



Marco Island (FL) Branch

P.O. Box 841  
Marco Island, FL 34146

# WAVE

March  
2025



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of AAUW- Marco Island

Spring arrives with the culmination of all our hard work on behalf of women.

Your scholarship committee is interviewing middle school girls to attend Tech Trek, reviewing applications for our scholarships, and getting ready for our Scholarship Luncheon at CJ's by the Bay on April 14 at 11:30. We are thrilled to anticipate this event where all of our efforts for our Time and Talent Auction and Luncheon yields' amazing scholarships.

We continue to enjoy our interest groups and luncheons, chat with the young women we meet locally who might be in college and need financial help, and gather at our monthly meetings and C&C. It is wonderful to have a core group of women friends who values service to others and the pursuit of learning. AAUW-Marco Island offers so much: comradery, intellectual pursuits, amazing friendships, and the knowledge that what we do now helps other young women thrive and prosper; "empowering women since 1881."

Thank you for being part of this wonderful group of women.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Tuttle  
President, AAUW-Marco Island



The March 17 meeting will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, **350 South Barfield Drive.**

## March 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Program: Women in Prison  
Focusing on Reintegration into Society

AAUW Member, Linda Hyde



## 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

Secretary

Director for Finance

Director for Programs

Director for Membership

Director for Development

Director for Public Policy

Director for Scholarships

Director for Communications

Director for Hospitality

Lynn Tuttle

Ann Sepe

Durell Buzzini

Bonnie Bozzo

Lyn Maggio

Cynthia Wolfe

Rosalie Tornello

Rita Coyne

Jacky Childress

Marylu DiLorenzo



An update from Rosalie Tornello, Director for Public Policy

The two issues that National is very concerned about are:

- The attack on the Dept of Education, and
- The possible weakening of Title IX.

Below is the Summary of AAUW Press Release of March 12, 2025

*AAUW calls on Congress to reject the attack on the U.S. Department of Education and uphold its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education. The AAUW will not stand idly by as education is placed on the chopping block. We are being urged to demand that Congress protect the future of education in America.*

Title IX: An Uncertain Future. Meghan Kisnell, AAUW National Director of Policy, will be presenting a webinar on Title IX on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Title IX is central to the work of AAUW.

Registration link: [bit.ly/aaawnj-titleix](https://bit.ly/aaawnj-titleix)

*More information about Public Policy can be found on the Marco Island Website - [marcoisland-fl.aauw.net](https://marcoisland-fl.aauw.net) under the PROGRAMS heading.*



Looking Ahead



Mark your Calendars!

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2025

March 17<sup>th</sup> & April 21, 2025 (at CJ's)



Lunch After Monday's AAUW meeting will be at the Crazy Flamingo in the Marco Towne Center. Join your AAUW friends for lunch after the meeting on Monday, March 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.

Scholarship Luncheon

April 14<sup>th</sup> (date on Bookmark is incorrect)

Bonnie Bozzo finishes her year as Program Director with a fabulous luncheon planned at CJ's. The Flyer with all the details is included at the end of the WAVE and also as an attachment to the email of the WAVE. This is a great time to bring a guest so they can see the results of our fundraising efforts. Thanks, Bonnie for a great year of programs!!

## Is It Time To Renew? A WORD or Two ABOUT MEMBERSHIP DUES (Repeat from February WAVE)

In the past, everyone's dues were due by June 30<sup>th</sup> (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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

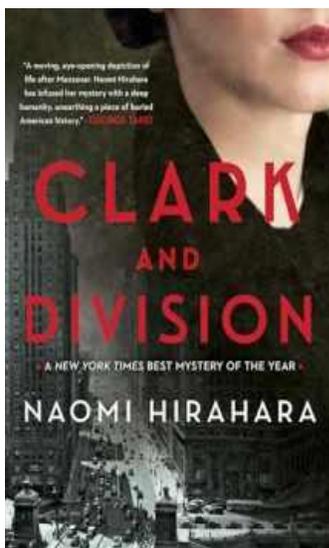
We meet six times a year during season, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM during the 'core' months—January, February, and March. The exceptions are the 'shoulder' months, October, November, December, and April, during which we may change the meeting dates to enhance attendance. We always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

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](mailto:gsgoodman11@comcast.net) 239.595.4064 and Jessica Barron [jessdbarron@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>, contact Pam Callinan at [mikeandpamcallinan@comcast.net](mailto:mikeandpamcallinan@comcast.net)

## Great Decisions Study Group

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

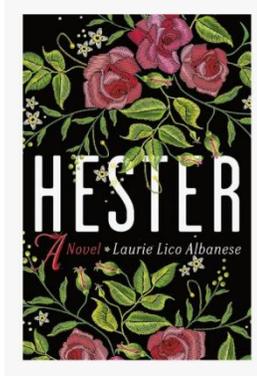
The Great Decisions group will be meeting via zoom Wednesday, March 19th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The discussion will be on article 5: ***International Cooperation on Climate Change*** in the Great Decisions book for 2025. If you are interested in joining us, please call: Liz Haines 781-239-7450.

## Great Books Discussion Group

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

Email: [psantiago378@gmail.com](mailto:psantiago378@gmail.com)

Our book group will meet at the Library Porch on Marco: 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27th. We will be discussing **HESTER** by Laurie Lico Albanese.



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

## **Search for Scholars is Ending SOON**

There are only a couple of weeks for Scholars to get their applications in for our Martha Yates scholarships. The deadline to have a completed application to Rita Coyne is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The application is below.

# 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



*American Association of University Women  
Annual Scholarship Award Luncheon*

Come and congratulate our latest Scholarship Recipients and enjoy lunch at  
*CJ's On the Bay*

*Monday, April 14, 2025*

*Social Hour: 11:00 AM Luncheon: 11:30 AM Cost: \$50.00*

*Menu Choices*

*Grilled Salmon*

*Fresh filet of Salmon, grilled and garnished with fresh Mandarin Orange and Cucumber salsa*

*Beet Salad*

*Sliced red beets, goat cheese, candied pecans and mandarin oranges, over mixed greens with blood-orange poppy-seed dressing*

*Rolls and Butter*

*American coffee, water, soda or iced tea is included.*

*All other drinks: Extra charge*

*Dessert:*

*Chef's Cheesecake*

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Fill out the reservation below. Make your check payable to: AAUW – Marco Island  
Mail to Durell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Court, Marco Island, FL 34145 - **by April 7th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of Entrée – Select ONE:** Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ OR Beet Salad: \_\_\_\_\_

*Open Seating, Cash Bar*