



Marco Island (FL) Branch

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President's Message

Happy New Year!!

Where did 2022 go? It seems I ask myself that every new year. I guess time does indeed fly. Rather than looking back on our many blessings of 2022, let's look forward to all the opportunities we have in this new year.

I am encouraged that we are adding new members to our branch. Keep up the recruiting efforts. Thanks to Linda Corea for starting a mentoring program for new members. What better way to make new members welcome? In addition to recruiting new members, our goal is to retain all (notice I did not say old) members and offer opportunities for involvement in our many special interest groups.

January 2nd was the start of the "Bridge Before." The first "Bridge After" will be later this month. Thanks to Lynn Tuttle and Colleen Moser for organizing this new Interest Group. And a special thanks to Linda Corea for her efforts to teach three newbies (Laura Furlong, Rita Coyne, and yours truly). She had the patience of Job to be sure!! The eight Bridge players were joined by eight additional members and one guest for the January Cocktails & Conversation at 5:00 p.m. at CJ's.

I will mention one 2022 item. Our December program was simply delightful as we enjoyed the MICMS chorus. Lunch after provided an opportunity to catch up with members we haven't seen in a while. Hopefully you saw the article and picture in the Coastal Breeze. Kudos to Laura Furlong, Director for Publicity.

The January program will be a special presentation by one of our new members, Bonnie Bozzo. Please invite friends and prospective members. Hearing the Barbara Mackle story is both enlightening and entertaining.

January is the preparation month for our fundraiser, the Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction and Luncheon. Please consider how you will contribute to making this event a success, so we can offer scholarship assistance to many deserving women in our community. If you need any ideas, call either Lynn Tuttle or me.

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Fun-filled New Year!

Jacky Childress

President, AAUW - Marco Island Branch



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. Generally, the details of the lunch gathering are announced at the meeting.

[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.

Our Next Meeting - Please note the earlier start

Monday, January, 16 2023

9:30 a.m.

New Life Community Church

489 W. Elkcarn Circle

The Girl in the Box - 83 Hours 'til Dawn

A presentation by Bonnie Bozzo

What could be more terrifying than being buried alive – *for days*.

You will hear the true story of an Emory University coed who was kidnapped from the motel room she was sharing with her mother as they were on their way home for the holidays. Wearing only her nightclothes, she was forced at gunpoint into a car and transported to a remote area in the pine woods. There she was buried underground in a coffin-like box where she survived for 83 hours until her rescue.



Who is this young woman and how did she cope for all those hours? She is the daughter of Robert Mackle, one of the founders of Deltona Corporation, developers of Marco Island.....and she has quite a story to tell!

Lunch After to be Announced

It's That Time of Year Again
Our Major Fundraiser

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES AUCTION & LUNCHEON
Friday, February 3, 2023 - 11:30
Marco Island Yacht Club

Now is a good time to put your creative ideas to work. Can you organize a closet, kitchen, or garage? Can you offer to teach computer skills? Could you purchase a set of tickets to an event? **Our AAUW Time, Talent and Treasures Event is on Friday, February 3rd at the Marco Island Yacht Club.** We need items to be bid on or be auctioned off. If you see something while shopping that catches your eye and will appeal to others, please consider purchasing it to help our fundraiser. If you're downsizing, your no longer needed items might work with other donations to make a gift basket. Remember, the proceeds from your gift will increase the scholarship funds we distribute to women who are trying to get an education and improve their lives. This is the perfect time to start looking ahead to another successful TT&T!

The cost of the luncheon is \$55. The menu is below.

Entrée

Plum Glazed Short Rib of Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine

or

Strawberry Chicken Citrus Salad

Dessert

Apple Blossom Tart

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea

There will be a cash bar (although no cash, Credit Cards only)

Reservation form at the end of the Newsletter

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES AUCTION & LUNCHEON

Get Involved

Gather a Friend or a Table for Time, Talent and Treasures

Each member of our AAUW branch is inviting friends to our fundraiser. Send out an email to your friends asking them to join you at the AAUW- Marco Island annual fundraiser, our Time, Talent and Treasures Auction and Luncheon that takes place at 11:30 on Friday, February 3 at the beautiful Marco Island Yacht Club. Encourage them to give you their checks which you can forward to Jacky Childress and urge others to mail their check to AAUW-Marco Island, P.O. Box 841, Marco Island, FL 34146. Checks should be payable to "AAUW-Marco Island" for \$55. This covers only the cost of the luncheon and valet service and is not a donation. Ask them to write your name in the memo line. What a fun event to share with friends! Even if every member just brought one friend to the event we would have a record crowd. Let's have this year's theme be: Each one, bring one!

Each Member Asks for Donations

Whether you are cooking for a dinner party to auction off, contributing treasures or building a basket with friends, please take time this month to ask the business owners you frequent to donate a gift card or service to our scholarship fundraiser. Every dollar earned goes to a scholarship or an educational grant. Let's ask everyone we buy from: restaurants, stores, hairdressers, nail salons. Many are happy to donate to our worthwhile cause and others will become informed. Don't be shy. There will be a list at the Monday, January 16 meeting so businesses do not receive repeat requests.

Build a Bidding Team

Organize your group of friends to bid on our delicious dinner parties. The list of the exact dinners will be mailed to our membership about a week before the auction. Use the month of January to call or email your social group to gather a dinner party at your home or condo community room. Perhaps one of your friends will host. Gather 8 to 10 people and decide on your bidding limit. Appoint a bidder who will attend the TT&T for the group. The winning bidder arranges the party with the donor(s.) It's amazing how worthwhile and fun it is to host a "Scholarship Dinner."

