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AAUW MEETING:

Saturday, February 15, 11:30 a.m.

Location:

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club,

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU...

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1:

Spinach & Berries with Grilled Chicken

Baby Spinach with Sliced Strawberries, Dried Cranberries, Mandarin Oranges, Feta Cheese, Bermuda Onion, Toasted Almonds, and Finished with a Raspberry Vinaigrette and Sliced Grilled Chicken

Choice 2:

Italian Chicken Cutlets

Pan Seared Italian Bread Crumb Cutlets, Misted with Fresh Lemon Paired with Basmati Rice and Sautéed Summer Squash, Zucchini, and Red Pepper

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, or at (239) 994-9864 no later than Friday, February 7, referencing AAUW Reservations

Price of the luncheon is \$23.00, checks are preferred; cash is accepted.

Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, February 11, using the same contact method.

(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.)



Come Celebrate Our AAUW Scholars

Our 2019-2020 Scholarship recipients and Edison Kiwanis Science Fair STEM award winners have been invited to our February luncheon. Come out to greet and meet them at 11:30 sharp when they will be introduced and presented with an AAUW Fort Myers Branch Certificate.

Carli Alexis Bounds - \$1600 AAUW FGCU Endowed Scholarship

Larissa Browne - \$2000 AAUW Sue Gottcent Memorial Scholarship

Anissa Avalos - \$1000 AAUW FSW State College Endowed Scholarship

Natalia Olivier - \$1000 AAUW Star Bright Scholarship

MaryJo Morgan Ellis - \$1000 AAUW Ida S. Baker High School Scholarship

Arielle Perez - \$1000 South Fort Myers High School Scholarship

To Be Announced

AAUW STEM \$500 Award

AAUW STEM \$100 Award

The Marie Glasgow and AAUW Friends

STEM Fund \$500

Allyson Rae: Florida Weather

Allyson Rae, Chief Meteorologist
NBC2, Serving Southwest Florida

Whether you are a full-time resident of Southwest Florida or a snowbird, weather has a huge impact on your daily life. Don't you our weather men and weather

One person whom we can for February 15. Allyson is Chief She brings with her over ten years expert. After covering the blizzard Washington, D.C., the Florida of the country she calls home. She and has been there ever since.



ladies? How could we plan anything?

depend on is Allyson Rae, our speaker Meteorologist for local station NBC2. experience as a television weather of 2016 for CBS affiliate WUSA9 in native was eager to return to the part rejoined NBC2 team in October 2017

A Pittsburgh native, Allyson graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Meteorology. She also holds the prestigious Certified Broadcast Meteorologist Seal from the American Meteorology Society.

Allyson and husband Dan are parents to their Corgi dog, Ybor, who is named after Ybor City near where they adopted him. When Allyson isn't working, she enjoys taking advantage of Florida's gorgeous beaches and is an avid runner.

We are thrilled to have her with us on Saturday, February 15 at our monthly meeting.

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 4th Mondays at 1:00

Mahjongg

Jean Schoenthaler, Coordinator, (239) 277-5174

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Suzan Harden, Coordinator, (239) 482-5379

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, Contact Sims 239-990-7963

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

The year 2020 has gotten off to a great start. Our fashion show was a success, netting almost \$7,000 for our scholarship fund. Our January luncheon was well attended, and the speaker was well received. Our day trip in December to Naples was a success, and we had our first meeting of the Great Decisions discussion group; both of which are activities of our special-interest groups.



Let's talk about fundraising. Two members, who prefer to remain anonymous, have each donated \$500 with the stipulation that we members donate to the scholarship fund, and they will match each donation up to \$500. The deadline for contributions is March. So, with your help, we have the opportunity to increase our scholarship fund by \$2,000. The generosity of our donors and of you, our members, never ceases to amaze me. Contact Judy Sims if you plan on making a donation.

