



Marco Island (FL) Branch

P.O. Box 841
Marco Island, FL 34146

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March
2023

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President's Message



Happy March and St. Patrick's Day

Meeting only from October to April makes our "year" seem to fly by to me. Who can believe we only have one more meeting after this one.

I know many of you have been busy preparing meals for our lucky winners from the TT&T live auction. Thank You!! It was a pleasure to be a part of the fabulous and delicious French meal at Gail Fischer's condo last week. Thank you so much to the team who prepared the meal and to those who purchased the meal. It was an evening of good conversation with friends, sharing a meal of French cuisine and French wine, and watching a stunning sunset from Gail's beachfront condo.

At our March meeting on Monday, we will present the slate of candidates for the two board positions to be voted on in April. I am so grateful that we have women who step up to help make our branch the success that it is. It really does take a village. Having said that, we still need a volunteer to fill our 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, please contact me.

I hope you will be able to attend our last meeting of the year, the Scholarship Luncheon on the 17th of April at the Bistro Soleil. It is always so moving to be able to meet the scholarship recipients. Please consider inviting a friend or two who you think might be a potential new member. It is a great opportunity for them to be able to see how we make a difference in the lives of many deserving young women who either live or work on Marco Island, the Isles of Capri, or Goodland. I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend the luncheon this year as I will be in Hawaii celebrating my 50th anniversary with my best friend, Tim!! I look forward to seeing lots of pictures.

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



Looking Ahead



Our March Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

10:00 a.m. Social Hour

11:00 a.m. Program Begins

New Life Community Church

489 W. Elkcam 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: Thai Thai Restaurant - Marco Town Square

April

The Final Luncheon of the Season

~ The Scholarship Luncheon ~

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

Bistro Soleil in Old Marco

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



See Attached Reservation Form at the end of the newsletter

This past year, from October 2022 through April 2023, Colleen Moser, Director for Programs, brought us a varied and interesting series of meeting programs.- . Thank you, Colleen!

I can't wait to see what's on the schedule for next year.



[Click Here](#)

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

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.

A note from Lynn Tuttle

We're All on The Scholarship Committee

Keep talking about our scholarships as you live and play around the island. Our Martha Yates (MY) Scholarship is for women over the age of 21 who live or work on Marco Island, Goodland or the Isles of Capri. We are searching for hard working women who need our support to complete their education at an accredited college or university. Talk with the women you meet. Tell them about our branch and our scholarship. It is a wonderful feeling to find a woman in our community to receive a scholarship. If you manage to talk with such a student, remind her that scholarship application forms are available on our website and are due by March 24. Why not carry a folded form in your purse? Thank you for spreading the word about our work.

Application Forms at the end of the newsletter

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

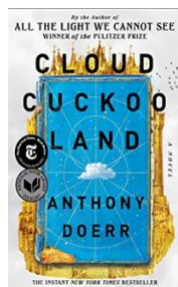
Chairs are: Jessica Barron – 239-302-6773 – jessdbarron@gmail.com
Gwyn Goodman – 239-595-4064 – gsgoodman11@comcast.net

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](#)

March's read is:

Cloud Cuckoo Land: A Novel by Anthony Doerr – Linda Corea, Lead
10:00 a.m. on March 28, 2023
Meeting in the Choir Room, New Life Community Church



**New York Times Bestseller
National Book Award Finalist**

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

**A note to Fiction Book Club Members From
Jessica Barron and Gwyn Goodman
See the next page**

Hello, All

It's time to recommend fiction possibilities for the 2023-2024 season. Just as a reminder, we compile the list of your recommendations and send them out to you so that you can decide what we'll read next season. We ask only that you've read the books that you're recommending as a vote of confidence that they'll be good reads for us.

Please get your recommendations to us between March 24 and March 28, so that we can compile the list and send it out for your votes by early April. We want to have votes tallied and the readings chosen in time for our last meeting of the season--April 11.

Thanks for all of your contributions toward making our fiction group a rewarding experience.

Gwyn Goodman and Jessica Barron



Great Books Discussion Group

We begin a new anthology in April

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. In March we will finish up *Great American Short Stories*. In April we begin a new anthology with stories by Thomas McGuane

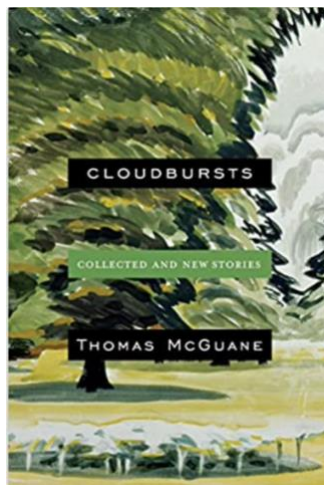
Chair of the Great Books Discussion Group is

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

.....Great books continued

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

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.



Source: <https://www.newyorker.com/contributors/thomas-mcguane>

Thomas McGuane began contributing fiction to *The New Yorker* in 1994. He has written ten novels, including the National Book Award-nominated “Ninety-Two in the Shade,” as well as six nonfiction essay collections and two short-story collections. His work has won numerous awards, including the Rosenthal Award of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, and has been anthologized in the “Best American Stories,” “Best American Essays,” and “Best American Sporting Essays.” His latest book is “Cloudbursts: Collected and New Stories.”

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).

An Update from Liz Haines

We have three more meetings this year. The topics are: Iran at a crossroads; Famine, a renewed threat in the 21st century; and Climate change, environmental, degradation and migration . We are on zoom from 3:30 to 5:00 pm March 29th, April 12 and April 26th. We will be ordering new books next November for 2024 from the Foreign Policy Association. If you would like to join our discussion call Liz Haines 781-249-7450.

Take a look at the [Foreign Policy Association website](#).

New !!!! Casual Contract Bridge !!!

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

We have two Bridge Groups and one Refresher Bridge Group.
Both are fun, contract bridge games. No boxes. No stress. Just fun, relaxed play.
However, you MUST rsvp to play

Contact Lynn Tuttle 603-289-1448 to play Bridge.

Contact Linda Corea 410-652-4508 to learn about the Refresher Bridge Group

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.

Note: The games originally scheduled for April 3 have been canceled

Bridge After:

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

Fiction Book Discussion Lunch will be held at C.J's. by the Bay at 1:00 on Tuesday April 11. Players are Lynn Tuttle, Pat Richardson, Rosalie Tornello and Dolores Gruca.

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.

Don't Forget
Cocktails and Conversation



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

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.

2022-2023 Board of Directors

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| Director for Publicity | Laura Furlong | FurlongFamily@mac.com |
| Secretary | Kathi Parris | kpa7005202@aol.com |



AAUW - Our Mission

Gender Equity - and - Economic Security

AAUW - Our Values

Intersectional - Inclusive - Intergenerational - Empowering

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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| 1. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |
| 2. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |
| 3. _____ | Lorraine/Vegetable |
| 4. _____ | 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.

AAUW

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