

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of AAUW-Marco Island:

We are thrilled with the fabulous success of our annual Time, Talent and Treasures Auction and Luncheon. Cynthia Wolfe and her talented team of volunteers did an amazing job. If you're wondering how much money we made, please come to the meeting at 10:00 am at Wesley United Methodist Church on Monday, February 17.

Don't forget to carry a copy of the Martha Yates Scholarship application in your purse or email a young woman you meet on the island and send her the form after you have told her about our scholarship. The form is attached to this newsletter. It feels amazing to encounter these ambitious scholars and tell them about our program.

I hope you are enjoying our Interest Groups as much as I am. If you're curious, call the leader and ask about her group. They are described elsewhere in *The Wave*.

C&C is on the first Monday of every month at 5:00 at CJ's by the Bay. Won't you join the fun? That's short for Cocktails and Conversation, but most of us stay for dinner, too. Get to know your branch members at this casual gathering.

I hope you're considering serving on the board. Please contact me at 603 289-1448 and let me know how you would like to be involved. Your participation is rewarding and stimulating for you and critical to our branch.

In fun and friendship,
Lynn Tuttle, President

NEW MEETING VENUE REMINDER

February 17 and March 17 meetings will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, **350 South Barfield Drive.**

February 17th Meeting BURROWING OWLS



Field biologist Brittany Piersma of Audubon Western Everglades (AWE) has dedicated her career to understanding, protecting, and managing shorebird stewardship, gopher tortoise populations, and burrowing owl programs. Her presentation will cover the efforts of monitoring, maintenance, and research of Burrowing Owls in Collier County by their staff and 90 incredible volunteers.



THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, TIME, TALENT, & TREASURES

To say that the Annual Fundraiser was a success is an understatement. Cynthia Wolfe, the 2025 coordinator, and her team knocked it out of the park. Kudos to them and to everyone who volunteered, contributed, and supported the event. Also, thank you (and your friends) for your generous contributions. All records were broken including: Monies contributed, number of attendees, and number of auction items (live and silent). I know Cynthia and her team are already planning for next year!!!



Cynthia, Peggy, Jo, & Kat



Auctioneer Tracy with Jo



Susanne, Gail, Jan, Karen, & Susie



Silent Auction Action

AAUW FL Regional Leadership Conferences: Elevating Our Community Impact

April 17, 2025 (Thursday): Southwest branches at the Venice Art Center

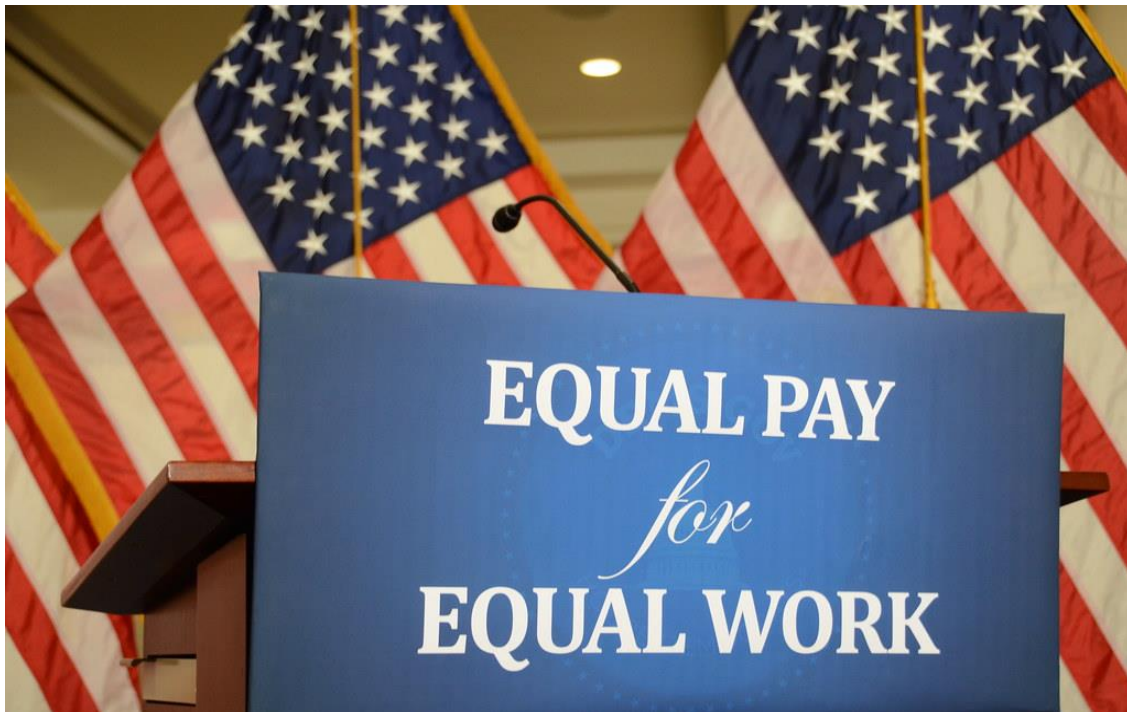
- Branches: Venice (Host), Tampa, Sun City Center, Bradenton/Manatee, Greater Naples, Ft. Myers, **Marco Island**, Punta Gorda, Sarasota

