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The **TORCH**

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September MEETING

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Gathering: 11:30 A.M.

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

Fall Luncheon Menu: A New Beginning **Choice 1:**

Pear Delight Salad with Grilled Chicken

Caramelized Pear Slices, Feta Cheese, and Almonds atop Mixed Greens with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Choice 2:

Roast Beef on Baguette

Thin Sliced Roast Beef with Sliced Cheddar Cheese, Horseradish Cream Sauce, Red Onions, Lettuce, and Tomato

Dessert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup

Beverages are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

For reservations, contact Pat Crowe (239) 674-9681 or pwc@world.std.com

Please title your e-mail ***AAUW Reservations***, and contact her for reservations ***no later than Monday, September 10***. Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, September 11, using the same method; otherwise payment is expected. Price of the luncheon is **\$21.00**; checks are preferred; cash is accepted; no credit cards are accepted.

(Please note the increase in cost of the luncheon.)
(Our season begins with this meeting. Mark your calendar for our meetings the third Saturdays of each month, except December, which will be announced.)

Speaker for September



Molly Schweers

Molly Schweers, Communication Specialist for Lee County Solid Waste, is responsible for public outreach and education for the division.

A self-professed “trash nerd” and award-winning public relations professional, Ms. Schweers is passionate about raising awareness of the importance of solid waste management to a community’s overall quality of life.

Molly has a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture from New Mexico State University and a Master of Public Administration from Florida

Gulf Coast University. A third-generation New Mexican, she and her husband have lived in Fort Myers for sixteen years and have two grown children.

President's Message

It's September and the beginning of a new season for our AAUW. We have a number of new officers who will add their fresh ideas to those of our collective experience. We will appreciate all their experience and guidance throughout the year ahead. We are in need of a volunteer who will monitor and keep our web site up to date. All the board members are eager to help as a volunteer for this position.

Therese Cinotta has been working on getting the December 1 Fashion Show off to a good start. Please help Therese out by volunteering for the Fashion Show.

We mourn the loss of our long-time friend, Marie Glasgow. She was president of AAUW the year that I joined four years ago. She was a great help and support to Peggy Cihl and myself as we organized the December Fashion Show two years in a row. She was an inspiration to us all, and our organization will miss her wonderful approach and gentle manner.

I am looking forward to this year and to our continued work for the benefit of young women.

Kathy Jones, President

AAUW Officers

Elected Officers – Executive Branch

President --Kathy Jones

Vice President Elect--Clementina Hoegler

VP Programs--Phyllis Wayco

VP Membership--Lynn Felice

Co-Secretary--Elizabeth Foster, Cathy Chapman

Co-Treasurer--Judith Sims, Carolyn Nance

Appointed Officers – Board Members

Public Policy --Marilynn Edwards

Co-Scholarship--Janet George, Bonnie Ryan

Communications--Carol Fuechsel

Ways and Means--Peggy Cihl

Standing Committees

Website--TBA

Torch Editor--Peggy Cihl

Historian---Suzan Harden

Records Retention--Executive Board

Science Fair--Catherine Tucker

Fashion Show Chair--Therese Cinotto

Adopt A Precinct--Carolyn Nance, Judith Sims

Ancillary Positions

AAUW Name Tags--Membership Chairs

Reservations--Patricia Crowe

Greeters--Marilyn Myli, Jean Kohart, Betty Bechtel

Sunshine --Ann Compton

*Torch Circulation---Marilyn Workman (mail),
Kathy Jones (email)*



AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Award

This award was presented to *Carol Fuechsel* for her continued work as Communications Director for publicizing our activities in such publications as *The News Press* and weekly publications of activities throughout Fort Myers. Through increasing knowledge of our organization, our membership increased. We appreciate her involvement in this area and all areas of our AAUW.



“Light the Way” is the theme our 25th annual fashion show to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Crowne Plaza at Bell Tower. Tickets will be on sale at each of our upcoming meetings. You may purchase individual tickets for \$45.00 or a table of eight or ten at a cost of \$40 each, entire table payable in advance.

***Save the Date! Saturday December 1
“Light the Way”***

AAUW Annual Fashion Show

AAUW Lee County will be holding their 25th annual fashion show to raise scholarship funds for women in Lee County on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The theme this year is *"Light the Way"*. This festive event will take place at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel at Bell Tower, 13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL in the main ballroom. Plenty of parking is available in the Crowne Plaza lot or directly across from the hotel in the Bell Tower Shops. Trader Rick's will provide fashions and you will be delighted at the fun, artful, casual and elegant styles offered by their store. They truly have something for everyone and will bring their best to our event to showcase. Trader Rick's is located directly across from the hotel in the south end of Bell Tower Shops.

