IMPORTANT UPDATE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During this time of social distance, reach out, check in, let people know you are thinking of them. We may not be able to be with each other right now, but we can still be there for each other.

At the time of writing, we are deeply involved in a pandemic and working together to stem the surge of virus infections by staying home. Our branch, like everyone else, has had to explore new and innovative ways to communicate. On April 1st, we were able to hold our board meeting by conference call. We have canceled or postponed our upcoming events. Tech Savvy has been moved to July 25th and the Scholarship Celebration, originally scheduled for April 25th, has been moved to August 11th. Let us hope that these wonderful events can be held.

In this new reality, we must look out for each other more than ever. Some of our members are most likely sitting at home by themselves, while others worry about venturing into the grocery store for fear of contracting COVID-19. Board members expressed concern that members are not receiving notice of quickly-changing events. For instance, book collection and sorting has stopped, a twice-weekly event that was put on hold prior to our newsletter being sent last month. I am interested in setting up a call tree for such cases, if there is enough need for it. If you are in need of notification of up-to-date changes to branch events via a phone call, please let me or another board member know. And, for those of you who can lend a hand, I encourage you to reach out if only for a conversation with someone who might be alone. We will get through this together.

We are currently looking for some assistance on the board. Jean Hubbard, VP Membership Retention, is in need of someone who can make phone calls for her. Although many events have been cancelled or postponed, we need the assistance in our public relations committee.

Please be careful, be safe, and stay healthy.

Scholarship Celebration

Please update your calendars! Our scholarship celebration, originally scheduled for April 25th has been rescheduled for August 11th. More information to follow in the June Advocate.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Please update your calendars! Our Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which was scheduled for May 9th is being rescheduled. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, we will be holding our Annual Meeting, including the election of officers, as part of our Fall Dinner at Chef’s. More information to follow in the June Advocate.

Other Activities

• The May Board Meeting will be held by conference call.

• We will decide if the June meeting will be by call or in person at a later date.

• Tech Savvy has been rescheduled to July 25th.

• Book sale work is completely suspended until further notice.

The Women’s Suffrage Centennial Celebration Committee (a committee of women’s groups including our own) has announced the Centennial Celebration is postponed until 2021.