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Fort Myers/Lee Co.
Branch Inc.

October Meeting

Date: Sat, October 18, 2014
Gathering: 11:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club

October Board Meeting

Thursday, October 9 at the
Stonewood Grill at 4:00 PM

Luncheon Menu

Choice 1

Waldorf Chicken Salad

Choice 2

Caprese Salad

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, Oct 13, Cancellations
must be made no later than Tues,
Oct 14, 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 at-
tending. 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.

CASH on hand,	
Iberia Bank (9/19/14)	\$ 9,297
Prepaid, - Payables	\$ 803
Prior year carry-over	- \$6,711
Current year cash revenues (net)	\$3,389

October Speaker

Mary L Bonnette, PhD., MSN, RN

Today's Co-eds Up In Smoke?

*Smoking policies on local campuses
and differing effects of smoking
on women and men.*

Can we make a difference for present and future young women at our local colleges?

Our speaker will present data from 75
studies (involving almost 4 million peo-
ple) which have verified that women are
more sensitive than men to carcinogens
and other toxic agents in tobacco smoke
and that women extract greater amounts
of these toxins than men. Since 1950, a
600% increase in death rates from lung
cancer in women has prompted surgeons
general to view this as an epidemic. This
material was first presented by Dr. Mary
Bonnette at a May 10, 2014 International
Symposium on Auriculotherapy at Johns
Hopkins University in Rockville, MD.

Mary is a Certified Auriculotherapist,
President and Director of Neurothera-
py Center, and has been affiliated with
Lee Memorial Hospital since 1988. Her
health care practice includes addiction
education, individualized treatment and
coaching with a primary focus on wom-
en who smoke.

Nutcracker

December 12 Holiday Event

Our special holiday evening will begin at
5:00 pm with no-host drinks and appe-
tizers in the private room at Mimi's. Then
at 6:15 pm we will carpool to Barbara B
Mann for the 7:00 PM performance of
The Nutcracker. This traditional holiday
favorite will be presented by North Fort
Myers Academy of the Arts.

Tickets for the Nutcracker are \$30; we
will purchase tickets in a block for ev-
eryone whose check is received by Oct 9.
Make checks payable to Barbara B. Mann
Theater and mail them to AAUW De-
cember Event, P.O. Box 2115, Fort Myers,
FL 33902. If your check is not received by
10/9, you can still buy a Nutcracker ticket
on your own and still come to the party
at Mimi's.

Colleen Wheeler

President's Message

Our grant of \$1,000 to Tech Trek 2015,
at the conclusion of our Sept program,
was the first donation received by FL
AAUW. We also sent photos of the
presentation/donation to Dr. Reid.
Be sure to look for the next issue of
Florivision. We will be featured.

I'm sharing the following note from
Cheryl Temple, AAUW Florida Tech
Trek Team Member, Port Charlotte/
Punta Gorda AAUW:

*... We were all impressed with Zoe's
ability to articulate so well what the
camp meant to her. Based on positive
feedback from the rest of the camp
participants, we can assume that they
agreed the camp was "awesome".*

*Zoe radiated self-confidence and
engrossed us totally in the sheer joy of a
very special learning experience. As Zoe
recounted about the day the girls went
to Mote Marine, even the continuous
rain showers couldn't dampen the girls'
spirits or their fascination with an
amazing close-up view of the natural
world. Zoe's presentation was truly an
affirmation of AAUW's mission and a
special gift for our members to hear and
witness the transformative effects of
AAUW's research turned into action.*

*Thank you for inviting us, for affirming
AAUW's mission with your very
generous donation, for an opportunity
to share the success of the camp, and
to enlist the support of our Fort Myers
Branch AAUW sisters as we prepare
for Tech Trek 2015. Let's give a lasting
opportunity to as many girls as possible
to recognize their talents and to
envision themselves in non-traditional
occupations, including "president," as
Zoe identified as "just one" of her career
options. With our collective efforts,
we can open those doors to our future
female leaders. Let's work together to
make it happen: Tech Trek 2015, June
26-July 3.*

Marie Glasgow

President

Fort Myers/Lee County Branch

Member Contributions

Why I Would Vote NO on Amendment 2

The medical marijuana amendment will probably not expand the use of marijuana for medical indications, but more likely expand the market for growers and distributors of the substance. It does nothing to decriminalize its recreational use or change federal law.