Donate Your Treasures to TT&T

Bring your donated treasures or completed baskets for our Time, Talent and Treasures Auction and Luncheon to the January 16 meeting of AAUW. Lynn's silver Audi Q7 will be parked near the entrance of the New Life Community Church ready for you to drop off your heavy treasure. Your treasures can also be brought to Lynn Tuttle's home at 1490 Caxambas Court, Marco Island, FL 34145. Items should be dropped off prior to February 1. Leave them on our covered

front porch. Most items are actually on donation forms and can be given to Lynn or mailed to her.

Form a Cooking Team

Our long-standing top dollar auction items have been meals created by our members and brought to the home of the buyer at an agreed upon date. If you are not yet part of one of these “cooking teams” we’ll work together at the meeting or call Lynn at 603 289-1448 and offer your talent to cook an entrée or side dish and we can build a meal around your contribution. It’s time to cull through old family recipes, new ideas and main dish favorites to offer a meal to auction.

Reminder

Donation drop off Information

Lynn Tuttle's silver Audi SUV will be parked in front of the AAUW-Marco Island Branch meeting at the New Life Church on Monday, January 16 at 9:30. The back tailgate will be open so you can put your Time and Talent Treasures into her car. Please fill out an item form at the meeting to accompany your donation.

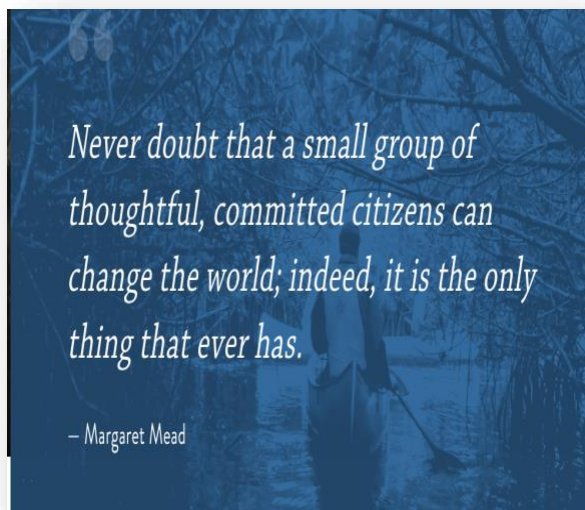
Thank you for your generosity,
Lynn Tuttle and Jacky Childress



Our February Meeting

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

New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkcarn 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)

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:

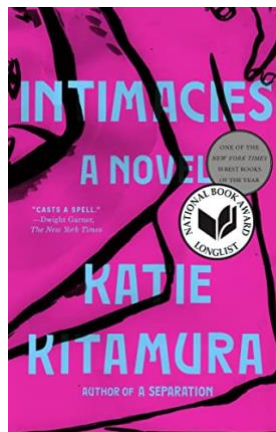
Fiction Book Club

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](#)

January's read is:
Intimacies—A Novel by Katie Kitamura - Ann Faruol, lead
10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2023
Meeting in the Choir Room, New Life Community Church



A New York Times Top 10 Book of 2021

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



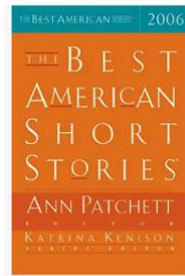
Great Books Discussion Group

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

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

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.

On January 2, 2023 Contract Bridge Players Lynn Tuttle, Katie Goetzmann, Colleen Moser and Pam Callinan met for the inaugural “*Before*” game at CJs

Also on January 2, 2023 The Refresher/Novice Table with Jacky Childress, Rita Coyne, Laura Furlong and Linda Corea reviewed bridge fundamentals, played bridge and had a lot of fun!

Bridge After:

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

Lynn Tuttle, Rosalie Tornello and Dolores Gruca are looking for a fourth player so they can play Bridge After the Fiction Group discussion on January 24, 2023.

Also on Tuesday, January 24 Linda Corea will again teach bridge to the beginners. Please call Linda to sign up for these instructions.

2022-2023 Board of Directors

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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

News & Photos



Branch President Jacky Childress and Director for Programs, Colleen Moser Present a donation to New Life Community Church Secretary Tika Barrett. We are grateful for the Church's hospitality and generosity in allowing our AAUW branch to use their facility for our monthly meetings.



At our December meeting we were treated to a Christmas Concert by the Marco Island Charter Middle School Choir pictured above along with Choir Director, Martie Miller. It warmed the hearts of the Grandmas among us

AAUW - MARCO ISLAND
Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction and Luncheon Reservation
Marco Island Yacht Club
Friday, February 3, 2023

Schedule of Events

11:30 - 12:15 - Bid on Silent Auction Items

12:15 - 1:00 - Enjoy Lunch and Conversation

1:00 - ?? - Live Auction (Bring your checkbook or cash - Sorry, No Credit Cards)

Seating is at tables of 8 or 10. Reserve a table or join one.

Number of Reservations at \$55 per person: _____ Total: _____

Person Submitting Reservations: _____ Phone: _____

*If you are not reserving an entire table, please indicate below the names of ladies with whom
you might like to be seated.*

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E-mail Address

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Mail your check for \$55, payable to AAUW - Marco Island to:

AAUW - MARCO ISLAND, P.O. BOX 841, Marco Island, FL 34146 by January 23th

Reservation Questions: Jacky Childress 440-539-4662 or jacky3348@gmail.com



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



AAUW - Our Mission

Gender Equity - and - Economic Security

AAUW - Our Values

Intersectional - Inclusive - Intergenerational - Empowering