



## *President's Message*

AAUW- Marco Island,

Friends,

AAUW is the cornerstone of my life on Marco Island. This group of women is amazing! We have persevered through a pandemic, provided social and intellectual opportunities to our members and enriched our community through donations, scholarships and grants. We have met every challenge with kindness and generosity.

As we return to meeting in person, I hope we remember the fun and laughter meetings on Zoom provided. We learned to negotiate the ins and outs of Zoom and conduct meetings efficiently. How we missed the coffee and goodies at our meetings at the New Life Church, but we enjoyed the dynamic speakers just the same.

We socialized outside at CJ's on the Bay monthly. (Try to save the first Monday evening of the month for this fun event!) *Lunch Afters* and *Lunch Instead* kept us gathering every third Monday, also in outside venues. We deployed Zoom for Great Books, Great Decisions and Fiction Groups monthly, too. Soon Girl Up, helping middle school girls, will join this group of fun activities.

We thrive on giving back to our community. Generous donations to The Women's Shelter and to scholarships and grants mentioned elsewhere in the *WAVE*, illustrate that we are a group of committed women who give of ourselves to benefit others. Nothing is more fulfilling or important. We share this common purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to be President of AAUW-Marco Island Branch. It has been my pleasure to serve.

Sincerely,

*Lynn Tuttle*

## **AAUW - MARCO ISLAND 2022 SCHOLARSHIP**

The Scholarship Committee recommended five scholars to the Board for Martha Yates (MY) Scholarships. The board of directors approved the recipients below for \$2000 scholarships. The scholarships were presented on Monday, April 18 at Bistro Soleil. MY Scholarships are given to women 21 years of age and older who are enrolled or plan to enroll in an accredited college or university who live or work on Marco Island, Goodland or The Isles of Capri. Members of AAUW-Marco Island locate these scholars.

### **AAUW Martha Yates Scholars 2022**

**Ashley Schneller** has received our MY scholarship in the past. This will be her fourth scholarship. Do you remember her work at Camp Able on Marco for children with special needs when she received our high school scholarship? She graduated from Florida State University with a 3.75 GPA! Ashley is now finishing her graduate work at Jacksonville University in Speech-Language Pathology, her "servant heart" has her focused on adults with stroke and brain injury even though she has excelled in diverse clinical placements. She will soon be entering the workforce, graduating as Ashley Schneller, M.S. CF-SLP. Her number one goal of "making an impact while making an income" is one the scholarship committee applauds. Raised on Marco, her first job may take her elsewhere, but we hope for her return to our island or local clinical settings.

**Emma Fernandez** is in school at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. At school in Baltimore, she has worked as a research assistant, public policy intern and research fellow. Her program focusses on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and she is earning a certificate in "health disparities and health inequity." Her proposed life's work is at the heart of AAUW.

**Emmanuelle Meurgue** graduated from the University of Central Florida with a 3.2 cumulative average. She is currently enrolled in a two-year program at Glasgow Caledonian University for her graduate degree majoring in Occupational Therapy. Her program will place her all over Scotland in various clinical settings such as schools, hospitals outpatient clinics, medical facilities and, most importantly for Emmanuelle, in refugee clinics. As we watch the horrors in Ukraine emerge, Emmanuelle writes: "I want to be an occupational therapist for refugees to enhance their opportunities in life as they are deemed as the world's most marginalized and vulnerable people." Her parents own the beautiful Bistro Soleil!

**Maya Roux** received MY scholarships in 2019 when she graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in Political Science. Currently she is completing her Master's degree in Real Estate Finance from Georgetown University. She earned a MY scholarship in 2021, too, so this will be her third. This year she has studied Investment Trusts, Private Equity and more. She is among the three or four women in each of her lectures of 20 people. Her thesis is on Real Estate Investment Trusts. She runs her own Real Estate Marketing firm, ballroom dances and is being matched with a "little sister" through Big Brothers, Big Sisters. She feels "blessed with how (her) studies and life continue to evolve." We are blessed to again have Maya as a candidate for our MY Scholarship.

**Carla Melendez (Student ID#1894239)** is enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) taking one class to prepare for a degree in Software Engineering. She started her degree at Florida Gulf Coast University before going on-line with one class a term at SNHU. Carla and her husband have a three year old son and a second on the way around June 5. They both work at C. J.'s on the Bay. Have you met them there? Covid complications have swamped them with hospital bills. Her firm dream is to get out of the service industry and get her degree! She takes courses like "Operating Platforms" and "Software Development" and has a true grit story behind another called "Found in App Development." She can do this! We can help her!

