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Upcoming Events:

April: 4th at JRMCM

May: Meet at Pioneer School

June 6th: Potluck. Shape the Future

July 17th: Garden Tour



April Meeting

Our next branch meeting is going to be **Thursday, April 4 at 7 PM** at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center. Watch for signs to one of the conference rooms to hear about the new **Cancer Center**.

For those who wish to fellowship before our meeting we are meeting at 5:45 at the Apple Café, lower level of the hospital for supper. There will be a tour of the hospital at 6:30 PM for those who wish to participate.



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Tech Savvy 2019

Another successful Tech Savvy in the books thanks to the support from the community and organizations across the state. I wanted to thank everyone for their support and a special thank you for the members that volunteered their time. Event day volunteers: Erin Klein, Kelly Krein, Heidi Larson, Lauren Sako, Louise Williams, Denyse Johnson, Shirley Seher. Workshop Presenter: Joan Slusser Committee co-chairs: Erica Althoff, Jill Schlenker, Joan Enderle, and committee member Mindi Schmitz for their months of hard work!

I spoke to a high school student yesterday that attending out 1st event 5 years ago. She and some class mates came to present about the Robotics club and the Makers Space at the high school. She told me that the event she attended 5 years ago helped her decide the career she plans to pursue in college next year. The 2014 workshop was "Work Smarter, Not Harder" by Amanda North of Tecton products. That's what this day is all about for those of us involved.

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Thanks again for a successful event led by AAUW – Jamestown!

Tech Savvy
Joan Enderle

Announcing the 2020 National AAUW VIRTUAL Convention



Dear AAUW State Presidents,

Thank you for being an active leader in AAUW. I'm writing today to draw your attention to two important issues.

Last summer, AAUW sent members an update on 2020 convening, which outlined a strategy for a digital convening series and noted the potential for a smaller in-person event, as opposed to an AAUW national convention. During discussions on the organization's finances and operations at the recent AAUW Board of Directors meeting, the board has decided **there will be no in-person national convention or major convening in 2020**. Given the significant financial losses from previous conventions, the risk involved in holding even a smaller gathering was too great, particularly with hotel and catering costs at a premium in the Washington, D.C., area. As you know, AAUW's financial sustainability is a key part of the strategic plan.

We know many of you have been waiting on national AAUW's dates to finalize your own state and regional conventions in 2020, and we hope that this information will be helpful.

All of us deeply recognize and value the importance of bringing women together to support AAUW and its mission. If your state or regional leaders are seeking information about holding a regional convention, please reach out to the Connect team at connect@aauw.org.

We're happy to announce plans for the first virtual event in the 2020 series next January. "A 2020 Vision for Equity" will bring together a panel with leaders from politics, business and beyond to share their insights about the progress made in women's equity and the future of our movement. More information about this virtual event and the 2020 online series will be sent in the coming months.

I also want to draw your attention to upcoming changes to AAUW's national committees. The board of directors approved a new committee structure, after a review by a subcommittee of the board. The changes align AAUW's committees with best practices in nonprofit governance and AAUW's strategic priorities and needs. The changes include:

- **Creation of an Advancement Committee.** This committee merges the fundraising and membership functions, which are closely linked, and have been combined at the national office. The new Advancement Committee will advise the board and AAUW on fundraising strategy, membership, and new audience development. As a result, four committees will disband and be combined into the Advancement Committee as of July 1: Branch Program Resources, Fundraising, Membership and the C/U.

Tasking the Governance Committee with making committee appointments, a process previously handled by the Committee Appointments Task Force.

We're grateful to everyone who volunteers on a [national committee](#). Their thoughtful counsel makes AAUW stronger. The application for national committees, including the new Advancement Committee, opens on April 1.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. Thanks again for your commitment to AAUW.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia T. Brown".

Julia T. Brown
Board Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Churches".

Kimberly Churches
Chief Executive Officer