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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We are very excited to announce our long-awaited return to in-person meetings. It has been a long two years since we last met in person. We are planning a special celebration at our March meeting and hope all members will attend. This year The Landings is requiring us to pay for 30 lunches per meeting, so please consider joining us for good food and great company.

Our MARCH 19th MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE LANDINGS. The Board Meeting begins at 10:00. Check in for the Luncheon begins at 11:30 with lunch being served at 12:00, followed by our Luncheon Program. Proof of vaccination and luncheon payment is required at check in. Safety protocols continue to be a priority for our members. We will have tables of 4 placed 6 feet apart with servers being masked. A reminder that reservations and menu choices are required prior to the luncheon. See details on page 2 of The TORCH.

Lisa Crotty will email the Agenda, Treasure's Report and February's Minutes the Wednesday prior to the Saturday meeting. Please print these out and bring them to the meeting.

MARCH PROGRAM: Dr. Cheryl Tromley, who is one of the co-chairs of our Scholarship Committee, will present a program on World War I.

A RAFFLE OF DONATED GIFT CERTIFICATES will follow the presentation. You will be able to purchase 6 raffle tickets for \$10.00 at the check-in table. With no 2022 Fashion Show fundraiser, we must once again depend on the generosity of our members to make monetary donations to sustain our Scholarship funding. The Fashion Show and Adopt A Precinct had raised over \$8,000 annually. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS to the March meeting and consider donating the amount you would have spent on our luncheons and the Fashion Show. If you are unable to attend, please send your donation by mail using the Donation Form on page 10.

We are so grateful for the continued support from our members during the challenging past two years. It means so much to the girls and young women who depend on us to continue their education endeavors. Our Branch has not only survived but have added 14 new members in the past two years. Cheers to our dedicated members. See you all at the March Celebration.

Kathleen Haibach, President AAUW
Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.

WELCOME BACK!

OUR MEETING Date:

Saturday, MARCH 19, 2022

Gathering: 11:45 A.M.

Location: In The Garden Room
The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club,
5200 South Landings Drive

Luncheon Menu: Rolls, Coffee, Tea

Choice 1: BLT Salad with Cajun chicken, crispy baby romaine with heirloom tomatoes, apple-smoked bacon and homemade croutons and country buttermilk ranch dressing.

Choice 2: Italian Chicken Cutlets; pan-seared Italian breadcrumbs, cutlets, misted with fresh lemon basmati rice and sautéed vegetables chicken breast covered in tomato sauce and mozzarella, and parmesan, served with risotto and chef's choice of vegetable.

Choice 3: Vegan Meal. Chef's choice

Dessert: Chef's Choice or Fruit Cup

Beverages are available. Wait staff will accept charge cards for beverages.
Reservations are required with choice of menu.

Proof of Vaccination is required.

For luncheon reservations, contact Carolyn Nance. She will acknowledge your reservation by a return e-mail. If you do not receive a note, please contact her again.
Carolyn's contact is:

cnance5240@gmail.com

or at

(239) 785-9993

Please title your e-mail AAUW Reservations, and contact Carolyn Nance no later than **Monday, March 14.**

Cancellations must be made no later than **Tuesday, March 15**, using the same method of communication, otherwise, payment is expected.

Price of the luncheon is \$23.00. Checks are preferred, cash is accepted; no credit cards are accepted.

(Mark your calendar for our meetings the second Saturday in April and May. These meetings are earlier than usual due to unavoidable conflicts. Meetings end in May and begin again the third Saturday in September.)



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**Our March 19th Speaker is our own Cheryl Tromley
speaking on
ENGLAND BETWEEN THE WARS:
THE SOCIAL COSTS OF WWI**

Our speaker, Dr. Cheryl Tromley is our scholarship co-chair. We look forward to seeing her presentation. She will speak about the time between the two great World Wars (1918-1939). The time period was one of tremendous change and social upheaval. Nowhere was this truer than in England. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the macro context of these changes then dive into the impact on the lives of the men and women who survived the war.

While the presentation is titled “....The Social Costs....” we will also see that there were some concomitant benefits, especially changes in the roles and status of women, and the entrenched class system.

Dr. Tromley is Professor of Management Emerita, Dolan School of Business, Fairfield University. Her professional experience centers in management, team development, and leadership. She is an independent consultant-coach and the author of books and numerous journal articles on organizational behavior; cultural identity; ethical decision making; developing and managing faculty; and creating high-performance work systems. Dr. Tromley’s degrees: Ph.D., M.A., M.Phil., Yale University; M.A., Florida Atlantic University; B.A., Michigan State University.



You Can Help Preserve History

Many of us are looking for volunteer opportunities while staying safe. The Library of Congress may have just the opportunity for you.

Many of the materials donated to the library are archives, journals and personal items from historical collections. These materials have been scanned and now need to be transcribed so they are searchable and available to scholars around the world.

