Volunteering in school and community activities became my role...but learning tugged at my heart.

When the children were all in school, I enrolled at UW-Madison and completed my MA in Media Criticism (produced five historical dramas and TV productions) and with my PhD in Distance Education/Adult Learning, taught Distance Education at Old Radio Hall and managed the Distance Education Design Team at The Pyle Center for 30 plus years, while co-authoring three Distance Education books. In addition, hosting family gatherings became an integral part of Don's and my life (with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren). Loving to travel, my husband and I drove with our family throughout the US and later toured 22 countries. Now retired, I (my husband passed away three years ago) continue to live in our third home on 12 ½ acres of woods and prairies enjoying nature, photography, writing, being involved with the arts, and continuing to feel that tug of learning.

NEW!

Let the Games Begin!



AAUW Greater Madison Area is supporting the Wisconsin Civics Games. We urge every member to contact students and teachers in their networks to let them know about this competition.

The Fifth Annual Editorial Writing and Cartooning Contest is open to all Wisconsin middle and high school students, including home-schooled students. Essays and cartoons should focus on the importance of the First Amendment. Students are encouraged to draw from personal experiences, current events and historical examples.

The entries will be accepted 11:59 a.m. Friday, November 14. First-place winners in each contest will receive \$500, second-place winners will receive \$250, and third-place winners will receive \$100. Winning entries also will be published by newspapers across the state. For more information and to submit entries, go to <https://wnanews.com/2025/09/01/wisconsin-civics-games-editorial-writing-cartoon-contest-now-accepting-entries-2/>

In spring, teams of high school students will compete in the Wisconsin Civics Games tournament. Our Community Engagement Committee is recruiting volunteers to work at the finals, which will be held May 1 at the State Capitol.

FUNDRAISING, Val Murphy

Possible Branch Trips: Paine Museum/Oshkosh Public Museum and Epic Campus Tour
-I am looking at setting up two fundraising trips. Please let me know if you are interested: lvsmadcity@gmail.com , and I will look for the date that the most people can go.

Two Museums in Oshkosh: The Paine Art Museum and Gardens in Oshkosh

This museum is housed in a historic mansion with indoor exhibits and gardens with plantings and sculptures. <https://www.thepaine.org/plan-a-visit/>

The Oshkosh Public Museum

-This museum is close to the Paine, so we would see both museums in one day. They have a nice exhibit of Tiffany glass and is also housed in historic building.

<https://www.oshkoshmuseum.org/visit-opm/>

-Please plan on a full day trip. We will likely look for a restaurant for lunch.

Cost: Admission to the three museums would be \$18 for seniors. (Members pay their own admission.) The scholarship contribution would be \$15. We may ask for some contribution for gas for drivers.

Possible Dates: Sept. 24, 25, 26, or 30.

-Please let me know all the dates you can attend and I will set the date based on when the most people can come. I can drive three people. Please let me know if you can drive. Please contact me at lvsmadcity@gmail.com

Tour of Epic Health Systems Buildings

Self-Guided tours of Epic Health Systems Buildings in Verona. This requires pre-registration so we will need to set the date ahead of time. Tour times start as early as 2:00 pm. I am guessing we will want to tour 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Possible Dates: Oct. 1, 2, or 3. Please let me know the dates you can attend, lvsmadcity@gmail.com) and if you can drive. There is no charge for the tour, just the \$15 fundraising donation for scholarships.

Member Birthdays: Sep 6, Sally Hestad; Oct 1, Stephanie Sorensen



MILESTONES

Our condolences go out to the families of Ellie Beck and Dee Zimmerman who both passed away this summer.



FINANCE, Gail Stirr

Donations Honoring Deceased Members

While our branch donates a small sum in memory/honor of each member who passes away (\$25.00 to AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund), National does not acknowledge these donations nor publish any list indicating that branches have donated in memory of any deceased members. We do not specifically know what these donated funds are used to support, though National has many worthwhile projects and needs.

In contrast, donations made to our branch will have clear impact on supporting scholarships locally. We are proud to acknowledge that \$450.00 have been donated in memory of recently deceased members Lucy Bautz, Ellie Beck, Reta Harring, and Dee Zimmerman. These meaningful gifts have been provided in support of our branch scholarship goals, and at the same time they honor the memory of fellow members and friends with whom we have shared these goals of advancing educational opportunities. Please know that giving in honor of friends and colleagues who are no longer with us is a pathway to strengthening our ability to fund scholarships.

PROPOSED BUDGET

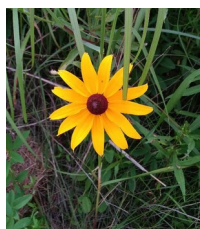
Please review the budget before the September meeting, as we'll be voting on it. It's attached separately from the newsletter. Also attached is a poster for the booksale.

FROM NATIONAL

AAUW Launches New Strategic Plan

AAUW National is excited to announce the launch of AAUW's new strategic plan, reaffirming our commitment to advancing equity for women and girls through education. AAUW was founded more than 140 years ago with this mission, and with the unprecedented attacks we're seeing on higher education, we believe it is more important than ever to focus our efforts in this area.

AAUW's strength lies in our collective power: our states, branches, and members are the heart of our grassroots movement. States and branches provide meaningful local support for women and girls, and for the policies that matter to their communities. The Five-Star Program provides a framework for branches to align with AAUW's strategic priorities, reinforcing a cohesive and collective approach to advocacy, community engagement, and financial sustainability. When AAUW National and our branches work in alignment, we maximize our collective resources, influence, and success to break down barriers for women in education and beyond.



BOOK SALE, Kleo Baruth Kritz & Sharon Knoop

Our book sale is coming up soon, September 13 and 14!!

- Books can be dropped off at the Dean House on Monday Sept 8, or Tuesday, Sept 9, from 9-3.
- Please do **not** drop off books late Tuesday afternoon; by that time the sorters are exhausted. If you are unable to drop off books, contact one of us to make arrangements:

Sharon Knoop if on east side sharon.a.knoop@gmail.com or Kleo Baruth Kritz kbkritz@charter.net if on west side. .

- **Do NOT donate magazines, dictionaries, and encyclopedias** because they do not sell and St. Vinnie's will not accept them when we do our cleanup.

Thanks to everyone who is donating books and thanks to all the members, 28 out of our 57 members, who have volunteered to publicize, sort, and/or sell!!

- Bring your water bottle when you come to sort or sell.
- Some of you have blue AAUW shirts, which you can wear when you sell to make it clear you are an AAUW member.
- Nametags will also be available to wear.

May we have another great sale to support our scholarships!!

CALENDAR

- **Sep. 13 & 14 from 9-3: BOOK SALE**, Dean House
- **Sep. 17 at 7 pm: Evening Lit.** Host: Liz Senseman; Discussion Leader: Donna Anderson. *Master, Slave, Husband, Wife* by Ilyon Woo
- **Sep. 27 at 6 pm: La Cuisine:** Host: Liz Senseman; Co-hosts: Pat Ruppert, Sally Hestad. Fanny Farmer Cookbook.
- **Sep. 23: Potluck and General Meeting**, Odyssey Center, 2238 South Park St
- **Sep. 25 at 9:30 am: Morning Lit.** Discussion Leader: Marian Ehrenberg; *James* by Percival Everett and *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Monona Public Library

Oct. 3 at 1 pm: Bridge. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona

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