

*The American Association of University Women*

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**September, 2019**

**AAUW**

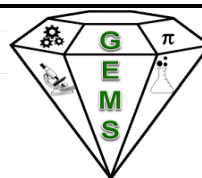
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## **MEETING Date:**

**Saturday, September 21, gathering at 11:30 a.m.**

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



## **WHAT IS GEMS???**

### **WANT TO KNOW MORE???**

The FGCU Whitaker Center has set dates for the GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Sciences) program, which AAUW helps support each year. Dates are: Saturday September 21 and Saturday November 2 from 9 to 12:30. You can visit starting at 9 and see a little of both activities. Dr. Johnson is the new Interim Director of the Whitaker Center and you can contact him at 239-590-1284

or e-mail: [bpjohnson@fgcu.edu](mailto:bpjohnson@fgcu.edu)

## **Luncheon Menu: Choice 1: Chicken Pecan Salad**

Mixed Baby Greens Topped with Mandarin Oranges, Red Onion, Gorgonzola Cheese, Sliced Strawberries, Blueberries, Toasted Pecans, Sliced Grilled Chicken Breast with Citrus Vinaigrette

## **Choice 2: Half Chilled Roasted Beef Baguette & Minestrone Soup**

Shaved Medium Rare Roasted Beef, Bermuda Onion, Ripened Tomato, Baby Arugula, Goat Cheese, and Creamy Horseradish Aioli on a Toasted Rustic Baguette with a Cup of Italian Minestrone

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

Beverages are available. Wait staff accepts charge cards for drinks other than water, coffee or tea.

## **For reservations contact:**

Faye O'Briant; at [nanagrams6@gmail.com](mailto:nanagrams6@gmail.com) (Faye prefers the e-mail for reservations.) or at (239) 994-9864

Please title your e-mail AAUW Reservations, and contact her for reservations no later than Friday, September 13.

Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, September 17, using the same method; otherwise payment is expected. Price of the luncheon is **\$23.00**; 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 Meetings begin in September and end in May.)

## **Fashion Show**

**December 7**

**at The Marina at Edison Ford**

Please start gathering items for the raffle and auction for our annual fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale at this September meeting at \$50 per ticket. Talk to your friends and order enough to fill a table!



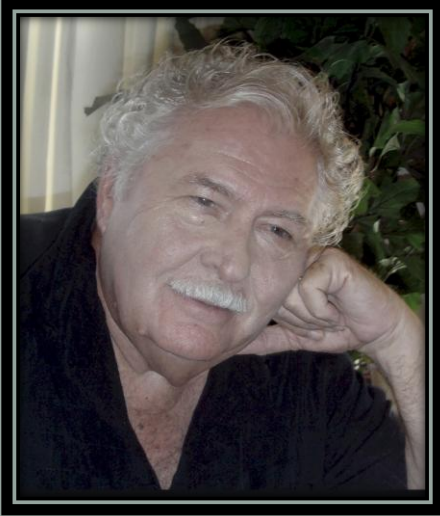
**Speaker for September**

**Dr. DL Havlin**

***"The Patriot War" from 1800 -1816.***

Dr. DL Havlin, is a local writer and historian who has written about Florida's Patriot War; George Washington's solution for the Native Americans living in Florida; Washington's attempts to make Florida a separate country and other Florida-centered topics.

DL Havlin is an "un-retired" business executive and world traveler who has been writing for twenty plus years. He has won numerous literary awards, and has published thriller, historical, and mainstream/literary novels. Havlin grew up in Florida and considers its slash pines, palms, waters, and sands blood relatives. Many of his novels set in Florida, are steeped in Florida history, and cover topics of interest to Florida residents.



DL Havlin's credo is "Open Minds, Open Books." He believes readers are thinkers. He has enjoyed a varied career as a business executive, fishing guide, football coach, world traveler, and has been involved in many interesting endeavors. DL has been writing the past eighteen years, has had numerous novels published, along with a short-story collection, and magazine articles. He has received a number of awards from different organizations..

