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AAUW
Fort Myers/Lee Co.
Branch Inc.

February Meeting

Date: Sat Feb 8, 2014
Gathering: 11:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Board Meeting: 9:00 AM
The Landings Yacht,
Golf & Tennis Club

Luncheon Menu

Cold Choice

Pear Delight Salad

Grilled chicken, caramelized pear slices, feta cheese and almonds atop mixed greens. Dressed with a raspberry vinaigrette.

Hot Choice

Pan Seared Salmon

Drizzled with a honey dijon cream sauce, served with rice pilaf and Chef's choice vegetable.

Dessert

Chef's Choices

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, Feb 4th. Cancellations must be made no later than Tues, Feb 5th 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 stop 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.

February Speaker

Nicole Lemme

Our February 8th program deals with "Implications of the Common Core Curriculum" with Nicole Lemme, LCSD Curriculum Master Teacher, K-12 ELA, PARCC Educator Leader Cadre. Florida is one of only 18 states working together to develop an assessment system aligned to the set of Common Core State Standards that is anchored in college and career readiness, provides compatibility across states, and has the ability to assess and measure higher-order skills. This is a hot topic and we will be gaining factual information before PARCC becomes just "sound bites." Join us.

57th Edison Science Fair

2014 marks the 57th year of the Thomas Alva Edison/Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair. This year's Science Fair will be held Saturday, January 25th at the Harborside Event Center in conjunction with the Edison Pageant of Light and the Edison Inventors Fair.

The Science and Engineering Fair includes a Junior Division, (grades 6-8) and a Senior Division, (grades 9-12). The Inventors Fair includes elementary, middle school and high school students. An estimated 700 students will participate in 400 Science Fair projects and 300 Invention projects.

For the third year, our Branch will offer a \$500 cash prize to a Lee County female student. Her project must show creativity, scientific process and positive change- such as the ability to help our community or the environment. We will present a second award to a Lee County female student who is a first-time participant.

Branch members are invited to be judges for this event. The fair is open to the public at 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Cathy Tucker
Scholarship Chair

President's Message

Yes, It Does Take A Village! Our Fort Myers/Lee County Branch is an extremely successful organization and it hasn't achieve that status from the efforts of a select few.

Yes, it is that time of year again! Soon the nominating committee will be contacting members asking individuals to make a commitment to serve two years as an elected officer of this branch. The very favorable response of the membership in January supported the addition of a President-Elect position. As a result our branch has three positions up for election/re-election: President-Elect, Treasurer and V.P. of Membership. Members of the nominating committee will have copies of the position descriptions for all three positions available in hard copy or via email. Copies will also be available at the February Branch meeting.

And again, all 100 of you are very important members of our village in all that you do. Your timely reservations for lunch, your prompt response to requests and deadlines, your contributions to our Torch and website, your attendance at functions, and your smile and words of support along with the work load much lighter. Thanks for doing your part.

Marie Glasgow

President
Fort Myers/Lee County Branch

Financial Statement

AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co.		
Cash in Wells Fargo Bank, 1/16/14		\$14,596
Memorial Fund Reserve	\$ 655	
Awards and Scholarships	\$10,700	
Payable: Dues & Harry Chapin	\$ 403	
Available for Program Operations		\$ 2,836

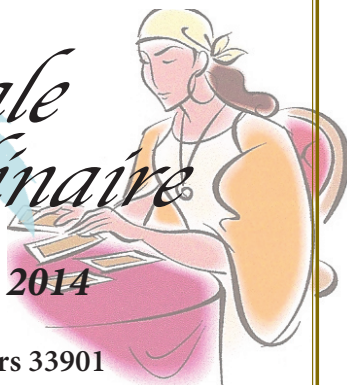
AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.

Presents *A Garage Sale Extraordinaire*

Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

3432 W. Riverside Dr., Fort Myers 33901
(off McGregor, 1 block N of Ft Myers Country Club
turn toward the river on Plumosa)



SPECIAL GUEST TREASURE SHOPPER

Suzi Weinert

author of *Garage Sale Stalker* and *Garage Sale Diamonds*
will join us from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM for a book signing.

