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President's Message

Once again, drawing from the wisdom of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, I have found: "So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune." As we continue into the new year with our meetings on Zoom many of our out of town or ill members can join us from the comfort of their homes. We can no longer embrace each other, but we can "see" friends near and far during our meetings and C&C gatherings. If you have been hesitant to join, please give it a go this Monday and **join our Zoom meeting on Monday, January 18 at 10:00 on Martin Luther King Day.**

There are many ways to continue to enjoy and support our mission. State AAUW offers online enrichment which I will share with you at our general meeting. Our interest groups offer fulfilling options: *Fiction*, lead by Jessica Barron; *Great Decisions*, lead by Liz Haines and *Great Books* lead by Pat Santiago. Contact these members to join our stimulating Zoom discussions. Perhaps most importantly, join our C&C, Cocktails and Conversation, on the first Monday of every month at 5:00 just to catch up with friends, laugh and exchange stories. We miss you! Let's turn the "impediment" of distancing into the "good fortune" of virtual connecting.

Lynn Tuttle, President
AAUW Marco Island Branch

2021 "Modified" Time, Talent, & Treasures Auction and Luncheon

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PICK-A-PRIZE

Due to the global pandemic, obviously we will not be able to have our traditional Time, Talent, & Treasures Annual Fundraiser.

This year we need to be even more creative in our fundraising effort to meet the continuing needs of the recipients of our scholarships and grants.

We have been collecting your treasures since the last auction. These items will be arranged as baskets or a group of similar items, photographed, and included with the PICK-A-PRIZE Fundraiser information (going out in early February).

The last day for donations of your treasures (items valued \$50 or more, gift cards, etc.) is Saturday, January 23. Please call Jacky this week, 440-539-4662, if you have a treasure to donate.

Jacky & Lynn

Join us on January 18th for our general meeting on Zoom.

Our speaker, Joanne Grady Huskey, will present the journey to obtain the right to vote.

On August 26, 1920, 100 years ago, American women finally got the right to vote. We will hear the amazing tale of the 72 year struggle for the enfranchisement of women, and of the African American women who fought alongside them, and let's talk about the issues and struggles American women still are facing today!

Joanne Grady Huskey, is Vice President of iLive2Lead: Young Women's Leadership Summit; Co-Founder of Global Adjustments; and author of iCAN: A Young Woman's Guide to Taking the Lead, Make it in India, and The Unofficial Diplomat, all available on Amazon.



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

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.

2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Lynn Tuttle

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AAUW Marco Island Branch ZOOMED out of 2020 and is ZOOMING right through the first month of 2021. Through our Director for Program, Dr. Dolores Burton, our members have been updated on the most pressing needs of the community through presentations by Dr. Miryam Haarlammert representing The Shelter for Abused Women and Children in Naples, FL (October, 2020) and by Reverend Vann R. Ellison, President and CEO of St. Matthew's House in Naples, FL (November, 2020). The NEED throughout Collier County is GREAT due to the pandemic. The Marco Branch of the American Association of University Women spearheaded two donation drives for these local nonprofits. Our members collected \$1020, toys, and clothing for the children and babies of the Shelter. St. Matthew's House received member donations of \$275 and the food pictured below. Our mission was accomplished with the generous assistance of Sheridan Wright, Creative Director, at **the HIVE Design Studio*** on Marco Island.

We might be meeting virtually for the time being—but we are definitely not letting that put a damper on our mission of ***"Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."*** More information about the AAUW is available on the Website: www.MarcoIsland-FL.AAUW.net.



Lynn Nathansan, Ricki Terzis, Dolores Burton delivering supplies to the Women's Shelter in Naples, FL. | AAUW December, 2020

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

American Association of University Women -Marco Island, Florida
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Dolores Burton introduced Hyla Crane, Executive Director of the Marco Island Center for the Arts, with a brief biography. Through lecture and pictures, Ms. Crane presented a retrospective of 50 years of art through the lens of Marco Island's efforts and participation. The coffee table book "Marco Made by Hands: Celebrating 50 Years of Marco Island Center for the Arts" is available in the Gallery and on the Website.

On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn and Dolores expressed appreciation to Hyla Crane for her efforts in sharing the amazing history of the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

A brief business meeting ensued.

The minutes of the November 9, 2020, AAUW Monthly Meeting were amended to reflect the fact that the Great Books Discussion Group meeting dates have been changed to the 1st Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as amended.

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

The financial report as of November 30, 2020, was presented indicating a balance of \$11,594.50 which includes receipts from membership renewals. Lynn reminded the membership that, as a result of a \$3.00 increase per year in State and National dues, Marco Island Branch dues will be \$88 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Director for Programs: Dolores Burton

Joanne Grady Huskey from the League of Women Voters will present a program on "The One-Hundredth Year of Battle of Women's Suffrage" for the January AAUW meeting.

Dolores advised that AAUW donated toys and clothing were delivered to the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and that donated food items will be delivered to St. Matthew's House. She requested monetary donations be submitted by Wednesday, December 16. Donations by check should be made out to the St. Matthew's House and mailed c/o Dolores Burton, 380 Red Bay Lane, Marco Island. Pictures pertaining to both events will be distributed to local media.

Director for Membership: Linda Corea and Susan Pullman

In the absence of the Directors for Membership, Lynn advised that the current membership consists of 46 members, 2 life members and 3 friends. A telephone reminder that the deadline for renewal in order to be included in the 2020-2021 directory is December 31.

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

Jacky will report on progress plans for the fundraising effort for the 2020-2021 season in the new year. This year's fundraising event will not be referred to as a Time, Talent and Treasures event due to the virtual format.

Publicity: Pat Santiago

Activities of the Marco Island Branch of AAUW are publicized in the Newsletter, Wave and local media.

New Business:

Lynn reminded the membership that the January General Meeting will be conducted via Zoom and to forward any changes to the Directory information to Linda Corea or Susan Pullman.

Liz Haines advised that the Great Decisions Study Group has merged with another group interested in the same format. Meetings will take place every other Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning in the middle of January. Details are available in the Wave.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 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.

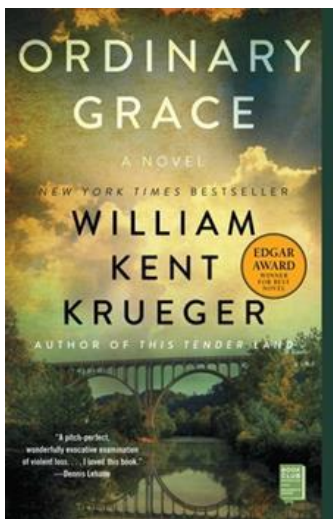
COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION - First Monday of the month at 5:00 P.M. via ZOOM or at CJ's.



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.

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.