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## *President's Message*

AAUW- Marco Island,

Welcome to our new season of AAUW Marco Island Branch! Your board is working diligently to provide educational and fun activities for us to enjoy as we focus on our mission of "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

Our new bookmark is now available digitally. Please share this with your friends who may be interested in joining our branch, so they can learn about our focus and activities. Next month we will have the actual bookmarks for you to carry with you to give to anyone who is interested in learning about our branch.

Our first meeting at the new Marco Island Academy (MIA) will provide an overview of our new charter high school. Please come with questions for our student guide and for the administrator who speaks with us. Either Melissa, the Principal; Linda the Vice-Principal; or Hilary in donor relations will talk to us. Our first meeting is on **Monday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Marco Island Academy** at 2255 San Marco Road. Drive in and turn to the right to park in any space. Please rsvp to Jacky at [jacky3348@gmail.com](mailto:jacky3348@gmail.com) if you would like to join us at "Lunch After" at Little Bar in Goodland following our meeting at MIA. We invite you to follow AAUW guidelines for wearing a face covering inside public spaces.

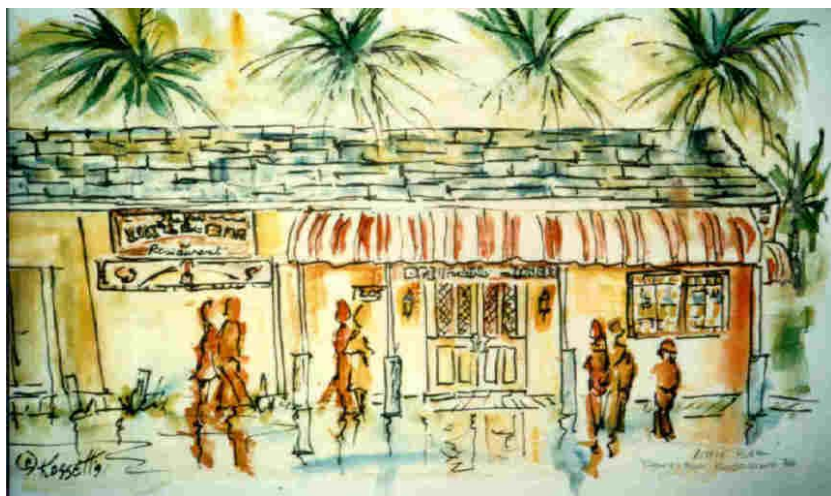
We all hope our "new normal" will continue to include the gatherings we have scheduled. Please refer to your monthly Wave newsletter and any *Splash* communications for changes in meetings.

Have a wonderful and safe year with AAUW - Marco Island,

Sincerely,

Lynn Tuttle, AAUW - Marco Island Branch President

**Lunch after the October meeting will be at the Little Bar in Goodland. Tables have been reserved outside for those interested. Please RSVP to Jacky at 440-539-4662 or [jacky3348@gmail.com](mailto:jacky3348@gmail.com).**



*The Little Bar, 205 Harbor Place, Goodland*



**September "Lunch Instead" at Deep Lagoon:  
Dolores, Lynn, Jacky, Katie, Gwyn, & Liz**

**It you haven't paid your 2021-2022 dues, there is still time. Don't remember if you paid or not? Call Durell (207-745-4679). As noted earlier, National raised the dues by \$3 which means our Annual Dues are now \$88. You can pay your dues online or send a check payable to AAUW-Marco Island to Durell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Ct. Marco Island, 34145**



