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President's Message

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Dear Friends,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe at home.

It was wonderful to see familiar faces on Saturday, April 25th as over 15 members joined our Zoom annual Baton Rouge branch meeting. While we were unable to visit and do business over a lovely lunch as we have done in past years, we did indeed have a quorum and were able to complete the needed business of the branch.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected to fulfill a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020:

Vice President - **Julie Sukkar** and Treasurer - **Pam Baldwin**.

The following officers are completing the second year of a two-year term:

President - **June Klimash** and Secretary - **Rebecca Triche** and Nominating Committee - **JiJi Jonas** and **Valerie Jackson-Jones**. The board appoints a third member of this committee, and **Eileen Kennedy** graciously accepted that position during the annual meeting.

Join me in thanking these members for giving of their time to help AAUW of Baton Rouge accomplish great things.

The Eleanor Earle Scholarship winners were announced and details are included in the newsletter. Our treasurer presented the 2020 budget and that is also included in the newsletter for your information.

Before the annual meeting concluded, there was a lively discussion focused on voting issues. As there is still much uncertainty about when we might be able to gather in person, and with an important election coming in November, the branch decided to hold the planning meeting on Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 p.m. as another Zoom meeting. I encourage you to join and help guide the role and activities of the Baton Rouge branch in the coming year.

All Baton Rouge branch interest group in-person activities will be postponed or canceled for the months of May and June per recommendations from AAUW National. Interest group chairs are encouraged to hold Zoom meetings if interest group participants are willing as that is one way to keep us moving forward and staying in touch. If you have any questions, please consult the interest group chairs listed in this newsletter.

Until next month,

June Klimash



**Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday, May 13
6:30 p.m.
Delivered by Zoom
All members are welcome.
President June Klimash will send
a general email message with
Zoom details.**



Greetings,

The scholarship committee has reached a decision on the recipients for our scholarships. The two recipients are:

Rochelle L Darville, doctoral candidate in Science and Mathematics Education at Southern University. She is also a current Science teacher in the St John the Baptist school system. She has received multiple teaching awards. Her focus is to determine the best method for reaching each student to help them understand STEM topics and to achieve success in these fields then take back this knowledge to the classroom.

Gillian Foss, doctoral candidate in Higher Education Administration at LSU. She has worked with the Baton Rouge Youth Coalition as a writing coach and with other youth organizations in previous locations. Her focus is to understand conflicting messages sent (probably unknowingly) within higher education for enrollment and access to different curricula traditionally reserved for men like educational administration, law, and finance.

My thanks to **Carolyn Stutts** and **Anne Campbell** for their help with the selections. It was very difficult since there were so many very qualified applicants.

Pam Baldwin

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

Reminder:

The national AAUW organization sent every member who has an email address a renewal announcement on April 8.

You may have overlooked it because it did not come from our branch treasurer, Pam Baldwin. If you search for it by date, it will appear as coming from **membershipinfo@ aauw.org**. That message is personalized just for you individually. It allows you to pay dues securely using a credit card.

Branch: LA5002-Baton Rouge
Membership Type: Branch Member
Exp_Date: 6/30/2020
Dues - National: \$ 59
Dues - State: \$ 12
Dues - Branch: \$ 18
Total Dues: \$ 89

If you prefer to pay by check, please send the check for **\$89** payable to AAUW BR to :

Pam Baldwin
 Treasurer, AAUW Baton Rouge
 780 Rue Crozat
 Baton Rouge, LA 70810-4543

If you need to communicate with Pam, contact her at:

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2020 - 2021 Budget Proposed and Adopted at Zoom Annual Meeting April 25, 2020

AAUW Baton Rouge			
	Proposed 2020-2021 Budget	Approved 2019-2020 Budget	
Income			
Membership	810.00	4,450.00	
*Interest earned CDs (scholarship)			
*Donations to Scholarship Fund			
Other not budgeted			
Total	810.00	4,450.00	
Expenses			
Administrative	50.00	100.00	
Dues payments to AAUW national	0.00	3,550.00	
Coalitions	50.00	100.00	
Convention support	0.00	150.00	
Insurance-Events	190.00	185.00	
Insurance-D&O coverage	337.00	337.00	
Membership development	80.00	100.00	
Misc			
Programs	100.00	300.00	
Scholarships			
Total	807.00	4,822.00	
FINAL TOTAL	3.00	-372.00	
Checking Balance as of 3/31/2020*		16,485.83	
Eleanor Earle Memorial Scholarship Fund			
CD #2103470098: \$10,000.00	10,000.00		Renewed 12-22-2019 @1.49% for 7 months
CD #2103532114: \$10,000.00	10,000.00		Renewed @2.47% to 4-25-2020
*Restricted in Checking 10/8/2018	9,501.49		Start with this amount in 2020-2021 year budget
	29,501.49		

Notes on budget:

1. Dues are reported on income side only at \$18 per member x 45 members = \$810
2. Due to changes from AAUW Nat'l in how dues are paid makes this method of figuring out income easiest to understand.
3. Insurance policies have either gone up or remained the same.
4. We are not expecting to hold many events in the coming year so having to lower budget amounts for events is ok
5. Operating details for this year and scholarship details omitted from this report for clarity.

Morning Book Club

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Gourmet

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Great Decisions

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In these days of social distancing, when we cannot gather, it is good to be able to stay in touch with long time friends. Many of you know that **Joan Houghton-Bonds** moved away to be near a son's family including grandchildren. So that we are all able to communicate with her, President **June Klimash** will send Joan's new address and continuing cell phone number by email.

Since a key part of the recent annual meeting by Zoom was installation of officers whose terms will begin July 1, attendees initiated a discussion about informing willing members about the duties of officers in advance of recruiting a new president and secretary at this time next year.

Look here in coming months for notices about the duties of all officers, perhaps one office per newsletter. There will also be an invitation for members to shadow a current officeholder to gain an appreciation for how more of us may be involved in the leadership of the group we all enjoy.

Newer members may not have considered service as an officer yet, but AAUW Baton Rouge's branch will need you soon. Likewise, long time members who have served previously may be willing to share the experience they garnered as officers in the past or to accept a new and different challenge.

Thank you for considering what you can do to sustain our branch before the nominating committee meets next year.





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