

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the new AAUW-Marco Island year, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our 2024-2025 board members.

We had a successful start to the year with the transition of our board at our first Zoom board meeting on November 10. We will continue to focus on AAUW's mission: **"To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."** We have a strong and motivated board; I am looking forward to a successful and collaborative year. Congratulations to the 2025-2026 AAUW-Marco Island Board; your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated!

Thank you to our Hospitality Director, Marylu DiLorenzo, for providing leadership for our summer of monthly Lunch Instead venues on the third Mondays of each summer month and Cocktails and Conversation on the first Monday of each month at CJ's on the Bay. You'll find a photo of our October Lunch Instead at Mango's Dockside Bistro in these pages.

This season of AAUW-Marco Island retains our third Monday of the month meetings at Wesley United Methodist Church on South Barfield Drive for this year's meetings in November, January, February and March. Note the directions to our **meeting place** elsewhere in *The Wave*. Linda Hyde, Director of Programs has outstanding programs for you. Perhaps you'll want to bring friends to hear our informative speakers?

Our special events are planned. The Holiday Party is at La Tavola on December 8; Time, Talent and Treasures at the Marco Island Country Club on February 13 and our spring Scholarship Lunch is at CJ's on the Bay on April 20.

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

Sincerely,
Lynn Tuttle
AAUW – Marco Island President



Looking Ahead
Mark your Calendars!



Except for lunch meetings in December and April, all meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. (social time at 9:30 a.m.) at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 S. Barfield Drive.

(The church [white with a green roof], is located just south of the new "BIG" Publix and Marco Island Florist. New meeting space this year is in the Sanctuary. The entrance is covered. Parking is around the circle and some parallel parking in front of the Sanctuary.)

Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

November 17, 2025

December 15, 2025

January 19, 2026

February 16, 2026

March 16, 2026

April 20, 2026

When planning your meeting time don't forget about "Lunch After"

After the formal meeting, all interested members reassemble at a local restaurant for friendship and a meal. MaryLu, Director for Hospitality, sends out an email with the details of the upcoming lunch location.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 17TH



Marianne Kearns (center) is Executive Director of the PACE Collier Center in Immokalee, Florida. Ms. Kearns brings to the Center an extensive knowledge of gender specific programs and a long history with PACE Center for Girls.

PACE's mission is to provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.



Your Board for 2025-26

President	Lynn Tuttle
Secretary	Ann Sepe
Director for Finance	Durell Buzzini
Director for Programs	Linda Hyde & Marsha Crawford
Director for Membership	Lyn Maggio
Director for Development	Open
Director for Public Policy	Rosalie Tornello
Director for Scholarships & Grants	Open
Director for Communications	Jacky Childress
Director for Hospitality	Marylu DiLorenzo
Director for Publicity	Open

As you will note, there are open positions on this year's board. Please reach out to Lynn Tuttle if you are interested or have questions.

The Board needs YOU!

October Lunch Instead at Mango's Dockside Bistro



Left to right: Liz Haines, Kim Porter, Janet Levine, Holly Erker, Lynn Tuttle, & Pam Callinan

FUNDRAISING FOR 2026

Remember how much fun the Time, Talent, and Treasures Fundraising event was in February? Well, we are doing it again on February 13, 2026. It's not too early to start thinking about what you would like to do to help. As you may well imagine, it takes a lot of preparations to make it a success. Some ways you can help are:

- Make a Basket to be auctioned off
- Donate a "treasure" you are willing to part with like:
Jewelry, Purses, Gifts for re-gifting, Gift Cards, Unique Decorations, and the list is endless.
- Form a group to make a meal for the Live Auction
- Fill a table for the event with 7 of your best friends
- Volunteer for working with Lynn's team either before the event or at the event - or both!

Watch for more details later but start thinking and planning NOW.

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.

Below are the dates, books, and discussion leader for the sessions for 2025-2026.

Nov. 18, 2025	<i>Mad Honey</i>		Gwyn Goodman
Dec. 9, 2025	<i>Frozen River</i>		Liz Haines
Jan. 27, 2026	<i>Becoming Madam Secretary</i>		Jo Valicenti & Lynn Tuttle
Feb. 24, 2026	<i>James</i>		Open
Mar. 24, 2026	<i>Tell Me Everything</i>		Jessica Barron
Apr. 14, 2026	<i>Absolution</i>		Linda Corea

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.

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, 781-249-7452 echaines3@aol.com

The Great Decisions group will meet via zoom two more times. April 16th, Wednesday, the topic is: AI and American National Security. April 23rd, Wednesday, the last topic for the year is: American Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead. If you would like to join us, call Liz - 781-249-7450.

Great Books Discussion Group

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

Email: psantiago378@gmail.com Contact Pat for the most current information.



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



AALLW Holiday Luncheon

Share in the Holiday Cheer at *La Tavola Restaurant*
on *Monday, December 08, 2025*, at *11:00 AM*



Socialize at 11:00 AM, Dine at 11:30 ish

There will be a historical guest and brief updates of our winter activities

Menu Choices

Starting with: *Soup of the Day*

Choose One:

1. *Chicken Caesar Salad*
Romaine Lettuce, Padano Cheese, Croutons, Caesar Dressing
2. *Grilled Salmon*
Over vegetable succotash
3. *Mushroom Pappardelle - (Vegetarian)*
Fresh Mushrooms, Pasta, Garlic Cream Sauce w/Peas, Tomatoes, Cheese
4. *Chicken Piccata*
Chicken lightly dusted, with Piccata Sauce and Mashed Potatoes

Dessert: Sorbet

Cost: \$45.00 (includes tax and gratuity)

Make check payable to AALLW and mail to
Durrell Buzzini, 421 Pheasant Court, Marco Island, FL 34145
Reservation and check must be received before Thanksgiving

Name: _____ e-mail _____

Choice of Entrée Number: _____ Open Seating, Cash Bar

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 6, 2026

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:

Lynn Tuttle
1490 Caxambas 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 6, 2026**:

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: Lynn Tuttle, 1490 Caxambas Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145