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AAUW MEETING:

Saturday, October 19, 11:30 a.m.

Location:

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

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1: Cajun Shrimp BLT Salad

Crisp Baby Romaine Embellished with Baby Heirloom Tomatoes, Apple Smoked Bacon, and Sautéed Cajun Spiced Shrimp Finished with Homemade Croutons and Country Buttermilk Ranch

Choice 2: Turkey, Asparagus, and Parmesan Crepes

Turkey Breast, Asparagus, Parmesan Cream Filled crêpes Napped with a Sundried Tomato Cream Sauce Presented with Harvest Wild Rice

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 (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, October 11. Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, October 14, 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 Show. 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 silent auction at our annual fundraiser. A contribution letter is attached to this newsletter for presenting to those donating items for tax purposes.

Tickets will be on sale at our meeting at \$50 per ticket. Tickets are also available from :

Carolyn Nance,

6021 Silver King Blvd. #104 ,

Cape Coral FL 33914.

Please send Carolyn a check made out to AAUW for the number of tickets ordered and include the names of the guests who will use them. Or the tickets can be ordered in your name, and the guests' names provided later.

Talk to your friends and order enough to fill a table! Tables seat up to ten guests.

*Our October Speaker is
Dr. Kim Swanson,
Of the Lee County Sheriff's Office*

Pop Quiz. True or False?

I am required to give my social security number to all healthcare providers who request it.

It is good to carry my social security card or military ID with me in my wallet. I might need it.

I have not ordered a copy of my credit report in the past two years. Once every 5 years is enough.

I believe I would know immediately if my identity were stolen.

If you answered true to any of the above, you are in danger of being a victim of fraud or identity theft. You may not be aware for some time that your credit card information has been stolen. You need to obtain a credit report (they're free!) every year or two at the very least.

This is where you find mistakes on your record. You do NOT have to give your doctor your social security number. Many providers, if challenged, will not require it.

These are just a few of the scenarios our upcoming speaker, Dr. Kim Swanson, will be addressing when we meet on Saturday, October 19. After serving as Executive Director of the Women's Resource Center, Kim joined the Lee County Sheriff's office, where she has worked for the past 23 years, most recently as Business Crime Prevention Specialist for the county.

She is an expert on personal safety for women; frauds, scams and cons; Internet safety; identity and medical identity theft. She holds a PhD degree in Business Administration; her dissertation was on workplace violence. We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable expert come and talk to us about this crucial subject. Bring your questions. You may even want to take notes!

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 Marilyn Myli, Coordinator (239) 482-0272

if interested in a book group.

Cover Girls meets 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Classy Ladies & Literature meets 3rd Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Eat, Share, Read meets 3rd Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Hand-and-Foot Group

Nancy Kuyoth, Coordinator, (239) 471-7806

1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00

Mahjongg

Jean Schoenthaler, Coordinator, (239) 277-5174

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Suzan Harden Coordinator, (239) 277-5174

Contact her at skh062653@gmail.com

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



What a wonderful September meeting. Our speaker was fantastic, and I for one learned some very interesting new facts about our FLORIDA history.

We have two new members. Let's give a warm welcome to Lisa Crotty and Mary Port. Be sure to say hello to them at our next meeting. Lisa has volunteered to lead a new group for those interested in travel.

It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm. I've always liked the concept of momentum: moving things ahead, having something to believe in and rally around. Momentum infers working together. Momentum infers energy. Momentum infers advancement. Our chapter has momentum through you, its membership. And through our momentum, we will be able to continuously work for the betterment of women's lives, through education, through equality, through changes to our societal structure. I look forward to this year. New expectations create new experiences. New experiences bring new energy and energy brings momentum.

Lynn Felice, our Vice-President of Membership, is creating new experiences to increase membership through membership coffees at different gated communities. Our first one is at Tortuga on October 22nd. How about your community? Are you willing to sponsor a membership coffee? This is an informal way to increase our membership and we all have a chance to contribute to this effort. Contact Lynn if you would like to be part of this momentum.

