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Gender Equity and
Economic Security

Our Values

Intersectional
Inclusive
Intergenerational
Empowering

President's Message

Well, we are off to a great start this year. Our October meeting was a successful planning session. Thank you to all the attendees for your efforts to provide input as we begin our much-needed work to not only increase the membership, but also to retain and encourage our current members to be more involved. Linda Corea, Director for Membership, will lead a "Membership Improvement Committee." But it will not be just the committee's responsibility to increase membership. **Everyone** at the meeting stated it was the responsibility of every member to help get new members and retain current members. **Get ready for this Change.**

One interesting thing gleaned from the planning session is that members joined AAUW for a variety of reasons, some are listed below:

- to join the Fiction Book Club
- wanted to belong to an active community group that supports women
- like what they do for the community & social activity, continued education for women
- be with educated women to continue learning throughout my lifetime
- camaraderie, community service promoting women in educations, esp as a retired teacher
- support of women, Book Club!
- I wanted "food for my head!"
- to meet other likeminded women

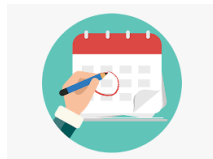
President's Message - continued

Both Linda and I will be attending a Florida AAUW Leadership Workshop in Venice on November 9th. We hope to network with other leaders and share ideas on what works and what doesn't.

I hope you all were able to vote in this very important mid-term election this year. I am hopeful that those elected will work to support the many issues important to women and girls. Remember, our mission is **Gender Equality and Economic Security**.

I am looking forward to our program, "It's Not Easy Being Green" on Monday, November 14th. I hope to see you all there. We are meeting one week early both this and next month due to the holidays. We will be back to our regular third Monday of the month meeting in January.

Fondly,
Jacky Childress
President, AAUW - Marco Island Branch



Don't Forget Cocktails & Conversation

The First Monday of the Month - 5:00 p.m.
at CJ's on the Bay

Two Dates You Don't Want to Miss

Friday February 3, 2023 - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Fundraiser

Time, Talent & Treasure Auction and Luncheon
At the Marco Island Yacht Club

Monday, April 17, 2023 - 11:30 a.m.

Scholarship Luncheon
Bistro Soleil in Old Marco



Looking Ahead



Your Board has planned a varied and interesting schedule of meetings for the upcoming season from October 2022 through April 2023. Most of our meetings are held on Mondays but as there is some variability in dates and times it would be wise to look ahead and check the website.

[Click Here](#)

For a list of all the *General Meeting Details for 2022-2023*

When planning your meeting time, don't forget

"Lunch After"

After the formal meeting, all interested members reassemble at a local restaurant for friendship and a meal. Generally, the details of the lunch gathering are announced at the meeting. Lynn Tuttle will be organizing the first "Lunch After".

And for our Year-Round Resident Members

When our October through April schedule is over, we continue on informally with

"Lunch Instead"



Our Next Meeting:

Monday, November 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkam Circle

New Topic (Change of Plans)

We will hear from
Dana Alger
Recycling Coordinator
Public Utilities Division
Solid & Hazardous Waste Management



Lunch After to be Announced

Our December Meeting:

Monday, December 12, 2022
10:00 a.m.

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkam Circle

Topic

Marco Island Charter Middle School Choir

In 1998 Marco Island Charter Middle School (MICMS) opened its doors to welcome 200 students to 14 portable classrooms and a future that hinged on a three-year contract. It has grown and flourished. Achieving academic excellence from the start, the school now occupies a state-of-the-art facility capable of accommodating more than 400 students.

In explaining the school's music program, Principal Michele Wheeler described how entering 6th graders are asked to choose between either choir or band. Should the experience stoke their interest there are several additional levels of participation available.

The school is fortunate to have a very dynamic and community-oriented choir and band director in Martie Miller. Ms. Miller arranges to have her music students participate in both the Marco Island Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade each year. It is quite possible that the MICMS is the only middle school in Collier County to have a marching band! We are fortunate to celebrate the holidays this year with the School's choir.

Marco Island
Charter
Middle School

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**We will be ordering in sandwiches for lunch +
sweet treats to follow.**

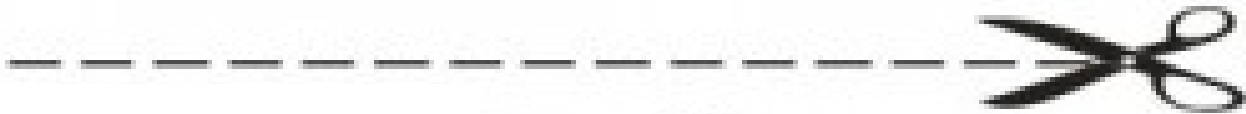
See form on next page - DEADLINE DECEMBER 5 !!!

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 \$14.00 and will include your choice of a sandwich or wrap, chips, fruit, and a cookie.