"My books are stories about life; about how great and how testing it can be. Writing at my 'mature' age is an advantage when discussing living; I've experienced it and don't have to utilize conjecture. History is often my brick-mason, for it can provide a building in which my story can live and breathe. Writing fantasy, sci-fi, or other work requiring that there be no reality fences, I cede to the young author where the lack of restricting rationale is beneficial."

DL currently lives in southwest Florida with his wife Jeanelle, his golden retriever Sandy and cat Oreo. He loves the outdoors (fishing is his passion), music, football, and cooking. (*Information about Havlin has been taken from Amazon, his website and other speaking engagements.*)

**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**

Contact Marilyn Myli, Coordinator (239) 482-0272 if interested in a book group.

*Cover Girls* meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

*Classy Ladies & Literature* meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

*Eat, Share, Read* meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

**Hand-and-Foot Group**

Nancy Kuyoth, Coordinator, (239) 471-7806

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 1:00

**Mahjongg**

Jean Schoenthaler, Coordinator, (239) 277-5174

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

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**

Susan Harden Coordinator, (239) 277-5174

Will meet right after Sept. Luncheon

Contact her at [skh062653@gmail.com](mailto:skh062653@gmail.com) if unable to attend.

**Movie & Dinner\*** Paula Miller, Coordinator

(502)-544-0022

**Photo Walks\*** Jemetta Hunt, Coordinator

**Hunt 4 Wellness\*** Jemetta Hunt, Coordinator

**International Topics For Women\*** Roberta

(Bobbie) Balmer, Coordinator

**Writing, Poetry Etc.\*** Jill Jennings & Judy Sims,

Co-Coordinators *Sims* (239)-634-5224

**Theater\*** Ronda Bressler, Coordinator

**Day Trips\*** Robin Tuthill, Coordinator

\*Times are subject to change. Check with your coordinators.

New Interest Groups are always welcome.

Jemetta Hunt, Coordinator



## President's Message

I am so proud and honored to be president of the Fort Myers/Lee County Branch of AAUW for the year 2019-2020.

This year has gotten off to a great start. Our brainstorming sessions have reaped many innovative ideas for the coming year.

Our luncheon speakers are going to captivate you with their dynamic presentations. Our September guest speaker is Dr. DJ Havlin, a local writer and historian, who will speak on "The Patriot War from 1800 -1816." Intrigued? Come to the presentation.

I'm especially excited about our November talk on King Tut given by Dr. Steven Derfler, an archaeologist who has been uncovering the histories of Ancient Civilizations for over 40 years. As part of our outreach to other AAUW chapters in the area, we plan on inviting them to join us for this special presentation. Jill Jennings, our Vice-President of Programs has done an outstanding job.

Our Vice-President of Membership, Lynn Felice has been busy planning membership recruitment coffees at various communities. Our first one is scheduled for October 26th at the Tortuga Community. Refreshments will be provided by First Watch. Lynn has designed a new membership pamphlet and poster to advertise these events. In addition, a dynamic slide show is in the works, which will highlight our activities throughout the year. Increasing our membership is a high priority this year

We've added seven new interest groups, for a total of 11 activities. Our new interest group facilitator, Jemetta Hunt, will keep all of the groups running smoothly, working together with our individual group coordinators. In addition, our new Day Trip Coordinator, Robin Tuthill will be planning day trips for us to enjoy. If you have any ideas on what types of trips you would especially like, speak to Robin

Our fashion show committee has been hard at work planning a wonderful luncheon, raffle, and fashion show. They have exhibited such wonderful enthusiasm, that I know this fundraiser will be a smashing success. Thank you, ladies, for all the contributions.

I've just touched on some highlights for the coming year. Activities, lectures and fund raisers are important, but you, our members, are the wheels of the organization. Without your participation and support, this wonderful AAUW machine would come to a screeching halt. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events and please bring some guests to share this time with us. Who knows, they might even become members.



