



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW September 2020 NEWSLETTER

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2020-2021 Edition I

VOTE

Election day is just seven weeks away — [make a plan to vote](#)! Studies show that voters who make a plan, including figuring out how and where to vote, are more likely to follow through. Before you head to the polls, learn how to protect your vote and what to do if something goes wrong. For example, you should:

- Register or check your voter registration.
- Find out how to vote in your state.
- If you plan on voting in person:
 - Take all necessary precautions to stay safe!
 - Know your polling place's location and hours.
 - Decide how you will get to and from the polling place, and prepare for the possibility of a long wait.
 - Check what type of voter identification you must bring, if any is required.
 - Ask for help from people working at the polls if you need it.
- If you plan to vote by mail:
 - Check the deadlines for requesting options in your state, or if a ballot will be automatically sent to you.
 - Ensure your ballot is sent in the mail or dropped off at official locations, per the instructions of your local Board of Elections.
 - Check the status of your ballot online, if possible.

Voter suppression and voter intimidation are illegal. If your voting rights are challenged at the polls, document and report the problem. As soon as you experience an issue, call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline, where hundreds of lawyers are standing by to immediately respond. Phone (866) 687-8683.

To check your voter status, voting place, candidates and other information click here on [Voter Information](#).

AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dana McDaniel

We began our new season 2020-2021 The September program has traditionally been our Membership Luncheon. Due to COVID19 and not having a Tech Trek Speaker, the meeting has been cancelled. We start our new session in unusual circumstances just like we ended the last term.

I would like to begin our new term by welcoming our members one way or another either in person or by Video Conferencing. This is a new experience for many of us.

Keep safe everyone. Also, besides COVID 19, we also need to remind ourselves to stay safe from other illness like heart disease and Cancer. Everything has been so focused on COVID19, but we also need to focus on diet and exercise. Our lifestyle and diet play an important role in staying healthy.

We had our first Board Meeting in August by Zoom. Quite a new experience for us all. But it worked. Our Program V.P.'s have the programs arranged for this year. The Programs being finalized at this time are the following:

September: Clayton AAUW has joined with the League of Women Voters and the Clayton Business and Community Association (CBCA) to present a forum with the Clayton City Council candidates. The Zoom meeting will be held on September 28th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Dee Billeter if you are interested in participating.

October: There is a possibility that we can join with Danville/Alamo Branch for a presentation on the CA Propositions. The League of Women Voters is preparing videos on all propositions which will be available at the viewer's convenience. More info to follow.

PLEASE VOTE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET BY CONTACTING CAROL WOLFE at 672-1303 or candjwolfe@aol.com.



The Proposed Branch Budget for 2020-2021 has been approved by the Board and is recommended to the membership for approval. Since we cannot hold a membership lunch in September as we normally would, we ask you to vote on the budget electronically. If you have any questions, you can contact Carol Wolfe.

**CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW
PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$12,739.30	\$ 12,764*
	7/1/19-6/30/20	7/1/20-6/30/21
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
INCOME		
Memberships 380@\$100)	\$ 3,384.00	\$ 3,800
Bridge Marathon	355.00	0
eScrip/Interest	6.28	5
Meals/Holiday Party	481.00	0
Tech Trek Donations	1,990.00	150
Fundraisers	0.00	2,000
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,216.28	\$ 5,955
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$18,955.58	\$18,719
MANDATORY EXPENSES		
<i>Variable Expenses (based on 40 @ 70)</i>		
AAUW Funds	\$ 39.00	\$ 38
Association Dues	1,947.00	2,242
State Dues	660.00	760
National Convention Reserve Fund*	0	0
<i>Fixed Expenses</i>		
AAUW State Insurance Assessment	144.00	140
Inter-Branch Council	25.00	25
Education fund Assessment	40.00	40
OPERATING EXPENSES		
<i>Administrative</i>		
Printing & Supplies & Website	0.00	100
Franchise Tax Board	0.00	25
<i>Travel/Leadership</i>		
Officers' Expenses	0.00	50
State Convention	0.00	1,000
Past Presidents' Pins	0.00	0
<i>Program/General Meetings</i>		
Installation Event	0.00	50
Meals/Holiday Party	471.93	0
Membership	127.93	200
Publicity	0.00	0
Program	221.23	400
Bridge Marathon	0.00	45
AAUW Funds Committee	229.75	300
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	50
Zoom		60
<i>Publications</i>		
Newsletter Printing/Postage/Web	0.00	25
Membership Directory	0.00	25
<i>Projects</i>		
Scholarship*	0.00	4,500
Tech Trek	2,085.98	250
Women's History Month	200.00	200
Sunshine Fund	0.00	25
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,191.82	\$10,050
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Carry-Over for 2020-2021	\$ 12,763.76	\$ 8,669

Note: * Beginning Balance includes Scholarship Reserve of \$4,580.93 and Nat'l Convention Reserve of \$1,500

Afternoon Book Group Selections

The Book Group continues to meet via Zoom on the 4th Wednesday at 2:30 pm

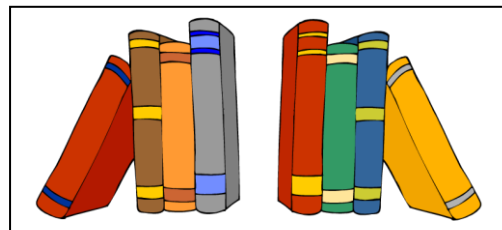
- September 23rd *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.
- October 28th - *The Dressmaker's Gift* by Fiona Valpy.

We are always interested in new ideas for books to read.

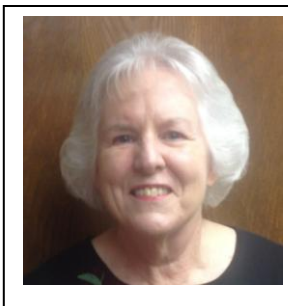
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Ladies Bridge and Saturday Night Bridge have been cancelled during the Covid19 Crisis.



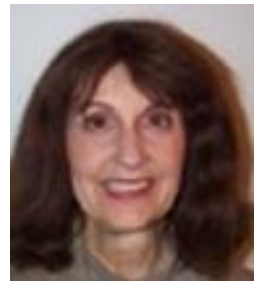
FIELD TRIPS

(A note from Adela)

"I am still on the lookout for field trip day excursions as all field trips through CalRTA are on hold due to the pandemic. So far the only excursion I have been able to find is to the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek. I am checking out the possibility of a docent led tour, but as of now the only thing available is a self guided tour. More info will follow in the next newsletter.

I will endeavor to keep everyone posted on day trips offered by CalRTA.

I am open to any suggestions for possible field trips during the pandemic that I could look into setting up for our group."



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