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President's Message

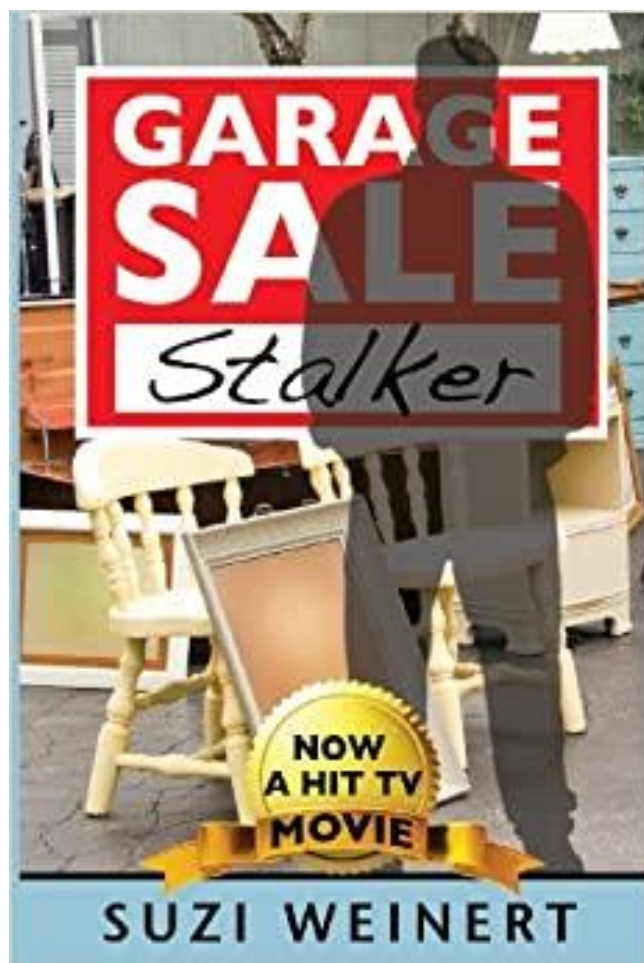
This is the exciting crescendo of our year in AAUW-Marco Island. Would you like to take a more active role? Behind the scenes many members are working hard to meet our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Although we are socially distanced, we work to assure the bright futures of many in our community. Our grant and scholarship applicants are writing letters and gathering application data while our scholarship committee is collecting and analyzing the data to present to the board and then the membership at our April meeting. The Development Committee is preparing our Pick-a-Prizes for distribution to the winners who donated to our fundraiser. Interest Groups are meeting and discussing literature, essays, and world events. Next years' Programs are being selected and booked. Checks are being prepared for deposit and distribution to our causes. Articles and photos are gathered for publication. We may be apart, but we work together with pride to fulfil our mission. If you would like to become more involved in the work of our organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at tuttlemarco@gmail.com or text me at 603 289-1448. It is gratifying to take an active role this dynamic organization that works to help young women in our community.

Lynn Tuttle

President, AAUW-Marco Island

Join us on March 15th for our general meeting on Zoom. Suzi Weinert, an award-winning author of *The Garage Sale Stalker*, *The Garage Sale Diamonds*, *The Garage Sale Riddle*, and 15 Hallmark movies, will speak on "My Improbable Writing Adventure."

Following a short meeting, we will have the drawing for the prizes in the 2021 Pick-A-Prize Fundraiser and announce the total donated so far. It is not too late to donate to the fundraiser. **So, if you haven't mailed in your check yet, please do so ASAP so it can be added to the Scholarship and Grant monies we have to distribute. Mail check to P.O Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146**



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Be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist!

The AAUW provides all the tools you need to call or send messages to members of Congress, and contact your state legislators, about policy issues concerning women's civil rights, economic security and access to education. Last year Two-Minute Activists sent more than 200,000 messages to members of Congress ensuring that AAUW's calls for gender equality were heard in the halls of power.

You can join by going to: [aauw.org/two-minute](https://aauw.org/two-minute-activist/) activist/
You will then receive notifications when action is needed.

American Association of University Women
Marco Island, Florida
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

Dolores Burton introduced Allison Douglas, Principle in Cummings & Lockwood Private Client Group, who presented a program on women and finance.

On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn and Dolores expressed appreciation to Ms. Douglas for her informative presentation and responses to members' questions and discussion items.

A brief business meeting ensued.

The minutes of the January 18, 2021, AAUW Monthly Meeting were approved as submitted.

Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini

The January Summary of Cash Activities/Bank Reconciliation was deferred to the March meeting. Current membership consists of 57-members, 2 life members and 3 friends.

Director for Development: Lynn Tuttle

Jacky explained the format for the AAUW 2021 Pick-A-Prize fund raiser accompanied by pictures of the prize selections available. Members will receive an informational email containing descriptions of prizes and the donation form. Donations will be accepted until March 1, 2021.

Public Policy: Rosalie Tornello

Rosalie reported that the Florida State Public Policy group has identified bills on the National and State level that merit AAUW support. The details of these bills and representatives to contact appears in the February Wave notification.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Josette Bonewitz

AAUW-Marco Island

The applications for high school scholars are available to students in both private and public schools in the area through their guidance counselors. Our high school scholarship is for \$1000.

Applications for the Martha Yates Scholarship (MY Scholarship) are available in today's Wave to members to take to any woman who is 21(or older) and enrolled in an accredited college or university program who lives or works on Marco Island, Goodland, or Isles of Capri. Our MY Scholarships are usually for \$1,000 but vary with the number of qualifying applicants and the donations of our supporters. Those applying have until March 29 to get their application to:

Lynn Tuttle
1490 Caxambas Court
Marco Island, Florida 34145

The Scholarship Committee meets on April 8 to choose recipients to present to the AAUW-Marco Island board for approval on April 12. The winners are announced at our final Zoom meeting of the season, April 19, where each young woman will share her personal and scholastic goals and challenges with us.





American Association of University Women

Marco Island Branch

Martha Yates \$1000 Scholarship for Adult Women

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Applicant is a woman, 21 or older.
2. Applicant is starting or returning to an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant lives or works on Marco Island, Isles of Capri, or in Goodland.

Candidates will be judged on past academic performance and ability, educational goals and interests, and level of financial need.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 29th

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:

LYNN TUTTLE

1490 CAXAMBAS COURT

MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA 34145

AAUW MARTHA YATES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal data: Full name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Cell phone_____

E-mail_____

College data: I have been accepted at or am attending (name and address of college) _____

I am majoring in_____

My student Identification # is _____

If you have not yet enrolled, when you enroll, send student identification # and scholarship payment information to AAUW Marco Island Branch, P.O. Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146. Payment of the scholarship will be made to the college.

Work Experience: _____from _____to_____

Community Service or Volunteer Activities and offices held:

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS, ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION, **BEFORE MARCH 29th:**

1. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC NEED.
2. A RECENT TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR GRADES and/or
A DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLEGE COURSE YOU PLAN TO TAKE
3. LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION and/or NAMES OF REFERENCES
4. A NOTE EXPLAINING YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS.

MAIL TO: Lynn Tuttle

1490 Caxambas Court, Marco Island, Florida 34145

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).

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

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.

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.

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.

Information from National about our dues for the 2021-2022 year, starting July 1, 2021.

At its October 16, 2020, meeting, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase Individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, \$5 for FY 2023 and \$5 for FY 2024, making the total dues amount for those years \$62, \$67 and \$72, respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible.

This decision wasn't made lightly. The board members couldn't be more grateful for our members — or prouder of the work you've done this year. We also recognize that all of us are navigating numerous challenges in these uncertain times. However, in order to preserve the viability of this organization we all love, the board needed to take action. Simply put, this measure is essential for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity.

Most nonprofits adjust their dues annually or every other year to keep pace with inflation and rising expenses. However, due to prudent budgetary management, AAUW has been able to keep its dues flat since July 2018. That means that, by the time the first scheduled increase takes effect, we will have maintained three years of dues stability.

Moreover, in recognition of the difficult economy we're in, the board planned for the initial adjustment to be the most modest. Over the course of the year, it works out to be only an additional 25 cents per month — what we hope is a small price to pay for maintaining our important work and community.

Current life members will not be affected by this change. New life memberships acquired after July 1, 2021, will reflect the higher dues' amounts. College and university membership fees will remain unchanged.

Please [reach out to us](#) with any feedback or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to AAUW and our mission. On behalf of the AAUW Board, we are grateful for your understanding and look forward to continuing our work together.

That means our dues will increase from \$85 to \$88. The only increase is for National. The state and local dues will not increase. A breakdown is below.

National - \$62
State - \$12
Marco Island - \$14

Please send your check (payable to AAUW - Marco Island) for dues renewal before June 30, 2021 to P.O. Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146.