



President's Message

AAUW- Marco Island,

Our focus and purpose combine this month as we strive to empower women and girls.

Jacky Childress has organized Pick-a Prize and photos of those prizes have been emailed to you. Thank you to all who donated baskets and things to be included in our baskets of prizes to win for donating money to help the young women and girls of our community.

However, it's important that each member also makes a cash donation. Last year only 50% of AAUW-Marco Island donated cash to help our scholarships and grants; this year we hope for 100% participation. The prizes you could win are fun, but the true prize is knowing you are changing young women's futures. Please be as generous as you can. Our scholarships and grants are our focus and purpose. We need everyone's help.

We also need everyone to search for young women to receive our Martha Yates Scholarships for women 21 or older who are returning to an accredited college or university to pursue a degree. We offer scholarships to women who live or work on Marco Island and we need YOU to help find our recipients. She could be working at your doctor's office or at a business that you frequent. Enjoy talking to young women you encounter, sharing our mission and telling them that we want to support them in their efforts to complete their education. We are all "on the scholars committee."

There is a copy of the "Martha Yates Scholarship Application" attached to this Wave. Make a copy and carry it with you. Wouldn't it be fun to locate a worthy young woman to win a scholarship towards her education?

Donate. Search for Scholars. Make the mission of AAUW-Marco Island part of your island life. Make our "focus and purpose" yours.

Sincerely,

Lynn

Lynn Tuttle, President, AAUW-Marco Island



Our AAUW Branch is pleased to announce that The Iron Lady will attend our International Women's Day Celebration. From humble beginnings she rose to be, arguably, the most powerful woman in the world. She was The United Kingdom's Prime Minister for 10 years, the only one elected three times! She is the only Prime Minister to have had a Bronze Statue made of her, but perhaps it should have been made of Iron to commemorate this incredibly strong woman. You will be enthralled by The Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher, as portrayed by the amazing Bonnie Bozzo.





**Registration Form for the AAUW Marco Island Branch
International Women's Day Luncheon
with Guest Speaker,
The Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher**

Hideaway Beach Club March 8th at 11:30 a.m.

Menu

Pear & Goat Cheese Salad

*Artisan Greens, Poached Pears, Candied Walnuts, Goat Cheese
Vanilla Bean Vinaigrette*

Chicken Caprese

*Chicken with Mozzarella, Fresh Tomatoes and a Rich Balsamic Glaze served with
Broccolini and Parmesan Risotto*

Dessert, created especially for us by the pastry chef, will be a Decadent
Chocolate Treat

*Coffee, Tea, and Ices Tea
Cash Bar*

\$50.00/Person Payable to: AAUW Marco Island

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.

Reservation Deadline Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mail checks to: Durell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Ct.

Marco Island, FL 34145

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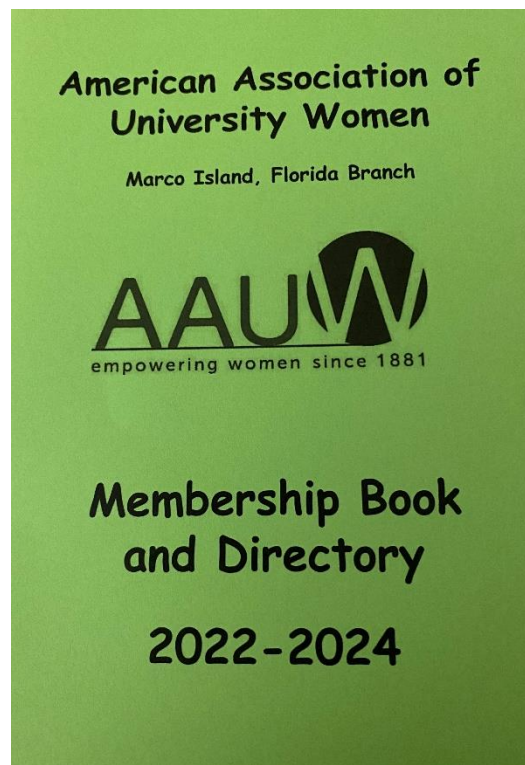
List yourself and any table companions.

