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Message from our President
Lynn Tuttle

President's Message

Welcome back to our members who have been away from Marco Island. Since we are on Zoom you can join our meetings wherever you are. There are so many ways to engage with AAUW-Marco Island. Stay involved and enjoy.

Our **AAUW meeting** is next Monday. I hope to see you November 16 at 9:30 for a social half hour before our 10:00 speaker. A *brief* business meeting follows. Do try Zoom and the savor the comradery it provides.

You may also attend our monthly **Cocktails and Conversation (C&C)** via Zoom or come to CJ's by the Bay at 5:00 on the first Monday of each month. The next one is on December 7; I hope to see you!

Jacky and I are seeking ideas for our **fundraiser** to replace Time, Talent and Treasures this year. Suggestions? Call or text me 603-289-1448.

In fun and focus on our mission,

Lynn Tuttle, President tuttlemarco@gmail.com

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Make A Difference This Thanksgiving

Our November 16th meeting will feature a presentation by Reverend Vann R. Ellison, President and CEO of St. Matthew's House. He will present an overview of the work that St. Matthew's House does for the community. One of the services they provide is a Thanksgiving meal feeding 1000 individuals. The Director of Shelter Operations and Food Assistance indicated the following items are needed this Thanksgiving:

- 1) Canned Corn
- 2) Macaroni and Cheese, individual boxes
- 3) Stovetop Stuffing

We will be collecting donations of canned corn and boxes of stuffing and macaroni and cheese this week to donate to St. Matthew's House. Donations can be dropped off at The Hive located inside Marco Office Supply, 571 Bald Eagle Drive or at Dolores Burton's house, 380 Red Bay Lane. Please call Dolores at 516 680 4494 so she can contact the gatehouse to let you into Hideaway.



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, October 19, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Tuttle at 10:00 a.m. with the quote from Ruth Bader Ginsburg "Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Durell Buzzini gave a brief introduction to Zoom Meeting etiquette. The following information items were included: extraneous movement should be minimized; optimum viewing for a single person is speaker view and for everyone is gallery view; attendees will be muted during a speaker's presentation, members may unmute during a discussion period, pressing and holding the space bar serves as a temporary unmute; the thumbs up function of the reaction button denotes a raised hand and the clap function of the reaction button denotes an agreement.

Dolores Burton introduced Dr. Miryam Haarlamert, Prevention Advocate, from The Shelter for Abused Women and Children. Dr. Haarlamert conducted a narrated slide presentation that included an overview of the legal and behavioral definitions of domestic violence, a description of the services available at the Shelter and information on the prevalence of this problem in the Naples and Marco Island community.

On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn expressed appreciation to Dr. Haarlamert for her informative and timely presentation. A brief business meeting ensued.

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

The financial report for September was presented indicating a balance of \$11,341.50. Approximately \$1100---1200 has been allocated for Tech Trek.

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

The list of programs for the 2020-21 season has been disseminated via the Wave publication.

Director for Membership: Susan Pullman

The current roster indicates a total 41 paid memberships. The Marco Branch of AAUW encourages Friends memberships. Potential members may submit a note of introduction and the membership fee of \$20 for the season. Susan expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Board Members in telephoning members with information regarding the 2020-21 season.

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Director for Public Policy: Rosalie Tornello

In keeping with the focus of National AAUW on informed voting, relevant information was sent to the membership via Splash notification.

Director for Publicity: Pat Santiago

Virtual Bookmarks have been sent to members via Splash notification. Volunteers are being solicited to establish and/or maintain a Facebook page and the Web Page.

Director for Communications: Jacky Childress

Jacky advised that the Newsletter format has been updated. As a result of inquiries from C.J.'s and the AAUW membership, Cocktails and Conversation will take place at 5:00 p.m. simultaneously as a Zoom meeting and a live event at C.J.'s on November 2.

Director for Program: Dolores Burton

In response to a member's inquiry, Dolores advised that donations for The Shelter for Abused Women and Children can be left at her residence. Several Board members volunteered to transport donated items to Naples on November 4th or 5th.

New Business:

Lynn introduced Pat Santiago as the Chair of the Great Books Discussion Group. Meetings will be via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. with the first meeting scheduled for November 5th. Liz Haines volunteered to chair the Great Discussions Study Group. Meeting will be via Zoom beginning in January for 8 weeks. Couples are welcome if one party is a member of AAUW. Information will be disseminated via the Wave communication. Gwyn Goodman and Jessica Barron are facilitating the first Fiction Book Club meeting via Zoom on October 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Dianne Wetjen reminded the membership to communicate to her the need for appropriate cards to be sent as indicated for illness or death relevant to the Marco Branch AAUW membership.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 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).

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



Marilyn, Gwen, Susan, and Janet at October C&C at CJ's., Not pictured, Jacky .

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.

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 Monday night from 7pm to 8:30 pm by zoom starting on January 18th with an organizational meeting. Usually members of the group take turns leading the discussion. Husbands are welcome. Contact Liz Haines if you are interested.