



Marco Island (FL) Branch

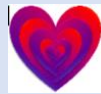
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President's Message



Happy February...Happy Valentine's Day

February is a special month for me and hopefully you too. Not only do we celebrate Valentine's Day, but we also celebrate our annual Time, Talent, & Treasures fundraising event. It is so uplifting to complete another Luncheon & Auction with our members and friends. This year was no exception. Sixty-three women and Ed participated in our February 3rd TTT at the Marco Island Yacht Club. The bidding for both the silent and live auction items was spirited. Thanks for bidding high and often, as Lynn Tuttle always says. The total raised this year exceeded \$12K. That total included more than \$5k in cash donations. I feel so grateful that in addition to the support from many of our members, we have an equal number of friends who also make cash donations to our scholarship program.

After this month, we only have two more meetings, with our final meeting in April at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon at Bistro Soleil. Please plan to attend the luncheon and bring a friend. Meeting our scholarship recipients is heartwarming. To hear how we make a positive impact on a young woman's life is good for the soul. It is the reason I am a member of AAUW.

Finally, this is my call to you to consider volunteering to be on the Board. The two positions that will be filled this year are Director for Finance and Director for Programs. And we have a new position of Director for Hospitality. This involves our non-meeting social events; Cocktails & Conversation, Lunch After (each meeting), and Lunch Instead (from May through September). You do not need to be a full-time resident. If you have an interest in joining the Board, please contact me.

In Friendship,
Jacky Childress
President, AAUW - Marco Island Branch

Membership



Wanted: New Members

Please consider inviting a friend or acquaintance to join AAUW. We experienced a serious drop in membership during the Covid pandemic. Remember, we set a goal back in October for **each member** to recruit one new person. You can start by inviting them to a general meeting or Cocktails and Conversation on the first Monday at CJ's. At the February meeting, Ranger Cindy will tell us about The Big Cypress, the March meeting we'll have the Celtic Dancers perform and the April meeting is the scholarship Luncheon. Guests are encouraged at each of these meetings.

In the past, some would ask new recruits to postpone joining until July so their dues would cover a complete year. Since National made some changes, there is no longer a need to delay. When a new member joins now, their anniversary date will be the month they join. They won't be required to pay dues again for a full year. **Please recruit a new member now!**

Linda Corea, Director for Membership 410-652-4508

New Mentorship Program Announced

Volunteers Needed

In an effort to provide a better experience, our branch is initiating a mentorship program for new members. We need volunteers to befriend our new members and help them navigate our meetings, activities, and programs. The Membership Committee will match you to a new member and for one season, we'll ask you to contact that member twice a month. It will be as simple as introducing your new friend to others at General Meetings or inviting her to join Book Club or to be on your cooking team for TT&T. Think back to when you were a new member and how difficult it was to attend activities not knowing anyone. Please consider volunteering to guide a new member to have a successful first year in AAUW. Contact Linda Corea at Linda.corea@gmail.com or 410-652-4508 to sign-up.



Looking Ahead



Colleen Moser, Director for Programs, and your Board have 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.

February's Lunch After - Su's Garden

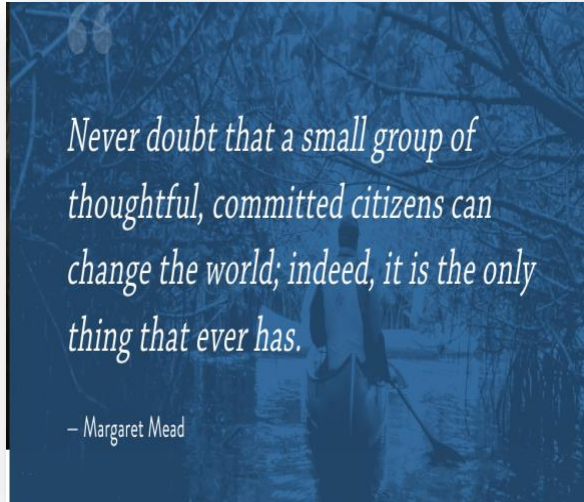


[Click for Website](#)

Our February Meeting

Monday, February 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkcam Circle



She Made the Difference

You've heard some of their names....names of people that are important in saving protecting and supporting our public lands. Were any of those names women? Come join Ranger Cindy Kissell and hear about some talented, persistent, dedicated, accomplished, awesome women.



Big Cypress National Preserve (photo from website)

Lunch after: Su's Garden

Our March Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elcam Circle



The Irish Sisters, Catherine and Claire Gorman, grew up in Southwest Florida. They began dancing at the ages of 7 and 5. With over 30 years of combined experience the sisters opened the Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance in 2009. Since its inception Celtic Spirit has performed in numerous locations across southwest Florida. Celtic Spirit can always be seen with a large float in both the Naples St. Patrick's Day parade and the Marco Island St. Patrick's Day parade.

Lunch After: Possibly Thai Thai Restaurant

April

The Final Luncheon of the Season
~ The Scholarship Luncheon ~

Monday, April 17, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Bistro Soleil in Old Marco

See Attached Reservation Form

AAUW Marco Island Branch
Spring Scholarship Luncheon
Tuesday, April 17, 2023
Bistro Soleil Restaurant

Menu

Garden Salad

Quiche Lorraine

OR

Vegetable Quiche (Spinach, tomatoes, and Cheese)

Chocolate Fondant

Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

\$50.00/Person Payable to: AAUW Marco Island

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.

Reservation Deadline Mon., April 10, 2023

Mail checks to AAUW - Marco Island, P O Box 841

Marco Island, FL 34146

Quiche Choice

Circle One

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| 2. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |
| 3. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |
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| 8. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |

Celebrate the fruit of our fundraising labors with our scholarship winners, say goodbye to retiring Board members, and welcome to new Board members.

