
The Breeze

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Susie Slack, President

GREETINGS FROM WOOSTER BRANCH AAUW PRESIDENT

After all the rapid fire cancellations mentioned in the last Newsletter, I am pleased to report that AAUW Wooster Branch has quickly adapted to new and successful ways of conducting business.

The nominating committee report by Chair Carol McKiernan was presented and approved by the Board via email with the slate of officers – Kris Evans and Susie Slack as Co-Presidents and Judy Taylor and Lee Peart as Program Co-Coordinators. In the absence of our annual meeting and thanks to Helen Atchison, this slate was voted on and approved by the membership via email on April 15.

Five members participated in the ZOOM state convention to elect new officers and hear reports from the various award committees. A combined state convention and fall summit is currently scheduled for September 12 in Columbus. A summary of the meeting and details on state awards is available in the most recent AAUW-OH Orbit.

Carol McKiernan and Stefani Koorhan successfully conducted our first ZOOM Literary book selection. They are working on innovative ways to continue book reviews via ZOOM this summer.

The May 21 Board meeting with 12 attending was conducted via ZOOM May 28. A proposed newsletter publication schedule was set as follows: newsletters to be published January 20, March 15, June 15, August 15, and October 15. Additionally, Book Sale 2020 options, with respect to COVID-19 guidelines, were discussed. The Book Sale is still scheduled for September 30 - October 1 with Walt Kearney and Ed McKiernan working on ways to safely resume book processing. Final decisions regarding the Book Sale will be made in August.

Three scholarship recipients were approved. Details regarding the recipients appear in this newsletter. As of July, Karen Armstrong will replace Lee Peart as chair of the Scholarship Committee with the addition of new member Barb Friedhoff.

Cathy Frame Stone has resigned from leading the Cinema/Dinner interest group. If any member is interested in leading this group please let me or Kris Evans know. Mary Ann Merchant is currently planning to get AAUW Social Bridge and her bridge lessons under way.

Anita Greene reported that mail reminders will be sent to members who have not yet renewed their membership. The membership renewal form can be found on the Branch website.

The Board approved the following meeting dates for their meetings: June 25, July 23, August 27, and October 20 (2020), and January 28, March 25, May 27, and June 24 (2021). Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in Buehler's Community Room or by ZOOM.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person or as we ZOOM ahead into this new year of Wooster Branch programs and activities. Meanwhile, stay safe and well.



Kris Evans, newly elected
Co-President 2020-2022

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

Elected by email vote, the following individuals will serve in the coming year:

Co-Presidents: Susie Slack and Kris Evans.

Co-Coordinator of the Program Committee: Judy Taylor and Lee Peart

Continuing into the new year are Treasurer Sarah Miles, Secretary Helen Atchison, and Membership Vice President Anita Greene.

Let's give this executive team our full support as they work around COVID-19 to successfully get our programs and events under way!

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Anita Greene, Membership Vice President, notes that our renewal membership campaign ended June 8. Although 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. However, the Wooster Branch takes new and renewal memberships at any time.

As of this newsletter printing, Anita and Treasurer Sarah Miles report that 59 membership renewals have been received. Of note is that Julie Mennes was granted Honorary Life Membership! Wooster Branch currently has six honorary life members: Bev Crafton, Lois Freedlander, Elizabeth Hooker, Julie Mennes, Letty Nault, and Kay Rowekamp. For those of you who are not renewing, – for whatever reason – we thank you for your past participation and hope you will consider rejoining again in the future if possible.

LITERARY READING FOR SUMMER 2020

Co-Facilitators Carol McKiernan and Stefani Koorhan are planning as best they can for 2020–2021 in view of COVID-19. Given the success of the May meeting, monthly book reviews will resume via ZOOM starting June 16, 2020. An updated schedule has been sent by email to all Literary members and a complete listing of books will also be carried in AAUW's Program Booklet to be printed in September.

June 16 - **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by *Gail Honeyman* will be reviewed by Jan Steinbrenner.

July 21 - **Lilac Girls** by *Martha Hall Kelley* will be reviewed by Nicholette Rogers.

August 18 - **Where the Crawdads Sing** by *Della Owens* will be reviewed by Don Ackerman.

September 15 - **Girl, Woman, Other** by *Bernardine Evaristo* will be reviewed by Kris Evans.

Do you know what COVID-19 stands for?

The 19 stands for the number of pounds
individuals gained while having to stay at home!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

This year the Scholarship Committee (Chair Lee Peart, Clara Ann Fain, and Karen Armstrong) received five applications and awarded three scholarships totaling \$4,000. One applicant applied from Wayne County, Michigan, and was referred to Community Foundations in her area. The fifth applicant mailed her application well past our May 1 deadline and it was received after the committee had made this year's awards. This applicant was notified that she missed the deadline and was encouraged to apply for next year.

The majority of this year's applicants were enrolled in "for-profit" colleges. Chair Lee Peart expressed concern to the Board about the high tuition cost of "for-profit" schools in comparison to "non-profit" schools and its potential economic effect on non-traditional women students. She recommended finding ways to encourage and direct women towards non-profit educational choices such as Ohio University's online programs. She also recommended finding ways to use social media to better reach potential applicants.

This year's recipients are:

Karen Wald, Bachelor of Nursing online from Ohio University. Anticipated completion 2021. This is her third award.

Morgan Stein, Associate of Nursing, RN, Bryant & Stratton College. Anticipated completion Summer 2021. This is her first award.

Lisa Elder, Bachelor of Business online from DeVry University. Anticipated completion January 2021. This is her second award.

July 1st Karen Armstrong will replace Lee Peart as Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Barb Friedhoff will be added to the committee as their new member.

PROGRAM NOTES

AAUW Wooster Branch was fortunate to be able to complete all their programs for the 2019-2020 program year except for their favorite – the annual spring luncheon. Speaker for the event was to be Ivonne Garcia who is the first Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer at The College of Wooster. It is hoped that she will be able to talk to members about this critical topic at a later date.

Judy Taylor and Lee Peart are poised to take over as Co-Coordinators of the Program Committee for the upcoming year. You can look forward to some excellent programs, whether in person or virtually!

OUT-AND-ABOUT TRIPS

Facilitator Mary Ann Merchant will keep members informed of any possible Out-and-About trips. Still doesn't seem to be the time for any "big group" events.

AAUW BRIDGE

Facilitator Mary Ann Merchant is trying to get the Social Bridge and Bridge Lessons under way. Her beginning bridge class has resumed on Thursdays from 4 - 6 p.m.. Social Bridge is scheduled for Monday, July 20, at her home, 1 p.m. – however, Social Bridge will be a smaller group since some participants are "dropping" out.

SUNSHINE

At the recent Board meeting, it was approved that when there is an honor or award given to a member Sunshine should share this information with the membership through the newsletter. Facilitator Judy Kastelan sent congratulatory notes to Walt Kearney for his Volunteer of the Year award at LifeCare Hospice and to Janet Calhoun on her recognition for years of volunteer service. As in the past, notes will continue to be sent to members in all instances of illness, funerals, and such.

Please let Judy know at jumka77@icloud.com of anything concerning membership situations.

AAUW OHIO'S NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

At AAUW Ohio's first-ever electronic annual meeting the following members were elected to office:

President -	Michelle Radtkin
Co-Program Vice President -	Marlene DeLaCruz Guzman
Co-Program Vice President -	Chris Fowler
Member Vice President -	Linda Lehman
Fundraising Vice President -	Naykishia Head
Secretary -	Debby Stein
Finance Officer -	Jana Patchen



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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