

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *Happy Valentine's*

"Even if Love is full of Thorns,  
I'll still embrace it  
for I know that in between those thorns  
There is a rose that is worth  
all the pain."



Welcome to February, the month Cupid is required to work overtime.

While February is the month that is focused on romantic love, I'd like us to take some time to think about how we can show some love and affection to ourselves and each other.

Have you been making some time just for yourself lately? Do you take the time to read a book for pure enjoyment, binge watch a new

## COMING EVENTS

<b>February 3</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>Book Group</b> Zoom
<b>February 8</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b> Zoom
<b>February 9</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Branch Meeting</b> Zoom
<b>March 3</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>Book Group</b> Zoom

television series, take a walk in the woods or work on a hobby? It is important that we "fill our own bucket" up the way we fill others.

Audrey Hepburn said, "The best thing to hold on to in life is each other". Although lately it's been rather hard to do that physically, I'd like you to join me in giving someone a "remote" hug. I plan on opening my AAUW Directory and plunking my finger down on the name of one of our members. Hopefully the name I choose will be someone I don't know or work with on a regular basis. Once I've chosen my name, I plan on sending them a Valentine card. (If I know the person, I plan on repeating the process until it does land on someone I don't correspond with, but I will send a Valentine to every name I select.)

This surprise Valentine reminds me of Valentines boxes in elementary school. It was so exciting to open up each envelope and read the message within.

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## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

**BRANCH MEETING**  
**February 9, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Dawn Rouse and Dee Dasburg**  
**Present**

**WISDOM IN COLLABORATIVE**  
**LEADERSHIP**

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We have had several members who have been ill or have experienced major life events. If you are aware of one of these women, please consider sending them or their family a card to let them know that they are in our thoughts. Also remember that Sue Hyde ([suehyde617@msn.com](mailto:suehyde617@msn.com)) is our Sunshine Chair. Please let her know if any of our AAUW sisters could use a card to let them know that we are thinking of them in their difficult or special time.

My personal Valentine wish for each of you is that you have a beautiful day filled with all the love and happiness you deserve, not only on February 14<sup>th</sup>, but every day of the year.

The value of human relationships, mentorships and togetherness is paramount to us as human beings.

- The Nominating Committee will provide our chapter with a slate of officer candidates for the 2021-22 AAUW year. The candidates will be presented to our membership in the March newsletter and will be announced at the March membership meeting. Election of officers will take place in April. Please contact Roberta Carver if you have any questions or suggestions.
- Please join us on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom for our February Membership Meeting. A program entitled "Wisdom in Collaborative Leadership" will be presented by Dawn Rouse and Dee Dasburg.

*Cindy Donaldson, President*

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Leadership is a part of all of our lives, be it through running a business, teaching a class, organizing volunteers, or dealing with family dynamics. Whether we are making change in our community or facilitating within our family or social circle, leadership takes many forms and calls on multiple qualities. And one's leadership style is as unique as the DNA of each person!

A leader can be defined in a variety of ways: one using social influence to achieve a specific outcome; someone who sees how things can be improved and rallies people toward that vision; or one who commits to a goal and motivates others to help achieve it. Whatever set of words is used, leadership most often requires a set of skills developed over time and adapted in multiple settings.



Dawn Rouse

Our February 9<sup>th</sup> AAUW program will be a facilitated interactive discussion on exploring the leader in each of us. The importance of bringing your own life experience and wisdom into any leadership opportunity you may have will be emphasized. Our presenters are well-recognized and well-qualified as leaders in their fields and our community. Both are engaged in leadership roles in their daily lives that will help ground this discussion.

Our presenters will be Dawn Rouse and Dee Dasburg. Dawn, a well-known physical therapist in Brevard, is the Regional Manager for FYZICAL Therapy and Balance Centers for NC, SC and GA. She is a Certified Health Coach and a certified Six Sigma Greenbelt (an Executive Leadership Program). Dee, a licensed mental health counselor

recognized by the National Board of Certified Counselors, is the Associate Dean for Students at Brevard College as well as the Coordinator for Counseling Services at the College. She is also a NC Board Certified Counselor Supervisor.