Marijuana is not an FDA approved therapy and a physician may not PRESCRIBE its use. Instead, ANY physician may RECOMMEND its use for ANY patient for ANY debilitating condition if it is not likely to cause harm.

Note that there are no age restrictions for the patients, only the caregiver.

Today's marijuana is not the weed of our youth. That substance had a cannabis concentration of 1-2%, but current strains contain 10-20%. There has been no research to determine what an effective dose is for the treated condition, and edible forms have been particularly toxic to both children and adults.

Its use is prohibited in schools, public places and while operating a car, boat or other vehicle, but note that a liquid form may be inhaled in an e-cigarette without any telltale odor or smoke. Employers may still restrict employee use, but in spite of recent reports that communities are discussing zoning restrictions, the amendment has NO mechanism for local government to do so. This is a constitutional amendment that supersedes all other Florida law, and it can only be changed by repeal or clarified through litigation.

The Department of Health is charged with providing identification cards to patients and caregivers who may administer the substance to a patient unable to take it without assistance. The caregiver must be 21, but there are no other qualifications required.

Marijuana is currently available in limited circumstances for medical reasons and compassionate use, and an FDA approved inhaled version may be available next year.

For more information, please google Florida Medical Marijuana Amendment to read the full text as well as review both sides of the argument.

If the citizens of Florida wish to have marijuana available for recreational or other uses, please make that the ballot question, and leave the medical community out of the deception.

Jane Simenson Lukowicz

Public Policy

Follow in the Footsteps of Marie Curie

Join AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho and other members on a visit to Poland, November 1-9. Be part of a delegation that investigates local women's issues. We have a unique opportunity to tour this glorious city and the places that were important in Curie's early childhood, as well as institutions founded on her body of work. The architecture of imperial Poland, its rich culture, and the warmth of its people make Warsaw a wonderful destination for our delegation efforts.

This tour has been custom made for AAUW members with your interests in mind by one of the industry's leading travel planners, Professionals Abroad. They will ensure that you leave Poland knowing its history, culture, and people and that you'll have a new appreciation for this lovely country. You'll also have the option to extend your trip in Paris, where Curie spent her career.

When:

Warsaw, November 1-9 Cost:
Warsaw: Double hotel room: \$4,595 pp
Paris, November 9-12
Single hotel room: \$5,890 pp

Contact Professionals Abroad at 877-298-9677 for more information or to reserve your space.

Myrna Frantz

National Make A Difference Day

On October 25, USA Weekend Magazine and Points of Light will be sponsoring the national Make a Difference Day. Between now and then, we can expect to see many articles and news stories about local efforts to "make a difference."

We know there are many ways AAUW makes a difference in our community: through our scholarship program, through our support of activities such as Odyssey of the Mind, with our cooperation with such causes as the Derby Day fundraiser for ALS, and with our donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. However, there are always new causes that can be considered.

If you have an idea for a project that would fit the mission of AAUW, please bring it to the attention of one of the board members. In the meantime, you can go to <http://makeadifferenceday.com> to see the projects being highlighted this year. Thank you for making a difference!

Suzan Harden

New Members

Georgianna Sorensen is still in practice as a psychotherapist. Her office and home from November through June is in Lake Wales, FL with stays on Sanibel every other week. July through October she gardens and communes with nature in Delmont, VT and flies back to Lake Wales every two weeks to meet with her patients. This past year Georgianna had a very good "gardening" year. Her garden in Lake Wales was selected as Garden of the Month and her garden at the VT mountain top home was on a garden tour.



Georgianna and Steve have been married 45 years and raised two sons, Chris and Paul, both Anglican priests. They are also very happy to have five grandchildren. Her studies resulted in the following degrees: AAS, College of Lake County; AFN, Northern IL U; MA and PhD, U of S. FL. Georgianna enjoys tennis, gardening, reading, and getting dressed up and meeting new friends with Steve. They are both looking forward to joining us for the Nutcracker Ballet event on Dec 12 event.

