



## the TORCH

### February 18 Vol. 56, No. 2 February Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017  
**Gathering:** 11:30 AM  
**Lunch:** 12:00 PM  
**Place:** The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club

#### Luncheon Menu:

*Choice 1:* Homemade Lasagna - Spinach & Grilled Vegetables with Ricotta & Roasted Garlic. Served with Side Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette

Or

*Choice 2:* Teriyaki Chicken Salad – Mixed Greens with Mandarin Oranges, Chow Mein Noodles, Cherry Tomatoes and Green Onions with Teriyaki Chicken, Drizzled with Asian Vinaigrette  
*With:* Warm Rolls & Butter

*Dessert: Chef's Choice*

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

#### Reservations:

**Tina Hoegler will be taking reservations. Please contact her at 941-505-8443 or [c\\_hoegler@msn.com](mailto:c_hoegler@msn.com) no later than Mon., Feb. 13. Cancellations must be made no later than Tues., Feb. 14; otherwise payment is expected. Members are reminded that they are responsible for payment of unattended reservation for either them and/or their guests. Price of the luncheon is \$20.00. CHECKS are preferred for payment.**

#### President Shelley Siriano

Time is going by so quickly...how did we get to February already? If you attended the January meeting, you had the opportunity to hear JoAnn Elardo, local business owner and community advocate. She was delightful as well as very informative.

Our speaker in February is Sarah Mitchell from the Wellness Center who will also provide a wealth of inspiration and information to all our members and guests.

Speaking of guests, thanks to our members for including guests at our monthly luncheon and program, always good to meet and greet potential friends and new members.

Our need for member support continues to grow. We are getting our nominating committee organized and volunteers for our activities are always in demand. We are hoping that some or all of our scholarship recipients will join us for lunch in March, and April will be our opportunity to celebrate Eleanor Roosevelt awards to well deserving members.

You will soon receive your membership renewal form through the Torch and/or e-mail.

Thanks to all for your continued participation in AAUW and looking forward to seeing you in February.

*Shelley*

#### Our Speaker:

**Sarah Mitchell** is the Health & Wellness Coordinator for the Lee Health Wellness Center. She enjoys navigating members, an employees, as well as the community, to the best possible resource for the individual's health and well-being. She is certified through Wellcoaches School of Coaching as a Health & Wellness Coach. In this role, her goal is to empower, motivate and guide clients to healthy behaviors to achieve optimal wellness. She is the facilitator for Lee Health Brain Booster Workshops & Lee Health Weight Management Exercise Program.



## *In Memorial:*

### **Public Policy**

Although the 2017 legislative session does not begin until March 7, legislators are busy. Town meetings are being held to receive input on various matters of importance to their constituents. A bill may get drafted. It is introduced into the first chamber (House or Senate). It is assigned to a committee where it is given three readings. After the third reading, it is put to a vote for passage out of the originating house.

More information on this legislative process can be found under the tab Legislative Process 101 on the website

<https://legiscan.com/FL/legislation/2017>.

The bills currently filed may also be found at this location, including sponsors of the bills.

Marilynn Edwards - Public Policy

### **Ways and Means Report - 1/21/2017**

#### **Donations:**

Adopt-a-Precinct August 30, 2016 primary election

\$2,435 - 10/6/2016 - 11/23/2016

Starbright Fund

\$436 - 9/17/2016 - 11/19 /2016

Adopt-a-Precinct November 8, 2016 general election

\$2,235 - 12/14/2016 - 1/6/2017

Carolyn Nance - Ways and Means Chairman

### ***Financial Report***

Cash on Hand December 31, 2016      \$16,763

    Restricted Donations: Starbright                      (736)

Available Cash    \$16,027

Mary Kellner, Treasurer

Ruth Ellen Link Montgomery passed to the Lord on June 1, 2016 surrounded by her family. Ruth was a member of our branch of AAUW for several years. Ruth resided in Ft. Myers, Florida and divided her time between Ft. Myers and Dublin for the past 30 years. Ruth was well known for volunteering her time. Please keep her in your thoughts.

### ***Congratulations to Janet Schwenn***

This is Janet's fiftieth year being a member of the AAUW Branch of Lee County Florida. She was recognized at our January meeting. Send her a card and thank her for her dedication the organization.

Congratulations again, Janet, and thank you.

### **Name Tags**

Are you interested in a name tag?

Please contact Marlene Palmer Cost: \$8.22 Make check payable to Marlene Palmer, 9149 Shadow Glen Way, Fort Myers, FL 33913 (239-768-9824) Be sure to include your complete name.

### **Sunshine News**

Best wishes to our Sunshine Chairperson, Ann Compton for a speedy recovery and getting back to our meetings soon. Send any Sunshine information to Shelley Siriano.



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**To all our membership, both new as well as continuing:**

Our need for committee leaders, officers, committee members or volunteers for our special activities is greater than ever.

We are looking for support for the nominating committee as our year is closing quickly.

Thinking about a leadership position? Let us know!

Our organization functions because our chapter members contribute so much of their time, energy and expertise.