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Our annual AAUW membership renewal period has arrived. Forms are found on the last two pages of the TORCH.

PLEASE PRINT THE FORMS and mail them to our treasurer:

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Cape Coral, FL 33914

We will put all the names of the people who renew before May into a hat and draw a name. The winner will receive a free luncheon during the month of her choice (except February). We are especially interested in knowing the areas in which you desire to participate.

Of special interest, the Fashion Show Luncheon will be held at The Landings Helm Club on February 20, 2021.



President's Message

Members, I hope you are all well and following the guidelines to keep yourselves safe from harm. Have you remembered to send in your renewal membership forms? If not, please do so as soon as possible. If you need the form or are having difficulty renewing, please contact Carolyn Nance at

cnance5240@gmail.com.

I hope you have all read the email I sent on Sunday, April 19th. Since we are unable to meet as a general membership you were given a chance to nominate a "candidate from the floor" as required in our by-laws, by filling out the given form and having it returned by Sunday, April 26th. Hopefully you have all taken the opportunity to open and read this email. According to the Florida State AAUW, if there are no additional nominees, and only one person listed for each office, those persons are automatically elected.

Our new officers for next year are - President:
Jemetta Hunt;

President Elect: Kathleen Haibach ; Vice-
President Membership: Linda Allen;

Co-Treasurers: Mary Kellner and Judith Sims.
Congratulations to each and every one of you.

(Other positions remain the same as this year.)

Our general meeting will still be held on May
16th, electronically through Zoom, at 2:30 p.m..
You are all invited to attend and participate.
Directions on signing in to Zoom will be
provided.

Your Board and I have been working behind the
scenes to facilitate a smooth transition into next
year. I would like to take this opportunity to
thank all of you and the Board for a great year.
I have been blessed to have served as your
president. At the beginning of the year I talked
about the concept of momentum. Moving things
ahead. Having something to believe in and rally
around, working together. With momentum
there's energy which brings advancement. And
this year all of you have been part of this
momentum. Because of you, we have
continuously worked for the betterment of
women's lives. We've created new experiences
through our speakers, our new interest groups
and our field trips. We held a fantastically,
successful fashion show, raising money for our
many scholarships. Our membership has
increased and new, innovative membership
drives have been initiated. It has been a
wonderful year because of you. So ,I say again
to you, thank you, for presenting me with the
opportunity to be your president. Tina

AAUW Officers and Board Members 2019-2020

Elected -- 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 and
Bonnie Ryan*

Communications—Suzan Harden

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--Faye O'Briant, Carolyn
Nance*

Ancillary Positions:

AAUW Name Tag --Reservations

Faye O'Briant

Greeter--Board Members

Sunshine --Ann Compton

Group Facilitator--Jemetta Hunt

Adopt-A-Precinct

Thank you to all who have volunteered to work the polls in August. We now have committed: Carolyn Nance, Colleen Wheeler, Judy Sims, Pat Tillis, Ron Glasgow, Jemetta Hunt and me. It would be wonderful to get about four more. Kath Haibach has volunteered to help with food. I know many of you plan to head north for the summer; however, if you are in the area for August, please join us. It will be a fun and rewarding experience for you. Please contact me ASAP if you would like to join us, or want additional information.

Faye O'Briant

Join the **Annual Meeting Online**

Call in option is also available

*As we are still social distancing and not able to meet in person, we will be holding our annual meeting by video conferencing. We will open the video conference to the general membership at **2:30 pm on 16 May.***

The link for the video conference is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85077044359>

The meeting ID is: 850 7704 4359

Using Zoom

If you are not familiar with Zoom, it is a video conferencing app that will allow us to meet together.

Each video conference meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting. Ours is 850 7704 4359.

(If you are joining via telephone, you will need the teleconferencing number provided below.)

Getting Started

For questions about Zoom and your particular computer set-up, check out the Zoom site (it's impossible to know every combination of computer, hardware, software everyone is running). There are free resources available:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>

To learn about joining a meeting and to download the Zoom app:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

If you want to practice with Zoom and verify that your system works: <https://zoom.us/test>

Prefer to Call In?

