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The President's Message

As we continue sheltering in place, I'm finding that I'm taking the time to notice things that previously I may have overlooked. I've taken great joy in watching my Hosta push up out of the ground and open into young new growth. I find myself staring at the beauty of trees in bloom that just weeks ago were causing my allergies to go nuts. I hope you too are finding ways to embrace and find peace from this unique experience.

As we move into May, I will share with you that AAUW National is strongly encouraging locals to suspend all in-person meetings, gatherings and events *through the end of June*. For us this means we will need to explore new ways to present scholarships, to store all those boxes of books, to connect as literature groups and to enjoy each other's company. The May board meeting for our chapter will explore the new frontiers of this technology called Zoom and for those less adventurous the call-in option as we discuss how to move forward with Branch activities.

2020 continues to challenge us with the passing of both members and members families. I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of our immediate past president Cam Corbin and to members (and past presidents) Beti Ruos and Jeanne Stoner for the passing of their husbands.

Until we are able to gather together, I encourage you to stay in touch with friends and family, whether it be through a text, an email, a phone call, a FaceTime or Zoom chat or for those more adventurous a socially distant walk in the park. We will see each other soon. Stay safe. Stay strong.

Denise

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

"Advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research".

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AAUW Newsletter

2020-2022 Slate of Officers

Since we were not able to meet in March to hold an election, we will follow the procedure used in 2018. Because none of the offices have more than one candidate, you may vote in the following manner: if you're happy with this slate you need not do anything, if you object, please contact Denise by **May 31, 2020**.

Charlotte Trout, President
Jean Casbeer Membership VP
Denise Fry, Public Policy Vice President

Carol Nase, Recording Secretary
Sharon Chirgott, Corresponding Secretary
Kim Powell, Treasurer

AAUW Maryland Updates

On April 24th it was announced that the AAUW State Convention has been postponed indefinitely. **The AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting delegates and interested members will meet electronically on May 26th.** Delegates, along with state board members, will vote to elect state officers and may present proposed resolutions at the meeting. There are no bylaws changes to consider this year. Convention booklet-type information, including Board Officer Nominee Bios; year-end financial information and Annual Board Member Reports are available on the AAUW Maryland website at <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/about/2020-convention-and-annual-meeting/>. Following the electronic Annual Meeting on May 26th, all members will receive voting results, and any other relevant information from that meeting, through the Marylander and on the [State website](#).

Special Interest Groups

These events were planned last summer and fall. Please check with the hostess or organizer as the date nears to see if they are still happening.

Evening Literature

The Evening Literature group is waiting to see where we stand with the restrictions in late May. A decision will be made closer to the original meeting date in late May.

Afternoon Literature

The Afternoon Literature Group is hoping to meet **May 18 at 1:30 PM** at the home of Vivian Michael. Barbara Irvine will be the reviewer.

Second Friday Lunch Group

If the restrictions have been lifted by then, the Second Friday Lunch group will be meeting at **12:30 pm on May 8, 2020** at the John Allison Public House (<http://johnallisonpublichouse.com/>) **155 South Antrim Way, Greencastle, PA 17225**. Contact Barbara Irvine if you plan to go.

Proposed Calendar of Activities

Date	Event	Location / Hostess	Time
Mon May 4	Board Meeting	Zoom meeting	7:00 pm
Fri May 8	Second Friday Lunch	John Allison Public House	12:30 pm
Mon May 18	Afternoon Literature	Home of Vivian Michael	1:30 pm

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May we never again take for granted
Friday nights with friends
birthday celebrations
the roar of a stadium
mornings at the gym
packed dance floors
coffee with a friend
crowded concerts
happy hours
life itself