Join your AAUW-Marco Island friends at
The Deep Lagoon
at our luncheon at the Esplanade
on Monday, February 21 at 11:30 after our meeting.
Please sign up at the meeting.

Thank You!



The New Directory is Available
A big THANK YOU to Linda Corea for her persistence in
getting it to print!!



AAUW-Marco Island Information on Scholarships

We give scholarships to traditional and non-traditional students.

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 at least \$1000.

Applications for the Martha Yates Scholarship (MY Scholarship) are available today as an attachment to members to take to any woman who is 21 or older and enrolled in an accredited college or university program. Our MY Scholarships are usually for \$1000 but vary with the number of qualifying applicants and the donations of our supporters. Those applying have until March 31 to get their application to Lynn Tuttle, 1490 Caxambas Court, Marco Island, Florida 34145.

The committee meets on April 7 to choose recipients to present to the AAUW-Marco Island board for approval on April 11. The winners are announced at our final meeting of the season, April 18 at Bistro Soleil.



AAUW-MARCO ISLAND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Fundraiser & Scholarship Dates:

February 21st - Kickoff of the Bidding for Three Fabulous Meals (for 8-10)

March 11th - Deadline for checks/forms back to

March 21st - Drawing for Pick-A-Prize 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!!)

The Fundraiser, Pick-A-Prize information was emailed to all branch members on February 17th. Hopefully you have had a chance to check out all the great items available.

Also, please forward the email with attachments to your friends. Last year our friends donated 21% of the total amount contributed. And they got to win some really great items!!

Just a few of this year's items



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



Remaining Dates and Topics for 2022

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 at Deep Lagoon
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, Florida Native Plant Society Drawing for Winners = Pick-A-Prize Fundraiser
April 18, 2022 11:30 a.m.	Scholarship Luncheon at the Bistro Soleil, Old Marco.
April 1-3, 2022	Convention will be Virtual

AAUW-Marco Island WAVE FEBRUARY 2022

American Association of University Women
Marco Island, Florida
Monthly General Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2022

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

Missy Saracino, Executive Director, presented an overview of the mission, history and programs of the Naples Therapeutic Riding Center. On behalf of the Marco Branch of AAUW, Lynn expressed appreciation for the interesting and informative program.

A brief business meeting ensued.

Lynn thanked Director for Programs Colleen Moser for her efforts in arranging for today's program.

With reference to the National AAUW Virtual Meeting she attended, Lynn noted the Marco Branch might encourage the Martha Yates Scholarship winner(s) to apply for an available National Scholarship. She also reminded the membership of the training sessions for AAUW Lobby Day which will take place February 18 - 21, 2022. The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders will be held virtually this year and the Marco Branch will plan to sponsor one girl. It was noted that National AAUW is amending the By-Laws and is also soliciting employees.

Directors Reports

Finance: Durell reported that the Budget Committee met regarding the upcoming budget. Due to changes in this season's programs and the ensuing uncertainty of income and expenses, the budget is not finalized at this time.

Membership: Linda reported that the Directory is in the process of being printed and will be available soon.

Public Policy: Lynn encouraged the membership to attend the Lobby Training Days and the Critical Race Theory Webinar on January 18, 2022

Development: Jacky announced the plans for a Virtual Pick-A-Prize fundraiser in lieu of the Time, Talent & Treasure event this year. She stressed the importance of members' participation in planning meals, building baskets, forming bidding groups and making donations for the fundraiser. Details and timelines regarding this event have been published in the *WAVE*.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Josette Bonewitz

Florida Public Policy

Our lawmakers are in their 60-day legislative session that began on January 11th. Please make a difference for Florida's women by contacting you state legislators to support the following bills.

- SB 322/HB 293 Fair Pay Act Fighting for fair pay for all, to provide paycheck and workplace protections not currently ensured in Florida
- SB 388/HB 221 Establishing Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to ensure diversity in State government programs and activities
- SB 760/HB 521 Increasing criminal penalties for engaging in human trafficking in Florida

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.

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

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.