



CAPE MAY COUNTY BRANCH

Website <http://capemay-nj.aauw.net>

The purpose of this branch shall be to further AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

JUNE 2020 Newsletter

President's Corner

Greetings to all Members

This has been quite a year for the Branch. We started off the year in September with some great book discussions and attendance at MAC Lunch and Learn programs. And then came the coronavirus and the world ground to a near stop. So since February and March the Branch activities ceased as well. I hope everyone is doing well without having gone stir crazy. I hear from some of you of patterns you have put in place to stay in contact with family and friends as well as routines that get us outside when the weather is nice. Congratulations to you all.

Member news includes an update on Claire Nagel who is recuperating. She has a support group that is taking care of things she needs and, like all of us, is looking forward to the time we can meet again.

Cat Cronin is in rehab at Bacharach in Atlantic County. And, she is doing very well. Inside of one week she is up walking in the corridor and some of her speech has returned enabling her to talk in full sentences with Phil and Chris. She is also undergoing physical therapy that, because of limitations on the number of people in an area, is one on one in her room. Her husband Phil is bringing cards to her and the act of opening them is part of the physical therapy. So please continue to send

cards to her address in Cape May—Phil asked that I let you all know all the thoughts and kindness is much appreciated.

Pat Ford-Roegner and her husband Russ have sold their house and are leaving July 7 to move to Newton Square in Pennsylvania. Pat has been a member of the Branch for many years and constructed our Fund Raising Campaign that has seen our Scholarship Fund grow. Thank you Pat and also to Sue Laufer who has been part of that effort.

We do not know what the fall holds in the way of preventive measures for limiting the spread of the coronavirus. I believe that it is unlikely that we will be able to host the Welcome Back Dinner as normal; anyway, the restaurants are closed at the moment and we can't reserve a room. I have been thinking about doing an outdoor picnic, perhaps at the zoo where we could get adjoining pavilions. What do you think? If anyone has ideas on other ways to get together, albeit in smaller groups, please send along your ideas.

Finally, I usually put together a few pages of pictures from activities the Branch members have participated in during the year. I have only a few, you might expect. Having heard a report on NPR about the importance of creating a record of what each of us has done during this period I want to ask each of you to do the following. Send me a picture(s) of something you have done in the last few months that tells a little bit about what you have done to keep yourself occupied and

sane. Since flour has all but disappeared from the grocery store some of us must be baking more. Send a picture of your creation. Some are gardening—send me a picture. Some are cleaning out a closet (I cleaned my garbage pail one day.) Some are making masks, some are taking walks in places they haven't visited before, some are reading more books that usual, and some are watching movies. Send me pictures and captions if you wish that explain what is happening in your picture. I plan on taking a picture of my shopping lists since we are limiting our trips to the grocery store and no more eating out, for the moment. And if anyone has adopted a new, longer, hairstyle you wish to share I'll include it with a picture of my shaggy locks.

Have a healthful and happy summer,

Karen

FROM YOUR TREASURER

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DEADLINE JUNE 25

Dues collection for July 1 through June 30, 2021 is in progress. Dues remain the same as last year: \$79 which includes National, State and our local branch membership.

National AAUW has sent you an email option to renew on-line using your credit card. This came as an email from memberinfo.aauw.org. It was personalized with your name, address and a link to National AAUW. If you successfully renew with a credit card, you will receive a second email from National with a confirmation of your payment, copy to me. On-line renewal is available to primary and dual

members alike. Dual member dues remain the same as last year: \$10.

The option to mail me a check made out to AAUW (\$79), of course, is fine as well. However, last year, two checks mailed at different times from different places were lost in the mail (never cashed).

Barbara Heinrichs
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If you're not renewing for any reason, we will be sorry to lose you. Just let me know and I'll take you off the reminder list.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Because of COVID-19, we cancelled March through June book discussions. We will start fresh in September when things should be back to normal.

We selected several very interesting books that we read but didn't get a chance to discuss. We won't forget about them. We can double up and do more than one book at a meeting or we can have more than one meeting a month.

Please make a note of any good books that you think the rest of the group would enjoy too. Submit your ideas to Mary Jane Slugg with the name and author of the books.

Tributes

Gifts to our Tribute Scholarship Fund are a thoughtful way to recognize an anniversary or remember a friend, member or relative while providing support to our scholarship recipients.

An acknowledgement is sent to you and to the individual recognized. Your name will be made known, but not the amount of the gift.

Please send your gift to Barbara Heinrichs, 503 Whildam Ave., North Cape May, NJ 08204.

Acknowledgements:

Mary Conley

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KEEP OUR WEB ADDRESS HANDY

Events, meetings, book discussion dates, and more!

You can always find up-to-date information here. Book lists and dates for both groups are posted.

A calendar of events is handy.

A complete membership list with contact information is available.

To access the information for Members Only call: Mary Jane Slugg (609) 884-7041 or Barbara Heinrichs (609) 889-1647 and we will give you the password!

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