



Marco Island (FL) Branch

P.O. Box 841  
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# WAVE

April  
2023

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## President's Message

Greetings,

**A special welcome to our nine (9) new members & friends in 2023: Kay Biever, Bonnie Bozzo, Pam Callinan, Rita Coyne, Dolores Gruca, Sherrie Laurie, Kathleen Lubenik, Pat Richardson, and Pat Richmond.**

As many of you know, I like to be involved in the groups and organizations I participate in. I enjoy being a part of the action and have a hard time saying no when asked to do something. I realize not everyone feels the same way and that's okay. I guess I am heading down this path because I just want to share that joy with others. Being an active member of AAUW comes with some responsibility. Improving the status of women through promoting gender equality and economic security is our mission. If you don't want to hold an office, consider how you plan to participate. Maybe it's being on a committee or offering to drive a member to a meeting, C&C, or our summer Lunch Instead. Maybe it's just donating much needed funds to help other women who are trying to improve their status in life through continuing their education. Each of us has gifts, we just need to share them with others.

I also want to reach out to the members who have not participated in activities for a while and invite you to make it a priority to mark your calendars for our meetings starting on October 16th. We miss you and want you to come and meet some of our new members and connect with those of us who have been around for a few years. If you are full time in SW Florida, we will be having Cocktails & Conversation at CJ's on the Bay every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. We will also be having Lunch Instead every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month. May's Lunch Instead will be at The Little Bar, hosted by Lynn Tuttle.

I am so proud of the way many members and many of our friends contributed to our fundraiser making it possible for us to provide grants and scholarships. I hope you have signed up to attend the Scholarship Luncheon on April 17<sup>th</sup> so you can meet some of the women we proudly support financially in their pursuit of further education.

This is our last WAVE until October. Have a wonderful, safe, and joyful summer whether you stay in SW Florida or travel somewhere north. See you soon.

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

# April Happenings

The Final Meeting 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. ~Reservations Required~

Read about our very impressive scholarship winners  
At the end of this newsletter



## Speaking of Board Members

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!

This upcoming 2023-2024 Season we welcome Nina Tomaino as our new Director for Programs. Rumor has it she already has the entire season planned! Keep reading for a few teasers on the upcoming season.

Our Thanks also go out to Durell Buzzini who will once again  
Serve as our Director for Finance

