

STONEBRIDGE WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

To Our Membership from the Executive Board

April 8, 2020



No Meeting – Thursday April 22, 2020

We are sorry that, once again, we will not be meeting this month. We know we are facing an unspecified period of time before our country will allow us to literally open our arms and embrace our family and friends. We trust you are staying well and safe. We wish all our members good health as we move into this holiday season of Passover and Easter.

As we continue to practice social distancing, all Clubs have had to reschedule and cancel various activities. To stay engaged as your Executive Board, we have been using Zoom to conduct business. We recently increased the frequency of our meetings from once a month to every two weeks. This will ensure that we bring our membership up-to-date information on the activities of the Club.

Recently, in line with our purpose as a charitable organization, we sent a donation to Elijah's Promise to help support their food bank. Last weekend, to show our compassion and gratitude, we sent lunch to the Critical Care Staff at Penn Medicine. We felt that by using the Princeton Soup and Sandwich Company, a local business, we were supporting the healthcare workers as well as a local business. We have scheduled Princeton Soup and Sandwich Company to deliver more meals to the medical center this coming weekend.

Earlier this year, the Women's Club had reached out to the Men's Club and the Veterans Club to plan a joint effort to raise funds for K9's for Warriors. This organization is the nation's largest veteran service organization providing, at no cost to those in the program, highly skilled service dogs to disabled American heroes. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 that goes directly to cover the expense of training a dog and matching it to a veteran. This program gives the veteran a new "leash" on life. Please see the Women's Club Presidents' message in your May/June *Stonebridge Exchange* for more information on K9's for Warriors.

Many of our fundraising events this year were centered around the K9's for Warriors project. Due to the current circumstances with the coronavirus pandemic, we are postponing all fundraising events and other activities until further notice. This includes our monthly Thursday night Bingo, Trivia Night, a play by the Italian-American Club, our Volunteer Recognition celebration scheduled for April 22, our Breast Cancer Karaoke scheduled for May 11, our Officer Installation Never-Ending Cocktail Party scheduled for May 21, our June 10 trip to Doolan's "Happy Days Under the Rock & Roll Boardwalk", our June 18 Ice Cream Social and our Fashion Show by Debb's Boutique scheduled for July 16.

We want to thank all the volunteers who have been working to ensure the success of these wonderful events. We truly appreciate all that you do for the Women's Club. We know this is disappointing to all, but it is important to keep everyone healthy. Once we know the time frame for opening the Clubhouse, we will resume our planning and notify every one of the new dates for these events.

Since we are not having a meeting on April 22, we hope that everyone has seen the recent notice, email dated April 7, 2020, regarding the slate of officers for 2020-2021. Please be sure to respond by Monday, April 13 if you are interested or would like to nominate someone for any of the positions listed. Our Executive Board plans to move forward with installing the new officers at the end of May and having them take their specific positions effective June 1.

At this point in time, it is unclear when we will meet again as a large group, so the Board has put the membership campaign on hold. We are not changing our fiscal year, which is June 1 - May 31. As soon as we have information as to when we can occupy the Clubhouse again, we will re-evaluate how to proceed with engaging our membership.

For the time being, we are suspending the monthly Upcoming Events At-A-Glance Notice. Our next Women's Club Update will include the final report on the 2020-2021 slate of officers.

Please stay safe and remember our motto...

TOGETHER WE CAN DO ANYTHING!!!