If you don't have a computer with video conference capabilities or you prefer to call in, you can use one of the following numbers. Dial by your location

1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

1 301 715 8592 US

1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 850 7704 4359

Find your local number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/keG0bLvlDB>

ELECTED OFFICERS- Executive Board 2020-2021

PRESIDENT--Jemetta Hunt

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT--Kathleen Haibach

CO-VP PROGRAMS--Jill Jennings --Phyllis Wayco

VP MEMBERSHIP--Linda Allen

CO-SECRETARY--Liz Foster --Pat Crowe

CO-TREASURER--Mary Kellner and Judith Sims

APPOINTED OFFICERS --BOARD MEMBERS

PUBLIC POLICY--Suzan Harden

CO-SCHOLARSHIP--Cheryl Tromley, Marcia Howard, and DeVera Graf

COMMUNICATIONS--Open

WAYS & MEANS--Peggy Cihl

STANDING COMMITTEES--2020-2021

WEBSITE--Lisa Crotty

DIRECTORY--Lisa Crotty

TORCH EDITOR--Peggy Cihl

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE--Judith Sims

PHOTOGRAPHER--Jemetta Hunt

RECORDS RETENTION--Executive Board

K.T.E.R.SCIENCE/ENGINEERING FAIR--

Cathy Tucker--

FASHION SHOW COMMITTEE--February 20, 2021

ADOPT A PRECINCT--Faye O'Briant

ANCILLARY POSITIONS

AAUW NAME TAGS--Linda Allen and Carolyn Nance

GREETERS----Board Members

RESERVATIONS----Faye O'Briant

SUNSHINE----Ann Compton

TORCH CIRCULATION--Faye O'Briant (US Mail)

-----Kathy Jones (email)

RENEW!!! RENEW!!! RENEW!!!

Membership renewal dues of \$80.00 may now be paid by credit card directly to National. Please call or email cnance5240@gmail.com or phone her at 239-257-1727. She will provide you with a personal link to National AAUW to accomplish this. If you charge your dues, please still fill out the renewal form that is on the final pages of the Torch.

This form will enable us to update your information, summer addresses, Torch and Directory distribution, interest groups, etc. You can also write a check Payable to: AAUW/ Lee County Branch and send it to Carolyn Nance

6021 Silver King Blvd Unit 104
Cape Coral, FL 33914

Please contact Lynn Felice (lfelice@embarqmail.com) or Carolyn Nance (cnance5240@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.



BOOK NOOK

Meetings will be held via Zoom in the fall:

September

Covergirls- 2nd Wednesday- 1:00 PM

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Classy Ladies & Literature- 3rd Wednesday- 2:00

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Eat, Share, Read -3rd Thursday- 11:30 AM

The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women

Change the World by Melinda Gates

October

Covergirls –*Maisie Dobbs*

by Jaqueline Winspear

Classy Ladies & Literature

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Eat, Share, Read-- *Spectator Bird*

by Wallace Stegner

November

Covergirls –*Nineteen Minutes* By Jodi Picoult

Classy Ladies & Literature

The Underground Railroad

by Colson Whitehead

Woman of Interest

ACTOR CLORIS LEACHMAN

Cloris Leachman celebrated her 92nd birthday in April. Her creative career has spanned more than seven decades. In this time, she has won eight Primetime Emmy Awards, a Daytime Emmy Award, and an Academy Award .

She has more than 280 credits in film and television. Not letting her age slow her down, Leachman set a record when she appeared on "Dancing with the Stars" at the age of 82. Speaking to PETA, the performer credited her longevity to her meat-free diet.

A growing bank of research links plant-based foods with a longer life expectancy. Studies suggest that vegan and vegetarian foods can prevent and treat illness.



AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch
 Membership Renewal Form, July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Date _____ Birthday Month/Date ____

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 _____

Email _____

College/Degree _____

Send my TORCH Newsletter by email or U.S Mail

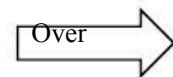
Directory – (list of members) Pick up at first meeting or U.S Mail

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	____
Location of other branch _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member (National), (Pay Local \$9.00 & State Dues \$12.00)	\$21.00	____
<input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Life (50 Years Membership) NO DUES	\$0.00	____

Please make your check payable to: AAUW/Fort Myers/Lee Co Branch, Inc.

Mail check to: Carolyn Nance.
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I would like to participate in the following committees:

- Fashion Show Adopt a Precinct Accounting/Finance Web Updates
 Scholarship Torch Production Communications Other (Please describe)

Interest Groups and Coordinators

Check the Box by those you are interested in joining

- Book Discussions – Marilyn Mylii
 Bridge – Donna Randolph
 Cook Today, Chef Tomorrow - available
 Day Trips – Robin Tuthill
 Great Decisions – Susan Hardin
 Hand and Foot – Nancy Kuyoth
 Hunt 4 Wellness – Jemetta Hunt
 International Topics for Women – Bobby Oster-Balmer
 Mahjongg – Jean Schoenthaler
 Movie, Dine and Discuss – Paula Miller
 Photo Walk – Jemetta Hunt
 Theater – Ronda Bressler
 Writers' Group: Poetry and more – Judy Sims and Jill Jennings



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