



# Synthesis



**The Census determines how federal funding gets allocated for the next 10 years.** That means funding for education, health care, housing, emergency services, infrastructure, and more is at stake. If our residents aren't properly counted, or members of our community are missed during the counting period, we might not receive the resources we need to support our diverse and growing population.

**While you can complete the Census over the phone or by mail, for the first time ever you can also respond online. Use the web site [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov), using the census ID you received in the mail. Call toll-free 1-844-330-2020 if you have any questions or problems.**

There is **no cost** to fill out the Census, and it will **not** ask for your social security number or immigration status. Your personal information is kept confidential and will **not** be shared with law enforcement. Your response is required by law.

It is critical that every resident and household in our country is properly counted, and the Census is a big part of ensuring necessary resources are allocated fairly.

**If you haven't done it already, we hope you'll take the 10 minutes to complete the census-- for you, your neighbors, our schools, our roads and so much more.**

Thanks for doing your part.

*Margaret Good*



As Co-Director of Public Policy, I'm passing on this information from Margaret Good, our current representative in Tallahassee.

*Ora Jean Henry*



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### May, 2020

The Community Foundation has cancelled all meeting room usage until June 30<sup>th</sup>, therefore our next meeting will probably take place in September. As April is our Annual General Meeting, where we hold elections and vote on the proposed budget and philanthropy plan, these are items that will have to be deferred until we can safely meet again, hopefully in September. Our Parliamentarian tells me that email voting is not considered legal since it doesn't allow for discussion and nominations from the floor. There are several possible alternatives but the easiest option is to just do nothing about these items until September and keep the present Board in place until we can have elections.

The AAUW Florida annual convention, NCCWSL, and Tech Trek have been cancelled. The four women we were sending to NCCWSL have all been invited to attend next year but at this point we don't know if we can do the same with the four girls accepted to Tech Trek.

This will be the next-to-last newsletter published by Roz Lurie, who, after five years, is handing over the job to Virginia Waring. I suspect only the President knows how important it is to have an editor who is patient with last-minute changes and a willingness to be flexible with deadlines, and Roz has been someone I could rely on during my term, to work with me to communicate important information as clearly as possible. I am

sending her a virtual hug until I can see her in person. Thank you!!!

The Tech Trek Challenge wasn't fully met this year, with \$365 given by members to our Treasurer, although Eloise did generously donate her promised \$1500. There may have been others who gave directly to the AAUW Supporting Foundation, but we aren't notified when that happens. The branch will give the \$2400 from our endowment funds, as voted on last April.

You have probably received a phone call from one of the Membership Committee, who decided to call all members to check in with them. Thank you to those who offered to make calls! It is good to know that all of our members are safe and are being taken care of where necessary.

On April 6 you should have received an email from AAUW Florida titled Annual Meeting Special Edition FloriVision. It contains information on how to nominate 'from the floor' by email in the state election, as well as the reports that would have been presented at the convention. Notice that our own Ellen Roche is running for Development Chair. If you didn't receive this email, check your spam folder, and if you still can't find it, it probably means that your email address listed on the National Member database is incorrect. Our branch records are different from the National records, so please go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), log in with your membership number (which is listed in our Yearbook under your email address) and password, and if the two emails aren't the same, you can change the one on the national list. We cannot change it for you because we don't have your password. And then let me know so I can forward the information to you. If your email is incorrect, you also are missing the opportunity to vote in both the AAUW Florida and AAUW National elections taking place now.

I hope to see everyone together soon!

*Diana Sells, President*

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – 2020-2021**

Our renewal season for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) is underway. In mid-March, invoices were emailed to each member whose email address is in the National AAUW database, except for Honorary members, who have been AAUW members for 50 years and no longer are asked to pay dues. We sent notices by US mail to those few members whose email addresses are not in the AAUW database. Thank you to all who have already responded to those communications by renewing their memberships.

Toward the end of April, we will initiate another round of invoices. The invoice will come by email from [memberinfo@aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@aauw.org). The invoice will include instructions and an individualized secured link for paying your dues online. The invoice will also include instructions on how to renew your membership by mail. **IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE RENEW ONLINE.**

If you must renew your membership by mail, you may write a check for \$85\* payable to AAUW Sarasota and send it to AAUW Sarasota, P.O. Box 3554, Sarasota, FL 34230, along with the form at the end of this newsletter. Please be advised that renewal of your membership will take longer if you pay your dues by check rather than online. We will be retrieving mail infrequently as long as public health officials are encouraging us to stay at home or to avoid highly trafficked public places. **IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE RENEW ONLINE.**

If you have any questions, please contact either one of us.

