

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to a new year of AAUW. I am guessing that most of us did not expect that we would still be in the throes of COVID-19 six months after we last met in March. Rest assured that the officers and committee chairs of the Brevard Branch have met online and corresponded over the summer in order to continue conducting business and plan for the 2020-2021 year. You will read about their work in this first edition of the year newsletter.

Before I share my thoughts about the coming year with you, I'd like to thank Roberta Carver for leading us through a difficult time this spring. Because of the hard work and leadership of President Carver and her board, the branch is in a very good position as we move into a new year. I know she regrets not being able to share last year's outcomes with you at our cancelled spring luncheon.

It has been said that the pandemic has created a new normal. I think the concept of a new normal is a moving target and we must be willing to be creative and adaptable in order to stay engaged, relevant and vibrant as a branch. As you will see in this newsletter, we will hold our first meeting of the year via Zoom at 7 p.m. on September 8. While it won't be our annual potluck, feel free to grab a snack and drink when you join in.

Cindi Spillman will be our presenter that evening, and she will show us how to be Zoom users and share tips and tricks. Following Cindi's presentation there will be a short business meeting. Our main task is to approve the 2020-2021 operating budget. Please review before we meet the budget on p. 6 that Laura Ledford, our treasurer, has developed.

Participation is vital to keep our branch engaged. The program vice-presidents have developed a wonderful calendar of presentations that will be held via Zoom, until we can meet in person again. The health and well-being of each member are in the forefront of the board as we discuss returning to in-person meetings.

In closing, I'd like to ask each of you to reflect on why you joined AAUW, and why you remain a member. What is the value of AAUW in your life?

*President's message continued on p. 2*

## COMING EVENTS

<b>Sep 7</b>	<b>Resume Book Donations</b> Book Nook
<b>Sep 8</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Branch Meeting</b> Zoom
<b>Sep 9</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>Book Group</b> Zoom
<b>Sep 14</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> Zoom
<b>Oct 7</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>Book Group</b> Zoom



## SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8  
At Your HOME Via ZOOM

**Cindi Spillman will tutor us in this virtual forum.  
A link to join the meeting will be sent by email!**

### ***President's Message continued from p. 1***

My reason for joining was to meet new people after I moved to Brevard. I read an article in the *TTimes* about an upcoming program. I came and I joined. I've stayed a member for my original reasons, but as I learned more about the organization, I knew that the mission of "advancing gender equality for women and girls through research, education and advocacy" as well as the vision of "equality for all" were things that I believed in and wanted to support.

Here's to a new year of friendship, learning and FUN!

*Cindy Donaldson, President*

### **Book Group**

We are delaying the three books we had left from the spring as the presenters feel they would be better discussed in-person. We will do September and October books on Zoom and hope for in-person after that, but will go month by month.

We will discuss *Dutch House* by Ann Patchett on Wednesday, September 9 at 2 p.m. on Zoom. It is the second Wednesday, but it will give Paula more time to get up to speed on Zoom and wait until after Labor Day. We will send the information needed to log-on a couple of days before then, so check your email.

On October 7 at 2 p.m., we will discuss *In The Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White also on Zoom.

Contact Carol Carrano for further information.

### **AMAZING 104!**



Grace Munro Roy, a charter member of AAUW Brevard Branch, turns 104 on September 4. Grace now lives at the Inn at College Walk. We all wish her the happiest & healthiest of birthdays!

### **SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING**

Program Vice-Chair Cindi Spillman says, "Let's get ready to Zoom!"

We're kicking off our programs this year with a little digital meet and greet. We'll also review some helpful tips for successful Zooming and have a sneak peek at what's coming in October!

If you would like a zoom tutorial beforehand, please e-mail [CindiSpillman@ArtLabNC.com](mailto:CindiSpillman@ArtLabNC.com) to set up an appointment.



### **BOOK SALE UPDATE**

Book donations will be accepted at the Nook starting September 7. Due to the pandemic, we will not be able to pick up large donations of books at a donor's home. Donors are asked to pack books in closed Ingles-type boxes which are often available in the front lobby at Ingles. Boxes are also available at the Nook and may be picked up there by prior arrangement. Please contact Kristen Alpert for questions, to schedule a box pick up, and to schedule a book delivery to the Nook. As always, members are welcome to continue to collect books from friends and family and to drop them off at the Nook. Please follow recommended Covid guidelines at all times, including face coverings, social distancing and hand hygiene when coming to and working at the Nook.

Book Sale category chairs and workers are encouraged to return to the Nook as you are comfortable to resume pricing and packing books. Please contact Carrie Clary or Carol Carrano for questions or concerns about your category.

The Book Sale Committee is looking for members who would like to be involved in the "inner workings" of the sale. Monthly planning meetings usually begin in February. Please let Kristen or Carrie know if you're interested in learning more and how you might get involved.

We are very hopeful that we will have a book sale in June 2021. Brevard College has again offered us the use of their gym.

