

AAUW

Fort Myers/Lee Co.
Branch Inc.

May Meeting

Date: Sat, May 10, 2014
Gathering: 11:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Board Meeting: 11:00 AM
The Landings Yacht,
Golf & Tennis Club

Luncheon Menu

Cold Choice

Baby Spinach Salad

Fresh strawberries, mandarin oranges, gorgonzola cheese, and candied pecans topped with grilled chicken breast and served with zinfandel vinaigrette.

Hot Choice

Chicken Crepes

Crepes stuffed with chicken, mushrooms, spinach and artichoke hearts then topped with bechamel sauce.
Served with Chef's vegetable.

Dessert

Chef's Choice

Beverages from the bar are available.
Wait staff will accept charge payment.

Reservations

Tina Hoegler will be taking reservations. Please contact her at 941-505-8483 or c_hoegler@msn.com no later than Mon, May 5, Cancellations must be made no later than Tues, May 6, otherwise payment is expected. Price of the luncheon is \$18.00

Luncheon Selections

If you have specific dietary needs and our menu for the month does not meet them, don't let that keep you from attending. When you call Tina with your reservation let her know what you need. We have been assured that the chef will make appropriate changes for your entrée and dessert.

"CROW"

Dr. Heather Barron

Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife, "CROW" is a teaching hospital dedicated to the care, rehabilitation, and release of the area sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. Nearly 4,000 animals are treated yearly at its 12 acre facility on Sanibel Island.

Dr. Heather Barron is here to help us better understand the importance of such a facility. In addition to the hospital, CROW maintains a Visitor's Education Center, gift shop and student housing for approximately 12 students from colleges and universities around the country and around the globe who come to CROW for a portion of their education. Education, in addition to patient care, is at the core of CROW's mission and to that end, they spend considerable time, energy and resources on a variety of public education initiatives.

Dr. Barron is Hospital Director at the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW). She received training in wildlife medicine and surgery through a residency at the University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, where she later stayed on as faculty in the Zoological Medicine Service for a decade. She obtained further international experience as Department Head of Clinical Medicine at St. Matthew's University, School of Veterinary Medicine in the Cayman Islands, where she was also the veterinarian for the Cayman Turtle Farm and Cayman Wildlife Rescue. She and her husband, Andrew, live on Sanibel Island with their 3 children.

Installation of Officers

At our May meeting Bonnie Lincoln, past president, will perform the brief Installation Ceremony of our officers for the 2014-15 FY. Your elected officers are Marie Glasgow, President; Suzan Harden, President-Elect; Nancy Kuyoth, VP Membership; Jayne Schwarz, Treasurer; and Nancy Karchunas, Secretary. We are especially pleased that a member has volunteered to fill the position of VP Programs. This appointment will be brought to the Board for approval and we will celebrate a great start for the coming year with a full complement of elected officers.

President's Message

When we traveled with my father-in-law we ate at truck stops because Pops believed they had the best food. While I thought otherwise, I loved the atmosphere and the easy conversations that flowed from counter to table to table. In exchange for a simple "Howdy" you could meet the most interesting people and get the best information. For a while I wanted to be a truck stop waitress after I retired.

Since my retirement from being a "Lean In" administrator, I've found that joining and volunteering is all I need to do to meet the most interesting people and get the best information. AAUW and our branch offer this opportunity better than all the other groups I've considered and/or joined. AAUW's 170,000 members/supporters span local and virtual communities, cities and college campuses, all over the world.

In many ways our 100 branch members/supporters also span local and virtual communities and cities all over the world. We have members from eight cities in SWFL and members that reside part of the year in other states, other countries, even other continents. We have members who attend meetings and members who stay in touch via the Torch or website. We have members who participate in our various clubs/activities, members who attend events, members who donate, and members who work events. We have members who serve on the Board, chair committees and members who define themselves as worker bees.

Join us for 2014-15 and find your niche. Renew by July 1 to be listed in our Branch Directory.

Marie Glasgow

President
Fort Myers/Lee County Branch

Financial Statement

AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co.

