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From AAUW Colorado Springs Branch President: Kathy Olson

Dear AAUW Family

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones healthy, but watchful!

By now you will have all received a message from Kim Churches, the President of AAUW National, announcing their response to the current coronavirus threat, including closing the physical office, discouraging all non-essential travel, working from home and through teleconferencing.

In keeping with these directives, we wanted to let you know how we plan to proceed locally.

Branch Meetings: We are postponing the April and May Branch Meetings (Work Smart and Scholarship Luncheon, respectively.) These will be rescheduled when, and as, appropriate. If you have already mailed a check for Scholarship Luncheon tickets, your check will be returned to you. If you have already purchased tickets on Eventbrite, you will be contacted about a refund.

Interest Groups: We are strongly recommending that Interest Groups cancel any scheduled activities through the end of April. Much as we regret having to make this recommendation, it is just not responsible to meet, when people are able to pass the virus to another before they themselves are symptomatic.

Board and Committee Meetings: We are suspending in-person Board and Committee meetings but will be providing a platform for audio/video-conferencing that will allow us to conduct necessary business. Board members will receive instructions on Monday for connecting remotely to our March board meeting on Tuesday.

Finally, many of you are aware that we experienced our 1st coronavirus death here in COS. Our heartfelt sympathies are with the family. Please follow the information from the El Paso County Health Dept. about others who may have inadvertently been exposed. Please be reminded that should you or a family member fall ill in the near future and test positive for the virus, it's possible for others to have been exposed up to two weeks before your first symptoms. Please stay vigilant and share information as needed for the good of all.

Blessings and Hugs (or at least an elbow tap!)

Kathy