Very Important

Still Available

Martha Yates \$1,000 Scholarships for Adult Women

We need your help to identify deserving recipients

The Martha Yates Scholarship (MY Scholarship) is a grant of \$1,000 awarded to a young woman 21 years of age or older, who lives or works on Marco Island, Goodland or the Isles of Capri. Several of these awards, payable to the recipient's educational institution, will be announced at our Spring Luncheon on April 17, 2023.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a woman who is looking to continue her education or to get her education back on track after a hiatus. It is an excellent and rewarding way for us to give back to our local community.

How can you help? All members of AAUW-Marco Island are encouraged to spread the word. We all have worked hard to earn money with our Time, Talent and Treasures fundraiser. Now comes the joyful task of giving it away to deserving recipients. Talk it up ladies!

The Application Form and instructions follow. I will also be sending them out in a special supplement package so it will be easy for you to print and make copies.

Applications must be received by March 24, 2023.

Note: Women who have received a MY Scholarship grant in the past may apply again for additional funds. They should write a letter to Lynn Tuttle, 1490 Caxambas Court, Marco Island, FL 34145 requesting funds and describing their current college, work, and family situation.

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American Association of University Women Marco Island Branch Martha Yates \$1000 Scholarship for Adult Women

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Applicant is a woman, 21 or older.
2. Applicant is starting or returning to an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant lives or works on Marco Island, Isles of Capri, or in Goodland.

Candidates will be judged on past academic performance and ability, educational goals and interests, and level of financial need.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 24, 2023

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:

LYNN TUTTLE

1490 Caxambas Court

MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA 34145

AAUW MARTHA YATES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal data:

Full name_____

Address_____

Phone_____ Cell phone_____

E-mail_____

College data:

I have been accepted at or am attending (name and address of college)

I am majoring in_____

My student Identification # is _____

If you have not yet enrolled, when you enroll, send student identification # and scholarship payment information to AAUW Marco Island Branch, P.O. Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146. Payment of the scholarship will be made to the college.

Work Experience: _____from _____to_____

Community Service or Volunteer Activities and offices held:

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS, ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION, **BEFORE MARCH 24, 2023:**

1. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC NEED.
2. A RECENT TRANSCRIPT OF YOUR GRADES and/or
A DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLEGE COURSE YOU PLAN TO TAKE
3. LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION and/or NAMES OF REFERENCES
4. A NOTE EXPLAINING YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS.

MAIL TO: Lynn Tuttle, 1490 Caxambas Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145

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:

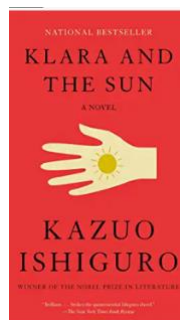
Fiction Book Club

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](#)

February's read is:
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro
10:00 a.m. on February 28, 2023
Meeting in the Choir Room, New Life Community Church



New York Times Bestseller

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



Great Books Discussion Group

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

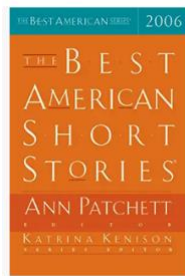
Meetings are planned year-round on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Weather Permitting meetings will be held outside on the Marco Island Library Porch

Weather Not Cooperating Zoom Meetings may be substituted

The group meets 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

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:

Girl Up continued

- 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 new activity will be gearing up in 2023!. 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. At least initially we plan to have a “Playing Table” and a “Refresher Table”. Both are fun, contract bridge games. No boxes. No stress. Just fun, relaxed play. However, you MUST rsvp to play

If you’re interested in playing Bridge, contact Lynn Tuttle at
TuttleMarco@gmail.com or 603-289-1448

If you are interested in Refresher Bridge, contact Linda Corea at
Linda.Corea@gmail.com or 410-652-4508

Bridge Updates

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.

AAUW Bridge Deals Chuckles and Challenges

Our monthly Bridge Group, *Bridge Before*, gathers at C.J’s by the Bay to play Bridge prior to staying for Cocktails and Conversation and Dinner at C.J’s on the first Monday of the month. We play from 2:00 to 5:00. We have a lively game and welcome players to join as subs. Regulars Lynn Tuttle, Katie Goetzmann, Colleen Moser and Pam Callinan will play on March 6. We would love to start a second table and rotate players.

Bridge After:

This Group will meet *after the Fiction Book Club* (on a Tuesday), also from 2:00-5:00.

We hope to start a second game of Bridge After our Fiction Book Group on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00. We do not have enough players to form a table in February. In March we have Lynn Tuttle, Marilyn Steffan and Rosalie Tornello. Perhaps YOU would be our fourth.

If you are interested in playing Bridge with your AAUW friends, please call Lynn Tuttle 603-289-1448 or email her at tuttlemarco@gmail.com.

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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.

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Please send any news + photos + captions to: Lenore.Yale@gmail.com

AAUW - Our Mission
Gender Equity - and - Economic Security

AAUW - Our Values
Intersectional - Inclusive - Intergenerational - Empowering

Time, Talent & Treasures Photos (Thanks to Laura Furlong)

On the Left



Linda Corea, Director Membership
And
Liz Haines

On the Right

Lou Watt, Karen Oldenburg,
Betsy Zinner, Susie Walsh
Pam Clune, Marge Superits



On the Left

Char Winter, Janet Dickens,
Gail Fischer, Cynthia Wolfe,
Susan Wolfe, Linda Gagnon,
Jaye Spencer



On the Right

Pat Burns, Diane Farrell,
Kim Hannah, Rita Coyne,
Christine Smith, Elizabeth Weimer



Don't Forget
Cocktails and Conversation



The first Monday of every month
5:00 p.m.
At CJ's on the Bay