**Be on hand for fun throughout the day.
We searched far & wide to bring you treasures from**



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Suzi Weinert - Best Selling Author to do Book Signing at AAUW Garage Sale

Our garage sale on *Saturday, February 22* will be no ordinary garage sale! Bargain seekers will be greeted by friendly gypsies eager to sell everything from "A to Z." There will be gypsy music, merriment, refreshments and surprises. And if that's not enough, *Suzi Weinert*, author of The Garage Sale Mystery series, *Garage Sale Stalker* and *Garage Sale Diamonds* will be signing her books from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Members have donated some great things and we welcome more. Call Judy Sims 334-2037 for a drop off or Carolyn Nance 785-9993 for a pick up. At this point we need tables, clothes racks, a black wig, a Taro reader and possibly a face painter or a story teller. Volunteer and enjoy working with your fellow members!

Welcome New Members

Olivia Shuster graduated from The Ohio State University in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and in 1990 she earned a Masters of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education from Nova. Her teaching experience in five different states covered every grade except 11th and 12th. Most recently Olivia taught Kindergarten at Fort Myers Beach elementary school for 25 years and retired from that position in 2005.



Education is still a major focus for Olivia as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Kappa Iota, organizations for Professional Educators. A very social, fun-loving person, she is also a member of three red hat groups. Olivia lives on Fort Myers Beach with husband Bob, who played football under Coach Woody Hayes at OSU. Olivia and Bob will celebrate their golden anniversary this year.

Susan Rolfe was born in Honolulu, HI, just like our current President.

But that's not her only tie to Washington, D.C. Susan also received her Master's Degree Fellowship in Strategic Intelligence, at the Joint Military Intelligence College. She retired in 2002 from her position as Senior Analyst at the National Security Agency. However, like many Florida residents, Susan is not really retired. She operates an on-line book selling business, Caloosa Collectibles. The Kiwanis Club of Cape Coral is an important part of Susan's volunteer life; she is the immediate past-President and serves on the Scholarship Committee. When not working or volunteering, Susan enjoys travel, reading, entertaining, theater and just spending time with family and friends (Lynne Kemper). Family encompasses spouse, Richard, daughters Barbara and Katharine, son Timothy, and six grandchildren.



Best Wishes to Our February Birthdays

Mary Kellner	Laurie Folgate-Carey
Karen Serret	Barbara Briggs
Noni McColm	Anne Allan
Mary Ann Conlin	Lucy Rathgens
Olivia Schuster	Susan Rolfe

This & That

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, March 1, 2014 . . . 9:00 AM

In Celebration of

Women's History Month

AAUW and LWV

invite you to attend a joint meeting with guest speaker **Sonia Pressman Fuentes**

Co-founder of NOW,

National Organization for Women.

Sonia will address

The Beginning of the Second Wave of the Women's Movement

and



AAUW Where We Are Today

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The League of Women Voters (LWV) was formed in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt as an outgrowth of the Women's Suffrage Movement. Like AAUW it has fought for women's empowerment. It is political without being partisan.

LOCATION: The Landings-Helm Dining Room

RESERVATIONS: Call 239-278-1032 or e-mail lwvlee@yahoo.com by Tuesday, February 25th.

COST: \$15 for breakfast. Checks preferred payable to LWV of Lee County FL.

Scholarship Evaluators Needed

A few members are needed to help evaluate the applications for the AAUW/Sue Gottcent Memorial Scholarships. Preference for the scholarships are women over age 25, though we do get some younger applicants. The application (through the Southwest Florida Community Foundation) is on-line, so evaluators should be computer-literate. There is a tutorial for first-time users. We usually receive between 8 and 12 applications in March and we need the evaluations done by mid-April. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Ellen Schneider by email: ellenschneider@earthlink.net, or phone: 239-540-3221.

Ginger Lew to Speak

Greater Naples AAUW invites us to hear Ginger Lew who most recently served as Sr. Counselor to the White House National Economic Council. The Sat. Feb. 1 program is at Hodges Univ, Naples. We will meet at 9:00am in the side parking lot of Barnes and Noble to carpool. Please join us. There will be a continental breakfast available for \$5.

Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 6 at 11:30
Sunshine Grill, 8700 Gladiolus Dr.
(location previously was Arizona Pizza)

Thursday, March 6 at 11:30
The Morgan House, 33 Patio de Leon,
downtown Ft. Myers

Contact Mary Kellner 239-599-8458
or kellnerAAUW@yahoo.com
for reservations and directions.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 1:30 at Pat Allen's. Car pooling from Judy Sims at 12:50. Continuing *The Righteous Mind*: Why good People are Divided by Politics and Religion.

