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AAUW MEETING:

Saturday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.

Location:

The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club,

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU...

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1: Oriental Grilled Chicken Salad
Chopped Romaine Hearts, Baby Bok Choy, Sliced Water Chestnuts, Red Peppers, Mandarin Oranges, Julienne Carrots, Fresh Cilantro, green Onion, and Crunchy Noodles Finished with Sliced Grilled Chicken with a Sesame Ginger Dressing

Choice 2: Quiche & Petite Garden Salad
Black Forest Ham and Cheddar Quiche with Raspberry Vinaigrette

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, January 10**, referencing AAUW Reservations

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

Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, January 14, 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.)

Fashion Show

December 7

The Marina at Edison Ford



Fun, friends, food, finds and fashion's flair were the order of the day at our annual fund-raiser fashion show. We funded our scholarships for another year amidst whoops of joy as winners were announced.

Our January Speaker is Arthur L. "Gene" Dole, Vice President, Charlotte Harbor Anthropological Society.

Afar In Ethiopia. Findings from this archaeological expedition. Paleoanthropological Research at Gona, Afar, Ethiopia Findings from paleoanthropological research at Gona, Afar, include those from the Hadar site, one of the world's richest sources of information on the physiology and habitats of human evolution, which include partial skeletons of *Australopithecus afarensis*, a key species in our evolution. Major paleontological work began at Hadar in the early 1970s and was led by the American anthropologist, Donald Johanson. His team discovered a 40-percent-complete female skeleton of *A. afarensis* that became popularly known as Lucy. Located in the Afar triangle of the African Rift Valley, Gona has yielded the world's oldest archaeological sites, with very early stone tools dated to between 2.5 and 2.6 million years ago.

The site has also yielded the earliest known remains of the human genus, *Homo*, which date to 2.3 million years ago, along with some of the earliest known evidence of tool use. Located at the juncture of the Arabian, Somali, and African tectonic plates, the Eastern Rift Valley has experienced significant geologic upheaval. Over several million years, numerous volcanic eruptions laid down layers of volcanic ash at Hadar, effectively covering fossil remains with a succession of strata



that have been systematically identified and dated by researchers. Seismic activity combined with heavy erosion has gradually exposed the region's fossil record, greatly reducing the amount of excavation required for locating hominid remains. These conditions make Hadar one of the world's richest sources of information on the physiology and habitats of hominid species.

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) 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 hope you have all enjoyed the holiday season, whether you celebrated Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza, Festivus or the Winter Solstice. And may you all have a Happy New Year filled with joy, hope, happiness, cheer, health and mobility.

This year has been one of changes; from increasing the number of interest groups we have to offer our membership, encouraging membership coffees in our different communities, our dynamic publicity articles and our new membership category, the Associate Member. And let's not forget the absolutely, fantastic fashion show we just sponsored. Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success. We were financially successful in our efforts for sustaining our scholarships for girls and women in our community.

The enthusiasm and momentum of the Board of Directors, the committees and you the membership will continue to make our chapter a vital force within our community. Your Board of Directors and I will be working hard to make this New Year productive through more positive changes. But we can only be successful with your support and help, as well as your attendance at our monthly meetings. At the meetings you have an opportunity to share your concerns or present ideas that you feel will benefit our chapter. The speaker at our January luncheon will be a member of the Afar Expedition in Ethiopia, where the skeleton of Lucy was found. He has many anecdotes to share with you about this experience. Invite your husbands, guests and friends to this interesting and informative presentation. Perhaps we will acquire some new members.

As a supporter for women's rights our chapter needs to be aware of activities in our community that coincide with our agenda. On January 18 there will be the 2020 Women's March in Fort Myers from 10 AM – 1 PM. This is a women-led movement bringing together people of all genders, ages, races, cultures, political affiliations, disabilities, and backgrounds. Unfortunately, our monthly meeting also shares this date and so we are unable as a Board of Directors to participate. However, if you would like to lend financial or other type of support please contact Debbie Canyock, Treasurer, Women's March Fort Myers Inc., canyodl@aol.com, or call 860-416-3860. Looking forward to seeing you at our luncheon meeting.

Tina Hoegler

To quote a well-known song lyric, "Who could ask for anything more?" Tina

Day Tripping



Five AAUW members went to Naples Botanical Garden December 1. We were stunned at the beauty the minute we walked through the entrance and were surrounded with the sights and sweet aroma of the beautiful orchids of all colors, shapes and sizes.

The bromeliad tree greeted us a little further along the path.

Besides enjoying the splendor of the gardens on a lovely warm sunny day, Patchouli and Terra Guitarra put on a beautiful two-hour outdoor concert in the Water Garden and Performance Lawn.

All in all, it was a pretty magical.



SCHOLARSHIP



Introducing two new AAUW Scholars



Carli Alexis Bondi is our new **FGCU Scholar**. Carli is a young single mother who is in her sophomore year of legal studies with plans to complete law school. She works full-time as a paramedic. While Carli finds being a mother, a paramedic and a student difficult she is determined and committed to pursuing a career as a lawyer

where her focus will be protecting patients wronged by the healthcare system.



Our members, Judith Sims, Carol Fuechsel and Bonnie Lincoln met Carli at the FGCU Scholarship luncheon in November and were most impressed by her enthusiasm, drive and career plans.



Natalia Arauso De Oliveira is our new **Star Bright Scholar at Cape Coral Technical College** where she is starting the second half of the Medical Assistant Program. Natalia is working toward her dream of becoming a Nurse Practitioner while continuing to find time to be with family and care for her young son. The next step in her plan is to start the program to become a Registered Nurse in the fall of 2020. Her instructors and her employer commend her academic achievements and her leadership.

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—Lisa Crotty

Torch Editor--Peggy Cihl; Circulation---Faye O'Briant (mail), Kathy Jones (email)

Records Retention--Executive Board

Science Fair--Catherine Tucker

Fashion Show Oversight: Peggy Cihl

Adopt A Precinct--Carolyn Nance, Judith Sims

Ancillary Positions:

AAUW Name Tags--Reservations—Faye O'Briant

Greeters—Board Members

Sunshine --Ann Compton

Woman of Interest

Gabrielle Dee Giffords (born June 8, 1970) is an American politician from Arizona and a gun control advocate. As a Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives, she represented Arizona's 8th congressional district from January 3, 2007, until her resignation on January 25, 2012, after surviving an assassination attempt that left her with a severe brain injury. In January 2013, Giffords and her husband Mark Kelly started a political action committee called Americans for Responsible Solutions whose mission is to promote gun-control legislation with elected officials and the general public. The couple supports "keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people like criminals, terrorists, and the mentally ill".^[112]

Other proposals from Giffords and Kelly include limiting the sale of certain magazines, limiting the sale of assault weapons, and stopping gun trafficking.

Giffords was a surprise witness at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on gun violence on January 30, 2013.^[113] In a halting voice, she called for Congress to pass tougher laws on guns, saying "too many children are dying." Giffords is right-handed; her speech therapist had to write out her statement for her since her right arm was paralyzed in the shooting.

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