**Your form with selection and payment must be received by
December 5th to place your order.**



Send this portion of the form with your payment (\$14.00 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 _____

Interest Groups

Interest Groups provide members with similar interest an opportunity to learn together and to enjoy one another's company. Current Interest Groups are:

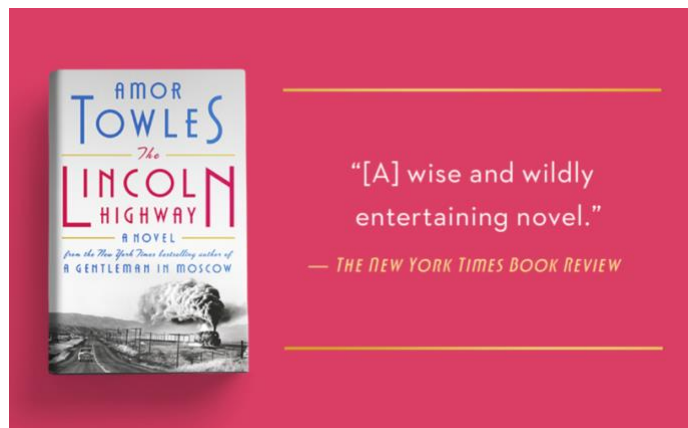
Fiction Book Club

Chairs are: Jessica Barron – 239-302-6773 – jessdbarron@gmail.com
Gwyn Goodman – 239-595-4064 – gsgoodman11@comcast.net

The group *generally* meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
In the Choir Room, New Life Community Church

To see the complete 2022-2023 Book List
[CLICK HERE](#)

November's read is The Lincoln Highway: A Novel by Amor Towles
Meeting in the Choir Room, New Life Community Church 10:00 a.m. on November 15, 2022



Click on the book to go to the Amazon Review web page

Note: There is no meeting scheduled for December, 2022

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2023

Featuring [Intimacies - A Novel](#) by Katie Kitamura

A New York Times Top 10 Book of 2021



Interest Groups Continued

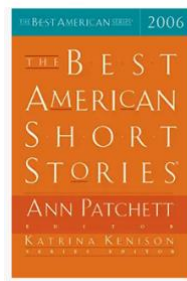
Great Books Discussion Group

Chair is Pat Santiago – 239-389-4767 psantiago378@gmail.com

ZOOM meetings all year on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. (EST)

The group meets 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. The 2022-2023 season begins in September with *The Best American Short Stories 2006* (edited by Ann Patchett). “This vibrant, varied sampler of the American literary scene revels in life’s little absurdities, captures timely personal and cultural challenges, and ultimately shares subtle insight and compassion.” (from Amazon website review).

As the Group usually reads 2-3 short stories per meeting additional anthologies will be chosen as the year progresses. Selections are not limited to American authors. Past reads have included works penned by authors from around the world. The group welcomes book selection suggestions and encourages all members to consider what our “next read” will be.



[Click on the book to go to the Amazon Review web page](#)

Pre-pandemic the Group would meet in person and share refreshments. Members are exploring options to resume in-person meetings.



The "Girl Up" Program

Girl Up was established by the UN Foundation in 2010 as an initiative to help support UN agencies that focus on adolescent girls. The effort has now become a global movement. Girl Up's leadership development programs have impacted 150,000 girls through 6,000 Clubs in 130 countries and in all 50 U.S. states. "We're inspiring a generation of girls to be a force for gender equality and social change" (sourced from the Girl Up website. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. It is very interesting. You should at least take a look!)

The "Girl Up" Program - Locally

Our AAUW Chapter is exploring ways to contribute to Girl Up, the 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 Buzzini meddybliss@gmail.com or

Jacky Childress jacky3348@gmail.com



Great Decisions Study Group

Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843 echaines3@aol.com

Our Marco Island AAUW Chapter has established a Great Decisions Study Group. Great Decisions is a program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association and is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the documentary film series and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

Our Great Decisions Study Group will meet on Wednesday, in person and via Zoom, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every other week starting in January (after books have been mailed).

For more information contact Liz Haines (details above) / [Check out our Chapter's website](#) and take a look at the [Foreign Policy Association website](#). So interesting! (editor's comment)

New !!!! Casual Contract Bridge !!!

Chairs are:	Lynn Tuttle	603-289-1448	tuttlemarco@gmail.com
	Colleen Moser	218-507-0218	colleengary@gmail.com

This is a new activity and arrangements are being finalized as the groups get going. At present the plan is to have two bridge groups, "Bridge Before" and "Bridge After", as noted below. Each one would meet once a month from 2:00–5:00. If interested please contact Lynn or Colleen to get the latest information.

Bridge Before:

This Group will meet [before our Monthly Cocktails & Conversation](#) the first Monday of the month at CJ's on the Bay from 2:00-5:00. The inaugural meeting is planned for November 7.

Bridge After:

This Group will meet [after the Fiction Book Club](#) (on a Tuesday), also from 2:00-5:00. The inaugural meeting is planned for October 25.

2022-2023 Board of Directors

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News & Photos

In future issues we plan to have your news and photos here. Please send any news + photos + captions to: Lenore.Yale@gmail.com

A Note from the Editor

I envision this newsletter as a work-in-progress and as such I welcome and encourage your comments and suggestions.

You can reach me at: Lenore.Yale@gmail.com / 203-506-5075

I look forward to hearing from you and to the season ahead.
Lenore Yale