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President's Message

AAUW- Marco Island,

We have much to be grateful for in this month of counting our blessings. As our membership gathers lingerie for women who have fled to our local shelter at this season, let's be as generous as possible. Susan Pulman and I will go to Walmart and purchase ladies' undergarments in all sizes to donate. If you would like to be part of this opportunity you can bring a check, payable to *Linda A. Tuttle* and marked *Women's Shelter* in the memo area to the November meeting. You could also mail your check to Lynn Tuttle, 1490 Caxambas Court, Marco Island, Florida 34145. Be sure I receive your check or bring your donations to The Hive MOS, 571 Bald Eagle Dr. between 10 am and 5 pm **before Thanksgiving!**

On Monday, November 15 we will gather in the Dr. Fay and Bedford Biles Community Room on the lower floor of the Police Department at 10:00. Tristan Ashby, the Public Education Specialist for the MIPD, will have a presentation for us and answer questions. In addition to parking at the Police Station, there is ample parking adjacent to the former medical building (next to the Police Station). After our meeting we will go to CJ's on the Bay for lunch. Sign up on Monday.

Be sure you have paid your dues for this year. Those who have not paid but are active members are dropped by AAUW-Florida at the end of November and our new directory comes out early in the year. The total for our dues is \$88. Name tags are \$13. You can speak with Linda or Susan at the meeting to purchase a name tag and/or pay for membership.

Remember our Time, Talent and Treasures Auction and Luncheon is at Hideaway Beach this year on Friday, February 4. It's not too early to plan your donation, gather friends to host a lunch or dinner party or speak with other members about creating a meal for our live auction. Perhaps you can create a full basket with your interest group. Offer to help! Our scholars depend on us for part of their education; we depend on one another.

There's a rumor that a famous woman will attend International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8 at Hideaway Beach Club. Mention this date to your women friends who would enjoy this special event with you.

We have many adventures to share. I am thankful to each and every one of you.

In gratitude, Lynn Tuttle President, AAUW-Marco Island Branch

Welcome Back from The Membership Directors!

We'd like to thank our members for getting their dues in and renewing their membership for 2022. We're excited to be meeting in person again and looking forward to more in-person events. We will be passing out bookmarks with the 2021-2022 schedule of events at our November meeting this Monday at the Marco Island Police Station. We are currently working to increase our membership so please remember to recommend our organization to your friends and new acquaintances. Take some extra bookmarks, it's a great way to introduce our group to possible new members. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. We are working on a new Directory, and we want you to be in it.

Susan Pullman and Linda Corea



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DECEMBER BOXED LUNCH ORDER FORM



In lieu of our traditional potluck, we have opted to order boxed lunches from Big Al's Deli for those who wish. The cost of the boxed lunch is \$11.00 and will include your choice of a sandwich or substitute, chips, fruit, and a cookie.

**Your form with selection and payment must be received by
December 6th to place your order.**



Send this portion of the form with your payment (\$11.00 for each selection) to AAUW Marco Island, PO Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146

Select one of the following:

- ☐ Ham Sandwich
- ☐ Turkey Sandwich
- ☐ Veggie Wrap
- ☐ Lettuce Wrap with Chicken Salad

Name _____

Phone _____



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 - Pre-purchased lunch from Big Al's Deli
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 th 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. FAMOUS GUEST SPEAKER from across the Pond.
March 21, 2022 9:30 a.m.	Meet at the New Life Community Church at 489 W. Elkcam 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



Florida State Capital Building

The Florida AAUW Public Policy Committee met virtually on 10/21. The main focus was Lobby Day which will be held January 18th and 19th 2022. A decision will be made soon as to whether this will be an in-person experience or online or a combination of the two. The specific bills that will be advocated have not yet been determined.

There was concern expressed regarding Florida House Bill 35 which will be considered in the coming legislative session. This bill would require members of district school boards to be selected in partisan elections. The Committee believes this is not in the best interest of the educational community.

If you would like to voice your opinion on this, or other issues, you are encouraged to contact Marco Island's representatives. They are:

Senator Kathleen Passidomo	Rep. Lauren Mels	Rep. David Borrero
239-417-6205	239 417-6270	239 417-6231
3299 E. Tamiami Trail, Suite 203	3299 E. Tamiami Trail, Suite 212	4715 Golden Gate Pkwy.

Rosalie Tornello, Director for Public Policy

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE???

Are you interested in working with middle school girls at Manatee Middle School? If you **MIGHT** be, please read this letter and contact Lynn at tuttlamarco@gmail.com or 603 289-1448 to discuss ways we can work with these girls to help them create a brighter future. Lynn

Dear AAUW of Marco Island,

My name is Erika Torres, and I am the teacher-sponsor for a girls' empowerment club at Manatee Middle School, Girl Up. Manatee Middle is a Title One school, and the majority of my students will be first-generation college students. This club initially started with 5 girls and has grown to approximately 25 girls. This year, however, 38 girls were eager to join! I am extremely proud of each member of this club because they are strong and motivated young women. They are eager to make a difference in our world, and they actively seek positive change.

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

As illustrated above, my purpose is varied but I ultimately want to contribute to the development of each girl to discover her own strengths and passions, as well as to become an empowered, confident, and contributing member of society. The activities and focus on our daily meetings depend on what the girls bring to the meetings. At each meeting, an individual member or a small group presents a topic to the entire cohort. The girls are required to share out and research topics for our meetings. In the past we have had presentations on women in STEM, book reviews, social justice issues, and many other varied and interesting topics. We have also had guest speakers come and share with us. One women's group organized and sponsored a 3-month project where each girl created a vision board for her future. I am writing this letter in hope of securing similar support from your organization or an individual in your organization.

We strive to make our meetings informational, varied and impactful. We are open to new ideas and activities at each meeting. We would enjoy learning from women in the community; perhaps someone at your organization would be willing to share a talent or skill with our club and allow the girls an opportunity to try it out as well. We are also trying to expand our club to include some physical fitness; perhaps a member of your organization has training in a sport or activity like yoga or tai chi that might be shared and practiced at a meeting. Art and food-related activities are always welcomed! This could include seasonal or holiday activities as well. Broadening an understanding of college readiness and preparation, as well as focus on specific careers would be well-received topics. Again, we are open to any new ideas!

In addition, we would welcome financial support. I would love to plan a field trip to University of Miami—to introduce the girls to a thriving college campus—but this would require funds to cover the bus and lunch for the club members. We also plan to design and create a club t-shirt to represent our club, so the girls feel connected to each other and our goals. Finally, we have had luncheons in the past where members have planned special inspirational speeches, or we participated in a fun art activity after our meal. We are in need of funding to cater a luncheon for this school year. Finally, we would also like to expand to a book club but are in need of funds to sponsor a book for each member.

We have big dreams for the future of Girl Up and we are excited to partner with community members to bring these dreams to reality. Thank you for reading this letter. I am happy to speak further about the program and our goals, or to answer any questions you might have. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience. My cell phone number is (239)214-1192.

Best,

Erika Torres

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 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 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.

The Study Group 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, call, text, or email Pat at 239-389-4767 or psantiago378@gmail.com. ZOOM meetings on the FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS of the month at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time). This group provides members an opportunity to gain a fuller understanding of the classics by reading and discussing topical anthologies. The group will start their next anthology in December. The new book is: **One World Two a Second Global Anthology**.