

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we begin the new AAUW-Marco Island year, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our 2023-2024 board members. A special thank you goes to our Immediate Past President, Jacky Childress. Under her leadership, AAUW-Marco Island continued successful programming, fundraising and scholarships. Jacky, we are grateful for your service and will miss your leadership. We are grateful that you are now our Communications Director

We had a successful start to the year with the transition of our board at our first two Zoom board meeting on October 21st and November 4th. We will continue to focus on AAUW's mission: **"To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."** With this mission in mind, we are committed to inclusivity, diversity, equity, and transparency in our programming. We have a strong and motivated board; I am looking forward to a successful and collaborative year. Congratulations to the 2024-2025 AAUW-Marco Island Board; your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated!

Thank you to our new Hospitality Director, Marylu DiLorenzo, for providing leadership for our summer of monthly Lunch Instead venues and Cocktails and Conversation on the first Monday of each month at CJ's on the Bay.

This season of AAUW Marco Island retains our third Monday of the month meetings at a **NEW VENUE**. We are grateful to the Marco Island Community Church for the past two years, but this church is closed during three of our four meetings. Therefore, we moved to Wesley United Methodist Church on South Barfield Drive for this year's meetings. Note the directions to this **new meeting place** elsewhere in *The Wave*.

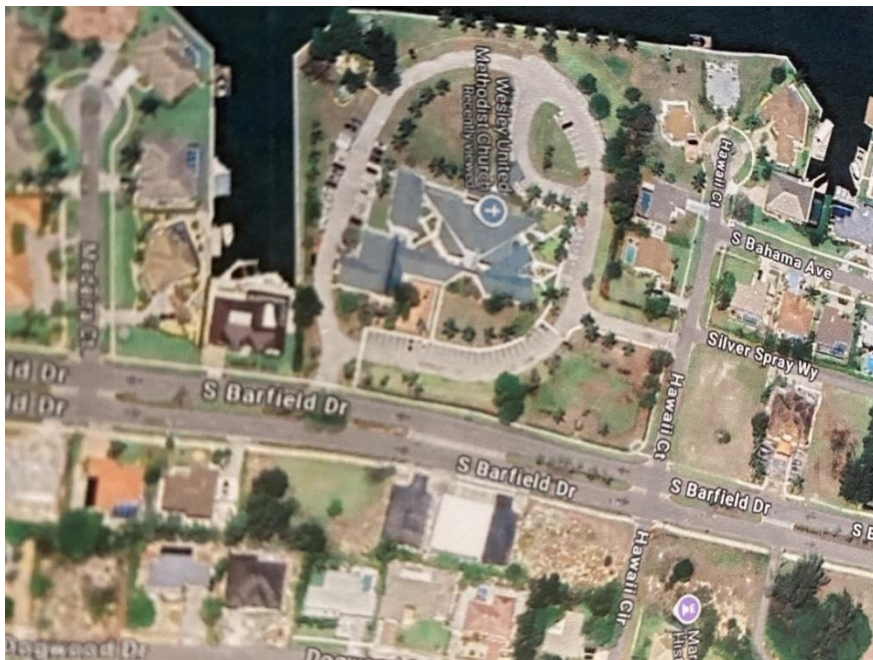
Thank you for your continued support of our programming and mission!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Tuttle  
AAUW - Marco Island President

# NEW MEETING VENUE

AAUW monthly meetings on November 11, January 20, February 17 and March 17 will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, **350 South Barfield Drive.**