The Library offers collections online with instructions for virtual volunteers to enter or review materials. Information is available on the *By The People* page -

<https://crowd.loc.gov/?loclr=eacwd>

Current projects that may be of particular interest to members include:

Clara Barton’s papers - <https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns/clara-barton-angel-of-the-battlefield/>

Organizing for Women’s Suffrage - <https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns/organizing-for-womens-suffrage-the-nawsa-records/> (mostly requires review of transcribed pages)

Walt Whitman - <https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns/walt-whitman/>

Recently completed projects include papers from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, and Anna E. Dickinson.

To learn how to get started, read the Welcome Guide and select a campaign.

<https://crowd.loc.gov/help-center/welcome-guide/>

Woman of Interest

March is Women's History Month

Every year's "Women's History Month" has a theme. The 2022 theme is "**Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope**," according to the National Women's History Alliance. This theme not only honors the tireless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic, but also women of all backgrounds who have provided compassionate healing and hope for the betterment of patients, friends, and family.



Virginia Apgar, MD (1909-1974):

Scoring for babies

Apgar went on to study the effects of anesthesia, labor, and delivery on a newborn's health, and she is said to have created her tremendously influential check list in response to a question from a student. Before the Apgar score, providers had little guidance on assessing and treating infants in their first hours, often losing babies who could have been saved.

National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health

New parents anxiously await their child's Apgar score, which is the gold standard for determining the health of a newborn. Virginia Apgar devised that score in 1953, creating the first tool to scientifically assess a neonate's health risks and need for potentially life-saving observation.

When she graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University in 1933, Apgar hoped to pursue surgery. A mentor discouraged her, though, so she studied anesthesiology instead, becoming the first director of Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital's new division of anesthesia in 1938.

2021-22 MEETING DATES and Torch Production Schedule

SEND ARTICLES TO peggycihi@comcast.net

Meeting Date	Deadline for Articles	Mail Torch Date
March 19, 2022	February 26, 2022	March 9, 2022
April 9, 2022	March 16, 2022	March 28, 2022
May 14, 2022	April 22, 2022	May 3, 2022
September 17, 2022	August 25, 2022	September 6, 2022

April and May meetings are the second week of the month due to a conflict with the Helm Club



EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

With Our Scholarships

Scholarship Committee:
Cheryl Tromley, Chair,
Devera Graf,
Marcia Howard

It's hard to believe that it has only been a month since we last imposed on your generosity and told you "We really need your help....again." And we do need that help because we remain committed to our primary focus "empowering women and girls" through our scholarships, and we can only do that with your continued support. We thank Lynn Felice in honor of Jill Berle, Jacqueline Kloess, Devera Graf, Mary Kellner and Marcia Howard for their generous donations to our scholarships.

While we still aren't back to normal, there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We are on track for our first in-person meeting in March and our luncheon honoring our scholarship recipients in April. To generate more interest in contributing to our scholarships, an anonymous donor has very generously volunteered to cover the cost of the April Scholars luncheon. This wonderful member hopes that this act of generosity will spur everyone to contribute. The members who attend will be asked to donate the normal cost of their attendance to the Scholarship Fund. In addition, our donor hopes that you will be inspired by the donor's generosity to give something extra. We cannot thank this donor enough for such wonderful support!!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at both meetings. If you, hopefully, feel inspired to give something extra to support our scholarships, directions for doing so appear at the end of this article.

AAUW *Star Bright* Scholarship: This scholarship was established in 2005, by Book Club 3, to provide branch members with the opportunity to make donations honoring friends and commemorating special events. As funds accrue, a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a female student attending the second semester at Fort Myers or Cape Coral Technical College.

AAUW *Lee County High School* Scholarship: Established in 2011 in memory of Jane Wagner, a three-term branch president. It awards one \$1,000 scholarship per year to a graduating female student with financial need and few other scholarships chosen by the school counselor. The award is paid to the college of the recipient's choice.

AAUW *STEM* Award: Established in 2001 to encourage middle and high school girls in STEM fields. It awards one \$500 prize to a top female entrant in the Thomas Alva Edison & Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair. A "First Time" award of \$100 is also given to a female entrant for an outstanding first entry. All Lee County female high school entrants in the Edison Regional Science Fair are eligible.

Marie Glasgow and AAUW *STEM* Award Fund: Established in 2019 in honor of Marie Glasgow, president of AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co Branch for two years. It is awarded each year with the goal of improving educational opportunities by rewarding young Middle School girl(s) who are winners at the Junior Division of Edison-Kiwanis Science Fair or

Thomas Edison Festival of Light Regional Inventors Fair.

Girls in Engineering, Math and Science (GEMS): This hands-on program is dedicated to science education for regional middle school girls by enthusiastic professionals and undergraduates as facilitators and role models in a girls-only environment.

