

*The American Association of University Women*

## *The* **TORCH**

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**AAUW**

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### **January MEETING**

**Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019**

**Gathering: 11:30 A.M.**

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

#### ***Luncheon Menu:***

##### **Choice 1:**

##### **Chicken Pecan Salad**

Mixed Greens, Strawberries, Gorgonzola Cheese, and candied Pecans topped with grilled chicken with the side of Zinfandel Vinaigrette

**Or**

##### **Choice 2:**

##### **Turkey Club Wrap with a side of Fruit**

Sliced smoked turkey, spinach, vine ripe tomatoes, apple wood bacon, and mayonnaise wrapped in a flour tortilla

##### **Dessert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup**

Beverages are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

**For reservations** contact Pat Crowe; she will acknowledge your reservation by a return e-mail. If you do not receive a note from her, please contact her again. Contact Pat at [pwc@world.std.com](mailto:pwc@world.std.com) or at (239) 674-9681.

Please title your e-mail **AAUW Reservations**, and contact her for reservations **no later than Monday, January 14**. Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, January 15, 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.)**

**(Mark your calendar for our meetings the third Saturday of each month.)**

#### ***Speaker for January***

Dr. Wanda Creel is the Chief Academic Officer for Lee County Schools. Dr. Creel comes from Georgia where she had experience in educational leadership at the school, district and state levels. In her role, Dr. Creel leads and directs the academic program of the district, overseeing student learning, teaching, research and related areas connected to student success.

The AAUW program will be "Meeting Our Students' Academic Needs."

The ABC's of back to school in Lee County are targeting attendance, behavior and classroom success. Dr. Wanda Creel says the plan is meant to start students on a successful path by first making sure they show up. A is for absenteeism.

"Identify those students that have chronic absenteeism from last year, so we can establish those relationships with them early on", she told *4 In Your Corner*, our local television news program.



Creel says principals and administrators have already begun forming relationships with students. During the summer, faculty members visit students

personally. Dr. Creel says this initiative should help keep children motivated to attend class every day.

The “B” stands for behavior. Guaranteeing good behavior from students means constantly checking in, according to Creel, and providing an outlet where students can work through the challenges that would prevent them from being focused on their work. Mental health is also something Lee County is focusing on this year. Counselors and teachers have been trained in how to spot potentially troubling behaviors.

The students have “Chromebooks” (laptop computers) that allow students to access extra practice for academic materials at home. Technology is also being used to allow parents to check on their student's work. Using tools like websites and the Chromebooks will keep students engaged year-round.

### **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](mailto:cnance5240@gmail.com) Be sure to include your complete name. Please print your name in capital letters, as you want it to appear.

### **Celebrate a new AAUW Scholar!**



Krystal Davis is about to start her second semester in Medical Administration at Fort Myers Technical College. Krystal hopes to graduate in May. Here are some of her recommendations from her teachers and the School Scholarship Committee; “excellent grades and attendance, a great example of a student pursuing a vocational education, a team player who goes above and

beyond, respected by her peers and well deserving of this scholarship.”



### **Marie Glasgow Memorial Fund**

AAUW received a generous \$5000 donation from Ron Glasgow in memory of Marie, his wife, and our past president. Mr.

Glasgow wishes to honor Marie's interest in supporting Girls in STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Scholarship co-chairs have been exploring options to discuss with Ron and hope to prepare a proposal for the Marie Glasgow Memorial Fund, which will then be presented to the Board for approval.

### **AAUW 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show Fund: A Grand Success!**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show held at the Crowne Plaza on December 1<sup>st</sup> was a great success thanks to all that attended, participated and donated. The venue was festively decorated and provided a wonderful atmosphere for this fantastic event. Many auction tickets were sold as tables were filled with items and gift cards donated by local businesses. Attendees perused the items, while lovely piano music was provided by Bob Cihl. The fun was energizing at the photo booth as friends posed together to create memories.



Ron Glasgow is ready to deliver a silent auction item to a happy winner!



**Nancy McDole is the winner at Table 9**

Trader Rick's provided stunning fashions along with beautiful descriptions of both clothing and accessories. Ron Glasgow assisted in the success by raising a record amount of money through the Florida Rep ticket auction. After the delicious luncheon, fun was had by all as the auction winners were announced.



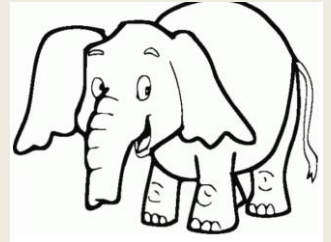
Therese Cinotto announces winners and gives a thank you to all that assisted in the planning and execution of this fund raiser!

