

AAUW Santa Maria Branch Blog March to Summer 2020 COVID BREAK

Covid 19 came to the United States in January 2020. By March it was in at least 48 states, including California. On Sunday, March 15, Governor Newsome declared a “Shelter at Home” order for the citizens living in California. When this order was implemented all AAUW gatherings, meetings, groups, events were cancelled, while members figured out how we could protect our members and ourselves and still meet the needs and requirements of same. Fortunately Zoom came along, so Board Meetings became Zoom Meetings, Great Decisions groups, wanting to continue, did so through Zoom, most book groups, drama groups, bridge groups, chose to discontinue meeting until we could get back together in person. Four months later we still wait to see, while National AAUW and the State of California AAUW continue to remain productive and connected via emails and Zoom or Web gatherings as needed. This organization, and its members is very strong. We will continue to stay connected with others, in a variety of ways, to provide information, support, education, and connection. Our Branch Blog will be updated when we return to full activities. Meanwhile, we keep good thoughts and hope that everyone stays safe and sane during these challenging times.