

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AAUW-Marco Island,

Best wishes for a happy new year.

We are excited to anticipate our fundraiser, Time, Talent and Treasures. This year Cynthia Wolfe will be chairing the event with her talented team of volunteers. Plan to do your part at the January meeting. Have you found items to donate to our fundraiser to bring to the meeting at Wesley United Methodist Church on Monday, January 20th? Can you be part of a dinner cooking group? Contact your friends to ask them to donate items for our silent auction and to attend TT&T at the Island Country Club at 11:30 on Friday, February 7. Can you host a dinner or lunch party for a group of your friends? Form a group to bid on a live auction meal. This year we hope for 100% participation in our fundraiser. You'll want to contribute to be part of our mission.

Have you found a young woman 21 or over who lives or works on Marco Island to apply for our Martha Yates Scholarship? This year I met local waitresses who attend college and another young woman at my dentist's office. It's fun to carry a copy of the application in your purse or email the young woman after you have told her about our scholarship. It feels amazing to encounter these ambitious scholars and tell them about our program.

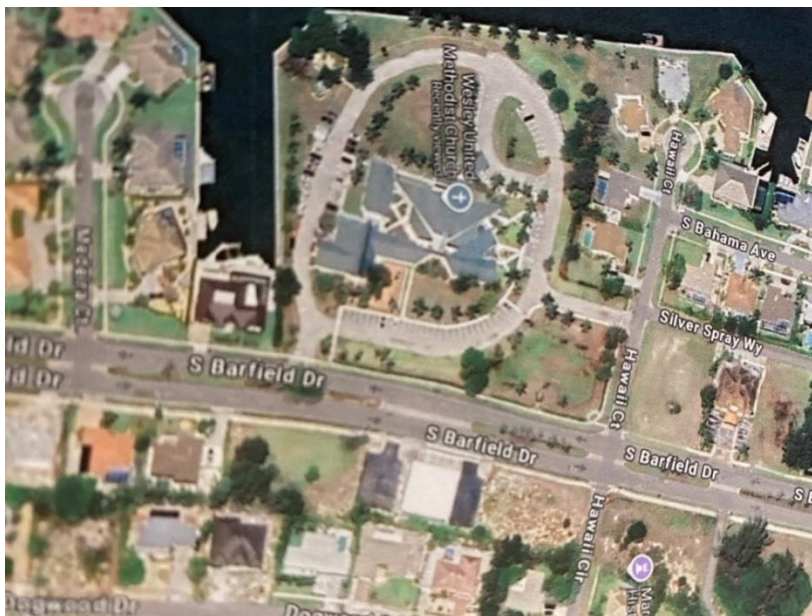
I hope you are enjoying our Interest Groups as much as I am. If you're curious, call the leader and ask about her group. They are described elsewhere in *The Wave*.

In fun and friendship,
Lynn Tuttle, President

NEW MEETING VENUE REMINDER

AAUW monthly meetings on January 20, February 17 and March 17 will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, **350 South Barfield Drive.**

- The church is located just south of the new "BIG" Publix and Marco Island Florist.
- It is white with a green roof.
- You may enter on Hawaii and drive around to the back of the church,
- or continue on S. Barfield past the church and enter at the fire hydrant.
- Park in the back of the church and walk up the ramp across from the green storage shed.
- Watch for signs and our members welcoming you.



January 20th Meeting

SUDDENLY SINGLE FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR WOMEN

January's program is focused on the loss of a spouse or partner through disability, death, even divorce. Decisions once made, may be outdated. If you had entrusted your finances to a spouse or partner and did not acquaint yourself with your joint assets and liabilities, it may come as a shock to find you have lost control of these aspects of your life. Knowledge is power. In a recent study, over one-fourth of women surveyed, said they regretted not educating themselves about their common finances. Romance and cohabitation in later years is addressed and touches on important strategies.

Even if you are a savvy lady and know all about asset/liabilities/investments, etc, this program has a lot to offer. If not for yourself, perhaps a benefit to a daughter, granddaughter or good friend.





The Board meets monthly one week before the membership meeting via Zoom.