Cash in Wells Fargo Bank (4/15/14)		\$18,373
Payables	\$ (3,315)	
Awards, carry-over	\$ (8,890)	
Harry Chapin	\$ (663)	
Memorials	\$ (665)	
Available Cash		\$ 4,850

In Retrospect: UNCSW 58



"No country can act wisely simultaneously in every part of the globe at every moment of time" - Henry A. Kissinger. In the year 2000 as the world began the new Millennium, the Member States of the

United Nations gathered at its headquarters in New York to consult together on the most urgent priorities for building a peaceful and equitable future for all the peoples of the world.

The Millennium Declaration - This is the product of the 2000 deliberations and emphasizes global solidarity from the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people and the strengthening of the capacity of all countries to implement these rights.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) The eight goals- 1) eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, 2) achieve universal primary education, 3) promote gender equality, 4) reduce child mortality, 5) improve maternal health, 6) combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, 7) ensure environmental sustainability and 8) global partnership for development.

The eight goals identified some of the most pressing issues and offered targets/aims for addressing these issues and the corresponding inequities. Suggestions were made for measuring the success of programs and policies implemented to affect change. However the targets do not encompass the substantive change required to meet the goals. Therefore the MDGs helped to create, to some extent, a measurement of a country's programs and policies in addressing its most urgent social issues, but it is flawed if the attempt is merely to meet a statistic, not implement lasting social change.

Confucius said: "When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the change". The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This year at the Forum (CSW58) the gathering will evaluate the Millennium Development Goals and negotiate agreed conclusions (new policy recommendations) towards accelerating their implementation. Also under review are the access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology and the promotion of women's access to full employment and decent work.

One of our main responsibilities as participants is advocacy. We, as individuals, are the voice of civil society. We can support or negate our Governments. We can meet with delegates, formulate implementation strategies while learning lobbying techniques and advocacy skills. So let us pursue our individual and collective strengths. "Talking isn't doing it, it is a kind of a good deed to say well and yet words are not actions" - Shakespeare.

Attending the CSW forums can be somewhat overwhelming. Choosing which session to attend and executing good time management is of the essence. Part of the Global Campaign to celebrate Beijing +20, in an effort to "scale up and speed up" is an effort to build a virtual global community. I have already seen commercials and soap operas bearing messages on reducing violence against women which are whirling through underdeveloped countries, to great acclaim.

Roberta Ostler Balmer,

CFUW Delegate

New Members

Gail Visgilio graduated from NJ City University with a degree in History, English and Education. She applied to the Dept. of Defense to teach overseas. During her first assignment in Germany she met her husband Patrick, also a teacher. They married and honeymooned in Switzerland and Italy. That was the start to 30 years of service with the Dept. of Defense.



Gail and Patrick accumulated many experiences which she hopes to record in writing for her sons and granddaughter. But don't wait for the published memoir. Next time you sit at Gail's table ask her about meeting Israel's Prime Minister and Minister of Defense in a barbershop in 1968, or coming home to their apartment in Turkey to see it surrounded by a hundred riot police, or being charged by a rhino while on an African photo safari, or climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in her 7th month of pregnancy.

Through all those years, Gail and Patrick returned to RI to spend their summers with the extended family and friends. They are continuing this tradition in their retirement. We look forward to Gail's return in late October.

Marilyn Doering Marr, formerly of Longmeadow, MA, and husband Raymond moved to FL full time in April, 2013. After hearing so much about AAUW from Marilyn Edwards, Marilyn Marr became a member.



Marilyn graduated from the University of MA with a degree in Sociology and Elementary Ed. and completed graduate studies at Westfield State University in Science. She taught in the Enfield, CT schools until 1999. In the years between teaching 2nd grade, raising her three children, and teaching middle school science, Marilyn had an interesting part-time career in R&D with Milton Bradley. Children were brought to MB to play age appropriate games. Marilyn would provide instruction and observe their play. This was followed by interviews with the children and then from that information commercials were developed.