*Kristen Alpert, Book Sale Chair*



## POTENTIAL AAUW DUES INCREASE

State and local AAUW leaders recently received notice that National AAUW is considering a individual dues increase for all AAUW members. This decision will be made at the AAUW Board of Directors meeting on October 16, 2020.

Any increase would take effect on July 1, 2021. The Board will consider two different options:

- 1) An increase to take effect on July 1, 2021, of an amount between \$3 and \$10; or
- 2) An increase to take effect on July 1 of each of the next three fiscal years of between \$3 and \$10.

Any change to Individual Member dues will impact paid Life Membership as well. The Board is not considering a change to College/University Member dues at this time.

AAUW finds itself in the same position as other non-profit organizations that depend on membership dues as a source of ongoing programming. Income has simply not kept pace with expenses. AAUW membership dues cover between 15% and 20% of AAUW's annual budget.

Increasing Individual Member dues will help AAUW cover more expenses, including important functions like the Connect team, critical technology and infrastructure such as the website and Member Services Database, and other member support.

This is clearly a personal decision for each of our Brevard branch members. It would be extremely difficult and time consuming for all of us to discuss and come to consensus on a one-size-fits-all-position on this dues proposal. Our Brevard Branch Board will not presume to speak for our 130+ members on this sensitive issue. However, we are encouraging any branch members who hold strong positions on this dues proposal to send any comments regarding this dues increase to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) no later than Friday, September 25, 2020. All comments will be reviewed by AAUW National staff and the Board of Directors prior to the Board's vote.

*Karla Atkinson, Public Policy Chair*



## FROM YOUR TREASURER



The 2020-2021 directory will be mailed to you in early September. Inserted in the directory is your 2020 tax acknowledgement letter regarding the deductibility of annual dues. This is not a dues request. Annual dues renewal occurs in April. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the branch operating account and the scholarship committee. With your help we were able to fund a budget for FY2021.

When you review the budget on p. 5 of this newsletter, you will see that the majority of our funding for this year comes from savings: money not spent in FY2020, budget surpluses from previous years, and contributions from our members.

Donations to the operating account went towards covering our annual fixed expense of about \$7,000 for storage and book nook rent and utilities. Donations to the scholarship committee were applied to the high school science program and to Brevard College and Blue Ridge Community College scholarships.

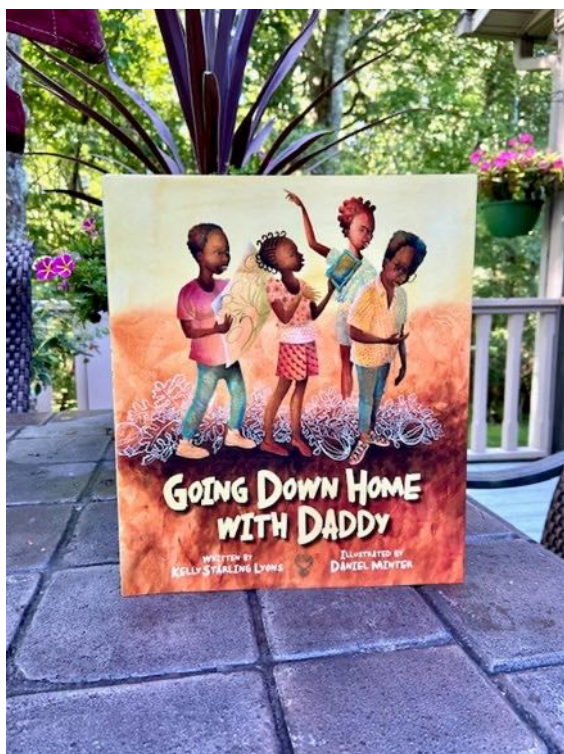
If you were not able to donate earlier in the year and would like to now, send a check made out to AAUW Brevard Branch to me at 38 Jasmine Lane, Brevard, NC 28712.

*Laura Ledford*



Beth Ann Chiles worked with other women in Connestee Falls to collect over 3,500 masks for students in Transylvania County Schools to wear as they returned to school in August.

## INSTALLATION OF 2020-2021 OFFICERS



Due to the cancellation of our May Branch meeting, the 2020-2021 officers were installed on July 1, 2020, via Zoom. Outgoing President Roberta Carver offered some opening remarks and then administered the oath of office to: President Cindy Donaldson, President-Elect Rhae Mozley, Secretary Susan Andressen, Treasurer Laura Ledford, Membership VPs Fran Rasmussen and Mary Baker, Program VPs Cindi Spillman, Nancy Richards and Monalin Solan, Book Sale Chair Kristen Alpert, and Scholarship Committee Chair, Jody Schuld.



## LIBRARY DONATION

On July 10, Brevard Branch donated a copy of *Going Down Home With Daddy* by Kelly Starling Lyons to the Transylvania County Library.

This book was this year's winner of the AAUW North Carolina Young People's Literature Award. There is a bookplate inside the front cover designating that it was donated to the library as a gift from AAUW NC. Each branch in the state is given a book to donate to their area library. The books are paid for through the AAUW NC state budget.

## HELP WANTED!

We need a member to show us how to publish the newsletter every month on the website.