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941-752-2340

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P.S. Please do NOT go to the AAUW website to renew your membership. The invoice is designed to eliminate the need for going there, and your name will already be associated with your member ID and branch on the invoice.

\* The \$85 represents \$59 in National dues; \$12 in State dues; and \$14 in Branch dues.

### **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE**

Please update your directory with this new address:

Emma Laura Carvin  
7159 Victoria Circle  
University Park, FL 34201

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **NCCWSL**

#### **THIS YEAR'S NCCWSL CONVENTION CANCELED**

We recently received word that the 2020 NCCWSL Convention has been postponed until May 2021. The convention was to take place at the University of Maryland from May 27 to May 30, 2020. Four excellent candidates had been approved and were looking forward to attending. The AAUW Board has approved inviting these young ladies to assist next year. They are: Claudiamarie Mendez and Diana Kovalenko (USFSM), and Daria Paulis and Gabriela Ott (New College of Florida).

*Joan Nasser*

### **MAY CALENDAR ENTRY**

**ALL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR MAY EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

#### **NORTH COUNTY BOOK GROUP**

**May 19, 2020 – Tuesday at 11 am**, Lois Fisch will lead an online discussion of *Stolen Beauty: A Novel* by Laurie Lico Albanese. Lois will send out **Zoom** sign-on information to book group members in May. If you are not a member but would like to participate, please email Lois at [lfisch@utica.edu](mailto:lfisch@utica.edu) or call 941-735-0378.

### **SUMMER SIZZLERS**

Because there is no way of knowing when the “stay-at-home” orders will be lifted, we have no plans for events this summer. However, if the opportunity arises, we’ll try to put something together and let you know. I know we are all ready for some social interaction! Stay well.

*Kathy Oarr*

### **SYNTHESIS EDITOR UPDATE:**

I will be editing the September Synthesis with articles sent to me in August, 2020 (see box on page 5). Starting in September, for the October Synthesis, our new editor, Virginia Waring, will be taking over. Meanwhile, stay well, stay safe, and have a quiet, healthy and uneventful summer.

*Roz Lurie*

**AAUW Sarasota Branch  
Officers and Directors 2019 - 2020**

**Officers**

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| President      | Diana Sells                     |
| Vice President | Lois Fisch                      |
| Secretary      | Susan Teel<br>Louise Oleyourryk |
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**Directors**

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Program                                     | Joan Nasser               |
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| Communications                              | Sue Casey                 |
| Education Programs                          | Mary Stephenson           |
| Nominations                                 | Ellen Roche               |
| Past President, (ex-officio,<br>non-voting) | Ellen Roche               |
| Parliamentarian                             | Mimi Welch                |
| Synthesis Editor                            | Roz Lurie                 |



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(Florida branch)

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**Deadline**

**August 10th** is the deadline for the September issue of the Synthesis. Please submit either an email or attached Word document to me, Roz Lurie. Photos are appreciated. I cannot edit a PDF file.

Roz Lurie, [roz.lurie@gmail.com](mailto:roz.lurie@gmail.com)

## AAUW Sarasota Membership Renewal Form July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Use this form ONLY if you are NOT renewing using the invoice emailed to you by memberinfo@aauw.org.

Name: (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_ Usually called: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership no: \_\_\_\_\_

### Update address, phone or email below:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### If Dual Member, Name and Location (City and State) of Primary Branch:

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### INDICATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Membership          | \$85 (Nat'l \$59, State \$12, Branch \$14) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Membership             | \$26 (State \$12, Branch \$14)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Membership (FL Branch) | \$14 (Local Branch \$14)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership             | \$26 (State \$12, Branch \$14)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary                    | \$0  |

(\$56 of your dues is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.)

### MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: AAUW SARASOTA

**MAIL TO:** AAUW Sarasota  
PO Box 3554  
Sarasota, FL 34230-3554

**NOTE:** Dues must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup> to guarantee inclusion in the yearbook.