

JANUARY MEETING

Date: Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

Gathering: 11:30 A.M.

Location: The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club, 5200 S Landings Dr.

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1: Yankee Pot Roast

Choice 2: Chicken Waldorf Salad

Desert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup

Beverages from the bar are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

For reservations, contact Tina Hoegler
(941) 505-8483 or c_hoegler@msn.com Please
contact her no later than Monday, January 15.
Cancellations must be made no later than
Tuesday, January 16; otherwise payment is
expected. Price of the luncheon is \$20.00; checks
are preferred.

January Speakers:

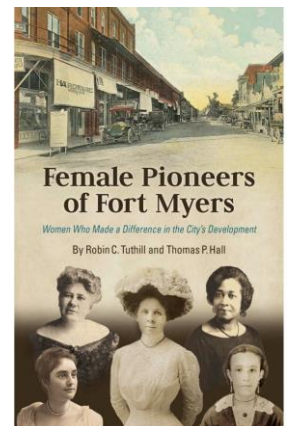
Our January AAUW meeting will have a
presentation by Authors Robin Tuthill and Tom
Hall.

Robin and Tom co-authored "Female
Pioneers of Fort Myers". They will give us
examples and legacies of our town's outstanding
early women leaders. Their book is the rich
personal stories of twenty-four exceptional
women who suffered and overcame rigorous
hardships, incomprehensible loss and numbing
tragedies. Their lives impacted the development
of the town's culture, building and amenities
from 1866 through the 1900s. Through riveting
stories of success against the odds, *Female
Pioneers of Fort Myers* brings to the forefront the
everyday female leaders who helped transform

Fort Myers from a rough-and-tumble cow town
into a modern-day city.

Robin was born and raised in St. Petersburg,
Florida, into a family that spent weekends
boating and fishing the waters of Tampa Bay and
the Gulf of Mexico. She holds a bachelor's degree
in English from Purdue University and two
masters' degrees from the University of South
Florida. Robin lives in North Fort Myers.

Thomas P. Hall is an art
journalist, arts advocate and
local historian. He is founder
and editor of Art Southwest
Florida, a free one-stop art
destination website. He holds
bachelor's, master's and juris
doctorate degrees from the
University of Florida.
Originally from New Jersey,
Tom has made Florida his
home for more than 45 years



Scholarship

A new AAUW Scholar at FGCU!

Alyssa Crowbridge is seeking a Bachelor's in
Elementary Education and wants to be a teacher.
Alyssa is a graduate of Barron Collier High School
in Naples and attends university full time while
holding down a full time job as a supervisor for
Starbucks. The scholarship co-chairs and Marilyn
Myli our president met her at the FGCU President's
luncheon back in November, and we were very
impressed with her commitment to her studies and
her appreciation of AAUW support. The luncheon
honored over 600 scholarship recipients and the
FGCU Foundation spoke to the goal of adding more
scholarships next year.



(left to right) Marilyn Myli, Alyssa Crowbridge, Bonnie Ryan, Janet George, and Bonnie Lincoln

We also had Bonnie Lincoln attend the luncheon with us as she recently contributed \$500 to our AAUW Endowed Scholarship at FGCU. Bonnie, a retired Foreign Service Officer, has been a member of our Branch since 1989. She has served as Branch Secretary and President, Secretary of Florida AAUW, and Chair of the International Affairs Committee of the national Association. "When I wished to share a recent bequest from my late sister by donating to an FGCU scholarship fund," she said, "I went to their web site to do so and saw that the alphabetical list of available scholarships was headed by AAUW. Of course! I should have thought of that in the first place." The FGCU Foundation has confirmed that the contribution was credited to the AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County (FL) Branch, Inc., Scholarship Fund. Thank you Bonnie!

Remember you too might consider adding to any or all of our Branch AAUW Scholarships.



Empowering Women

It is time to celebrate our achievements and **meet and greet** with all our scholars for 2017-2018. We will be inviting all of these ladies to our January luncheon. You will appreciate meeting young women who are working so hard academically and hearing about their goals. Celebrate them! Know you are supporting them and you are making a difference.



What is G E M S????

How do we support it????

Girls in Engineering, Math and Science

The Whitaker Center at FGCU offers four half-day events a year for middle school girls to engage in hands-on activities related to engineering, math and science. Our new member, Dr. Laura Frost, is the Director of the Center and invites us (AAUW members) to attend an event as an observer. This is an opportunity to see for yourself how young girls get excited about these areas of learning. Remember that it is our own AAUW National research that identified that in the seventh and eighth grades of middle school, girls lose interest in science, technology, math and engineering. This program aims to address that and also reaches out to middle school girls who have not had much exposure both in school and in life to such topic areas.

The next scheduled events are February 10 and April 21. Please call or email Bonnie Ryan if you would like to attend and she will give additional information.

Our **Star Bright** Scholar has just been selected. Claribel Acevedo is attending Cape Coral Technical College and will be starting her second semester of the Practical Nursing program in January. She is in the College Work-Study Program. Working and studying seems to be the reality for all our scholars this year and we admire and support them.



Scholarship Committee Meeting

Time: January 15th at 3 pm

Place: 15029 Sea Crest Blvd

Hosting: Janet George and Bonnie Ryan

All interested members invited

RSVP: bfjegeorge@comcast.net

President's Message

Welcome to 2018, I hope that you sent 2017 out with a bang and are feeling hopeful for the year ahead.

I am happy to announce that the 2017 Fashion Show was a success, and I am thankful to all the members who made it happen. The success will enable the branch to continue to increase our scholarship funding provided for the young women of Lee County and to continue our mission of advancing equity for women.

In the New Year we would like to see new faces and new ideas. I know 2018 will be a great year

Marilyn R. Myli

Lois Mitchell Eason, who was a member of AAUW for 60 plus years, passed away peacefully at Sunrise on Clayton on October 30, 2017. Lois earned her master's degree in Education from Southern Illinois University and taught math across the southern Illinois region. Consisted with her generous spirit, Lois donated her body for education research. She will be well remembered in our hearts.

Marilyn R. Myli ***Woman of Interest***

Patricia Bath is the first African American to complete a residency in ophthalmology.



She is the first African-American female doctor to receive a medical patent. She invented the Laserphaco Probe for cataract treatment in 1986.



Name Tags

Are you interested in a name tag? Please contact Marlene Palmer. Cost: \$9.25 Make check payable to Marlene Palmer, 9149 Shadow Glen Way, Fort Myers, FL 33913 (239-768-9824) Be sure to include your complete name as you want it to appear. (Please print in capital letters.)

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