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As we begin this new AAUW year, I am encouraged by the opportunities that lie ahead for our Branch. When I led the Just Friends Club a few years ago, my theme was "Embrace Change, It's a Good Thing." I still believe that and hope you all will too.

Exciting for all of us, is the new and improved WAVE. After editing the WAVE for five years, I am so happy to see what Lenore Yale has done with it. It really is a "Good Thing." As the new Director for Communications, Lenore just took the reins and away she went. I absolutely love the new look and so appreciate the work she has put into this.

While not new in her position, Colleen Moser, Director for Programs completed this year's lineup of programs before leaving for Minnesota in the spring. As you see in this issue of the WAVE, there is a link to the website which lists the programs/meetings for the year.

Linda Corea, Director for Membership, will head up our recruitment efforts to bring in new members. The October 17th meeting will focus on our strategy to not only recruit members, but how to retain and more fully engage our current members.

Lynn Tuttle, immediate past president is not resting on her laurels. She added Bridge to the Branch Interest Groups. So, if you are a Bridge enthusiast, please get in contact with her.

Finally, a big WELCOME and THANKS to the newest members of the board, Kathi Parris, Secretary; Laura Furlong, Director for Publicity; and as noted above, Lenore Yale, Director for Communications.

Fondly,
Jacky Childress
President, Marco Island Branch

A Note from the Editor

Greetings all

I am pleased to be serving as your Director of Communication for the Marco Island (FL) branch of AAUW. In this role I will be editing our Newsletter, "WAVE". Aside from some obvious cosmetic changes you will note I love hyperlinks: For example, when you reach the "Looking Ahead" section, in addition to reading about the next few meetings or events you will be able to click on the heading and be brought to our website page listing the meeting times, dates, and topics for the entire 2022-2023 season.

Speaking of the website, it is a wonderful resource (that I can take no credit for). It is clear, easy to navigate and now I know everyone I can call upon for updates and suggestions. And I will be calling. If you haven't already, you really should check it out. [Click Here](#)

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

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



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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"

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



Our Next Meeting:

Monday, October 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkam Circle

Topic

Strategic Meeting for Membership Growth

In 1996 Marco Island Chapter member, Dr. Fay Biles, was honored by the American Association of University Women as the Year's "Woman of Change" for Florida. Dr. Bile's boundless energy and numerous contributions to the area are legendary.

When Biles joined the Marco Island Branch of AAUW in 1989, the Chapter had less than 100 members. By April 1996 membership had grown to 171. How did she do this? We will discuss the famous Dr. Biles for inspiration and brainstorm with our members to develop strategies for expanding our membership.

"Lunch After" to be announced

Don't Forget Cocktails & Conversation

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

Our November Meeting:

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

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkam Circle

Topic "It's Not Easy Being Green"

Heading out for a stroll on the beach? You might want to think twice before grabbing that nice cold *plastic bottle* of water on your way out the door.

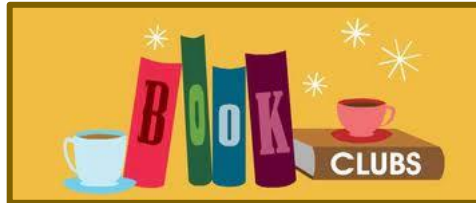
Durell Buzzini will alert us to the devastation our world is facing because of single-use plastics. As Durell explains, we are a culture hooked on wastefulness. She will advise as to how we can make the less convenient but critical decision to stop using plastic. This is not an easy choice but one that is vital to the health of our plants, animals and ourselves.

"Lunch After" to be announced



Interest Groups

Interest Groups provide members with similar interest an opportunity to learn together and to enjoy one another's company. Interest Groups also introduce potential members to AAUW. New Interest Groups may be formed by notifying the Board. Current Interest Groups are:



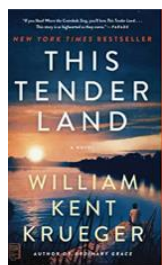
Fiction Book Club

Chairs are: Jessica Barron – 239-302-6773 – jessdbarron@gmail.com
Gwyn Goodman – 239-595-4064 – gsgoodman@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](#)

This season's first book is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger
Meeting at Lynn Tuttle's Home, 10:00 a.m. on October 25, 2022



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



Interest Groups Continued

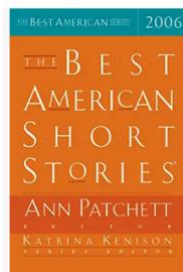
Great Books Discussion Group

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

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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.



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