Branch Presidents will receive registration details to share as each date approaches. The schedule is from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm, and the cost will be \$25 per attendee, which includes lunch.

President Lynn will be driving to this Conference and has room for others who would like to attend. Please contact her for the registration details.

Your Board for 2024-25

President	Lynn Tuttle
Secretary	Ann Sepe
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Director for Programs	Bonnie Bozzo
Director for Membership	Lyn Maggio
Director for Development	Cynthia Wolfe
Director for Public Policy	Rosalie Tornello
Director for Scholarships	Rita Coyne
Director for Communications	Jacky Childress
Director for Hospitality	Marylu DiLorenzo



An update from Rosalie Tornello, Director for Public Policy

AAUW Florida Lobby Days are March 17-19th. This is when AAUW members from Florida go to Tallahassee to lobby our representatives on issues important to the mission of AAUW. One area of greatest concern is The Gender pay gap that remains a glaring inequity. Woman working full-time year-round earned just 83% of what men earn. The gap is even wider when part-time and seasonal workers are included. The challenge grows even more complex for women of color, LGBTQ and those with disabilities. AAUW is continuing to work to ensure that all women bring home the pay that they rightfully earn.

If you have an interest in participating in Lobby Days, please contact Rosalie Tornello.

More information about Public Policy can be found on the Marco Island Website - marcoisland-fl.aauw.net under the PROGRAMS heading.



Looking Ahead
Mark your Calendars!



Remaining Meeting Dates for 2025
February 17th, March 17th, & April 21, 2025 (at CJ's)



SUSHI AND ASIAN BISTRO

Lunch After Monday's AAUW
meeting will be at KJ's (the old
Su's Garden). Join your AAUW
friends for lunch after the
meeting on Monday, February
17. You can sign up at the
meeting as you come in the
door. Lyn M will be at the desk to
take attendance and ask if you
are going to lunch.



Bonnie and Durell presenting "Suddenly Alone" at the January meeting. If you missed it, it was both entertaining and informative. Thanks, Ladies!!

Is It Time To Renew? A WORD or Two ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES

In the past, everyone's dues were due by June 30th (the end of the fiscal year). However, changes were made a couple of years ago so that is no longer true. The current process for new members is for the join date to be the renewal date. Also, if your renewal date was June 30th and you did not get your renewal in before the grace period ended and you renewed later, you now have a renewal date of the date you renewed. If you did pay when due, you still have June 30 as your renewal date.

What I am getting at is that your dues are due now depending on when you last paid. National now sends a reminder when your dues are due. You have the option to pay online or mail your check to our P.O. Box. In the past, we always started reminding members to pay their dues in February or March.