A bit of news about the fashion show. Our next show will be in February 2021 at the Landings. We have some members who have offered to be helpers but we need one or two members to be chairpersons of the committee and several other members to be solicitors for gifts and donations. As "Uncle Sam" was known to say, "We need YOU!" Contact me if you are interested.

Our next day trip is the "Female Pioneers Walking Tour" with author Tom Hall. This unique tour showcases the contributions of women to the development of Fort Myers. Contact Robin Tuthill to make a reservation. Space is limited to 12 people. There will be informational brochures at the February meeting. Reservations can be made at the meeting.

Just a reminder about increasing our membership. A very effective method of soliciting members is through your community newsletter. Just contact Carol Fuechsel, and she will provide you with a completely written article to submit to the editor. See how easy it can be.

Our February meeting will begin earlier at 11:30 a.m. We will honor our scholarship and our science fair winners. The science fair winners will have their submissions on display. Please come at 11:30 so you can interact with our guests, ask questions about their projects, and meet their families. At 12:00 p.m. we will present awards to the scholarship winners. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. We are honoring these young ladies, so please come meet them and ask questions. We want them to know we value their work and effort.

The Great Decisions interest group had its first meeting January 24th and it was a dynamic, informative session on climate change. The next discussion will be about India and Pakistan, moderated by Herb and Ellen Schneider. Please contact Suzan Harden if you are interested in participating in these discussions.

If you are interested in participating on the Nominating committee for our upcoming election, please contact me. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please let me know. The open voting positions on the Board are President-Elect, Treasurer, and Vice-President of Membership and need to be filled.. This is your chance to get involved and make a difference. We need to keep the momentum going and we can only do this with your help.

Looking forward to seeing you at our February luncheon meeting. Tina Hoegler

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Star Bright Memorial Scholarship was established in 2000 by AAUW Book Club 2 to honor or celebrate a special occasion such as a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Birth, Death or a significant life situation.

If there are sufficient funds, the \$1000 Star Bright scholarship is offered each year in the second semester to a young woman at either the Fort Myers or Cape Coral Technical Colleges.

Thanks to members we have been able to offer the scholarship the past five years. Having just paid out the 2019-2020 scholarship, the fund is currently at zero.

An anonymous donor has offered to match any donations made by March up to \$500, so we need to help obtain the matching funds.

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!

The commutation's purpose and donor will be published in the TORCH. Donations can be made to the AAUW treasurer or sent to AAUW Fort Myers /Lee County Branch, P.O. Box 2115, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Checks should be made out to AAUW. Please note on the check the occasion of the donation.



Woman of Interest

Katharine Meyer Graham was an American publisher. She led her family's newspaper, The Washington Post, from 1963 to 1991. During her tenure, she presided

over the paper as it reported on the Watergate scandal, which eventually led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. [Wikipedia](#)

AAUW Officers and Board Members

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 --

Co-Chair Scholarship--Janet George, Bonnie Ryan

Communications--Carol Fuechsel

Ways and Means--Peggy Cihl

Standing Committees

Website—Lisa Crotty

Torch Editor--Peggy Cihl; Circulation---

Faye O'Briant (mail), Kathy Jones (email)

Records Retention--Executive Board

Science Fair--Catherine Tucker

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

Needed Immediately:

AAUW Communications Director

The director creates an short article or blurb each month describing the Speaker/Presentation being offered at the upcoming monthly meeting. The director uses a list of media outlets provided by the AAUW program director and/or researches Google to learn other information about the speaker. The article is distributed by email to various publications and newspapers. As requested, the article may be sent to other AAUW members who wish to use it in their local community newsletters. Special articles may also be written to feature AAUW as an organization or to announce AAUW's scholarship recipients. Persons having skills in using and/or advertising on social media would be of much assistance.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Carol Fuechsel (239) 466-5951

cbfuechsel@gmail.com or Tina Hoegler (239) 989-8483 c_hoegler@msn.com.



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