



President's Message

AAUW- Marco Island,

Dear AAUW-Marco Island,

I am over the moon about the success of our Pick-a-Prize Fundraiser. The commitment of our members and friends to these scholars is incredible and I am proud of the 69% of our Branch who donated to support our scholarships and grants. Next month there will be descriptions of the grants we support and the young women whose careers and lives benefited from this generosity.

The hard work of our President Elect, Jacky Childress, ensured with the success of our fundraiser. Jacky is a force of nature. Dedicated and enduring, she created and produced Pick-a-Prize and deserves the credit for its success. Thank you, Jacky. You're one in a million. I am thrilled that you have agreed to be our President for the next two years!

Hopefully, most members will also contribute to AAUW State and National causes listed elsewhere in *The Wave*.

Once again, we'll be enjoying Deep Lagoon for our lunch after our meeting on Monday, March 21. If you are not planning to attend the meeting but would like to join us afterwards at about 11:30 at Deep Lagoon, text or call me at 603 289-1448 and let me know you are joining us for "Lunch After." This is the last "Lunch After" of the season. In April our regular meeting will be the Scholarship Luncheon at Bistro Soleil beginning at 11:30. You will meet some of our worthy scholarship recipients there. In May we again begin our third Monday series of "Lunch Instead" to gather our members for lunch once a month on third Mondays over the summer.

In appreciation,

Lynn Tuttle, AAUW-Marco Island President



Our AAUW Branch welcomed The Iron Lady at our International Women's Day Celebration on March 8th at the Hideaway Beach Club. A fabulous lunch was followed by Margaret Thatcher discussing some of her interesting life as The United Kingdom's Prime Minister. Bonnie Bozzo was amazing as she portrayed Ms. Thatcher.



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Connie London, Sammy Miller, Jacky Childress, Marylu DiLorenzo, Pam Callanan, and Christina Tomasic.

Seated is Lynn Tuttle, President



Sue Olmsted, Marsha Crawford, Linda Hyde, Janet Dickens, Char Winter, Ann Vandehei, and Josette Bonewitz. Seated -Arlene Spector and Lynn Nathanson.

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Janet Dickens, Anna Hutchings, Gail Fischer, Jacky Childress, Lenore Yale, and JoAnn Brandau. Seated - Rachel DeHanas, Jaye Spencer, and Lael Kilpartick.



Susan Pullman, Deb Armitage, and Linda Krupp. Seated - Katie Goetzman and Joye Reynolds.



Patty Terreri, Sally Kim, and Lenore Yale. Seated - Susan Wolfe.

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

- The speaker for the March meeting is Maureen McFarland, of the Florida Native Plant Society.
- After the presentation and a brief meeting, we will draw for the winners of the Pick-A-Prize fundraiser.
- We increased the participation from last year's 52% to a **BIG 69%**. Thank you to the 40 members who donated!!
- Don't forget to save April 18th for the Scholarship Luncheon at the Bistro Soleil. This is a perfect opportunity to bring a friend and potential AAUW member. They will hear from some of the young women who benefit from our Scholarships. A Registration Form is attached.

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

The meeting was opened by president, Lynn Tuttle at 10:00 am.

Colleen Moser introduced Rick LoCastro who is the District 1 Collier County Commissioner who resides on Marco. He talked about several concerns that are being addressed including the Tiger Tail Lagoon, how redistricting of the County has taken place over time and other work that he does for the benefit of Marco and all of Collier County.

Lynn called the business meeting to order by wishing everyone a Happy President's Day. She asked Colleen to explain how the scholarship committee functions.

Presently there are 3 members of the committee: Lynn Tuttle, Colleen Moser and Katie Goetzmann. For high school girls a spreadsheet is compiled listing GPAs, classes rankings, test scores, activities, and recommendations with attention to individual essays. The committee reviews these and recommends the top candidate who must be a resident of Marco Island, Goodland or Isle of Capri.

Candidates for the Martha Yates scholarship must be 21 or older, live or work on Marco and be enrolled in a college program either full or part-time. Each candidate fills out a form and writes an essay about her background and goals. All of those are reviewed by the committee with recommendations made to the board. From there the board decides who to approve and how much each candidate will receive based on the funds that are available.

