

Club update from our president – April 2020

Dear Club Members,

I hope you are all well, and staying safe. As you have probably guessed, our May meeting is canceled. And, June's meeting is also in the balance. Time will tell. In the meantime, there are a few items on our agenda.

1. The forecasted budget has been approved by the club. On that topic..... there are still quite a few members that have not paid your dues yet. Please get that check into the mail as soon as you can. Also... we have received a \$500 donation in memory of Maureen Coulton, who had been a member. Some of you may remember her. We are grateful to her for remembering us.
2. News about this year's Yearbook..... the Yearbook Committee has recommended, and the Executive Board is in agreement, that we do not print a Yearbook for 2020. With everything being so uncertain, and with us having to cancel meetings and programs, it doesn't make sense to print a new Yearbook this year. You will be receiving an email from me with the updated information and changes, that you can print out and tuck into your yearbook.
3. Speaking of changes..... Karen Pizzarusso has requested a change in her status. She will now be an Associate member, due to conflicting commitments. Karen has been such a loyal and valuable member of our club! We sincerely thank her for that, and we hope that she will still be involved in the growth of PBGC.
4. As you all know, the Federation is giving us a free tree in honor of Earth Day. Like so many other events, it has been postponed until the fall. Linda Sollitto, our Civic Beautification Chair, will be organizing this effort. Thank you Linda.
5. I am very happy to tell you that there is an effort underway to streamline our communication with each other, and with the community. Website, Yearbook and Publicity are collaborating to redefine and streamline the coordination of their individual committees. The members involved are Gail Stokes, Kathy Barrette, Sue Colby, Linda Hughes, Andrea Sarrasin and myself. We are looking at ways to enhance our website, social media presence, and relationship with local publications. This will help tremendously with all of our fundraising efforts in the future. We have already had

results with daffodil photos in two local papers last week! 😊 Thank you to this group for sharing your talent in this effort.

To close, I'd like to share a poem with you. It was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Longfellow lived from 1807-1882. This poem was published in 1878.

"Stay, stay at home,
My heart, and rest;

Homekeeping hearts
are happiest,
For those that wander they know
not where
Are full of trouble and full of care;
To stay at home is best."
How timely! Be sure to google it for there are two more stanzas!

Take care of yourselves and your families. And I'd like to tell you what I told my Board

Members... I miss seeing you. ksr 