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April Meeting

Date: Saturday April 22
Gathering: 11:30 AM
Lunch: 12:00 PM
Place: The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1: Turkey Pie Tender Turkey, Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Mushrooms Baked in a Butter Crust

Choice 2: Open Faced Chicken Cordon Blue Grilled Chicken Topped with Honey Ham, Loraine Swiss and Lettuce, Tomato and Onion Served with Honey Mustard Dressing and accompanied by Fresh Fruit

With: Warm Rolls & Butter

Dessert: Fresh Fruit or Chef's Choice

Beverages from the bar are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

Reservations:

Tina Hoegler will be taking reservations for either choice. Please contact her at 941-505-8483 or c_hoegler@msn.com no later than Mon., April 17. Cancellations must be made no later than Tues., April 18, 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.

Our Speaker - Naomi Bloom

Bio:

Recently retired after a half century career (with considerable regret and not a little apprehension about what comes next), Ms. Bloom was one of the most renowned consultants, influencers, and thought leaders in the enterprise technology industry. Ms. Bloom advised many large corporate clients on their HRM (Human Resource Management) and HR technology strategies and consulted with three generations of HRM software vendors and outsourcing providers on everything from business strategy to product/service

design. She acted as a strategic advisor and mentor to selected organizations and projects which advanced the state of enterprise class HR technology and its global adoption. Naomi built and maintained the only vendor-neutral HRM object model and implied application architecture "starter kit," which she licensed and consulted on across the industry. Her work made a significant contribution to many of today's best SaaS HRMS and talent management applications as well as to the expertise of today's best HRMS/TM product strategy and development teams. For her outstanding work and contributions to the industry, Ms. Bloom received IHRIM's Summit Award in 1995 and HRN's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award. Ms. Bloom is well-published, including on her blog at www.InFullBloom.us, and is a much-sought-after speaker for her thought leadership, presentation effectiveness, clarity of vision, and humorous delivery. Naomi holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her MBA from Boston University where she is also a Fellow of the Human Resource Policy Institute at Boston University's Graduate School of Management.

Presentation Topic:

"My Half Century On The Road With Enterprise Software"

I was fortunate enough to get in on the ground floor of enterprise technology, starting my professional life in 1967 as a programmer trainee at John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Boston. But from there, I never could have imagined the direction of my career, let alone that I would retire, a half century later, after working with and (hopefully) impacting globally several generations of human resource (HR) executives, HR technology vendor executives, and HR software architects, designers and analysts. NEVER! But that's exactly what I did, and I learned a ton along the way, not only about myself and the industry I inhabited but also about how to build and sustain a very long career in a very young person's business. From her personal heroes and investments in lifelong learning to the network effect (it really does take a village) and overcoming the inevitable setbacks, I'd like to share the lessons I've learned about getting to the top and staying there, lessons that are applicable to any career or field of endeavor. And while not everyone may be as ambitious or driven as I have been and continue to be, albeit with now different goals in my sights, getting anything worthwhile accomplished really does benefit from what worked for me professionally. So please join me on a purposeful stroll through the last fifty years of one woman's professional history and what she's learned along the way.

A Senate bill that you might find interesting is S 286. It has been referred to the Senate Committee for Children, Families and Elder Affairs.

The human trafficking education portion of the health curriculum shall include, but is not limited to, information on the warning signs of human trafficking, terms used by traffickers, red flags that would indicate a trafficker's malicious intent toward a student, websites that are popular with traffickers, and details on how a student may get help. A student may elect to opt out of the instruction of this portion of the health education by providing the school with a written note from his or her parent.

Unfortunately, there is no change in status of equal pay bills, 410 and 319; they are still in committee referral as of March 10.

"Committees do the bulk of the legislative debate, modification. They are specialized by areas of oversight or expertise and will discuss and research the bill, potentially amending or substituting a new draft. The committee recommends to the entire chamber that the bill Pass or do not pass." April 25 is the last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings.

President Message:

It seems like just a short time ago that I began thinking about the first president's message. Here we are, it is now April and we are at the end of another year of fund raisers, meetings, programs and luncheons. We have new members, lost a few of our treasured friends and have plans to continue our vision and mission for New Year,

In retrospect, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as president of AAUW, an organization founded many years ago for the purpose of addressing the many women's issues that still remain either resolved or continuing.

For our many members who will be returning north have a safe journey we will be looking forward to your return. For our Southwest homesteaders, have an enjoyable summer whatever your plans may be.

Thanks to all for your help and support. Looking ahead to a productive 2017-2018 Reminder to all members: Get your renewal form in ASAP. Remember we will draw for a free lunch at our May meeting. No time limit. Last year's winner was Marilyn Edwards, our public policy board member. Be sure to let us know if you will attend the May meeting. We are busy making plans!

Shelley Siriano

Congratulations Roosevelt Nominees!

Each year we honor members who have contributed to the growth and success of our Branch. Sung and in the spotlight, or unsung, working quietly to make the organization work they are:

"Our AAUW Branch Heroes"

***Suzan Harden,
Our immediate past president***

***Kathy Jones and Peggy Drennan-Cihi,
Twice Fashion Show Chair, Current Membership***

***Tina Hoegler
Reservations Chair for 4 years***

***Jean Kohart
Often Fashion Show Model, Greeter 11 years***

Mary Jane McDowell

Lifetime since 1995, Volunteer Extraordinaire

Join us, Celebrate them at April Luncheon!

Scholarship Committee News

The Scholarship Committee met for a lively meeting March 9th to prepare recommendations for the Board in keeping with the previously approved 5 year plan to increase the scholarships and make them self-sustaining over a 5 year period.

The committee noted that Adopt a Precinct will not be available next year as there are no county or national elections. Committee members generated many suggestions for possible different activities and other options to support our continuing vision and mission of education for our local young women.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of both new members as well as veterans. This lends to a wealth of ideas as our group represents both educational and cultural diversity. Do not hesitate to share your expertise, time and interest to this committee. Watch the Torch for upcoming meetings and plan to attend.

Thank you for your continued participation and support.



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Scholarship Recipients say Thanks!

Our current scholarship recipients attended the March Meeting, introduced themselves and expressed gratitude for our support. **Emily Young** is studying nursing at FGCU and will be there next year again receiving our scholarship. **Erol Brenes**, our AAUW-Sue Gottscent recipient is graduating as a nurse anesthetist from FGCU this spring and will be pursuing several options that may include pursuing a master's degree. **Ashley Shilling**, our FSW Scholarship recipient has changed to a nursing program and will be moving to Florida Central University. Unable to attend were: **Kelly Gequelin**, our Star Bright Scholar from Fort Myers Technical College and **Alexxis Mendoza** our High School Scholar from Lehigh Senior High School.



(left to right) Erol Brenes, Shelley Siriano, Emily Young & Ashley Shilling

Thank you to Chico's Speaker,
Nannette Cotto, for being our March Program



Susan Barley our National
AAUW Board Memeber



AAUW Convention, April 2 & 3,
in Sarasota. Suzan Harden Marilyn Myli & Shelley Siriano