There was no treasurer's report in the absence of Durrell Buzzini.

Jacky Childress reviewed the process for "Pick a Prize" TTT fundraiser this year. All members should have received the email and directions for how to spend their money. Jacky explained that those participants will get twice as many tickets for their money as last year. She and Lynn encouraged 100% participation. There will be 3 meals auctioned off on March 2 at 2pm on Zoom. More information will be forthcoming via Splash.

Lynn reminded us all to sign up and send our reservations for International Women's Day to be held on March 6 at Hideaway. Those forms were sent out via the last Wave and are to be sent to Durrell at her address per instructions.

Jacky presented the Slate of officers for 2022 as follows: President-Jacky Childress, membership- Linda Corea and Secretary-Kathy Parris. Nominations will be open to the floor at subsequent meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting secretary Colleen Moser

Renew Your AAUW Membership Online!

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.

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 AAUW Marco Island Branch, P.O. Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146.

Thanks, Linda Corea, Director for Membership

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

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 BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

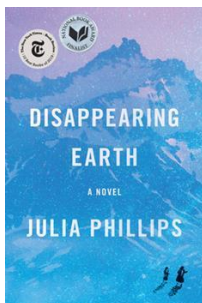


Lynn, Katie, Jerlene, Arlene, and Liz at CJs for the March Cocktails & Conversation.

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

March 22, 2022
April 12, 2022

Disappearing Earth
The Four Winds

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.

MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO AAUW - NATIONAL

In the past we have had virtual fundraisers for AAUW -National. This year we are simply providing the information in the WAVE for our branch members wishing to donate to one of the eight Funds listed below. It is easy to make a donation online. I just tried it and here is the process I followed.

- Log in at aauw.org (if you haven't logged in to National for a while, you will need to set up a new password as they have recently redesigned their website)
- Locate the large orange box on the top right side of the page that says DONATE, and click on it
- That will take you to another site where you can select what fund and amount you are interested in contributing to
- After completing the required information, you will get confirmation and an email with a letter that you can use for IRS purposes since AAUW - National is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization.

THE 8 FUNDS ARE

9110-AAUW Greatest Needs Fund

- This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge — whether it's a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, we have the dollars we need to pivot as the national dialogue shifts — and get our work covered by major media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN and Fortune.

Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation.

4450-Education & Training Fund

- Addresses the barriers that prevent women from thriving in school and pursuing the careers of their dreams. That means championing equal access to education and ensuring women can learn in environments free from harassment and discrimination.

4449-Economic Security Fund

- Promotes women's livelihoods through advocacy for fair-pay, legislation, researching the pay gap, training women to negotiate for the salaries they deserve, and advising employers on fostering fair cultures.

4452-Leadership Fund

- Supports AAUW's work to bolster the number of women in top roles across all industries by addressing systematic biases and giving women the skills and resources they need to lead.

4451-Governance & Sustainability Fund

- Donating to the Governance and Sustainability Fund enables AAUW to function as effectively and efficiently as possible—following the latest best practices for hiring and governance and incorporating state-of-the-art technology into our member database and other systems.

2504-National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarships

- The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Scholarship Fund provides access for a broader and more diverse audience to be a part of the leadership training, inspiration and networking opportunities provided during this event. For 2022 scholarships are \$195 per attendee so every contribution can make a difference and the more donations received, the more students are able to attend the conference.

4355-Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

- AAUW Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

4229-Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle Special Projects Fund

- The Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle honors the memory of longtime AAUW member, Mooneen Lecce who believed deeply in volunteerism and charitable giving. When you become a member of this trailblazing group of philanthropists, you join other Circle members in selecting strategic, innovative gender equity projects where your gift will have the greatest impact.

To join the Giving Circle or to renew your support, simply commit to give \$500 or more annually with the goal of increasing your contributions by 10 percent each year.

If you would like to contribute a smaller amount to the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle, you are welcome to do so without becoming a member.

Thank you so much for your support!