The theme *"Light the Way"* is indicative of the important role members of AAUW Lee County can play in the shaping of women's lives and opportunities for their future. Mentoring and scholarships make a difference. By supporting this event, bringing friends, and participating in the day's festivities, you will be adding to the scholarship funding that will be invaluable to our recipients. According to AAUW.org, women hold two thirds of outstanding student debt accounting for over nine billion dollars by mid-2018. Student debt can be crippling, further putting a woman (and her family) at risk for financial insecurity. Help us to help women in Lee County graduate from college with less debt. Plan to attend the 25th Annual AAUW Fashion Show on December 1st.

Tickets will be available at the monthly meetings beginning in September. Individual tickets are a reasonable \$45.00. You may opt to reserve an entire table of 8 or 10 for the reduced ticket price of \$40.00. The table must be reserved and paid for at one time. For reservations or further information contact Carolyn Nance at 239-257-1727 or by email at cnance5240@gmail.com. Payment may be sent to Carolyn Nance at 6021 Silver King Blvd. #104, Cape Coral, FL 33914.

Corporate sponsorships are available for tables of 10 and they will be acknowledged tabletop and in the event program. For further information regarding corporate sponsorship contact Therese Cinotto at 239-822-6012 or at thecinottos@gmail.com.

We are grateful for the many volunteers whose tireless work helps make this fantastic event possible. If you would like to play a role, please contact Therese Cinotto. We are looking for items for our auction, raffle and wine pull. As you frequent local businesses and restaurants take a moment to ask for a donation! Local artists are encouraged to donate their art and jewelry to gain valuable exposure and to help with our mission of providing scholarship funds to Lee County scholars.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 1st at the Crowne Plaza, Bell Tower. Doors open at 11:00 am. Trader Rick's fashion show begins at noon with a delicious luncheon to follow. The event will wrap up with our exciting auction.

AAUW Activities for You

Bridge Groups

Donna Randolph, Coordinator
(239) 693-2556

- A. Meets 2nd Monday, 12:00 noon
- B. Meets 3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Book Groups

Janice McPeak, Coordinator (630) 584-3431

- I. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
- II. Meets 2nd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
- III. Meets 3rd Wednesday 1:30 p.m.
- IV. New Book Group Book Meets 3rd Thursday at noon at First Watch on McGregor Blvd. *The book for October is Sing, Unburied, Sing*

Hand and Foot Group

Nancy Kuyoth, Coordinator
1st and 4th Mondays at 1:00
(239) 471-7806

Mahjongg

Jean Schoenthaler, Coordinator
(239) 277-5174
Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

Name Tags

Are you interested in replacing a name tag? Please contact one of the membership chairs. Cost: \$9.25. Make your check payable to Fort Myers AAUW and mail it to Carolyn Nance, 6021 Silver King Blvd. #104, Cape Coral, FL 33941 (239-257-1727). Or e-mail her at: cnance5240@gmail.com Be sure to include your complete name. Please print your name in capital letters, as you want it to appear.

Memorial



Marie Glasgow

10-20-1945—7-15-2018

Marie was dynamic, artsy, creative, sometimes wildly so. She wore a blue wig to AAUW saying she would wear it until all the tickets for the Fashion Show were sold. She was managerial and incredibly self-disciplined but the fun and spontaneity were always lurking. Most noticeably she was a hard worker. Committed, she gave 110%! We, her friends are reeling.

Marie talked about being born in a relocation camp to Ukrainian parents fleeing Russians and of coming to the United States when she was 5, living first with relatives in Chicago then moving to Wisconsin. She spoke of the Ukrainian community, wearing the traditional costumes, dancing the traditional dances with her two older sisters at the Ukrainian Orthodox church, and cooking potato pancakes and Borsht. She described falling in love with a handsome, athletic upper-classman and marrying as soon as she graduated from high school. She and Ron had a daughter and son, and she was a working, studying mother while she pursued her degree and then another and another sometimes having to commute for part of the week and attaining a PhD in Education. She was Principal of two parochial elementary schools before becoming Director of Personnel for the Janesville School District, WI. She went on to become Superintendent of the Walworth School District, WI, then Director of Personnel for the Green Bay School District, WI and was

Assistant Superintendent of the Franklin School District, WI when she retired.

Marie believed in contributing to community and helping. She wrote for the Heron's Glen newspaper. She was a Guardian Ad Litem and cared deeply for the children she represented and their mothers. She raised funds for ALS. And Wow! Was she involved in our AAUW Branch!