We raised over \$7,000 for scholarships for Lee County women and it could not have been accomplished without everyone's help! Thank you to the Crowne Plaza for being amazingly easy to work with and providing a beautiful venue. Thank you to Trader Rick's for the time and commitment in providing the fashions and Peggy Thomas for making the models more beautiful than they already are. Thank you to the models, the ticket sellers, the greeters, the runners, the set up and clean up crews and to all members that solicited items for the raffle, and

to the members that attended with their friends and family. This was certainly a collective effort and with everyone working together it was a wonderful, successful event.

## ***Book and White Elephant Event***

***January 19***



Save your books and those items that you don't want to keep from the holidays. Let's turn them into donations for scholarships. Bring these items to the January meeting, along with some cash to purchase items you can't resist. For more information, phone Judy Sims, 334-2037.

## ***President's Message***

***Happy New Year Everyone,***

We had a successful and very enjoyable Fashion Show at the Crowne Plaza on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank Therese Cinotto, our Fashion Show Chairperson, and Marilyn Myli for all their hard work over the preceding months bringing the fundraiser to its conclusion. The models were outstanding and Trader Ricks did a wonderful job presenting their fashions. I went over to Trader Ricks right after the event to thank them and then buy three items for myself (I couldn't resist).

It was fun seeing our friend, Ron Glasgow, again. I was happy to win his hand painted table in the silent auction. It will be my new granddaughter's Christmas gift next year.

The book sale will be held at the luncheon in January, so bring your dollar bills. Hope you can attend the January 19<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Please be sure to make your luncheon reservations promptly with Pat Crowe.

***Kathy Jones, President***

## ***AAUW Officers***

***Elected Officers – Executive Branch***

*President --Kathy Jones*

*Vice President Elect--Clementina Hoegler*

*VP Programs--Phyllis Wayco*

*VP's Membership--Lynn Felice, Lois Benedetto*



*Co-Chair Secretary—*

*Elizabeth Foster, Cathy Chapman*

*Co-Chair Treasurer--Judith Sims, Carolyn Nance*

***Appointed Officers – Board Members***

*Public Policy --Marilynn Edwards*

*Co-Chair Scholarship--Janet George, Bonnie Ryan*

*Communications--Carol Fuechsel*

*Ways and Means--Peggy Cih*

***Standing Committees***

*Website--TBA*

*Torch Editor--Peggy Cih; Circulation---Marilyn*

*Workman (mail), Kathy Jones (email)*

*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*

### ***AAUW Activities for You***

#### ***Bridge Groups***

Donna Randolph, Coordinator

(239) 693-2556

A. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 12:00 noon

B. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30 p.m.

#### ***Book Groups***

Janice McPeak, Coordinator (630) 464-4190

I. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

II. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

III. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Books –

Jan.-Little Bee, By Chris Cleave

Feb.-Me Before You, by JoJo Moyes

March -An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff

April- Daughters of the Dragon, by William Andrews

IV. New Book Group Book Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
at 11:00 a.m. at First Watch on McGregor  
Blvd.

#### ***Hand and Foot Group***

Nancy Kuyoth, Coordinator

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1:00

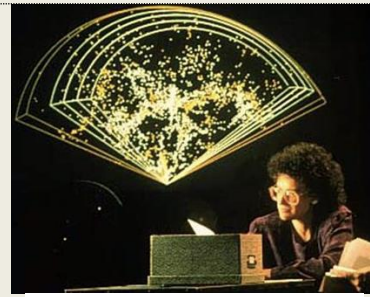
(239) 471-7806

#### ***Mahjongg***

Jean Schoenthaler, Coordinator

(239) 277-5174

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.



**Margaret J. Geller:**

**Woman  
Of  
Interest**

**Cartographer  
of the  
Universe**

The universe is a big place, but that hasn't stopped [Margaret Geller](#) from trying to shrink it to an understandable size. From the beginning, her goal has been nothing short of godlike: to map all that can — and can't — be seen in the cosmos.

The prize-winning Geller received a Ph.D. from Princeton and taught at Harvard. She works as a senior scientist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, where she studies the structure of galaxies, including our own Milky Way, and seeks to map the distribution of dark matter to help us better understand its role in the universe and our relationship to it.

### ***ELLIO 10% Discount***

Vicki Elliot, our October speaker, is offering a 10% discount on single classes or packages for any of the many classes at Ellio Pilates. Check [Elliopilates.com](#). This offer is good for anyone who comes in the door and says, "AAUW!" Vicki challenged us to "Move it or Lose it!" Let's take her up on it.

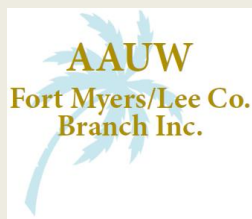
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