September 2020 AAUW Newsletter

**Loveland, Colorado**

**Our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through**

**research, education and advocacy.**

**A Note from our President –**

Hi Everyone! Welcome back to AAUW meetings but in a different format (Zoom), our new temporary form of communication these days. I hope everyone has remained healthy. If anyone needs assistance with errands or picking something up from the grocery store, please call a fellow member or a board member. Maybe you just want to talk to someone: well, just pick up the phone and call a fellow member. We can support one another during this time, and that also keeps us connected. We’ve got some interesting programs coming up with Alternative to Violence in September and a talk on Climate Change in October. Let’s have a good turnout for our zoom meetings! If you know of someone who might want to attend the meetings, five a call to Kathy Wilson to obtain the zoom link. I know it’s not the same as getting together in person, but I remind myself that we are fortunate to live in the tech era where we can hear and see people on the computer or phone.

 During our last few Friday Zoom social calls we’ve only had a few people participate; so after discussing with Kathy Wilson who heads up the zoom calls we decided to halt them for now. We can always start them up again if people are interested so please feel free to let Kathy or I know. Perhaps in the colder months people will want to participate more as they are indoors. Karla Marroquin

**September 21 Zoom Program**

 **The meetings for September and October will take place on the 3rd (third) Monday of the month** to accommodate our ZOOM guru. Kathy Wilson has graciously agreed to host the link so that we may all meet and enjoy each other’s company in as “normal” an environment as possible.

 The September meeting will be held via **zoom on Monday, September 21st at 6:30 PM. Please make note of the date change.** We are responsible for our own refreshments until January at least so make something you really want.

 **Alternatives to Violence** will be presenting our program. Kari Clark and Amanda Mitchell will present an interesting program on how the pandemic has affected women. We all know that isolation or too much time with loved ones can be dangerous.

 All Loveland AAUW members will receive an e-mail invitation to this meeting.As always, please invite friends, co-workers or students to attend this meeting. The Natiional AAUW office is encouraging us to maintain our drive to inform and increase membership of women in our communities Share the zoom link when you receive it.

**October 19 Zoom Meeting**

 **Note that the October meeting is again a date change to the third Monday, October 19 at 6:30 PM.** This topic is extremely timely considering Loveland’s temperature has dropped about 60 degrees and Larimer County is having snow as I write this. Dr. William Parton and Dr. James Danforth, two active and informed Loveland community members will present a program on “The Effects of Climate Change on Our Health.” I am sure we all know others that would be interested in this topic. Please share the zoo link with friends, family, and coworkers.

**State Fall Leadership Conference – Leadership: 2020 Vision Through Mindfulness, Mission, and Membership**

 **This conference will also be a Zoom meeting from 9 – 12:30 this Saturday, September 12.** There are lots of advantages – there is no charge, you do not have to travel to Colorado Springs (where it was scheduled to be held), and will allow more people to attend. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 11. To see more about the program and to register go to Colorado AAUW. This is a great opportunity to know more about what others in the state are doing and feel the connection with the national AAUW.

**Book Club**

 The September Book Club meeting will be at a different time and place. It will be a 11:00 am on September 14 – one week later because of Labor Day. The book to be discussed is Small Great Things by Jody Picoult. Jan Witt will be the discussion leader. This discussion will be held at the Seven Lakes Park open shelter with social distancing. You also should wear a mask and bring your own water and lunch if you would like to have lunch there after the discussion. You get to the park at 1975 Park Drive by turning east off of Boise and staying on Park Drive following the signs until you see a parking lot on your left. You can walk to the shelter which is a little further to the east. Feel free to bring a lawn chair if you would prefer that to a picnic table bench.

**Dues**

If you have not yet paid your dues, please send $80 to Teri Arends-Smith (ASAP) at 3007 Douglas Avenue, Loveland, 80538. Or, if you have a friend who would like to join, please give them this information.