Please pay when you get the notification to make it easier for Lyn Maggio, the Director for Membership.

If you do not know when your dues are due, check online (or contact Lyn). It is really easy. You can also check your information to see if it is correct. Below is my information that I found online. Note the last line contains my renewal date.

Membership

Summary of your current membership.

- Member Yes
- Member Type National
- Join On 1/22/2014
- Member Thru 6/30/2025



Interest Groups

Interest Groups provide members with similar interests an opportunity to learn together and to enjoy one another's company.

Current Interest Groups are:

Fiction Book Club

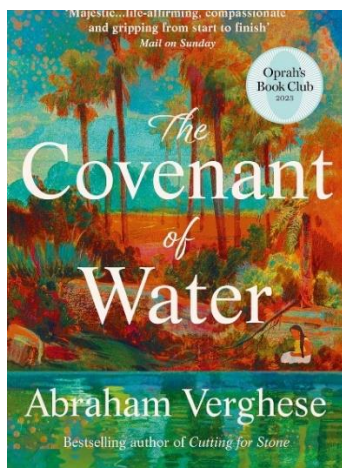
We meet six times a year during season, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM during the 'core' months—January, February, and March. The exceptions are the 'shoulder' months, October, November, December, and April, during which we may change the meeting dates to enhance attendance. We always meet at 10:00 AM, currently at the New Life Community Church.

Here are the dates, readings, and discussion leaders for the rest of this season:

Feb. 25, 2025	<i>The Covenant of Water</i>	A Verghese	Pat Bunke
Mar. 25, 2025	<i>Clark and Division</i>	N Hirahara	Rosalie Tornello
Apr. 15, 2025	<i>Lady Tan's Circle of Women</i>	L See	Marylu DiLorenzo

If you have questions, wish to participate, or to be added to our email list, please contact the co-chairs, Gwyn Goodman gsgoodman11@comcast.net 239.595.4064 and Jessica Barron jessdbarron@gmail.com 239.302.6773.

February's Book



Contract Bridge

If you would like to play Contract Bridge from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at CJ's before C&C on December 2nd, contact Pam Callinan at mikeandpamcallinan@comcast.net

Great Decisions Study Group

Chair is Liz Haines, 239-642-1843 echaines3@aol.com

The Great Decisions group will be meeting via zoom Wednesday, February 19th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Jessica Baron will lead the discussion on article 4.

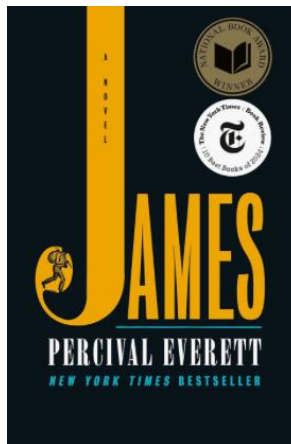
India: between China, the West and the Global South in the Great Decisions book for 2025. If you are interested in joining us, please call: Liz Haines 781-239-7450.

Great Books Discussion Group

Chair is Pat Santiago - cell phone (talk or text) 239-776-9319

Email: psantiago378@gmail.com

Our small group will be meeting ONCE a month at 3:00 p.m. on the Marco Library Porch during season. (We generally go from October through May.) The reading for March 6th is the novel *James* by Percival Everett.



Cocktails and Conversation - The 1st Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at CJ's

Search for Scholars

I hope everyone is looking for Scholars who would be interested in receiving a Martha Yates (MY) Scholarship in 2025. Please print the two-page application below or print from the attachment and have it handy as you talk to women you encounter who are or are thinking about continuing their education. The young woman must be 21 or older, and live or work on Marco Island, Goodland, or the Isles of Capri. It will be so rewarding to see a young woman you “found” get a scholarship in April.

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 31, 2025

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:

Rita Coyne
789 Holly 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 31, 2025:**

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: Rita Coyne, 789 Holly Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145