## 2023-2024 Board of Directors

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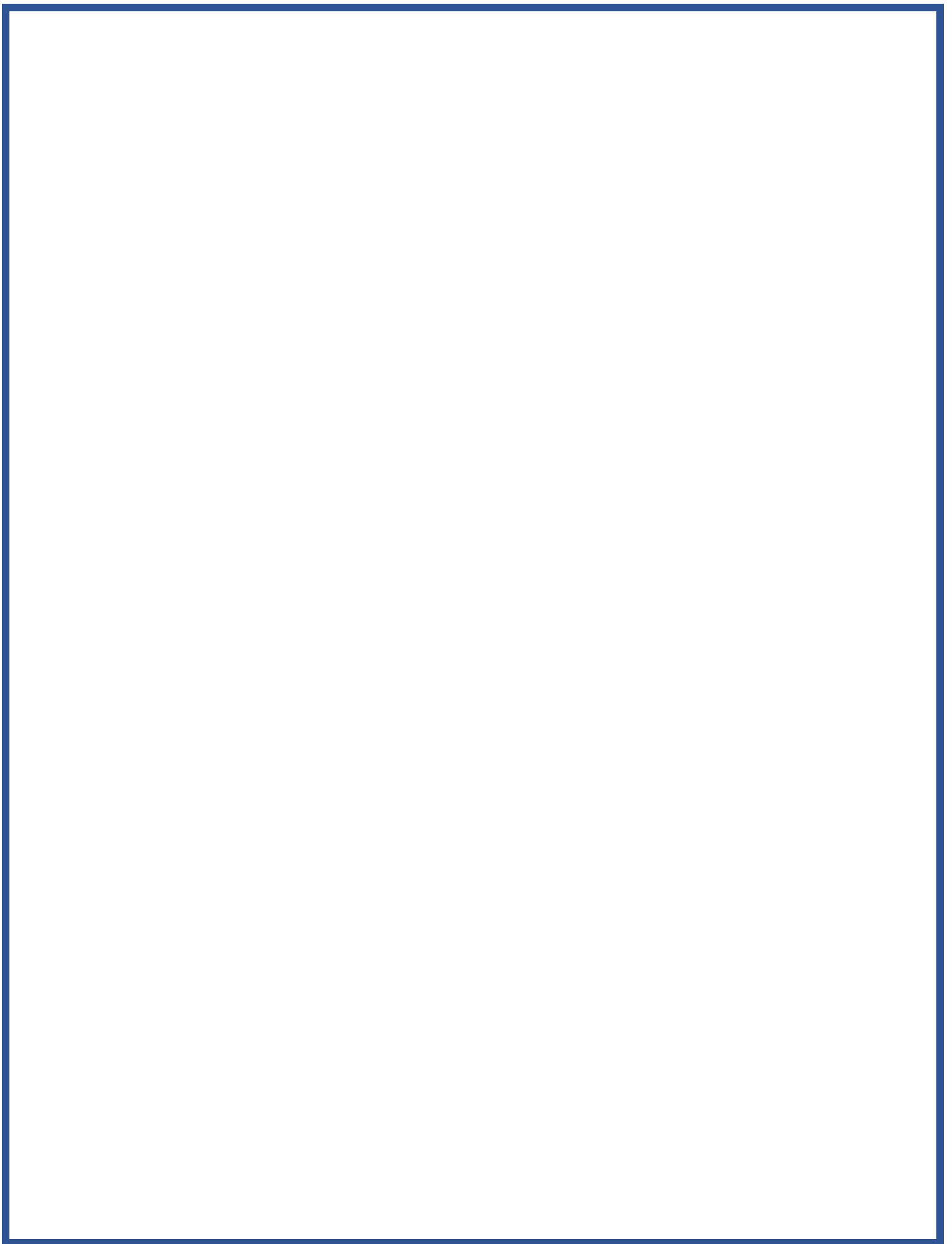


AAUW - Our Mission

Gender Equity - and - Economic Security

AAUW - Our Values

Intersectional - Inclusive - Intergenerational - Empowering



# Membership



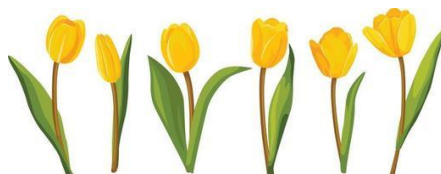
## News from the Membership Director Linda Corea

National AAUW has updated the process of paying dues. If you have been a member for at least one year, your dues notification will come from National AAUW. Our dues have always been due by June 30th of every year, but since our season was over in April, many women didn't pay dues until they returned in the fall. This year National would like everyone to pay on time. They will send each member a renewal notice. Online payment is the preferred method of payment but they will offer a way to send a check to your local Branch at PO Box 841, Marco Island 34146. Please pay on time.

I found online payment easy. Go to AAUW Login and use your email address and personal password to sign into your Personal Snapshot. Go to the bottom and press RENEW. It takes you to Membership Management. Update your personal information. Follow directions to Membership Type and select National. Next please select add Branch, our branch is FL3054. I am a dual member and was able to select two branches. Next takes you to payment and it will show your total payment due (National, State, and Local) and ask for credit card information. National will notify our Director of Finance, Durell Buzzini that you have renewed for the next year.

We have 63 members and have added seven new members this season, but we still need to continue to bring in new members. Although I am now back in Maryland, I am available by cell phone 410-652-4508 or email [Linda.corea@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.corea@gmail.com). Have a great summer, hope to see you in the fall.

