

Here is the President's Message that was to have been included in a May issue of the Grapevine. However, since this is the only submission that Katherine, our editor, received, you are receiving it as an e-blast.

Your Board of Directors had its first Zoom meeting in April, and even through a screen it was nice to see everyone's smiling face and hear stories about how they're sheltering at home. They also shared some of your stories, and we will continue to try to connect with all of you via email or phone to get more of them! Some common themes have emerged: we all have the cleanest, most organized closets, cabinets and drawers ever. We're walking more than ever, enjoying gardening and have increased communications with family and friends. We're even embracing all of the technology around us for video chats and games. We are grateful for all these silver linings.

Please send well wishes and warm thoughts to Hillary and Michael Kambour as they recover from COVID-19.

We encourage any of you to share how you've stayed connected with your AAUW friends during this time! Send an article to Katherine Lacy to publish in the Grapevine; watch for her email blast for the deadline.

We discussed the impact of a new normal after this pandemic ends. We are thankful that our members and infrastructure enable us to be prepared for whatever shape that will take. It will take some time to realize that our current level of scholarships will take time to recover. However, we will still be able to support our mission with programs and scholarships for the girls in our community. Our work will sustain!

Our May Garden Party and Installation luncheon has been cancelled. We still need to vote on the nominees for office for 2020-2021 (our fiscal year is July 1-June 30). We will conduct that vote via our email blast process. Keep your eyes open for that in your email!

Take care. Stay safe.