## Woman Of Interest

**Maria Shriver**

**Maria Owings Shriver is an American journalist, author, and former First Lady of California. ... Shriver was born in Chicago, Illinois, the second child and only daughter of the politician Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver**

**Maria Shriver's [The Women's Alzheimer's Movement](#) recognizes that women are at the epicenter of the global Alzheimer's epidemic, and it challenges organizations to do cutting-edge research on women's brains to defeat this mind-blowing disease. "I believe my mission is to wipe out Alzheimer's disease once and for all because it is destroying millions of lives.... In 2003, my own father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Since that time, I haven't stopped fighting for a cure. Along the way, *The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Takes on Alzheimer's* reported for the first time that two-thirds of brains that develop Alzheimer's belong to women!"**





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## AAUW ENDOWED SCHOLARS

**Sue Gottcent**

### **\$2000 Memorial Scholarship**

**Larissa Browne** is enrolled in the Master's of Social Work program at Florida State University. She is a working mother with extraordinary Community Service, Leadership and Work experience. As her church's Director of Public Affairs, Larissa partnered with the Red Cross and Guadalupe Center coordinating relief services following hurricane Irma. Currently, as case manager for a long-term care diversion program, she manages Medicaid funds for some forty clients assisting them in utilizing home and community-based services. As a Social Worker in Bonita Springs, Larissa plans on working with the aging population as a clinical social worker, specifically in hospice and palliative care.

**Florida Southwestern State College**

### **\$1000 Endowed Scholarship**

**Anissa Avalos** is a sophomore at FSW and is working towards a psychology degree. It was in high school, when she tutored twelve first graders, that she discovered what she wanted to do with her life. Anissa discovered how her young students struggled with reading comprehension and lacked skills communicating with their peers. This led her to enroll in psychology. She hopes to use her degree to work with troubled adolescences.

**Florida Gulf Coast**

### **\$1600 Endowed Scholarship**

**Carli Alexis Bounds** is enrolled at FGCU in Legal Studies. Carli is a full-time paramedic and a young mother. She thanks AAUW for this scholarship, which will provide her toddler safe and reliable childcare. Carli has experienced problems in healthcare, both as a patient and as a paramedic and wants to influence changes by protecting families who have been wronged by the healthcare system. Following her Bachelor's degree, Carli hopes to become a lawyer and protect former and future patients.

Two members . . .

**Cathy Tucker and  
Dr. Laura Frost**



Cathy Tucker is one of 200 science research teachers selected by the *Society for Science and the Public* to attend a High School Teachers' Conference in Washington D.C. September 27-29. The Society is a champion for science, dedicated to expanding scientific literacy, effective STEM education and scientific research. Cathy is a science teacher with thirty years' experience currently teaching chemistry and physical science at Fort Myers High School. Cathy initiated and manages our Branch's involvement with the Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science Fair. She has worked with FGCU Whitaker Center promoting and creating summer programs for students in grades seven through twelve. Congratulations!

Our member Dr. Laura Frost has recently become the Interim Associate Dean of FGCU's College of Arts and Science. Laura also was the FGCU's 2019 Summer Author Series Nominee in recognition of her recently published book *General Organic and Biological Chemistry, 4<sup>th</sup> edition*. Dr. Frost is interested in writing and publishing and in 2019 will serve as president of the Textbook and Academic Authors Association. Congratulations!

### ***Elected Officers – Executive Branch***

*President – Tina Hoegler*

*Vice-President Elect – Jemetta Hunt*

*Vice-President Programs – Jill Jennings*

*Vice-President Membership – Lynn Felice*

*Co-Secretary – Liz Foster and Pat Crowe*

*Co-Treasurer – Carolyn Nance and Judith Sims*

### ***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)*

*Records Retention--Executive Board*

*Science Fair--Catherine Tucker*

*Fashion Show Oversight: Kathy Jones and Peggy Cih*

*Adopt A Precinct--Carolyn Nance, Judith Sims*

### ***Ancillary Positions:***

*AAUW Name Tags--Reservations—Faye O'Briant*

*Greeters—Board Members*

*Sunshine --Ann Compton*

*Group Facilitator—Jemetta Hunt*



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