November MEETING
Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019
Gathering: 11:30 A.M.
Location: The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club, 5200 South Landings Dr.

Luncheon Menu:
Choice 1: Landings Cobb Salad with Ranch Dressing
A garden salad with chopped greens, tomato, crisp bacon, grilled chicken breast, hard-boiled eggs, avocado, chives, and Roquefort cheese.

Or
Choice 2: Chicken Cordon Bleu with a side of Fruit
Chicken wrapped around a slice of cheese, breaded, and then baked.

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 or at (239) 674-9681.

Please title your e-mail AAUW Reservations, and contact her for reservations no later than Monday, February 11. Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, February 12, 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 over that of last year.)
(Mark your calendar for our meetings the third Saturday of each month, except December, which is always the Fashion Show.)

Speaker for February
Alligators, Sharks & Panthers or How to Avoid Being Eaten!

In this power point presentation, Sanibel author Charles Sobczak takes his popular brand of “Eco-humor” to an entirely new level. Based on the 2007 award-winning title, Alligators, Sharks & Panthers, his lecture takes an in-depth look at how we can avoid being attacked by these wild animals. The first section of the presentation focuses on what each of us can do to decrease our chances of being harmed, while putting the statistical probability of such an attack occurring into a realistic perspective. In the second half of the program, Sobczak takes a closer look at the most dangerous animal on earth - us. During this section the author explores the much graver risks we face moving forward, from pandemic to nuclear annihilation to the rise of tribalism. Combining humor with these more serious topics makes this a presentation that will be sure to keep you both amused and concerned about the future of all life on this amazing planet we share together.
For additional information, including information on some of Sobczak’s other lectures such as *The Changing Face of Nature* and *From Pythons to Pepper - The Great Florida Invasion*, www.indigopress.net

**The Art of Nancy Terrell…**

...a 1961 DePauw University graduate "whose life of adventures at sea inspired her collages," is on display at the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library.

"A native of Virginia, she has lived all over the U.S. and spent more than 30 years as an expatriate in the Caribbean, South and Central America, Mexico and Hawaii while cruising," notes an article in the *Cape Coral Daily Breeze*. "During this time she worked as an international feature writer covering sailing, regattas and water sports for many global magazines and newspapers. She set up an art studio in the cockpit of their last boat, Swan Song, a 65-foot classic trawler. Terrell has explored many different genres and found mixed media with an emphasis on collage her favorite. Terrell explains, "Each collage tells a story, and it is up to the viewer to interpret it as they like. Interpretations may differ wildly which is the fun of art."

An English major at DePauw, Terrell went on to earn a master's degree from Tulane University. "In the 1960s and early 1970s she was known to millions of American children as 'Miss Nancy' on *Romper Room*, the popular children's TV program. She also had a stint as a novice director/producer of 700 local programs for General Electric.

From the *DePauw University* news letter

**Where should our AAUW Scholarship $’s go??**

**What:** Scholarship meeting

**When:** February 6, 2019
**Where:** 15029 Sea Crest Blvd
**Time:** 3 pm
**Who:** All interested members invited

To Confirm Call: 443-254-8164 or email bjegeorge@comcast.net

**Come meet our "AAUW Scholars”**

All our scholarship recipients for 2018-2019 are invited to our February luncheon. We hope you will meet and greet each one and see how your scholarship dollars are helping young ladies in Fort Myers.

**AAUW, January 19 Public Policy**

**Florida Legislature**

Three hundred ten bills have been introduced to date; a total of 3193 bills were introduced in 2018. [http://legiscan.com/FL/legislature/2019](http://legiscan.com/FL/legislature/2019) has a summary of the bills and the committee to which they have been assigned. Session begins March 5 for 60 days, ending May 3. 2110 women will serve in the 50 state legislatures, making up 28.5% of all state legislatures. This is up from 25.3% in 2018.

**President’s Message**

Happy February Everyone,

I missed the last luncheon, but I will be back in February. I heard the book sale and White Elephant went well, raising $120. I also heard that the members had good ideas that will be shared at the next Board meeting. It helps to stop and get input from the membership once in awhile so that the Board can better serve our branch organization.

I am sorry to inform you of the passing of a longtime member, Alice Mellen. I met Alice several months ago when I joined the AAUW Mahjongg group. Alice was very encouraging to this novice player. She was a lovely lady, and I will miss her.
I am looking forward to our next speaker, Charles Sobczak. Though I have lived in south Florida since 1965, I have yet to see a Florida Panther; but just in case, I want to know what to do at that initial meeting. I hope you can join me at the February luncheon, and please bring a friend.

Kathy Jones, President

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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
Contact Janice McPeak, Coordinator (630) 464-4190 if interested in a book group.
I. Meets 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
II. Meets 2nd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
III. Meets 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

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 ordering or 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 on your name tag.

Woman Of Interest
"Fashion fades, only style remains the same."

Coco Chanel (1883-1971)
From her first millinery shop, opened in 1912, to the 1920s, Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel rose to become one of the premier fashion designers in Paris, France. Replacing the corset with comfort and casual elegance, her fashion themes included simple suits and dresses, women's trousers, costume jewelry, perfume and textiles.

Chanel was born into poverty in the French countryside; her mother died, and her father abandoned her to an orphanage. After a brief stint as a shop girl, Chanel worked for a few years as a café singer. With financial assistance from Arthur Capel, an English polo player, she opened a tiny millinery shop in Deauville, France, where she also sold simple sportswear, such as jersey sweaters. Within five years her original use of jersey fabric to create a “poor girl” look had attracted the attention of influential wealthy women seeking relief from the prevalent corseted styles. Faithful to her maxim that “luxury must be comfortable, otherwise it is not
luxury,” Chanel’s designs stressed simplicity and comfort and revolutionized the fashion industry. By the late 1920s the Chanel industries were reportedly worth millions and employed more than 2,000 people, not only in her couture house but also in a perfume laboratory, a textile mill, and a jewelry workshop. Source: Britannica.com

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