Best Wishes to Our October Birthdays

Karen Aarons	Jean Kohart
Ginny Booth	Jane S. Lukowicz
Terese Cinotto	Margaret McGreevey
Ann Compton	Linda Madl
Peggy Drennan-Cihi	Janet Schwenn
Marie Glasgow	Gwen Spuhler

Fashion Show Update

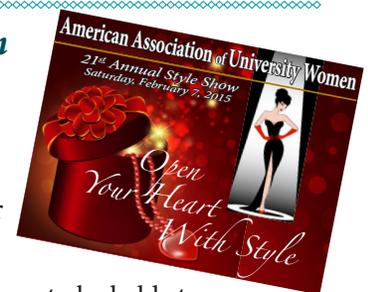
Plans are well under way for our 2015

Fashion Show to be held at the Grandezza Country Club on February 7, 2015. Tickets will go on sale at the October meeting at the reduced price of \$40. They increase to \$45 January 1st.

Start putting your tables of ten together for another wonderful time of great food, lots of raffle items, silent and live auctions, the \$100 money hat and beautiful fashions by Razzle Dazzle.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on February 7, 2015. If you are interested in working on the fashion show please contact Phyllis or Jemetta.

Phyllis Wayco & Jemetta Hunt



This & That

AAUW Members Open Their Hearts Everyday

A great big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who took care of our Lee County voters in the four elections this year, including the upcoming November election. Our Adopt-A-Precinct project brings in a hefty donation ins election years and these tireless workers put in 14-15 hours each election day. They were honored with certificates of appreciation and a very big round of applause by our members at the September meeting. We especially thank Carolyn Nance for chairing this project for many years.



Adopt-A Precinct Honorees: top row L to R Judy Sims, Marie Glasgow, Carolyn Nance, Myrna Frantz, front row L to R Nancy Kuyoth, Ellen Schneider, Faye O'Briant, Mary Bonnette, Shelly Siriano and Tina Hoegler.

Yes, it is time to begin thinking 2015 Fashion Show. Please consider soliciting gifts for our opportunity drawing, silent and live auctions. If you need solicitation letters, contact me and I will send them to you. These letters act as a receipt for our donors. Keep in mind that donations for our fashion show raffles/auctions are now tax deductible. We will also send a thank you note. BE SURE THAT GIFT CARDS and CERTIFICATES ARE GOOD AT LEAST THROUGH FEBRUARY 2015. Gather your friends and book a whole table. Bring your check-book (or cash) and help us sell most of the 200 tickets in October! Email or call me with any questions at sharronkt@aol.com or 239-731-1430.

Sharron Thompson

Upcoming Book Club Selections

Book Club I

Nov - Dark Invasion by Howard Blum
Jan - Silk Road by Valerie Hansen

Book Club II

Nov - The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk-Kidd
Jan - Night Comes to the Cumberland
by Harry Caudill

Branch Notes

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Mark Your Calendars

Lunch Bunch

We will gather for our first luncheon Thursday, November 6, 2014 at P.F. Chang's in the Gulf Coast Shopping Center at 11:30 AM. This is an excellent way to get acquainted with other members of this AAUW branch. If you plan to attend, contact Mary Kellner at 716-864-1651 (or 239-599-8458 after October 19), or kellnerAAUW@yahoo.com.
Guests are welcome.

Do you have any suggestions for a place for a holiday luncheon in December?

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.

Hand & Foot Card Club

Contact Nancy Kuyoth 239-471-7806
Meets 1st & 4th Mondays.

Mahjongg

Contact Jean Schoenthaler 239-277-5174
Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 PM.

Travel

Contact Peri Pantazes 239-225-9108
or 609-226-9733.

