

lead·er·ship

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1. the action of leading a group of people or an organization.
2. the state or position of being a leader.
3. the leaders of an organization, country, etc.

Dear Members of the Greater Naples Branch of AAUW,

The autumn months are upon us, and we have successfully held our first official meeting of the season and our first ever “hybrid” branch meeting: 11 members attended in person and 19 members participated via zoom. We spent time discussing our programs and our plans for the coming year, which will focus on **Leadership Development**.

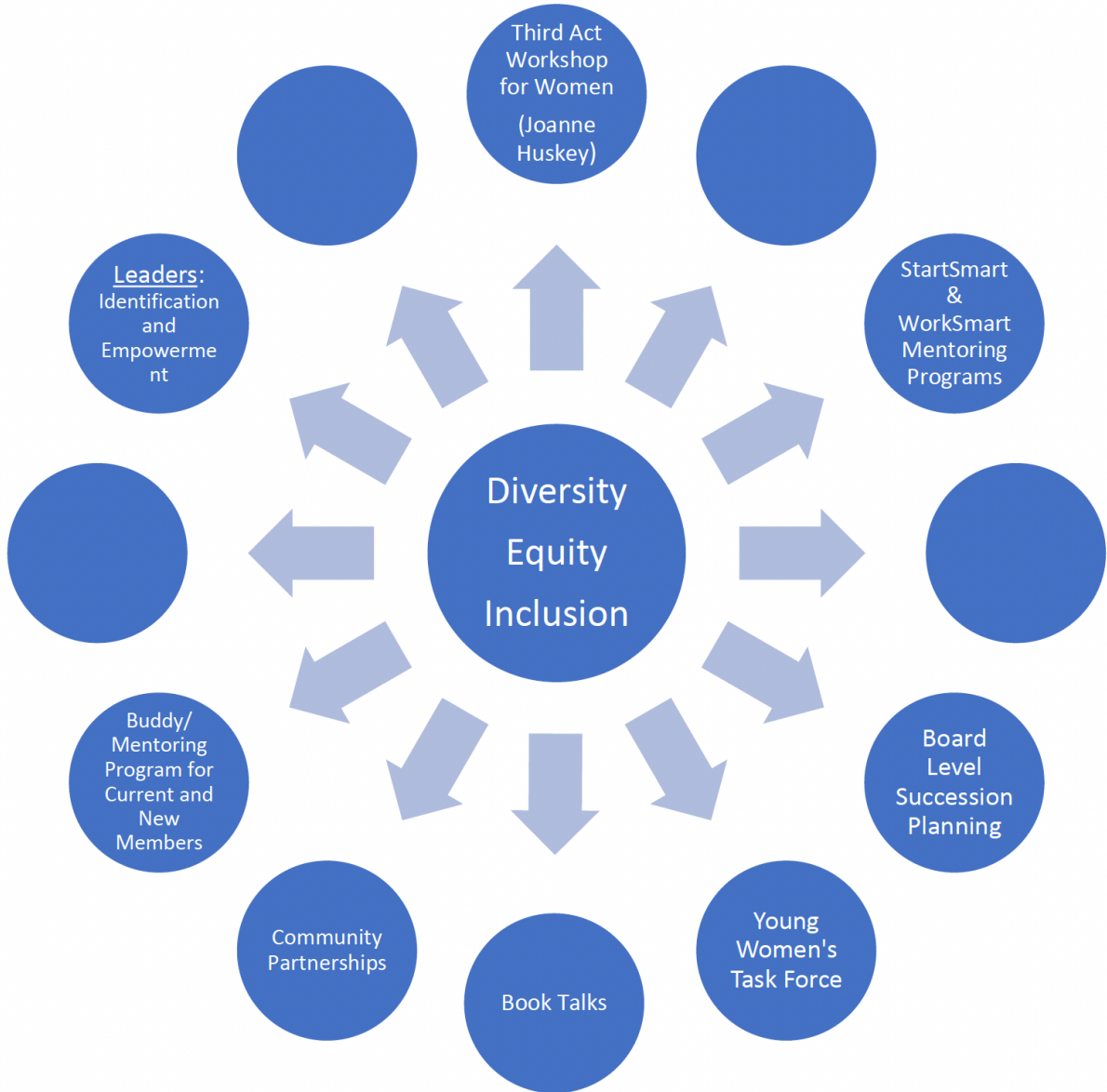
We will continue to hold hybrid (zoom/in-person) meetings during the 2021-2022 AAUW season to enable as many of our members as possible to participate. We remind you that in-person meetings require that attendees complete a “proof” of vaccination form, and that masking and social distancing are required where appropriate.

Our next Branch Meeting will be held on November 13th and will follow the same hybrid format as our first meeting. Our speaker will be Lynda Waterhouse, President of Keiser University. She will talk about women running for public office and will also address collaboration between community organizations to further organizational missions.

The Board of Directors for the Branch will attend Part II of a Retreat on October 20th. We will address planning for the coming year and create a leadership succession plan, as encouraged by AAUW National, and recognized through its Five Star Program. Our work at the retreat will create a template to be used going forward so that Branch leadership transitions are seamless, and our work as defined by our Mission can continue without interruption. Our goal is to involve as many members as possible in our leadership work. If you are interested in working on the Board of Directors in any capacity, please reach out to one of us.

We have developed a Leadership Model to serve as the foundation for our Leadership focus, aligned with our mission and vision. We expect that additional leadership initiatives will be added to the model as the year progresses:

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We held our first Leadership Workshop – “The Third Act” – led by Joanne Grady Huskey and Kimberly Weichel on October 14th at Heritage Bay Golf Club in Naples. The venue was lovely and the learning and discussion – which focused on living our lives with awareness and intention as we age - was lively and engaging. We explored our achievements in our first decades of life and identified our skills and passions to utilize as we began to plan our individual “Third Act” journeys. Eighteen women attended the workshop – both members and prospective members of our Branch. If there is enough interest within the branch, we will consider holding a second workshop with Joanne and Kim to allow more members to explore their own “Third Acts.” Please let Jacky Territo know if you would be interested in attending this Workshop in the future.

Sheryl Sandberg wrote that: *“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.”* We know our Branch is enhanced by the presence of every one of our members and that each of you has a valuable contribution to make as we engage in our mission.

We are excited for the possibilities for the coming year!

Jacky & Karen