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Message from our President

Lynn Tuttle

Welcome to our 2020-2021 season of AAUW-Marco Island Branch. Your Board of Directors is working to get all our members involved and provide a fresh and interesting virtual program on Zoom to keep you connected to our mission of equity for women and girls. We focus on local grants and causes, but never lose sight of our national agenda.

Today, as we begin our AAUW season, we are intent on the national election. Please remember to vote and make your voice heard. Thanks to the Suffragettes this is our responsibility. We must never forget nor take this right for granted. However you face this challenge, please vote.

As a nation we mourn the passing of America's icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg, champion of many of our freedoms as women. I would like to quote her in each *Wave*. As we begin our AAUW season together let us follow RBG's example: "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will [lead others to join you](#)."

In friendship and service,

Lynn Tuttle, President

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The Marco Island Branch of A.A.U.W. Programs for 2020 and 2021

October 19, 2020	Dr. Miryam Haarlammert will speak about The Shelter for Abused Women and Children including a description of the services available at the Shelter for victims of Domestic Violence and information on the Shelter's 18-month Human Trafficking Residential Program. The program will include a brief overview of the legal and behavioral definitions of domestic violence and the prevalence of this problem in our community. We will be collecting donations of children's toys and clothes. Drop off is at The Hive in Marco Island Office Supply.
November 16, 2020	Vann R. Ellison, President and CEO of St. Matthew's House, will present an overview of the work that St. Matthew's house does for the community. We will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving meal at St Matthew's where they feed 1000 individuals. We will be collecting donations of canned corn and boxes of stuffing and macaroni and cheese.
December 14, 2020	Hyla Crane, Executive Director, The Marco Island Center for the Arts, will present, <i>50 Years of Marco Island Center for the Arts: A Retrospective on Zoom</i> .
January 18, 2021	Joanne Grady Huskey, from the League of Women Voters, will speak on <i>The One Hundredth Year of Battle off Women's Suffrage</i> and show a 12 minute video from video from the Women's Centennial Commission.
February 15, 2021	Allison Douglas Esq., Principal at Cummings & Lockwood, LLC will present, <i>The Secrets to Successful Estate Planning: Avoiding Common Mistakes</i> .
March 15, 2021	Suzi Weinert, an award-winning author of The Garage Sale Stalker, The Garage Sale Diamonds, and the Garage Sale Riddle and 15 Hallmark movies will present, <i>My Improbable Writing Adventure</i> .
April 19, 2021	Luncheon To Be Announced for grant award winners.

Note: Meetings will be on Zoom in October, November, December, and January.

AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

At this time, all Interest Groups will be via Zoom

FICTION BOOK CLUB - Chairs are Jessica Barron, 239-302-6773, jessdbarron@gmail.com and Gwyn Goodman, 239-595-4064, gsgoodman@comcast.net.

2020-21 Book List:

Oct. 27, 2020 *The Dutch House*

Nov. 17, 2020 *American Dirt*

Jan. 26, 2021 *Ordinary Grace*

Feb. 23, 2021 *News of the World*

Mar. 23, 2021 *The Sympathizer*

April 13, 2021 *The Night Watchman*

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP - Chair is Pat Santiago, 239-389-4767, patsantiago378@gmail.com. ZOOM meetings on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS of the month at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) - November through April. This group provides members an opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of the classics by reading and discussing topical anthologies. Our first readings will be from *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri with additional book selections to be made by group members. Ms. Lahiri's debut collection was a Pulitzer Prize Winner.

GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP - Chair is Susan Pullman, 330-970-0241, sepullman@comcast.net. Zoom meetings (time and dates to be determined) to examine international affairs topics. Great Decisions briefing book, published by the Foreign Policy Association, provides background, current data, and policy options for each topic, and serves as the focal text for the discussion group.

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION - First Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. Currently via ZOOM.