Your Board for 2024-25

President	Lynn Tuttle
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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. More information will be provided in the next issue of WAVE. If you have an interest in this, 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!



Meeting Dates for 2025

January 20, 2025

February 17, 2025

March 17, 2025

April 21, 2025 (at CJ's)



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.

**January's "Lunch After" will be at the Joey's Pizza -
257 N. Collier Blvd.**

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

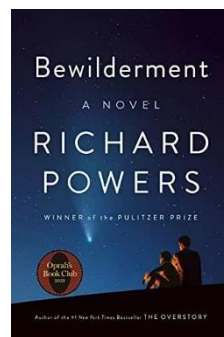
The AAUW Marco Island Fiction group has been meeting for decades and is one of the most popular interest groups in the branch's history. The goal of the group is to select, read, and analyze/discuss important fiction, usually contemporary, that impacts our lives and contributes to the broadening of our thinking. 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 Com:00rticipants shortly before we meet.

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

Jan. 28, 2025	<i>Bewilderment</i>	R Powers	Josette Bonewitz
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.

January'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

Please join the Great Decisions study group. We will be meeting again every other Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm starting January 15th, 2025, for 8 sessions via zoom. We will be using the 2025 Great Decisions book which is currently available for purchase from the Foreign Policy Association. Order from sales@fpa.org or call 800-477-5836. The topics this year are as follows:

- American Policy at a Crossroads - author. John G. Ikenberry;
- US Changing Leadership of the World Economy - author Daniel Drezner;
- US-China Relations - author Thomas J. Christenson;
- India Between China, the West and the Global South - author Leslie Vinjamuri;
- International Cooperation on Climate Change - author Josh Busby;
- The Future of NATO and European Security, author Kori Schake;
- AI and American National Security - author Julie George;

- American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead - author Daniel Kurtzer.

The members of the group take turns leading the discussion. The books are sent out at the beginning of January. Call Liz Haines if you are interested in joining the group.

Great Books Discussion Group

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

Email: psantiago378@gmail.com

The group meets at the Marco Island Library Porch at 3:00 p.m. on the first and the third Thursdays of the month. (November thru May). As a reminder, the readings are usually short stories/essays which makes this an ideal group for those who do not want to commit to reading novels.



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

If you are interested in starting an Interest Group, contact Lynn Tuttle. Anyone for Mah Jongg, Canasta, Samba, or ???

Membership



Lyn Maggio, Director for Membership, is working on updating our Membership Directory (green book). If you have had a change in any of your information in the last two years, please contact Lyn.

She will have the most current data from the AAUW National database for our Branch at the November meeting. Please be sure to check your information for accuracy and provide Lyn with any changes.

THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, TIME, TALENT, & TREASURES IS NOT THAT FAR AWAY

Cynthia Wolfe is the 2025 coordinator for the TTT, which will be held at the fabulous MI Country Club on February 7th. Now is the perfect time to start collecting the items you plan to donate for the silent auction. It is also not too early to start forming a team to prepare and deliver a special meal for the live auction. And finally, it is not too early to fill your table with friends. The registration form will be sent soon via a SPLASH.

Donations can be dropped off at Cynthia's home - 1070 Caxambas Drive. Or, you can bring your donations to a meeting. Just let Cynthia know your plans. You can also drop off items at Peggy Chandler's home, 81 Hickory Ct.

Time to Begin our Search for Scholars

It's not too soon to start 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

AAUW - MARCO ISLAND

Time, Talent, and Treasures Auction and Luncheon Reservation
Marco Island Country Club - Friday, February 7, 2025 @11:30 a.m.

Lunch is an ICC Salad with either Grilled Chicken or Salmon. Dessert is a Fruit Tart. Also includes Rolls/Butter; Soda, Tea, or Coffee. *Drink tickets will be sold for Beer, Wine, and Cocktails (cash only).*

Seating is at tables of 8. 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.

Select your meal choice.

Name & Email Address

Chicken (C) or Salmon (S)

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

Durell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145 by February 1st

Reservation Questions: Durell Buzzini 207-745-4679 or meddybliss@gmail.com

: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)