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AAUW MEETING:

Saturday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.

Location:

**The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club,
4420 South Landings Dr.**

Luncheon Menu:

Choice 1: Landings Cobb Salad

Crisp Romaine Hearts, Smoked Turkey, Baby Heirloom Tomatoes, Hard Boiled Farm Egg, Apple Smoked Bacon, Avocado, and Gorgonzola Cheese with a Red Wine Vinaigrette

Choice 2: Mediterranean Chicken

Marinated Boneless Chicken Breast, Pan Seared with Kalamata Olives, Artichokes, Sundried Tomato, and Feta Cheese Paired with Herbed Cous Cous and Roasted Roma Tomatoes

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, November 8, referencing AAUW Reservations

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

Cancellations must be made no later than Tuesday, November 12, 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

at The Marina at Edison Ford



A canvas print of your favorite photograph-

A refreshing bottle of your favorite wine-

Tickets to Broadway Palm or the Rep-

Faux pearl earrings to brighten your look-

All these could be yours when you come to the fashion show and bid on your favorites!

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 other names provided later.

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

Our November Speaker is Dr. Steven L. Derfler...

Dr. Derfler is an international educational consultant, public speaker, archaeologist, historian, researcher, teacher and writer; Dr. Derfler has been uncovering the histories of Ancient Civilizations for 45 years. Tracing the development of western religions from their roots in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean countries, Dr. Derfler brings insight to current political and social events, bridging the past with the future to promote greater understanding between people from different faiths and walks of life. He will speak on one of the greatest archaeological discoveries and subsequent mysteries of the 20th century, that emerged on Nov. 26, 1922, when Howard Carter identified the tomb of the boy-king Tutankhamen. Over the next few years, over 5000 objects were removed, along with his intact sarcophagus and entombed mummy. Of the 62 tombs discovered in "The Canyon," as Carter called the Valley of the Kings, it was the only royal tomb found fully intact.



But was there a dark side to all of this?

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

Mahjonn

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, 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



At our monthly luncheons there is always great company, good food and an informative speaker. Dr. Kim Swanson, Crime Prevention Specialist from the Lee County Sheriff's Office spoke at our October luncheon on identity theft, scams, frauds, cons and personal safety. One tip in particular stands out in my mind. She suggested we carry two wallets. One wallet with a bit of cash and possibly an expired discontinued credit card and another wallet that we actually use. If a robber asks for your wallet, you just hand him the decoy one. Another great tip was to leave your big purse at home and carry a small wallet sized one that would fit into a jacket or pants pocket. Pickpockets eye the purses, so if you're not carrying one, they usually pass you by.

It would be beneficial to our chapter and to our goals if we could increase our membership. Your participation is key. Lynn Felice, Vice-President of Membership, has lined up three gated communities in which to hold a membership coffee. Please consider adding your community to the list. All you need to do is line up a venue for our use and promote the event. Lynn will organize all the rest and provide you with publicity posters. The membership committee will provide the program. If you would prefer to hold a small gathering of friends at your home, we can help you with that and provide informational materials. Remember, we have a new category of membership, the associate member. The associate member does not hold a degree but supports our goals and ideals. Contact Lynn at lfelice@embarqmail.com.

Another way of spreading information about our chapter and gaining new members is to place an article in your community newsletter. Our Publicity Chair, Carol Fuechsel, will provide you with the article to submit. Just contact her at cbfuechsel@gmail.com. All you have to do is get the article to the right person.

Remember to complete the Interest Forms and return them to Jemetta Hunt, our Interest Group Facilitator. Also, please complete and return the Day Trip Forms to Robin Tuthill. Robin, our Day Trip Coordinator, is planning our first trip. It is to the Naples Botanical Gardens on December 1st to enjoy "Music in the Garden" with Patchouli and Terra Guitarra. Contact Robin at rtuthill12@aol.com if you would like to join in, or sign up at the November meeting.

