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## *President's Message*

### **Celebrate Past, Present and Future**

Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you, that's what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for oneself but for one's community." We at AAUW-Marco Island live by these words in our generous donations to the Women's Shelter in October and St. Matthew's House in November. Heartfelt thanks for all your contributions.

Now in the holiday season we pause to celebrate the arts in our community with our December presenter, Hyla Crane. May the beauty and joy that is everywhere this season sustain and nourish you during a time of celebration that may provide more separations than gatherings.

In the new year ahead we anticipate fundraising for our scholarships and grants, our passion for our community that offers us the truly "meaningful life" RBG speaks of. As we reflect on this season we can look proudly on our branch's values that are not "oneself but for one's community."

*Lynn Tuttle*, President  
AAUW Marco Island Branch

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Join us on December 14! This is our AAUW holiday meeting...dress with artistic flair to honor Marco Islands' artists or with a touch of holiday style....

Hyla Crane, the Executive Director of the Marco Island Center for the Arts, will present, 50 Years of Marco Island Center for the Arts: A Retrospective of Art on Marco Island at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Marco Island Branch of the AAUW. The presentation will be on Zoom.

Incorporated in 1970 as The Art League of Marco Island, Inc. and now doing business as Marco Island Center for the Art (Art Center), this 50 year-old organization works to be a preeminent Art Center by providing open and economically viable access to art, events, and educational opportunities to residents and visitors. Enjoy the story of the Art Center that works to be an Art Home for Everyone.



## 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.**

American Association of University Women -Marco Island, Florida  
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2020  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Tuttle at 10:00 a.m.

Dolores Burton introduced Reverend Vann R. Ellison, President and CEO of St. Matthew's House. Reverend Ellison addressed the origins of St. Matthew House as well as the scope of services directed toward the goal of assisting clients in attaining sustainability and self-sufficiency.

On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn and Dolores expressed appreciation to Reverend Ellison for his informative and uplifting presentation.

Dolores Burton reminded the membership that food donations of macaroni and cheese, canned corn and stove top dressing for St. Matthew's House are being accepted at the Hive inside Marco Island Office Supply. Monetary donations (made out to St. Matthew's House) should be mailed c/o Dolores Burton, 380 Red Bay Lane, Marco Island.

A brief business meeting ensued.

The minutes of the October 19, 2020, AAUW Monthly Meeting were unanimously approved.

President Tuttle expressed appreciation to Pat Santiago for forwarding information on the passing of Fay Biles, who contributed so much time and effort to the Marco Island AAUW Branch, and to the Facilitators of the Interest Groups. She invited the membership to consider volunteering for positions with the State Board of Directors as they are seeking applications for Directors of Programs, Finance and Public Policy. Interested members should contact Lynn or visit the AAUW website for additional information.

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

The financial report for October, including dues receipts and scholarship disbursement, was presented indicating a balance of \$11,836.50. Durell advised that due to a \$3.00

increase per year in National dues for the next three years, Marco Island Branch dues (including National and State) will be \$88 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Director for Programs: Dolores Burton

Hyla Crane, Executive Director, will give a presentation highlighting 50 years of activity for the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

Director for Membership: Linda Corea

New AAUW Marco Branch member, Laura Furlong, was introduced and welcomed.

The current roster reflects a total membership of 75, which includes paid members, friends and 25 unrenewed. Efforts are being made to reach out to unpaid members to invite their renewal before the end of November. Linda advised that the new Directory is being prepared and will be sent to all members. She requested members review personal information and notify her where corrections are indicated.

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

Since the Time, Talent and Treasures event will be virtual this year, the membership is invited to submit ideas to Lynn or Jacky. Plans will be formalized after the Holidays.

Old Business:

Dolores advised that, due to COVID-19, the plans for the summer Tech Trek camp are being revised with the possibility that it will be converted to a virtual event. Questions regarding adjustment of the required stipend for each participant will be addressed at the State level. Volunteers for the State STEM program are being encouraged.

New Business:

Lynn announced that Katie Goetzman has agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee after the retirement of Jo-Ann Ferigno.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Josette Bonewitz



## AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

At this time, all Interest Groups will be via Zoom (except C&C, which will be via Zoom and at CJ's on the Bay).

### **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP**

**GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP** - Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843, [echaines3@aol.com](mailto:echaines3@aol.com). Zoom meetings starting in the middle of January for 8 weeks. We will be using the 2021 Great Decisions briefing book, published by the Foreign Policy Association. Cost is \$37.30. The topics are:

1. Global Supply Chain
2. Persian Gulf Security
3. Brexit and the EU
4. The Arctic
5. China in Africa
6. The Two Koreas
7. The Role of the WHO
8. End of Globalization

Order from [sales@fpa.org](mailto:sales@fpa.org) or call 800-477-5836. The books are sent in the beginning of January. We will meet on Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm every other week starting in the middle of January. You must be a member of AAUW or spouse of a member. Usually, members of the group take turns leading the discussion. We have seven members from the MI AAUW branch. Contact Liz Haines if you are interested in joining.

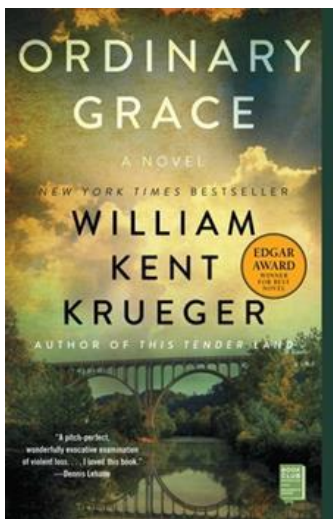
**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION** - First Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. via ZOOM or at CJ's.



## AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

If you're interested in the **FICTION BOOK GROUP**, contact Jessica Barron at 239-302-6773 or [jessdbarron@gmail.com](mailto:jessdbarron@gmail.com) or Gwyn Goodman at 239-595-4064 or [gsgoodman11@comcast.net](mailto:gsgoodman11@comcast.net) to send you the link. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 on Zoom. *American Dirt* will be discussed at 10:00 on November 17.

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](mailto: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.