

GREETINGS FROM WOOSTER BRANCH AAUW PRESIDENT



As I sit here trying to write in this time of self-isolation and little social contact, an update on AAUW activities and sponsored events is a challenge. There is good news and bad news for the moment. The last newsletter included a number of events all occurring on April 18 that have now been impacted by the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

For example, after a lot of quick transitional planning to become a part of The College of Wooster Outreach, "Expanding Your Horizons 2020" has been canceled. I owe a debt of gratitude to Judy Kastelan for calling all districts for distribution numbers and to Anita Greene for rallying brochure delivery teams. The good news from this planning is that there is more lead time to assess processes for Expanding Your Horizons 2021, designing a new logo, and rethinking methods of information distribution.

The State AAUW Convention for 2020 has been rescheduled to September 12 at the Quest Polaris Conference Center in Columbus and will also include the Fall Summit. Keynote speakers will remain the same and the cost of this combined convention and summit should remain the same as the convention alone. AAUW Ohio will also be doing an electronic election of officers that will allow delegates to complete a ballot and vote from home. Specific details on voting will be received later.

Lastly, our Wooster Branch Spring Luncheon was also canceled due to the state recommendation for group gatherings not to exceed more than 50 people and their requirement that restaurants be closed. The good news is that we do have a slate of officers to nominate (see Carol McKiernan's article) and that, if need be, we can vote electronically.

Having no urgent items on the agenda, the March Board Meeting was also canceled. The good news for the May 28 agenda will be to welcome new officers, address the Kiwanis decision to continue the 2021 used book sale, and hear from our Scholarship Committee on proposed recipients for the coming year.

Ed McKiernan reports that book cleaning and processing is on a temporary hiatus. The good news is the number of books for the sale continues to grow.

All in all we have a lot to look forward to as spring is right around the corner with longer days, warmer weather, flowers, and lots of sunshine. Hopefully less social distancing as well!

Most importantly for now, stay safe.

SPRING LUNCHEON

As everyone probably knows by now, our Wooster Branch Annual Spring Luncheon for April 18 has been canceled. We are all sorry to miss the camaraderie of that day, as well as the talk by Dr. Ivonne Garcia, The College of Wooster's first chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. We wish everyone good health!

MARCH MEETING

Everyone who attended our March meeting at Wooster United Methodist Church would agree that it was one of our best programs. Scott Freidhoff, Vice President for Enrollment and College Relations at The College of Wooster, talked about the challenges of predicting the behavior of eighteen year olds who are applying to the college: how to get the correct number of students, not too many and not too few; how to get the best mix; the challenges of recruiting around the world; and managing a staff that reads every single application to find those students who will be the best fit for The College of Wooster. We're grateful to Scott and to Jennifer Winge, Dean of Admissions, for taking time out of their very busy schedules to help us know more about the admissions process.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Anita Greene, Membership Vice President, notes that our new member campaign has begun and will continue through May 31. Our AAUW membership year runs from June 30, 2020, to July 1, 2021; National and State offices request membership dues before June 30 of the fiscal year.

The Wooster AAUW membership application/renewal form is included in this newsletter. Members are encouraged to meet the May 31 renewal deadline and to share this form with any individuals who wish to join AAUW Wooster.

LITERARY READING FOR SPRING 2020

Co-Facilitators Carol McKiernan and Stefani Koorhan discuss the upcoming selections for Literary which are listed below. March Literary was canceled and April is also. Carol and Stefani will come up with a plan in the coming weeks to review the two books we have missed. May is in doubt as Hunter's Chase has closed their clubhouse until further notice. When the time approaches for the May Selection Meeting, if Hunter's Chase is still unavailable, other options will be checked. Hopefully Literary can meet in June as planned.

April 21 - **Where the Crawdads Sing** by *Della Owens*. **Meeting canceled.** If health conditions change, you will be notified.

May 19 - **Selection Meeting** if possible. Location to be determined. Co-Hostesses are Bev McCoy, Mimi Lewellen, and Bev Crafton.

June 16 - **Lilac Girls** by *Martha Hall Kelley* will be reviewed by Nicholette Rogers at her home. Co-Hostesses are Carole Erdos and Jan Steinbrenner.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Committee has received one application from a previous recipient. **Please** encourage any eligible women you know to apply. The deadline to apply is April 30 and the application is available on our website—www.wooster-oh.aauw.net as well as the Wayne County Foundation’s website—www.WayneCountyCommunityFoundation.org.

If anyone has any questions, please refer them to Lee Peart, lwmn@bright.net. or 330-624-7506.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating committee composed of Carol McKiernan, Sarah Miles, and Susie Slack met earlier this year to select candidates for the offices of President and Program Chair for 2020-2022. The following slate was presented to the AAUW Wooster Board and unanimously accepted. Voting by the membership will take place using a process to be announced at a later date.

Co-Presidents: Susie Slack and Kris Evans
Program Co-Chairs: Judy Taylor and Lee Peart

OUT-AND-ABOUT TRIPS

The Out-and-About Luncheon and Fashion Show scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at Worthington, Ohio, will be moved to a date in June or July. Facilitator Mary Ann Merchant will keep members updated on this event. Eight members had expressed an interest in attending.

The May 8 concert at Severance Hall for the morning of Friday, May 8, is being canceled. Severance Hall is currently closed and there is no indication of when they will reopen.

AAUW SOCIAL BRIDGE

The next AAUW Social Bridge is scheduled for Monday, April 20, with Stefani Koorhan serving as hostess. This group falls under the heading of a “gathering less than ten individuals”; however, does not meet the “six feet apart”. It is up to Stefani if she wishes to have this group (either eight or four). She will contact members nearer to the April 20 date.

AAUW WOOSTER BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

Membership Dues are \$80.00 (\$59 National, \$11 State, and \$10 Wooster)

NOTE: \$56 of National dues are tax deductible

Student affiliate dues are \$17.00 (National only, with \$16 tax deductible)

Please make checks payable to:
AAUW Wooster Branch

Mail completed form with your check to
Sarah Miles, Treasurer
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Wooster, OH 44691

Please complete ALL of the information below so that we may better serve you!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell or Work Phone: (____) _____

Email: (please print clearly) _____

College(s) / University(is) _____

Degree(s) and Majors(s) _____

Please check below ALL activities in which you would like to participate:

- ☐ **Literary:** Book review discussion group that meets monthly all year
- ☐ **Bookmarkers:** Used book sorting group works on Thursday afternoons at our facility
- ☐ **Bridge Lessons:** Usually offered during the summer; but also as needed, in instructor's home
- ☐ **Cinema Date:** Group meets monthly for dinner +/- a movie; dates and dates rotate.
- ☐ **"Expanding Your Horizons":** Volunteers work at The College of Wooster for the 5th and 6th grade science/math workshop on a Saturday in April.
- ☐ **Out-and-About:** Monthly or selected trips to areas of interest, usually including a lunch stop.
- ☐ **Social Bridge:** Players meet 3rd Monday of each month all year except December.
- ☒ **AAUW / KIWANIS USED BOOK SALE:** Wooster Branch's priority project is our scholarship program for Wayne County Women which is supported from the proceeds of this sale held the last week of September at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Member participation is necessary for the success of this event.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: _____ email _____ U. S. Mail (if unable to receive email)

*Please feel free to use the back of this form to add any information or comments, especially indicating any programs you would like to see added in the 2019-2020 year. **New members are asked to include personal data for our newsletter on the back of this form.***



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

AAUW, in principle and in practice, values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership time, and board of directors.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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