Robin Tuthill, our Day Trip coordinator, is waiting for your responses to the questionnaire she sent the membership. Please return it to her as soon as possible. There are some really interesting trips to consider.

Our fashion show is gaining momentum as we approach this December 7th important fundraiser. Kathy Jones has approved the menu and it is delicious. I'll let her tell you at the next meeting. Peggy Cihl has designed an absolutely beautiful ticket. Tickets are available to purchase at our luncheons. The cost is \$50. If you would like to reserve a table, all seats must be paid for in advance. Remember to solicit those restaurants you frequent and your hair salons for gift certificates. The interest groups are creating baskets as raffle items. Our guest speaker, DL Havlin, was so impressed with our mission that he offered to create a basket themed on his many published books. The Fashion Show committee has been working and planning to make this a fantastic success. But remember it is you the membership that sustains that momentum. Invite your friends, neighbors, relatives and by doing so we will have a tremendous, successful fundraiser.

I would like to acknowledge all the members and husbands that have made Adopt-a-Precinct a very successful fund-raising event over the past 13 years. AAUW ladies and three of their husbands have worked all 19 elections since 9/2006. They have raised \$36,774 to date. If you would be interested in volunteering your time on election days or serve as the coordinator for these events, please contact Carolyn Nance.

We have a new membership category. If you have a friend or relative who does not have a degree, but you always thought that she would be an asset to our organization, she may now become an associate member of our chapter. For more information contact our Vice-President of Membership, Lynn Felice.

If your husband is interested in hearing one of our speakers, please invite him to our luncheon. Husbands and guests are always welcome. Looking forward to a great year.

Tina

Please make a note...

Dorothy Bunck, our Member Emeritus has moved to be nearer family. Her new address:

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**4501 Shannon Lakes Drive West
Tallahassee, FL 32309**

“All aboard for Scholarship”

Save the date for “ScholarSHIP”!

The 26th Annual AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Fashion Show to raise scholarship money for Lee County women is Saturday, December 7, 2019. The theme is “ScholarSHIP” and it will take place at The MARINA at EDISON FORD, 2360 W First St, Fort Myers, FL 33901 in their beautiful main ballroom. Fashions will be provided by Razzle Dazzle and will feature fun, artful and glittery styles for the southwest Florida holiday season. Plan on attending and bringing a friend to support AAUW and the women of Lee County. There is ample parking in front of the Marina well as an easily accessible parking nearby. You will be able to access the dining room conveniently from these parking lots.

Tickets will be sold at the October and November meetings and are 50.00. Tables of 10 are available. Tickets must be paid for at the time they are reserved. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$500.00, and the business will be acknowledged tabletop and in the program. For further information or to make a reservation contact, Carolyn Nance at 239-257-1727 or by email at cnance5240@gmail.com. Payment should be made to AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County and sent to Carolyn Nance, 6021 Silver King Blvd. #104, Cape Coral, FL 33914.

As you visit our local businesses please take a moment and request a donation for our auction and raffle. Donation request letters will be available at the October luncheon. When an item is solicited and received, make sure to record the information as to the source and value for our records.

We could not have a successful event without many hours of volunteer help from our membership! If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Peggy

Elected Officers – Executive Board

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 Cihl

Standing Committees

Website--TBA

Torch Editor--Peggy Cihl;

Circulation---Faye O'Briant (mail)

Kathy Jones (email)

Records Retention--Executive Board

Science Fair--Catherine Tucker

Fashion Show Oversight: Kathy Jones and Peggy Cihl

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

Woman of Interest



It's football time again!

Samantha “Sam” Rapoport began playing flag football at the age of 12.

She played Quarterback for the Canadian Women's Flag Football Team, and the Montreal Blitz (a women's tackle team).[2] In 2003 she applied for a marketing internship with the NFL. Included in her application was a football on which she had written "What other quarterback could accurately deliver a football 386 miles?" She got the job, and worked for the league for many years, and was awarded the NFL Commissioner's Innovation Award for her work. She left to work for USA Football, to try get more women around the world playing football. In 2016 she was hired back by the NFL to work as the Director of Football Development.

Source: Wikipedia



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