Movie & Dinner

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 3:30 at Pat Allen's. With *The Separation* we will continue to explore the reality of Muslim women as portrayed in award winning Middle Eastern Film. *Continued on Page 4*

New Member Gathering

The AAUW Board Members invite all new members to a coffee prior to the luncheon at the Landings from 10:30 to 11:15 on February 8th. Look for your invitation in the mail. This will be an opportunity for you to meet and get to know the officers and learn more about our AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch. Any members wanting more information are welcome to attend.

Additions to Directory

Carol Ann Benning
15877 Gleneagle Ct.
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Film Fare

Three excellent movies about relationships are among Oscar nominees. In *August: Osage County* the effects of severe poverty are seen on three generations. Everyone in the family is called home when the patriarch is missing. Greatness, pettiness, strengths and human weaknesses mix to make a tragedy with just enough humor to make it bearable. Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts are breathtaking in not the usual way.

In *Nebraska* there's a reluctant son on a road trip with his father to collect his sweepstake winnings. Love isn't always pretty but there's always some humor in the human condition. Is anything more beautiful than a son's love for his aged father?

Her may be the reality just around the corner. Humans crave intimacy and connection. With the isolation and depersonalization today, the internet and computers are offering new ways of meeting those needs. Fritz Perls said the biggest sex organ is the brain. In *Her* we see the power of communication and imagination. At best we learn from our relationships, even those with machines. I loved this one.

Judy Sims

Judges Needed for Science Fair

Be a Judge for the Women in STEM AWARDS-It may sound scary but it is not that hard to "judge" projects. Our award falls under the Special Awards Category and a list of projects that fit our category are given to us. The next step is look at each project and talk to the students to find out what they did, what they learned and what step they will take next.

Make a Day of It! The fair will be open to the public from approximately 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Harborside Event Center. Come out and enjoy the fair, then meet for dinner and drinks in the River District. Around 4:00 P.M. we will meet outside of Harborside and choose the restaurant. Please call Cathy at 634-7414 if you are interested in judging or joining us for dinner and drinks.

Cathy Tucker,
Scholarship Chair

January Meeting In Review

Our branch most likely hit a new record for attendance at a monthly meeting on January 11th with 72 lunches served. What is more amazing is that we had about 1/3 of our membership present. Four of our newest members were introduced: Beverly Londono, Margaret McGreevey, Carol Ann Benning, and Susan Rolfe. We also had six guests.



Our speaker, Lt. Burch, informed us about current inmate populations and the various programs that are made available to them during incarceration.

During the Business Mtg. the responsibilities of a President-Elect and the merits of adding this elected position were reviewed. (This information was included in the January Torch that all members received.) A show of hands signified overwhelming support to add the position. Our revisions to the Bylaws will

Members Receive Awards for Service

Melanie Jackman, Sandy Johnston, and Sandi Marshall



Guests

(L-R) Marilyn Gladish, Roz Macey, Linda Madl, Trish Gillen, Judy Lamper, Cathy Lederhaas



reflect this and other mandatory changes coming from national and state levels.

Book Club I hosted our Annual Book Sale. Thank goodness our membership has not totally converted to electronic books and thank you Book Club I for your hard work. The extensive array of subject matter and authors resulted in sales of \$130. Lt. Burch took some books back for the inmate library and the balance will be sold at our February 22 garage sale. We also collected toiletries and such for PACE. If you forgot to bring your bag of goodies, Marie will gladly take them off your hands in February.

Movie & Dinner cont'd from Page 3

In January the Movie and Dinner group saw *Where Do We Go Now* in which Muslim and Christian women of a Lebanese village manipulate their men to avoid sectarian violence. They disrupt community TV watching when they think it will arouse hostility. They burn newspapers before the men can read them and be inflamed. They even throw a marijuana party with belly dancers and while the men are high, they bury the guns. Finally the ultimate manipulation is necessary. Colluding with them are the Priest and the Imam. One says to the other, "Are we going to get away with this?" "Down here, I think so; up There, I'm not so sure." Curious? See it!

Judy Sims

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