Movie & Dinner

Coming in November

Veritas - TBA

Adopt-A-Precinct Workers Need Your Help

Carolyn Nance, the Adopt-a-Precinct coordinator, suggests a way to support our efforts to raise an additional \$2000+ on November 4 for our AAUW missions without working a 15-hour day plus 3-5 hours of training. She is looking for members who would like to help our team by providing food: two to bring fruit and doughnuts at 8:00 AM, two to bring sandwiches (Subways are a good choice) and a salad at noon, and two to bring pizzas and a salad at 6:00. If you would be willing to buy and bring any of these items, please contact Carolyn at 239-785-9993 or cnance5240@gmail.com

Film Fare

There's film and then there's film. Usually in the summer Norton and I hang out at various cinemas. But this summer we updated our Comcast TV/cable bundle and I stepped through a worm hole: It's summer 1953 and we just got our first TV. It's magical! Fantastic!! First thing in the morning until the Star Spangled Banner and sign off with the test pattern, I was glued to the tube that summer!

This summer, it's Infinity on Demand. Like Breaking Bad, Boardwalk Empire, True Detective, Homeland, the Tyrant, and An Honorable Woman have held me in thrall. Three of these are about the problems in the Mideast and sometimes I'm not sure which conflict is real, the news sounds so like the drama. But the drama promises resolution because that's inherent in good drama...even if you don't like the resolution.

I referred to these as "Adult TV" and my Southern cousin thought I meant X rated. I meant adult for "violence, brief nudity, sexuality, language, and smoking" and more important for excellent writing of sophisticated plots about controversial issues with superb acting. It's wonderful to watch as many excellent hours as one can with brief to no commercials until one's eyes threaten to pop out!

I never felt HBO was worth it. Guys, I mean girls, Norton tells me we've probably saved more on theater tickets, dinner and popcorn than the upgrade cost. I just hope that you do not find excellent, pertinent drama as addictive as I do.

Judy Sims

Additions & Corrections to Directory

Trish Gillen
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Melanie Jackman
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239-292-1018

November Election

With Adopt-A-Precinct, our Branch is providing services which allow citizens to exercise their right to vote. It is also important for our individual members to exercise their right and to encourage others.

Information for the November election as provided by the League of Women Voters. Voters should contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections at 239-533-8683 or www.leeelections.com to register to Vote by October 6 for November 4, 2014 election, to request a Ballot-By-Mail (return postage is paid by the county), to view a Sample Ballot for Early Voting Locations October 20 to November 1, 2014, and for Voting Locations for November 4, 2014.

LWV of Lee County

Candidates' Forums - Public Invited

October 7, 2014, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Candidates for Lee Memorial Hospital Board of Directors in Districts 1, 2, and 4. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers, FL.

October 9, 2014, 6 PM to 7PM, Candidates for Lee County Commissioners in District 4. Lee County Commissioners Chambers, 2120 Main, St., Fort Myers, FL.

September Meeting in Review

After a cheerful welcome and opening remarks by President Marie Glasgow members settled in for an interesting luncheon held at The Landings on September 20 with 37 members and guests attending.

Dr. Shirley Reid, the Director of Tech Trek Florida Camp at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg was the speaker. For those of us not familiar with this AAUW sponsorship, Tech Trek concentrates on teaching eighth grade girls to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists, in a program known as STEM. A check for \$1,000 to Tech Trek was given to Dr. Reid and her co-workers from the AAUW Fort Myers/ Lee Co. Branch, Inc.

The program puts AAUW's groundbreaking *Why So Few?* research report into action. One of the campers, Zoe Ortiz delighted the audience with what participation had meant to her. "I had always been worried about going into a male-dominated field. Tech Trek has made me feel more confident about my abilities in STEM and has made me want to follow my dreams of becoming an engineer."



The 3rd annual Tech Trek Florida camp will be held from June 27 through July 3, 2015 at Eckerd College. If you want to be involved as a teacher, dorm monitor, student counselor, or volunteer your time and talent, please contact Shirley at sdreid1965@aol.com.

Following the program Marie presented the budget for the coming year which was discussed and approved. Shelley Siriano was recognized for her service as VP of Membership. Members who worked our Precinct 90 elections this calendar year were presented certificates.

Jane Lukowicz spoke to Amendment 2 which will be on the November ballot asking members to read it carefully as the wording is very open ended.

Nancy Terrell



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