Marilyn and Raymond have three grown children, eight grandchildren and soon there will be four great grandchildren. She is looking forward to being a "worker bee" member of our Branch.

Florida AAUW Convention Report



On April 4, Marie Glasgow, Suzan Harden and Sharron Thompson traveled to Tampa for the 83rd AAUW-Florida Convention. We made it in time to attend the General Session which covered Tech Trek 2014, One Member, One Vote (OMOV), Bylaws Changes and Mission-based Branch Programming. This was followed by the Annual Meeting and an awesome display of parliamentary procedure as the membership grappled with the new process of accepting nominations but reserving the election for the OMOV which will be completed via email and postal service for members without email access.

Three Women of Distinction were honored at the banquet: Vicki Burke, founder of PACE; Sandy Oestrich, founder/president of National ERA Alliance, Inc.; and Carolyn Garfein, AAUW past president. All three are crusaders for women's rights. I was especially drawn to Vicki Burke, who founded PACE in 1985, with one Center in Jacksonville, FL serving 10 girls. Vicki, at that time, was a new college graduate working in the justice system. Today PACE includes 17 Centers throughout Florida that serve over 2,000 girls each year and has helped over 21,000 girls since its beginning.

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This & That

Mark Your Calendars

May 3, 2014

League of Women Voters

The Landings-Helm Dining Room
9:00 AM Breakfast - \$15.00

9:30 Guest Speaker, Sharon Harrington,
Lee County Supervisor of Elections

Topic

Where We Were and Where We're Going

Email reservations by

Tuesday April 29, 2014

lwvlee@yahoo.com or call 239-278-1032

First Watch Sarasota Half Marathon



This year Phyllis Waco, Jemetta Hunt and Pat Allen joined forces to walk the half marathon in Sarasota. Phyllis and Jemetta have now completed eight half marathons. This was the first year for Pat. It was a lot of fun training and participating. Also it is a healthy habit to develop. Consider joining the group next year. Phyllis and Jemetta train near their homes in Fort Myers. Pat did most of her training near her home in North Fort Myers. If you would like to train with someone else please let them know. It is a great way to keep in shape.

Membership Dues Info

The prize of one free lunch next season was won by new member Pat Buccì. Forty-five members paid their dues in time to be eligible for this drawing.

From National office: AAUW national membership dues are \$49. Of that, \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

Branch/state portions of dues are not tax deductible unless the branch/state is classified under the section 501(c)(3).

AAUW - Fort Myers/Lee Co Branch (\$9 dues) is classified under section 501(c)(3), while Florida state AAUW is not.

The AAUW membership year is July 1 through June 30.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not meet in May.

Bridge

Bridge groups meet the 2nd and 3rd Mon of each month. Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship; snowbirds are welcome.

Contact: Marilyn Myli 239-482-0272 or email marilynmy7@hotmail.com

Book Groups

Contact Muriel Freedman 239-481-0391 for meeting information.

Mahjongg

Contact Jean Schoenthaler 239-277-5174.

Veritas

Veritas will meet at 1:30 May 7 at Judith Sims'. We will finish our discussion of *The Righteous Mind* by Jonathan Haidt and review books for next year's discussion.

Planning Meeting for 2014-15

This meeting is open to all members as are all Board meetings held throughout the year. However this one is especially important as we look at what needs to be "done" during the coming year to build upon the work of this past year and all the years before it. We are a mission-driven organization: our goals need to reflect that mission.

We will meet on Tues. May 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Myers Institute of Technology, 3800 Michigan Ave. Please enter at gate 3 and proceed to Building C. Our agenda will include discussion and setting direction with respect to our calendar of meetings and other events, MCCWSL (College Leadership Program), speaker budget, directory/annual report, communications with Branch membership, community and AAUW, proposed budget and amount of carry over funds, etc.

While you are there you'll also become acquainted with another facet of adult education in Lee County.

