

## April



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Today is **Equal Pay Day**, the symbolic day that marks when the earnings of the average woman catch up to what the average man earned in 2019. But in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Equal Pay Day feels very different. While it's still crucial to strengthen our laws, create good regulations, and bring impactful litigation, we must also take a wider view to focus on how the pandemic is amplifying and exacerbating all of the nation's economic inequities.

Low-wage workers — about two-thirds of whom are women — are losing jobs by the millions. The nation's lack of paid sick and family leave is endangering both the physical and economic well-being of countless American families. The burden of student debt — twothirds of which is held by women — feels especially onerous for those who are unemployed. Persistent gender and racial pay gaps already hurting women and their families will make it even more challenging to recover. Keep the conversation about equal pay alive!

## President's message

Your AAUW board has been busy and I am extremely grateful for all the work being done! The **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, Judy Higgins, Ora Jonasson, and Reanne Hemingway-Douglass, has turned in the following slate of officers for your consideration:

## **Membership Vice President: Ora Jonasson Secretary: Judy Higgins**

Watch for more information regarding upcoming meetings. Patricia Griffith is sending out invitations to the **Zoom Board** meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Contact her if you would like to be included.

Please remember that it is still possible to support our scholarship fund by making donations to ASF, 2200 M Ave., Anacortes, with a notation on the memo line: AAUW Scholarships. Interviews will take place in May. Four students will receive awards totaling \$5,000.

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