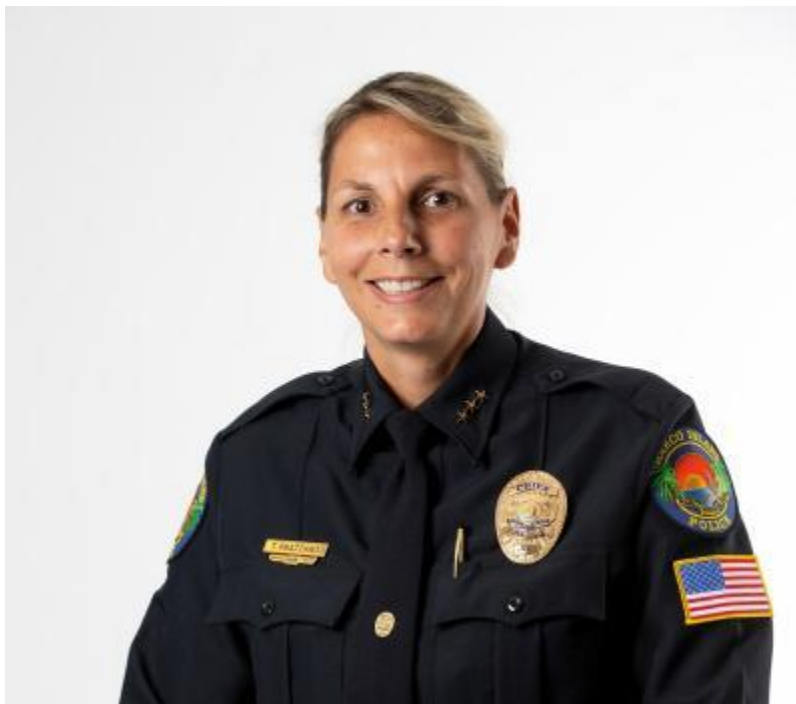
- The church is located just south of the new "BIG" Publix and Marco Island Florist.
- It is white with a green roof.
- You may enter on Hawaii and drive around to the back of the church,
- or continue on S. Barfield past the church and enter at the fire hydrant.
- Park in the back of the church and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



# November 11th Meeting

The First Meeting of the Season

~ Tracy Frazzano, Marco Island Chief of Police, aka Guest Auctioneer at the 2024 AAUW Fundraiser, will be the guest speaker.



Let's all support our Chief!!



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

## Your Board for 2024-25

President	Lynn Tuttle
Secretary	Ann Sepe
Director for Finance	Durell Buzzini
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

The AAUW Public Policy Committee is continuing with the forums they started last Spring. Branch members are being invited to attend the following Zoom event:

Our November Public Policy Forum will be Thursday November 14th at 6pm. At this forum, come hear Rutgers Professor Patricia Roos talk about her new, deeply personal book sharing her son's struggles with mental health and addiction, that led to his death at twenty-five years old. Professor Roos will share ways to realign our public health and criminal justice policies to address the overdose crisis. To register for this forum please follow this [link- https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsc--sqz4jGNRHpaeRjzaonOkqFr65AFiu#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsc--sqz4jGNRHpaeRjzaonOkqFr65AFiu#/registration)

AAUW - Our Mission

Gender Equity – and – Economic Security

AAUW - Our Values

Intersectional – Inclusive – Intergenerational – Empowering



## Looking Ahead Mark your Calendars!



Except for lunch meetings in December and April, all Meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 S. Barfield Drive

### Meeting Dates for 2024-2025

November 11, 2024

December 9, 2024 (at La Tavola – Registration form is attached)

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.

**November's "Lunch After" will be at the Speakeasy**



# 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

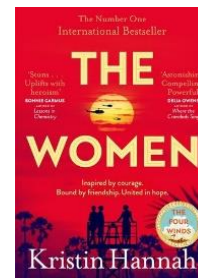
The AAUW Marco Island Fiction group has been meeting for decades and is one of the most popular interest groups in the branch's history. The goal of the group is to select, read, and analyze/discuss important fiction, usually contemporary, that impacts our lives and contributes to the broadening of our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

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

Nov. 19, 2024	<i>The Women</i>	K Hannah	Kathi Parris
Dec. 10, 2024	<i>Heaven and Earth Grocery Store</i>	J McBride	Linda Corea
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](mailto:gsgoodman11@comcast.net) 239.595.4064 and Jessica Barron [jessdbarron@gmail.com](mailto:jessdbarron@gmail.com) 239.302.6773

## November's Book, The Women



## 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)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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). 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, beginning in December. Or, you can bring your donations to a meeting. Just let Cynthia know your plans.

## 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.



2024 Scholarship winners with committee members, Rita and Katie, at the Awards Luncheon 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