*See New Membership Application at the end of this Newsletter*





## Looking Ahead



*And Eagerly Awaiting Next Season's First Program*

**Mark your Calendars!**

**October 16, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. - New Life Community Church**

**Activity is Ageless**

**Creating a Healthy, Strong and Flexible Body at Any Age**

**With over 25-year's-experience and certifications in multiple modalities**

**Presenter Irene Miller-Lubin specializes in Adult Fitness**

**Prepare to be Inspired!**



*..... And that is just the beginning*

Keep those Calendars out and mark down these

## FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 16, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023

January 15, 2024

February 19, 2024

March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024

♪ It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas ♪  
..... ???????



Really? In April?

It seems this year we have a Holiday Luncheon in our Plans for December 11, 2023. If you will recall this past year how difficult it could be to get reservations for a group, you will understand why Director for Programs Nina Tomaino is addressing the issue early.

Nina is asking for suggestions. What might be a good venue for a holiday luncheon?

Email Nina NOW while that good idea is still "top of mind":

[Nina.Tomaino@gmail.com](mailto:Nina.Tomaino@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:jessdbarron@gmail.com)  
Gwyn Goodman – 239-595-4064 – [gsgoodman11@comcast.net](mailto: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

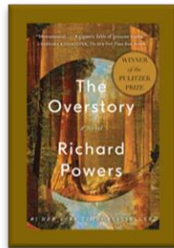
*~ Preparations Already Are Well Underway for Next Season ~*  
*Stay Tuned for Jessica Barron's Updates*

April's read is:

*The Overstory* by Richard Powers

10:00 a.m. on April 11, 2023

Meeting in the Choir Room, New Life Community Church



**Pulitzer Prize Winner**

"Lunch After" the Fiction Book Group will be at  
C.J.'s by the Bay  
Around 11:30 on Tuesday, April 11.

If you are not attending the discussion of *The Overstory*,  
but would like to join the Group for lunch, Please



Call or Text Lynn Tuttle: 603-289-1448

## Great Books Discussion Group

**The group meets all year.** Meetings are planned on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 3:00 p.m. The readings are usually short stories, which makes this an ideal group for those who do not want to commit to reading novels.

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.

In April we begin a new anthology with stories by 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.”

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



Chair of the Great Books Discussion Group is

Pat Santiago - 239-389-4767 [psantiago378@gmail.com](mailto:psantiago378@gmail.com)

## Great Decisions Study Group

Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843 [echaines3@aol.com](mailto: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 two 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 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](#).

## Casual Contract Bridge

Chairs are:	Lynn Tuttle	603-289-1448	<a href="mailto:tuttlemarco@gmail.com">tuttlemarco@gmail.com</a>
	Colleen Moser	218-507-0218	<a href="mailto:colleengary@gmail.com">colleengary@gmail.com</a>

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

Bridge Updates

We hope to get a game together on May 1 at 2:00 before Cocktails & Conversation at CJ's.  
If interested call Lynn Tuttle at 603-289-1448

**"Lunch Instead"**

Although Formal Branch Meetings are suspended until October  
Members still meet to socialize over "Lunch Instead"

"Lunch Instead" begins in May with our Second Annual Poinseanna Luncheon at the The Little Bar Restaurant at 11:30 on Monday, May 15. If you would like to attend the Luncheon please email Lynn Tuttle at [TuttleMarco@gmail.com](mailto:TuttleMarco@gmail.com) by May 12.

Nina Tomaino ([Nina.Tomaino@gmail.com](mailto:Nina.Tomaino@gmail.com)) will host our "Lunch Instead" on June 19. Stay tuned for details.