Dawn shares, "If you are thinking this session doesn't apply to you in your current life setting... you are mistaken!" Dee adds, "We are all leaders whether in a structured role at work or in our own family systems and social circles." This session is certain to make us more aware of how our own personality and wisdom infuses our personal leadership, whether we are leading out front, from among, or in a "behind-the-scenes" supportive role.



Dee Dasburg

Their AAUW presentation promises to be an engaging one. Please plan to join us for this wonderful program. Due to the pandemic our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be presented at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent via email to all members a few days before the meeting. If you would like to invite a guest to join our meeting, you are encouraged to share the Zoom link with them. If you would like a Zoom tutorial, e-mail Cindi Spillman for an appointment or visit the resources section at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us),

Please plan to join the Zoom meeting by 6:50/6:55 p.m. to ensure a timely start for the presentation. A short AAUW business meeting will follow this program.

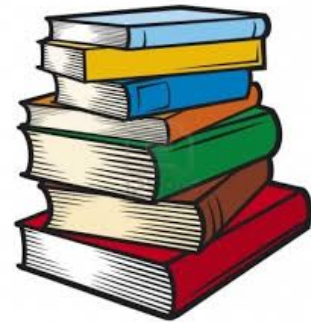
*Submitted by Linda Thompson, Publicity Chair*



## BOOK SALE UPDATE

Donations continue to be accepted at the Nook. Please contact Kristen Alpert to arrange for a delivery time at the Nook.

Yellow Boxes for donations at many local businesses will be placed towards the end of February. Good news: the majority of our sites are participating again this year and our volunteers who monitor the boxes are also. We still need a volunteer to be responsible for Food Lion and two to help with Ingles. Please contact Laura Cunningham if interested.



Thrift Books Update: We sent a shipment of just over 7,000 books to ThriftBooks.com to generate some much needed income from the books we had collected for the 2020 sale. We have received our first payment of \$572.90 for the first few days for sales in December, and have accrued another \$1,010 thus far in January.

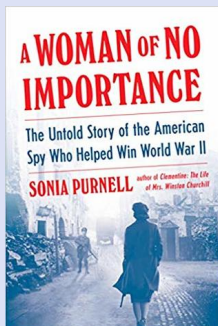
Collections Update: With the shipment of books to Thrift Books, we have been able to actively begin accepting new donations, and have seen a steady increase in large donations. Please coordinate any donations through Kristen Alpert so we can insure we have the space and staffing necessary to process the donations. We are currently processing a donation of 500 boxes of books, so space is currently at a premium!

Reminder: Books should be packed in Ingles boxes with flaps CLOSED when possible. Boxes are available at the Nook, upon request. Books must be clean, dry, intact, and from a non-smoking home. No encyclopedias, periodicals, or out-of-date textbooks or manuals (more than 3-5 years old) should be donated.

We are hopeful that we might have a book sale in June, and will continue sorting, pricing and packing books accordingly. Category chairs and workers, please expect to hear from Carrie Clary regarding your category. There may be some changes in how books are sorted. Many of the books we sent to Thrift Books for their online sales are selling well. Our "Choice Books" continue to sell well on our eBay site.

*Kristen Alpert, Book Sale Chair*

## BOOK GROUP



On Wednesday, February 3 at 2 PM we will discuss ***A Woman of No Importance*** by Sonia Purnell. On Wednesday, March 3 at 2 PM we will discuss ***Glass Hotel*** by Emily St. John Mandel. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. Contact Carol Carrano for more information.

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*Donations made since the January Newsletter*

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If you and/or a family member are looking for a gift idea, please consider a gift to one of the College Endowments. You can link to the endowment forms at: <https://brevard-nc.aauw.net/donate/>.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Long time member of AAUW Brevard Branch, Mary Lou Rhodes, passed away on January 14, 2021. Mary Lou was an Honorary Life Member of AAUW having joined in July 1951. A service will be held for her at St. Timothy Methodist Church at a later date. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends. They may be expressed to Suzanne Draayer, 1905 West Tortolita Mt. Circle, Tucson, AZ 85755 or online at <http://www.moore-fh.com>.