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

Save the Date! *Our AAUW 29th Annual Fashion Show and Scholarship Fundraiser*

AAUW Lee County will be holding our 26th annual fashion show to raise scholarship funds for women in Lee County on Saturday, December 7, 2019. The theme this year is "ScholarSHIP". This festive event will take place at the beautiful MARINA AT EDISON-FORD'S BALLROOM at 2360 W First St, Fort Myers, FL in the main ballroom. Plenty of parking is available in the front of the hotel or in nearby lots to the east. Fashions will be provided by Razzle Dazzle. Plan on attending and purchasing your tickets soon.

We need your help! Most of the funds for the scholarships are raised from our raffle table and silent auction. Please reach out to solicit donations from businesses you frequent, business owners in your sphere of influence and artisans you know who would like to get their names known. We are also looking for corporate sponsors who will be recognized through signage and the fashion show program. Donations are imperative to a successful event! If you need the letter requesting donations and the thank-you letter, please email Peggy Cihi at peggycihi@comcast.net or call her at 239-482-5795.



This year's event will feature the popular money hat, raffle table, silent auction and a wine pull, where you will have the opportunity to select your favorite wine! Bring lots of five-dollar bills to purchase raffle tickets! Items can be paid for with cash or check.

Event tickets are still available and can be purchased by contacting Carolyn Nance at 239-257-1727 or by e-mail at cnance5240@gmail.com. Payment should be sent to Carolyn Nance at 6021 Silver King Blvd. #104, Cape Coral, FL 33914

**We hope to award more AAUW
SCHOLARSHIPS like these!
2018-2019**

1. AAUW FGCU Endowed Scholarship

*Alyssa Crowbridge,
Elementary Education*

History:

Established in 2000 with member and state matching funds to create \$10,000 endowment.



Goal: Add to the fund \$3,000 per year for next 5 years to reach a five-year goal of \$52,000 to sustain an annual \$2,000 scholarship. Currently awards \$1,500.

Scholarship Criteria: FGCU female student from the Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry county area, with financial need pursuing an undergraduate degree.

2. AAUW Sue Gottcent Memorial



*Larissa Browne,
Master of Social Work*

History: Established in 2006 with a \$52,000 bequest from the estate of member Sue Gottcent, an avid supporter of AAUW's mission. Currently awards \$2,000.

Goal: Yearly \$2,000 scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria: Female student age 25 or older, Lee County Resident, with financial need and attends an institute of higher learning that is part of the Florida State University system. Priority will be given to a current awardee for subsequent years.

3. AAUW FSW State College Endowed Scholarship



*Anissa Avalos
Psych Major*

History: The Branch granted many awards to female students through the years. In 2005 an endowed scholarship was established with \$5,000 raised by the members and matched by the state.

Goal: Add to the fund \$1,500 each year for the next five years to achieve a \$40,000 principle to sustain a \$1,500 annual award. Currently awards \$1,000.

Scholarship Criteria: Female Lee County student with financial need attending the Fort Myers Campus of FSW. Priority is given to a current awardee based on completion and submission of successful coursework grades.

4. Scholarship: AAUW Star Bright Scholarship



*Krystal Davis
Medical*

Scholarship History: AAUW members of Book Club 3 established the "Star-Bright Memorial Fund" in 2005. Our members make donations honoring friends and commemorating special events. As funds accrue, awards are made to women for college or vocational education.

Goal: Awarded as \$1,000 is accrued.

Scholarship Criteria: Female student attending Second Semester at Fort Myers Technical College or Cape Coral Technical College who maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress in attendance and technical skill.

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 Cih

Standing Committees

Website—Lisa Crotty

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

Records Retention--Executive Board

Science Fair--Catherine Tucker

Fashion Show Oversight: Kathy Jones and Peggy Cih

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

Frances Arnold is the Linus Pauling Professor of Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering and Biochemistry at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). She graduated from Princeton University in 1979 with a B.S.E. in mechanical and aerospace engineering.



Frances Arnold is a groundbreaking chemist whose research has had far-reaching impact on the development of chemical substances, from pharmaceuticals to biofuels.

The proteins Arnold now produces in her lab can speed up reactions that don't exist in nature, leading to more environmentally friendly manufacturing.



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