### **2022 High School Scholarship Recipient**

**Camryn Rose** is a senior at Marco Island Academy and will be attending Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton this fall where she expects to major in Business Management. At MIA she has been active in Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Government, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, basketball, tennis and captain of the volleyball team. She has volunteered with the community Christmas Basket Drive and Thanksgiving Benefit as well as participating in beach cleanups. She works part time at Beebe's Ice Cream and babysits all while maintaining a weighted grade point average of 4.6.

## Scholarship Luncheon Photos



Camryn Rose, Maya Roux, and Carla Melendez



Marilyn Steffan receiving the AAUW  
Marco Island Branch Named Gift  
Honoree for 2022 Certificate.





Kathi Parris, incoming Secretary, Josette Bonewitz, outgoing Secretary, Durell Buzzini, Director for Finance, Lynn Tuttle, outgoing President, and Jacky Childress, incoming President



Josette Bonewitz, Durell Buzzini, Catherine Gorman, & Colleen Moser

American Association of University Women, Marco Island, Florida  
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2022

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

Maureen McFarland, representing the Florida Native Plant Society, gave a presentation on the varieties and benefits of native plant landscaping. On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn expressed appreciation for the interesting and informative program.

A brief business meeting ensued.

Jacky presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of Directors for the 2022-2024 service term as follows: President; Jacky Childress, Secretary; Kathy Parris; Membership; Linda Corea. There being no nominations from the floor, the motion, by Josette Bonewitz, to accept the proposed slate of Directors was passed unanimously.

As Director for Development, Jacky announced that the Pick-A-Prize Fundraiser resulted in proceeds totaling \$14,725.00. It was noted that this revenue exceeds all former Time, Talent, and Treasure events. Drawings for winners of the Pick-A-Prize bidding lots was conducted.

Lynn referred members to the Wave for information on contributing to the State and National Fundraising Effort, how to renew AAUW membership online and on details of the April 18, 2022, Scholarship Luncheon. She encouraged members to bring a friend to the Scholarship Luncheon which highlights the scholarship mission of the Marco Island Branch of AAUW.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Minutes submitted by: Josette Bonewitz

"Lunch After" took place at Deep Lagoon on Marco Island.



Maureen McFarland, an enthusiastic speaker advocating for native plants.

## **Renew Your AAUW Membership Online! Pay Early and Save \$5.00**

National AAUW recently updated its website. They are encouraging members to renew their 2022-2023 dues online. Our new fiscal year starts July 1, 2022, and these dues can be paid now through June 30, 2022. **IF YOU PAY BEFORE JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> YOUR DUES WILL BE \$88. DUES BEGINNING JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE \$93.**

Due to the website update, National is asking members to reset their username to their email address and change their password to a new password. Go to AAUW National Login and put in your email address and then press on forgot my password. Follow directions to establish a new password. Then go back to the login and use your new password to enter the website.

Now that your password is updated, you can follow these steps to renew online.

- Go to membership Management.
- Update your degree information, then press next.
- Select type of membership, National or Lifetime.
- Select yes for Branch or State.
- Next scroll down the alphabetical state listing to FL 3054 (go to bottom for next).
- Check FL state dues.
- Check yes or no for a donation.
- Checkout, complete payment information and press submit.

Please give this a try, it does make the process of payment easier. If you are unable to pay through the national website, you can also renew the old-fashioned way. Send a check for \$88.00 to Durell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145.

Thanks, Linda Corea, Director for Membership

### **2022-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**President: Jacky Childress**

**Director for Program: Colleen Moser**

**Director for Membership: Linda Corea**

**Secretary: Kathi Parris**

**Director for Finance: Durell Buzzini**



## **AAUW MARCO BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS**

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



Kathi, Jacky,  
Jerlene, Gail,  
Dolores, Deb, and  
Linda at CJs for the  
April Cocktails &  
Conversation.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP** - Chair is Pat Santiago, 239-389-4767, [psantiago378@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

### **Book Selections for 2022-23**

*Cloud Cuckoo Land* Anthony Doerr  
*Intimacies* Katie Kitamura  
*Klara and the Sun* Katsuo Ishaguru  
*The Lincoln Highway* Amor Towles  
*The Overstory* Richard Powers  
*This Tender Land* William Kent Krueger

### **Dates for 2022-23**

Oct. 25, 2022  
Nov. 15, 2022  
Jan. 24, 2023  
Feb. 28, 2023  
Mar. 28, 2023  
Apr. 11, 2023



**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](mailto: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](http://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.