AAUW FGCU Endowed Scholarship: Established in 2000, with member and matching funds from the state, it awards one scholarship to a female student who resides in the five-county (Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry) area with financial need pursuing an undergraduate degree at FGCU. Priority is given to the current awardee.

AAUW Sue Gottcent Memorial Endowed Scholarship: Established in 2006 with a bequest from the estate of member Sue Gottcent who was an avid supporter of AAUW's mission. It awards one \$2,000 scholarship to a Lee County female student aged 25 or older with demonstrated financial need who attends an institute of higher education that is part of the Florida State University system. Priority is given to the current awardee.

AAUW FSW State College Endowed Scholarship: Established in 2000, with member and matching funds from the state, it awards one \$1,000 scholarship to a female Lee County student with financial need attending the Fort Myers Campus of FSW. Priority is given to the current awardee.



**It's your lucky day
You can help make a contribution to our
fund-raising for our scholarships so we can
continue with these worthy benefits!**

Our donation form is on page 8.

AAUW Adopt-A-Precinct –March, 2022

Greetings Everyone!

We're sure looking forward to seeing everyone in person again! Those of us who worked the polls during the last election have received a letter from the Lee County Elections' Office. They are asking for interest in participation in elections this year. We also have information regarding procedures this year. We are no longer allowed to work together at Precinct 90. They will have us work at our own assigned precincts, and we won't be working all together. The loss of working together is a real change for us; however, we could have more of us working at one election and submitting our own checks to AAUW for scholarships. Lots of changes are coming from the state.

If you are interested in working the polls to assist with our money-making efforts, please let us know so that we know how many to expect to work for the 2022 elections. **The first election is August 23**, with training prior to that date. **The second election is November 8, 2022**, again with training prior to the date. The training sessions are 2 to 4 hours, long depending on the assignment. The Lee County Elections Office works hard to assist with a clean place to work with masks and cleaning supplies.

We made \$1,300 for scholarships last time. We work the day of the election from 5:00 am until about 8:00 pm. It is rare to work non-stop for very long. Ask anyone who has worked if you would like more information. It is a fairly easy way to contribute to our scholarship funds since you donate your earnings for the day.

Jobs vary from Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Deputy , Voter Assistant Inspector (checking in voters), Ballot Inspector (distributes ballots to voters), and Tabulator Inspector. We also have a special assistant for the voters.

Last election volunteers included: Faye O'Briant, Carolyn Nance, Sam O'Briant, Janet George, Jemetta Hunt, Kathy Jones, Mary Kellner, Marilyn Myli, Judith Sims, Pat Tillis, and Colleen Wheeler. Any of those members/supporters would be happy to answer any question you might have.

Deadline for contacting Faye O'Briant about volunteering is March 15, 2022. Please join us at the polls this year for AAUW.

Thank you for considering being a part of this effort.

Faye O'Briant

Nanagrams6@gmail.com, or 239-994-9864.



INTEREST GROUPS/COORDINATORS

BOOK GROUPS

Marilyn Myli, Coordinator
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Club	Meets
Cover Girls	2nd Wednesday, 1 PM
Eat, Share, Read	3rd Thursday, 11:30 AM

BRIDGE

Marilyn Myli, Coordinator
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HAND & FOOT

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator
cnance5240@gmail.com

MAHJONGG

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator
Meets – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1 PM
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GREAT DECISIONS

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New Interest Groups Are Welcome
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AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.

2021-2022 Officers

Elected – Executive Board

President – Kathleen Haibach
Past President – Jemetta Hunt
Co-Vice-Presidents – Bonnie Ryan
and Janet George
Vice-President of Programs –
Jill Jennings
Vice-President Membership – Lisa Crotty
Secretary – Pat Crowe
Co-Treasurers –
Mary Kellner and Judith Sims.

Appointed Officers – Board Members

Public Policy – Suzan Harden
Co-Chairs of Scholarship –
Cheryl Tromley, Marcia Howard and
Devera Graf
Communications – Tina Hoegler
Ways and Means – Peggy Cihl

Standing Committees

Website/Directory – Lisa Crotty,
assisted by Tamara Pignott
Torch Editor – Peggy Cihl
Historian – Judith Sims
Photographer – Jemetta Hunt
Records Retention – Executive Board
K.T.E.R Science/Engineering Fair –
Cathy Tucker
Adopt-A-Precinct – Faye O'Briant
Reservations – Carolyn Nance
Sunshine – Ann Compton
Torch Circulation – Jemetta Hunt (US
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Is gift in honor or in memory of someone? If the answer is "Yes," please provide the following:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please provide contact information for the person honored or family of the person remembered:

Name:

Street Address:

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Please make checks payable to AAUW For Myers / Lee County, Inc. and mail to: AAUW - Attn:

Treasurer

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