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President's Message

2021 Time, Talent, & Treasures becomes

PICK-A-PRIZE

Due to the global pandemic, AAUW-Marco Island will not be able to have our Time, Talent, & Treasures Annual Fundraiser.

This year we must be even more creative and generous in our fundraising effort to meet the continuing needs of the recipients of our scholarships and grants. Our mission relies on us. We will each write as large a check as we can. We won't let this virus stop our efforts!

Both Lynn and Jacky have been collecting your treasures since the last auction. Jacky arranged these items as baskets or a group of similar items, photographed, and included with the PICK-A-PRIZE Fundraiser information that will be in your inbox soon. Please be as generous as you can and have fun selecting your prizes. You might get lucky and win several prizes. However, we are already "lucky" because our mission gives us pride and purpose. Thank you for being part of the solution. Watch for the information in your email!

In gratitude,

Lynn

Join us on February 15th for our general meeting on Zoom.

February 15, 2021	Allison Douglas Esq., Principal at Cummings & Lockwood, LLC will present, <i>The Secrets to Successful Estate Planning: Avoiding Common Mistakes.</i>
February 15 – March 1, 2021	Annual Fundraiser – Pick-A-Prize
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.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Lynn Tuttle

Director for Program: Dolores Burton

Director for Membership: Linda Corea & Susan Pullman

Secretary: Josette Bonewitz

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

Director for Communications: Jacky Childress

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Note: Meetings will be on Zoom in 2021

American Association of University Women -Marco Island, Florida
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Dolores Burton introduced Joanne Grady Huskey, League of Women Voters, with a brief biography. Ms. Huskey presented information and a power-point presentation on The One Hundredth Year of Battle of Women's Suffrage.

On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn and Dolores expressed appreciation to Ms. Huskey for her informative and pertinent history of the political struggles to establish voting rights for women. Lynn advised that she plans to formulate a new interest group to study and discuss the topic of women and the political process through the medium of selected movies and TV series. Details will appear in a future Splash publication.

A brief business meeting ensued.

The minutes of the December 14, 2020, AAUW Monthly Meeting were approved as submitted.

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

The December Summary of Cash Activities/Bank Reconciliation shows a balance of \$11,670.50, which includes renewal dues and payment of meeting space insurance.

Director for Programs: Dolores Burton

Allison Douglas, Principle in Cummings & Lockwood Private Client Group, will present a program on women and finance for the February AAUW meeting.

Director for Membership: Susan Pullman

The current roster for the Marco Island Branch, AAUW, confirms a total membership of 57.

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

Lynn advised that details of this year's Pick-A-Prize fund-raising event are being finalized and will be published through Splash and Wave notifications.

Publicity: Pat Santiago

The January Wave featured information and photographs highlighting Marco Branch AAUW's efforts in collecting donations for The Shelter for Abused Women and Children and St. Matthew's House.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 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. 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 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.

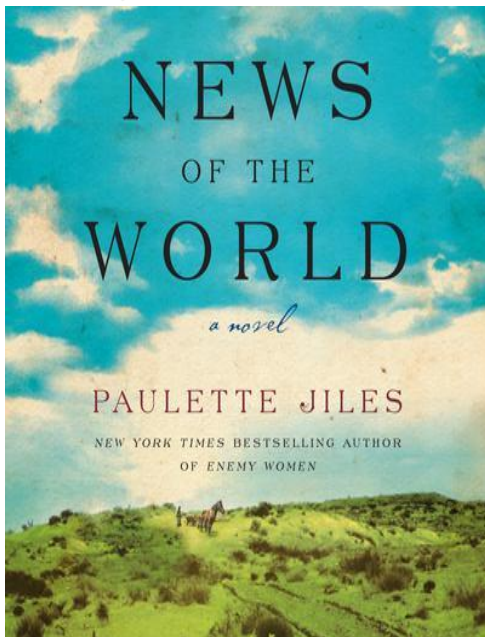
COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION - First Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. via ZOOM or at CJ's.



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 or Gwyn Goodman at 239-595-4064 or 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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM FLORIDA STATE AAUW PUBLIC POLICY BOARD

March 24th is Equal Pay Day: For those of you who do not know the significance of this date it is how far into 2021 the average woman must work in order to earn what the average man made in 2020. (This is in addition to working all of 2020.) To put this another way, if you consider a typical 9AM-5PM workday, women start working for free at 2:40 PM.

While 3/24 is the date for all women, the date for Asian American women is 2/23; for Black Women 8/23, for Native American women 9/8 and for Latina women it is 10/21.

The Public Policy Board wants to inform you that the PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT (H.R.7) (H.R. 2039) is currently pending in the US Senate. This legislation seeks to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 "to prohibit discrimination in payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin and for other purposes."

You can aid passage of this bill by contacting your Senators and urging them to bring this to a vote and get it enacted.

Senator Marco Rubio: 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510 (202) 224-3041

Senator Rick Scott: 716 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 224-5274

Rep. Francis Rooney: 1220 Cannon House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515 (202) 225-2536

On the state level the Florida Public Policy Board has selected 5 bills that they will be lobbying for. Traditionally a group from AAUW travels to the state capitol meet with our representatives but this year the process will be virtual.

- HB 107/5B 256 deals with Discrimination in Labor and Employment
- SB 554 addresses Human Trafficking in Schools
- SJR 276 concerns Medicaid Coverage those under 65 who are 138% below the poverty line
- SB 180/HB 275 proposes Establishment of Office diversity and inclusion
- SB 410 focused in Materials harmful to minors

The 4 representatives for Collier County who can be contacted about this potential legislation are:

- **Senator** Kathleen Passidomo: 330 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee FL 32399 (850) 487-5028
- **Rep.** Bob Rommel: (850) 717-5106
- **Rep.** Lauren Melo: (850) 717-5080
- **Rep.** David Borrero: (850) 717-5105

(Address for all three Representatives is: 303 House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee FL 32399)