**2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## Meeting Dates and Topics for the 2021-2022 Program Year

October 18, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Tour of Marco Island Academy at 2255 San Marco Road. Drive in and turn to the right to park in any space. Lunch After at the Little Bar in Goodland.
November 15, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Meet at the Marco Island Police Station. Presentation by Tristan Ashby, Public Education Specialist. Lunch After info TBA.
December 13, 2021 10:00 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcam Cir. Performance by the Celtic Dancers. Lunch After info TBA.
January 17, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcam Cir. Presentation by Missy Saracino, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. Lunch After info TBA.
February 4, 2022 11:30 a.m.	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction and Luncheon at the Hideaway Beach Club.
February 21, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcam Cir. Presentation by Rick LoCastro, Collier County Commissioner. Lunch After info TBA.
March 8, 2022 11:30 a.m.	International Women's Day Luncheon at the Hideaway Beach Club.
March 21, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcam Cir. Presentation by Maureen McFarland, Florida Native Plant Society. Lunch After info TBA.
April 18, 2022 11:30 a.m.	Scholarship Luncheon at the Bistro Soleil, Old Marco.
April 1-3, 2022	Florida Convention, Lake Buena Vista, Orlando

## **Advocating for Gender Equality is the AAUW Public Policy Mission for the 2021-2022 Program Year:**

### **ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

- We will continue to work towards the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Support the Crisis Recovery Toolkit: Legislative efforts to help women successfully build back after the devastation of COVID. These bills address access to good jobs, affordable health care, high quality childcare and educational opportunities to prepare women for tomorrow's employment.
- Freedom to Vote and the Pregnant Worker's Fairness Acts are other areas of interest

### **FLORIDA INITIATIVES**

In the coming year Florida AAUW will be coordinating efforts with like-minded organizations to advance gender equality for women and girls. The areas of focus are:

- Women's Economic Security: (equal pay, paid leave, prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace)
- Education: (STEM programs for women and girls, bias free public education, strengthening of Title IX)

Fundamental Rights: (protection of reproductive rights, Medicaid expansion, diversity, equity and inclusive programs, hate crime reform and prevention of human trafficking)

*Rosalie Tornello, Director for Public Policy*



*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

**Margaret Mead, Anthropologist & 1978 AAUW Achievement Awardee**

The mission of the **Shelter for Abused Women & Children** is to lead and collaborate with the community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence and human trafficking through advocacy, empowerment and social change.

Services provided by the Shelter include 24-hour crisis counseling, an emergency safe shelter, a counseling center, a transitional living program, support groups, children's services, direct assistance, and court and legal services. All services are provided free of charge.

Recent statistics identified 1,672 domestic violence offenses in Collier County in one year. Those incidents included murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, forcible fondling, aggravated assault, aggravated stalking, simple assault, threat/intimidation and stalking.

During The Shelter's 2019-2020 year the emergency shelter and seven transitional living cottages provided a total of 25,000 nights of shelter to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking including shelter to 41 family pets of victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

Many women enter the Shelter with children. There is an urgent need for donations for both the women and the children. Below is a list of items needed for the children and women at this time.

The members of American Association of University Women and the Hive MOS Graphic Design Studio have partnered to collect donations of items that are urgent needs for the Shelter for Abused Woman and Children. Donations can be dropped off at the Hive MOS, 571 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island between 10 am and 5 pm or at the home of Pat Santiago 378 Bald Eagle Drive. Please call Pat before you stop by.

Best Regards,  
Dolores Burton

**Urgent Needs for Each Shelter**

**Both Naples and Immokalee**

- Women's underwear-all sizes
- Baby wipes
- umbrellas
- Diapers size 5 and 6

**Naples**

- Women's socks in all sizes

**Immokalee**

- Bras-all sizes
- Hairspray
- Make-up
- Kid's socks

## AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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

If you are 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). The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 on Zoom.



### Books selected and schedule for the 2021-22

October 26, 2021	<i>Midnight Library</i>
November 16, 2021	<i>The Vanishing Half</i>
January 25, 2022	<i>The Giver of Stars</i>
February 22, 2022	<i>Such a Fun Age</i>
March 22, 2022	<i>Disappearing Earth</i>
April 12, 2022	<i>The Four Winds</i>

**GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP** - Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843, [echaines3@aol.com](mailto:echaines3@aol.com).

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. More details to follow.

**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. More details to follow.



