



President's Message

AAUW- Marco Island,

Best wishes for a happy new year. Unfortunately, Covid 19 numbers are surging. We are all wearing masks to our membership meeting on Monday, January 17 at 9:30. To keep us as safe as possible, the board voted not to serve coffee so that masks can remain on at all times. We will socially distance around the meeting room at New Life Community Church.

Our fundraiser, *Time and Talent*, is cancelled for this year. Read *The Wave* to determine how you want to contribute to Pick-a-Prize instead. Have you found items to donate to our fundraiser to bring to Jacky or Lynn? Can you be part of a dinner cooking group? Contact your friends to ask them to donate and take a chance on our wonderful prizes. Can you host a dinner or lunch party? This year we hope for 100% participation in our fundraiser. You'll want to contribute to be part of our mission.

Did you notice that we have a new interest group, *Girl Up*? Contact Jacky or Durell to get involved and help these young teens thrive.

Please plan to be part of Lobby Days this month, January 18 to 21! Support AAUW. Watch your email for participation information.

We will gather Monday for lunch outside at Mangos at 11:30 after the meeting. Sign up when you check in. I look forward to seeing you.

In fun and friendship,

Lynn

Lynn Tuttle, President, AAUW-Marco Island

AAUW-MARCO ISLAND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

As Lynn stated in her message, we will not be having our traditional Time, Talent, & Treasures Auction and Luncheon this year. Instead, we will have another PICK-A-Prize fundraiser. The process will be the same as last year, but with some added features. As you know, we collect your treasures, arrange them as "Items" (in similar categories or baskets), photograph them, and send all the information to members in early February.

This year we are asking for your donations by January 30th. Call either Jacky, or Lynn to arrange drop-off or pickup. Easier for everyone would be to bring your items to the January 17th meeting!!

We do need your donations and later, your contributions to make this a success. If you can, please make a basket, photograph it, and send the photo with details of the basket to Jacky at jacky3348@gmail.com or via text at 440-539-4662. We can also use Gift Cards, Lottery Tickets, Cash, etc. (The most sought after item last year was the Wine & Cheese basket.)

This year, we will also have meals, as in the past. Other services can also be donated (get creative). Details on how to be the "winning team" will be in the flyer sent next month.

Our goal is 100% participation this year. I think we are up to the challenge. As an extra incentive Lynn has offered to add \$30 to all members contributing a minimum of \$50. Let's all take her up on the offer!!!

Fundraiser & Scholarship Dates:

January 30th - Last day to make donations of items/meals

February 14th - Letter with details/instructions/pictures/and descriptions of the items sent to all members (and for you to share with your friends)

March 7th - Deadline for checks/forms back to me

March 21st - Drawing for winners at the regular membership meeting

March 31st - Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications

April 7th - Scholarship meeting at Lynn's

April 18th - Scholarship Luncheon (hopefully!!)



2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Lynn Tuttle

Director for Program: Colleen Moser

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

Director for Publicity: Pat Santiago

Director for Public Policy: Rosalie Tornello

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2022-2024

This year, three officer positions will be filled: President, Director for Membership, and Secretary. If you have an interest in either position, please let Lynn Tuttle know soon. Both positions are vital to the continued success of the Marco Island Branch of AAUW.



Donations for the Shelter for Abused Women & Children included 121 pairs of Panties, 27 Bras, & numerous Baby Items & Stuffed Animals.



Remaining Dates and Topics for 2022

January 17, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcarn Cir. Presentation by Missy Saracino, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. Lunch After info TBA.
February 4, 2022 11:30 a.m.	15th Annual Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction and Luncheon at the Hideaway Beach Club. CANCELLED – Replaced with Pick-A-Prize
February 21, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcarn 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. FAMOUS GUEST SPEAKER from across the Pond.
March 21, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcarn Cir. Presentation by Maureen McFarland,
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 CANCELLED

AAUW-Marco Island WAVE JANUARY 2022

American Association of University Women
Marco Island, Florida
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Tuttle at 10:00 a.m. at the New Life Community Church.

The Marco Island Charter Middle School Jazz Band entertained the membership with a lively selection of Christmas Music. On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn expressed appreciation to the musicians and their facilitators.

A brief business meeting ensued. Lynn thanked Director for Programs Colleen Moser for her efforts in arranging the musical entertainment.

Directors Reports

Program: Colleen advised that Missy Saracino will provide an informative presentation on the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center at the January 17, 2022, General Meeting.

Finance: Durell reported that The Summary of Cash Activities/Bank Reconciliation as of November 30, 2021, shows a balance of \$12,718.19. The topic of a cash contribution to the New Life Community Church will be discussed at the January Board Meeting.

Membership: Linda will finalize the Directory in January. She reported the addition of one new member.

Public Policy: Lynn encouraged the membership to attend the AAUW National Lobby Day training sessions on January 18 and 19, 2022.

Publicity: Pat distributed Bookmarks for the 2021-2022 season.

Development: Jacky encouraged members to begin planning meals, building baskets, and forming bidding groups for the Time, Talent & Treasure auction.

New Business: Marilyn Steffan gave a short tribute to the contributions of Faye Biles to the Marco AAUW Branch. It was suggested that a presentation on the life and contributions of Faye Biles be included in the program for the International Women's Day Luncheon.

The meeting was followed with a box lunch.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Josette Bonewitz



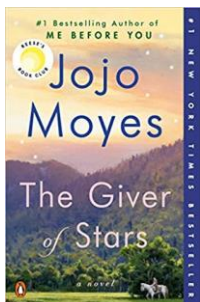
**Marco Island Charter Middle School Jazz Band
Performing for the December AAUW Meeting**

AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP - Chair is Pat Santiago, 239-389-4767, psantiago378@gmail.com. ZOOM meetings on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS of the month at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). We meet "virtually" all year! The readings are usually short stories, which makes this an ideal group for those who do not want to commit to reading novels. **One World TWO** is the book we are currently using. It is an anthology of short stories penned by contemporary authors from around the world. We welcome book selection suggestions and encourage all members to consider what our "next read" will be.

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



Books selected & schedule for the remaining year

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>

AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS (continued)

NEW INTEREST GROUP - GIRL UP

We are exploring ways to contribute to Girl Up, a girls' empowerment club at the Manatee Middle School. The purpose of the club includes:

- Leadership development
- College and career exposure
- Increasing self-esteem and promoting positive mental health
- Creating a safe space for girls
- Working to achieve gender equality globally
- Giving back through a fundraiser

If you **MIGHT** be interested, please contact either Durell or Jacky.

GREAT DECISIONS STUDY GROUP - Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843, echaines3@aol.com.

The Study Group will meet on Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm every other week starting in January (after the books are mailed). You must be a member of AAUW or spouse of a member. Usually, members of the group take turns leading the discussion.

The Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions for 2022 has announced their nine topics for next year. We are planning a AAUW group to discuss these topics starting sometime in January after the books are mailed. The topics are:

1. Changing Demographics
2. Outer Space
3. Climate Change
4. Russia and the United States
5. Myanmar and ASEAN
6. Quad Alliance
7. Drug Policy in Latin America
8. Industrial Policy
9. Biden's Agenda

The books can be ordered from the Foreign Policy Association Web site

- www.fpa.org/great_decisions or by calling 800-477-5836 for \$35.

Several of us will be zooming. If you would like to participate call Liz Haines at 781-249-7450 or 249-642-1843.