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AAUW

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May MEETING

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Gathering: 11:30 A.M.

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

Spring Luncheon Menu: A Celebration of our Season of Scholarships

Choice 1: Roast Beef Wrap

Thin Sliced Roast Beef with Sliced Cheddar Cheese, Horseradish Cream Sauce, Red Onion, Lettuce and Tomato, Served with House Made Chips

Choice 2: Southern Fried Chicken Salad

Mixed Artisan Greens, Chopped Apple Wood Bacon, Red Onion, Cheddar Jack Cheese, Tomatoes and Crispy Fried Chicken. Drizzled with BBQ Ranch Dressing

Dessert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup

Beverages are available.

Wait staff will accept charge cards.

For reservations, contact Tina Hoegler (941) 505-8483 or c_hoegler@msn.com. Please contact her no later than Monday, May 14. Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 15; otherwise payment is expected. Price of the luncheon is \$20.00; checks are preferred.

(Our season ends with this meeting. Mark your calendar for our first meeting the third Saturday in September.)

President's Message

At the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2018, the following officers were elected:

President- Kathy Jones

President-Elect Tina Hoegler

VP Programs- Phyllis Wayco

Co-VP Membership

- Jacqueline Kloess & Suzan Harden

Co-Secretary

- Elizabeth Foster & Cathy Chapman

Co-Treasurer

- Judith Sims & Carolyn Nance

In addition the following members have been appointed to the board

Public Policy- Marilynn Edwards

Co-Scholarship

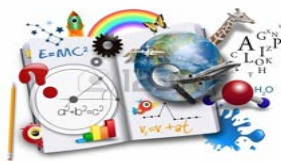
- Janet George & Bonnie Ryan

Communications- Carol Fuechsel

Congratulations and we thank them for continuing to fulfill AAUW's mission in the year 2018-19.

As my term comes to an end, I want to thank everyone who supported me throughout the year and made me smile. You know who you are. I also want to thank our officers and chairpersons who have given their time and talents to create a successful year. As a team we were able to give approximately \$10,000 in scholarships and awards. All our members should be proud of this accomplishment. The challenges were met, and I know our new Board of Directors will continue to make AAUW proud.

Marilyn Myli



AAUW 2018-19 High School \$1000 Scholarship
The Awardees are:

Mackenzie Lane - Mariner High School, Cape Coral

Mackenzie has been accepted at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Mackenzie says, "My goal in life is to get kids to love education again"



Michele Kratzat – Estero High School, Estero

Michele will be attending Florida Southwestern State College.



Michele is bilingual and has been a very active volunteer in her community and is most interested in "learning other cultures and trying new things."

REMEMBER TO VOTE

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership. Information concerning the amendments is listed in the TORCH.

Please send in your AAUW renewal form (attached) by the May meeting. By sending in your form by the deadline, you will be eligible for the drawing of a free membership lunch.

Marilyn Myli



The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization.

The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments

and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

Respectfully,

Your AAUW National Board of Directors

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Voting on the three National Bylaws Proposals

Begins April 25 and closes June 9

Be sure to let your voices be heard!

Public Policy Chair Marilynn Edwards

New Members

New official chapter members are:

Lynn Felice

Joan Flinspach

Nancy Paterson

Raymonde Howell (Dual member from Indiana.)

Obituary- Elinor Scricca, PhD Elinor Scricca, former President of Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, passed peacefully on March 23, 2018 in Bethesda, Maryland. She was an accomplished educator and member of the Lee County Board of Education, retiring in 2012.

Oh No, Dues Increase

It's true! The National Board has voted to raise dues by \$10. The good news is that State will not raise dues. Our Branch dues will remain \$9.00 a year and have not been increased since 1995. Renewal will be \$80. We will also have the drawing for a "free lunch" from the names of those who have paid their dues by the May meeting. You do not have to attend to win.

More good news, National will continue the "Shape The Future," an incentive program for new members by which any new member or member who hasn't been a member of National for two years will have reduced National and State Dues. Those dues are \$45. For each 2 Shape The Future members, our Branch is given a credit for a

member's National dues. So this is an incentive for the new members and an incentive for the Branch to recruit. AAUW has been shaping the future for women since 1882 and has supported every women's rights issue with legislation, philanthropy and research. Fifteen or so years ago, they financed the research showing that young girls were as interested in and as good at math and science as boys until middle school. AAUW began the push for STEM programs. Now their focus is getting more women to run for office and equal pay for women in the work force.

Let's Shape The Future of our Branch and ask our friends to visit and join us.

AAUW Activities for You

Bridge Groups

Donna Randolph, Coordinator

(239) 693-2556

A. Meets 2nd Monday, 10:30 a.m.

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

(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 a name tag? Please contact Caroyne Nance. 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.

PRECINCT 90 VOUNTEERING

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). Our workers are compensated and then they turn their earnings over to our AAUW treasury to be used to fund our missions. Since we began, we've returned \$32,720, most of which has gone to our scholarships and STEM projects.

Our next election is August 28, 2018. We still need 3 more volunteers. The state requires each precinct to have a Spanish-speaking worker. If you would be willing to volunteer in any 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.

It's a chance to get to know each other better. We have fun!



Woman Of Interest

Gretchen Carlson

Gretchen Elizabeth Carlson is an American television commentator and author and the chairwoman of the Miss America board of directors. Carlson was crowned the 1989 Miss America while representing her native state of Minnesota. She graduated from Stanford University with honors before embarking on a career in television. She joined CBS News as a correspondent in 2000 and became the co-host of the Saturday edition of *The Early Show*. In 2005, she moved to Fox News Channel, and became the co-host of the morning show *Fox & Friends*. In 2013, she announced her departure from *Fox & Friends* and soon thereafter launched a new program called "The Real Story with Gretchen Carlson." Her autobiography, *Getting Real*, was published in 2015 by Viking. In her new book, *Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back*, the former Fox News Channel anchor Gretchen Carlson examines the prevalence of sexual harassment and different ways to combat it.

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AAUW Fort Myers/ Lee County Branch

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Date _____ Birthday Month _____ Day _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Florida Address
Circle if this is a new address

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Dates usually in Lee County-- Full Time Or from _____ to _____

Out-of-Season Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Out-of-Season Phone if different from above _____

E-Mail _____

Send my TORCH newsletter by-- E- mail U.S. Mail
 Directory – (list of members) Pick up at first meeting U.S. Mail

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP (check appropriate category below):		DUES	PAID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Branch Member (Local \$9, State \$12, National \$59)	\$ 80.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dual Member(Belong to another branch. Pay Local \$9.00 & State Dues \$12.00)	\$ 21.00	_____
	<i>Location of other branch:</i> _____		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Life Member (National) (Pay Local \$9.00 and State Dues \$12.00)	\$ 21.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honorary Life (50 Years Member) NO DUES	\$ 0.00	_____

Please make your check payable to: AAUW Fort Myers/ Lee Co Branch, Inc.
Mail check to: AAUW Fort Myers/ Lee Co Branch, Inc.
 P.O. Box 2115 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115

2018-2019 I would like to participate in the following programs or committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt a Precinct | <input type="checkbox"/> Mahjongg | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Torch Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand & Foot | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) |

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