Joining in 2005 she participated in the Fashion Show, the Movie and Dinner Group, and founded the Writing Group. She modeled, she solicited, and she and Ron asked not to be regulars for the Adopt a Precinct team but helped when we were short people to work or help with the food. I think she hated the "Garage Sale and More" but participated and was pleased with its enormous success. For several years she edited the membership directory. She wrote a review of the year's activities with flattering pictures of participants. She was active in the decision to become a 501 3c, (*which is similar in some ways to a foundation and gives us a financial break as a non-profit organization*), and when she became president in 2013 she wrote these words "...In 1976 I became acquainted with AAUW and its mission 'to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.' This was a mission I could whole-heartedly support. At the time membership was interrupted by family, career, and continuing education." She thanked Marilyn Workman for bringing her to AAUW as a guest and thanked branch members for getting her involved.

Marie set goals for her presidency: encourage engagement of all, especially new, members in AAUW activities, increase community awareness and support for our AAUW Branch endeavors and; finally, implement a strategic 3-5 year plan. Marie reminded us that we have a history of activism and charitable giving and that we need to continue our good work in this community. We will miss her. What can we do? There could be no finer tribute to Marie but that we embrace her goals anew, striving to be a positive influence in our community and in each other's lives.

Adopt a Precinct

Since 2006 our Lee County Branch of AAUW has “manned” Precinct 90 for state and national elections at St. Cecilia Parish Center (next to Bishop Verot High School). Again we were there for the primary on August 28. Our workers are compensated and they turn their earnings over to our AAUW treasury to be used to fund our missions. Since we began, we’ve returned \$34,495 to support our scholarships and STEM projects.

Our next election is November 6, 2018. We still need 2 more volunteers. The state requires each precinct to have a Spanish-speaking worker. If you would be willing to volunteer in either of these positions, please contact one of the names below for more information. If you are not able to work the election, but would like to support our efforts, we could use a few volunteers who would like to bring food for our workers - fruit & rolls/donuts for breakfast, sandwiches or Subways for lunch, or pizza for dinner.

Any questions, please contact:

Carolyn Nance cnance5240@gmail.com

Judith Sims judithssims@gmail.com



Woman Of Interest

Aretha Franklin “The Queen of Soul”

Aretha Louise Franklin was an American singer and songwriter. She began her career as a child singing gospel at New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, where her father, C. L. Franklin, was minister. Multiple Grammy winner and "Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin was known for such hits as "Respect," "Freeway of Love" and "I Say a Little Prayer." In 1987 she became the first female artist to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2008 she won her 18th Grammy Award, making her one of the most honored artists in Grammy history.

To contact AAUW:

aauwleecounty@gmail.com

Our branch postal address:

PO Box 2115

Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115

AAUW Membership, please review the 2018-19 budget proposal before the September luncheon. We will be voting to accept the budget at the general meeting. Thank you. *Kathy R. Jones*

<i>Carry Over, Prior Year*</i>		\$5,836.82
<i>Star Bright Memorial Fund, Carry Over*</i>		565.00
<i>Income</i>		
Directory		600.00
Membership Dues		1000.00
Fundraiser- Fashion Show		11500.00
less Fashion Show Expenses		(4500.00)
Fundraiser- Adopt A Precinct		4000.00
Star Bright Memorial Fund		750.00
<i>Total Income and Carry Over</i>		\$19,751.82
<i>Expenses</i>		
Directory Printing/Postage		300.00
Torch PrintingPostage		400.00
Business Registration Fees		75.00
P.O.Box, Website, Supplies		425.00
Insurance		340.00
Membership Expenses		90.00
Program: Guest Lunches		300.00
Programs: Awards/Expenses		750.00
Conventions		400.00
<i>Total Operational Expenses</i>		\$3,080.00
<i>Donations and Awards</i>		
AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund		500.00
Eleanor Roosevelt Local Gift		50.00
AAUW Educational Opportunities		500.00
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund		250.00
Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund		250.00
FGCU Endowed Scholarship Fund		2000.00
FSW Endowed Scholarship Fund		4000.00
SWFLCF Sue Gottcent Memorial Fund		1000.00
Lee County High School Awards		2000.00
Star Bright Memorial Award		1000.00
STEM Awards		600.00
FGCU GEMS Program		1000.00
<i>Total Donations and Awards</i>		\$13,150.00
<i>Total Disburstments</i>		\$16,230.00
<i>Estimated Carry-Over Coming Year</i>		\$3,521.82



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Marilyn Workman, Torch Distributor

2760 Steam Boat Loop

N. Fort Myers, FL 33917