If you are able to host a luncheon on July 17, August 21 or September 18, Please contact Jacky Childress at: [Jacky3348@gmail.com](mailto:Jacky3348@gmail.com)



Lunch Instead  
Last May

Don't Forget  
Cocktails and Conversation



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

The Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance  
Helped to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
At our March Meeting



Instructor Catherine Gorman Cordova,  
(far left)

Zoe Joyce (in red)

and Helen Totten  
(far right)

Catherine is also a past Martha Yates  
Scholarship Winner

*Congratulations to our Impressive 2023 Scholarship Winners  
And Many Thanks to Our Marco Island Branch Members, Friends and Donors  
Who Made these Scholarships Possible*

### **2023 Martha Yates Scholarship For Adult Women Recipients**

**Emma Fernandez's** resides on Marco Island. She attends Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. She is in her final semester of her Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH.). She has worked as a research assistant, public policy intern and research fellow. Her program focusses on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and she is earning a certificate in "health disparities and health inequity." Her planned career is in epidemiology and focuses on the transmission and impact of diseases that impact reproductive health. After she completes her master's degree, she plans to pursue an MD or Ph.D. Her proposed life's work is the essence of AAUW's quest for equity.

**Emmanuelle Meurgue** graduated from the University of Central Florida with a 3.2 cumulative average. She is currently enrolled in a two-year program at Glasgow Caledonian University for her graduate degree majoring in Occupational Therapy. Her program will place her all over Scotland in various clinical settings such as schools, hospitals outpatient clinics, medical facilities, and refugee clinics. She is writing a dissertation involving the transition period from working to

retirement. Perhaps we have much to teach each other. She plans to stay in Glasgow for two years and work and then go to New Zealand or Australia. Her parents own the beautiful Bistro Soleil!

**Carla Melendez** is enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) taking one class at a time to prepare for a degree in Software Engineering. She started her degree at Florida Gulf Coast University before going on-line with SNHU. Carla and her husband have three-year-old and one year old sons. They both work at C.J's on the Bay. Her firm dream is to get out of the service industry and get her degree! She takes courses like "Operating Platforms" and "Software Development." She loves working with computer software. She can do this with our help!

**Marian Read Biddle** resides in Goodland and has a degree in Wilderness Leadership and Environmental Studies. She has taught outdoor education in various settings. Now she is going back to school at the College of the Florida Keys studying Marine Environmental Technology and the Business of Diving. Her dream is to work for an organization like MOTE Marine Laboratory doing restoration, research, and education in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. We can help support her dream to preserve and conserve the natural resources of Florida.

### **2023 High School Scholarship Recipient**

**Kathryn Barry** is a senior at Marco Island Academy who holds a straight A average and ranks #1 in her class. She has been captain of her basketball team setting MIA female coring records. She is also a long-distance runner with cross country and track teams. In addition, she has been a member of MIA Key Club, National Honor Society, and the Science National Honor Society. Her list of volunteer activities on the Island is impressive. She will be attending Rice University in Houston with a proposed major in Biosciences hoping to attain dual MD and PhD degrees.

*Let's grow our Branch so we can do even more!*



*Membership Application on the next page*

**AAUW MARCO ISLAND BRANCH**  
**MEMBERSHIP & FRIEND APPLICATION**

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CONDO/APT: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL DUES ARE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Marco Island - \$98.00 (includes National & State/Florida).

\_\_\_\_\_ Dual - \$26.00\* (Primary Branch \_\_\_\_\_, AAUW # \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ Life - \$26.00\* (Primary Branch \_\_\_\_\_, AAUW # \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch Friend - \$20.00 (no Associate of Arts or equivalent, or higher degree)

\*If your primary branch is in Florida, pay only Marco Island Branch dues of \$14.00.

**EDUCATION INFORMATION:**

**Undergraduate Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Graduate Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Release:** AAUW - Marco Island Branch may use my name and photograph in branch publications and on its Website, <https://marcoisland-fl.aauw.net>

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME BADGE:** The cost of an AAUW name badge is \$14.00 and can be added to the amount of your dues. We will order it for you. Please print your name below as you wish it to appear on the badge:

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**Mail this Membership Application Form with your check payable to AAUW-MARCO ISLAND to:**

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