Best Wishes to Our May Birthdays

Nancy Kuyoth	Lois Eason
Carmen Cencer	Becky Marks
Pat Allen	Peggy Thomas
Donna Uhlenhop	Olivia Shuster

June Birthdays

Diane Aiken	Carolyn Kokalis
Laura Schwed-Koehler	Judith Clare
Carol Fuechsel	Janet Sigman
Suzan Harden	Phyllis Wayco

Film Fare

Summer is around the corner and we'll begin Netflix-ing. Two quick recommendations: *Le Weekend* is a sophisticated, well-acted portrait of later-life and later-relationship struggles. Under the bittersweet humor is a depth of thorny issues. In *The Lunchbox* a mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system starts a correspondence between an anxious young housewife and a depressed older man. This is more intimacy than either have experienced in a while and initiates life changes with a cliff-hanger ending.

When I saw the previews for *The Railway Man* I thought, are they brave or crazy to remake *Bridge On the River Kwai*? The 1957 film starring William Holden, Alex Guinness and Jack Hawkins won 7 Academy Awards. In 1997 it was deemed "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant" and ultimately selected for preservation in the United States Library of Congress Nation Film Registry. It is "widely considered one of the greatest films ever made." Big boots!

But relax. *The Railway Man* is based upon the 1990's autobiography of one of those British soldiers we might have glimpsed in the background of *The Bridge On the River Kwai*. Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman and Jeremy Irvine (Warhorse) tell a story of what the damage of war prisoner treatment can do to a person and his relationships after the fact and over the decades. This is a tale of PTSD, love and marriage, and one man's search for philosophical and psychological peace. Perhaps I will see *Bridge*... again and note how torture was handled in film in the late 50's. We were so innocent, so hopeful and positive a culture back then. In *Railway*... I, for one, am not expecting a peppy marching tune.

Judy Sims

Branch Notes

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April Annual & General Meeting in Review

Juliana Nord's inspiration got us thinking about the benefits of silence and the pleasure and comfort we can derive from it. A contemplative peacefulness continued through the presentation of Melodie Turkish, VP of Development, ECHO. We learned how this non-profit pursues their mission to equip people with agricultural resources and skills to reduce hunger and improve lives worldwide.

However silence wasn't part of the Annual Meeting. Members were given party noise-makers to celebrate the many accomplishments of this FY 2013-14. "WE TOOTED OUR HORNS". The achievements can best be summarized as efforts that supported sustainable fiscal strategies that meet current and future needs, address challenges and capitalize on opportunities. A detailed Annual Report will be accessible to members by request. Bylaws provided to the membership on March 22, were approved as revised with mandatory changes directed by AAUW and local changes providing for a President-Elect position and an Officer of Communications appointed by the Board.

Jemetta Hunt and Marilyn Edwards, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor. The Secretary did cast one vote to accept the nominations as presented. Suzan Harden was elected as our first President-Elect for the 2014-15 FY and will serve as President during the 2015-16 FY. Nancy Kuyoth was elected VP Membership and Jayne Schwarz will continue as Treasurer. The resulting vacant position of VP Program will be filled by appointment and approval of the Board. Installation of the 2014-15 Board will take place at the May meeting.

Special recognition was given to Judith Sims for her generosity in allowing us to use her home for our unbelievably successful Gypsy Garage Sale. New member Bev Londono was thanked for her photos of Fort Myers which will become part of our website Masthead (fmlc-fl.aauw.net).



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Note how similar the PACE mission is to that of AAUW: *provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.*

On Saturday, we rose early and attended the Leadership break-out sessions: Tackling Burn-Out, Designing Engaging Meetings, and How to Market Your Branch. Our two-hour ride home was used to exchange information on all of the sessions we attended. One thing was very clear, our Branch has tried many of the strategies that were presented and "one size does not fit all." I was very proud to be able to share our branch experiences and successes during the sessions.

Derby Day Fundraiser, May 3

Tickets are available for purchase at \$25. That nominal price provides the ticket holder with \$25 of betting money, traditional Kentucky food, participation in a Derby Hat contest, musical entertainment by a Dixieland Trio and endless fun. Contact Marie, 691-1666, to buy your tickets.

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