

STONEBRIDGE EXCHANGE - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Women's Club Presidents' Message

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*“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating.
Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”
~ Kofi Annan*

Our Women’s Club acknowledges that an investment in education is an investment in our future and, therefore, upholds our commitment to sponsor scholarships to graduating high school students. We are proud to help alleviate the financial challenges faced by college students as we encourage them to continue their academic journey.

The Stonebridge Women’s Club Brenda Belgard Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Brenda Belgard, a former President of our Women’s Club. One of the three scholarships we presented this year was funded with a generous donation from Brenda’s husband, Joel, prior to his passing.

The Monroe Township High School Selection Committee, comprised of teachers and counselors, chose three deserving students who composed an essay on the topic, "Thinking about your high school experience, how has social media affected you and your relationship with your peers and family members?"

At the Monroe Township High School virtual awards presentation ceremony, GP, BCR and KS were recognized as the beneficiaries of our Scholarships. Our Women’s Club celebrates these praiseworthy students for their academic triumphs and resolve, particularly during this unparalleled school year filled with a multitude of unexpected and formidable obstacles.

In past years, our membership enjoyed the essay presentations of scholarship recipients during our General Meetings. In lieu of this, the students graciously granted our Women's Club permission to publish their writings, which were shared with our membership via three communications in July and August. These scholarship recipients conveyed, in a very frank, contemplative and personal manner, their impressions and experiences concerning the positive and negative influences and impacts of social media networks on the lives of adolescents. Their insightful and revealing reflections about these platforms leave a profound impression upon their readers.

We commend and congratulate our Scholarship recipients and wish them well as they navigate their future educational and career courses.

Additionally, as our Executive Board recognizes the significance of technology in servicing and connecting all of us, the development of a professional and user-oriented Stonebridge Women's Club Website was approved. This Website showcases the unique identity of our extraordinary Club, provides information about its principles and projects and serves as a nucleus of concise and comprehensive information for a host of Women's Club events and activities.

In the midst of our Clubhouse closure for repairs, our new membership campaign remains on hold. As a result, the membership status for existing members is active and in force.

Our Executive Board meets via Zoom remote conferences, and our channel of communication with our membership is maintained through frequent email transmissions. Upon the re-opening of our Clubhouse, we will be energized and well-resourced to resume our Women's Club activities so that we may experience the solidarity of our five hundred women-strong association, once again! After all . . .

“Together we can do anything.”

