

## **Reactions from June 2020 AAA eNewsbrief**

### **Melanie and members, SI Tokyo-Shinjuku**

Thanks very much for sending June's AAA e-News Brief, with its powerful and hopeful statement of creating a new and better world in recovery from COVID-19. There has not been any thing or person, in the matter of a few short months, unaffected by this pandemic. And, as the NGO CSW Vienna and other Vienna NGO Committee members' statement notes, 'women, children, older persons, and other vulnerable and marginalized groups' have been especially hard-hit, suffering from a lack of economic and environmental support and failures in social justice systems.

Yes, the world will have to 'Build Back Better' after this crisis—ALL aspects of life on this planet must be respected, improved, and shared equally. We are gratified to see AAA and Soroptimist International as signers of the May 12, 2020 Statement on COVID-19 Recovery, and are proud of our organizations' efforts to improve and care for the world.

I'm happy to tell you that SI Tokyo-Shinjuku will meet on June 19th; we had been unable to gather for two months, but the State of Emergency has been lifted. We look forward to once again being among our sisters, and will be thinking of you and your precious work.

Keep well and safe!

Best wishes,  
Melanie and members,  
SI Tokyo-Shinjuku