*Paula Bennett Paddick &  
Kathryn Burleigh*

### AAUW BREVARD CONTRIBUTIONS

*Donations made since the May newsletter*

#### Brevard College Scholarship Endowment

**Donor:**

Carol & John Carrano

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**In Memory of:**

Marion Vamosy

John M. Jack

If you or family members are looking for a gift idea, please consider contributing to one of the AAUW college endowments. You can link to the forms at: <http://brevard-nc.aauw.net/donate/>

## MORE AAUW BREVARD CONTRIBUTIONS

*Donations made since the May newsletter*

### AAUW Fund

**Donor:**  
Kathryn Holten

Roberta Carver  
Dayna Pollett

**In Honor Of:**  
Grace Roy

**In Memory Of:**  
Diann Harle  
Jacquelyn J. Jones

### Educational Opportunities Fund

**Donor:**  
Jean Fallis  
Carole Pohl

**Donor:**  
Patti Herring

**Donor:**  
Judith Wolf

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Connie Kay Hughes  
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**In Honor Of:**  
Pinkie Byrd

**In Memory Of:**  
Katherine Wolf

### Leadership Programs Fund

**Donor:**  
Jenny Zia

**In Memory Of:**  
Sheila Moore Hill

### Legal Advocacy Fund

**Donor:**  
Kristine Fulmer

### Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

**Donor:**  
Carter Heyward

**Donor:**  
Lucille Chaveas

**Donor:**  
Gypsy Richardson

**In Memory Of:**  
Terry McLean

### AAUW Brevard Branch Operating Account

**Donor:**  
Karla Atkinson  
Lucille Chaveas  
Fran Rasmussen  
Linda Thompson

**Donor:**  
Pinkie Byrd  
Geri Hambley  
Gypsy Richardson  
Jenny Tierney

**Donor:**  
Roberta Carver  
Laura Ledford  
Grace Roy  
Jenny Zia

**Donor:**  
Carol Carrano  
Cindy Donaldson

**In Honor Of:**  
Grace Roy  
Roberta Carver

### AAUW Brevard Branch Scholarship Committee

**Donor:**  
Judy Baghose  
Barbara Gibson  
Jackie Jenkins  
Carolyn Miller  
Nancy Richards  
Jody Schuld

**Donor:**  
Sally Kemp Baker  
Geri Hambley  
Laura Ledford  
Paula Bennett Paddick  
Gypsy Richardson  
Linda Thompson

**Donor:**  
Pinkie Byrd  
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Becky Lohr  
Carole Pohl  
Betty Schenfield  
Aleta Tisdale

**Donor:**  
Carol Carrano

**In Honor Of:**  
Grace Roy

**Donor:**  
Maury Bandurraga  
Susanne Rolland

**In Memory Of:**  
Carol and Sid Elliott  
Carol Elliott

# AAUW BREVARD BRANCH FINANCIAL STATUS AND 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

<b>Income:</b>	<b>2019-2020 Budget</b>	<b>2019-2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020-2021 Proposed Budget</b>
Branch dues	1,300	1,125	1,200
Book sale gross revenues	33,796	33,886	3,000
Carryover from 2020 + Surplus Funds	0	0	19,500
Interest income	14	27	10
Donations to branch	215	2,118	790
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35,325</b>	<b>37,156</b>	<b>24,500</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
<b>Book Sale:</b>			
Permits	300	0	300
Insurance	185	190	190
Publicity	1,700	90	1,700
Book Sale Site Floor Protection	400	0	400
Storage Unit/Book Nook	6,700	6,454	6,700
Supplies	750	206	750
Miscellaneous	620	40	620
<b>Scholarships/Funds Donations:</b>			
Brevard College Endowment Fund	0	0	0
Brevard College Scholarship Fund	6,000	6,000	2,500
Blue Ridge Community College Scholarship Fund	6,000	6,000	2,500
AAUW National Fund TBD	1,000	0	0
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund	250	0	250
High School Science Program	1,000	1,000	1,000
Green River Preserve Science Camp	1,525	1,525	0
WISE Clemson Coll Science-Math Camp	3,240	0	3,240
<b>Community/Education:</b>			
Women in History/Jeopardy/WWMD	250	164	150
IWIL Brevard College/NCCWSL Conference	2,250	500	2,000
Get Out the Vote	500	0	100
<b>Administration:</b>			
Officers	500	0	300
Supplies/Postage	250	110	200
<b>Branch Development Activities:</b>			
Newsletter	75	33	75
Directory	300	293	435
Hospitality	100	0	50
Program	100	0	50
<b>Events/Meetings:</b>			
New Members Reception	75	0	75
December meeting (net)	100	0	100
May meeting (net)	100	0	100
<b>Donations:</b>			
Chamber of Commerce	130	115	115
St. Timothy Methodist Church	425	300	300
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>35,325</b>	<b>23,020</b>	<b>24,500</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficient)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash in accounts:</b>			
	6/30/19	6/30/20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,617</b>	<b>22,969</b>	
Checking	26,868	6,910	
Money market	14,749	16,059	