



July 8, 2020

Dear AAUW NW Valley Members,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones healthy and safely distanced. For this letter, let's talk

About Us and **About 'U'**

About Us: Suzanne James and Becky Saylor led a successful July 4th food collection drive-by!
Suzanne will email her summary to all of us.

About Us: Survey says: we value mission, learning opportunities, and meeting others.

Remember taking a Survey in May? Joye Kohl analyzed part one of our Survey. Out of 226 surveys e-mailed and a plethora of phone calls by 14 volunteers, we connected with 119 members who responded. What do we value? Joye writes: "The mission of the organization is obviously of paramount importance to the membership in seeking equity for women and girls..." As well we value "providing education of women and girls (scholarships)," "high quality general meeting programs," and "meeting other women." Look for Joye's graphs and analysis following this eblast. Part two of our Survey concerning communications is scheduled for August.

What about Us in meetings? Although our lives have changed, our work and commitment has not changed. We will continue **with** masks, gloves, a touchless dispenser of hand-sanitizer, meeting reservations, observing limits to our attendance in groups, and social distancing. However, being socially distant does not mean being emotionally distant!

I have appointed Dale Moran, former membership chair, retired RN and holder of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, as our Covid-19 pandemic point person. She will advise our Board of Directors and our Hospitality Committee, and she will share safety and health strategies. Excerpts from Dale's email:

- the newest info: droplets from coughing and sneezing are large but the small droplets from breathing are more numerous, stay in the atmosphere much longer, and can be more contagious
- sing in the shower not in a group; chant by yourself not in a yoga class
- the virus is mutating to a slightly more contagious form
- quite a few of the 150 labs working on an antidote are using RNA technology--the RNA acts as messenger to wake up the immune system; and if this works the cost of immunization should run about \$5--let's hope!

About 'U'! If you have already participated by [Putting 'U' in AAUW circa 1980](#), Skip this:

Last month, I asked you to put the 80's '**U**' in **AAUW** for our 40th celebration. Find that perfect 80's picture of 'U' and use your cell phone camera to send it to us:

1. Shoot your photograph with your cell phone camera. This may take trial and error. Your original may need to lay flat or be set up-right to eliminate reflection from glass or lights. I had to turn off the cell camera flash. Fill up the entire frame edge-to-edge. Trash the shaky attempts and re-try – because we want the best 1980's 'U'.
2. Enter Contact information into your phone as follows: Name: Admin Utility AAUW-NWV. Cell # is 480-578-6266. Text your name and + your shot of your 1980's picture. Send only one text. This number will be active from May 11 through August 15th. OR, email pic to utilityaaunwv@gmail.com. The above not working for you? Snail-mail one of your photos to Suzanne James, 10343 W Wininger Circle, Sun City, AZ 85351, and we will return your photo.

Save the Dates

TODAY: If you haven't paid dues, AAUW National's website takes a credit card or mail check to:

Melva Hull, AAUW Finance V.P., 22827 N Arrellaga, SCW, AZ 85375

July Begin collecting new items (with price tags) and *object d'art* for our Silent Auction Scholarship Fashion Event. Contact maryblum@centurylink.net and/or Sharon.astle1963@gmail.com

July 20 9am ZOOM Board Meeting for elected Officers, Committee Chairs and Appointees

September 15th 9am ZOOM Board Meeting for elected Officers, Committee Chairs and Appointees

September 17th 9 am to 1 pm AAUW NW Valley Thursday General Meeting, Program, Leadership Transition, and 40th Birthday Party Luncheon at Briarwood Country Club.

Thank you for continuing to support AAUW NW Valley. We are still looking for a Historian. YOUR IDEAS for 2020-2021 – particularly about scholarship fund-raising are valued. Please email me a brief note at sharon.astle1963@gmail.com to let me know your thoughts.

Happy 40th Birthday year,

Sharon-Lee Astle

2020-2021 President