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## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

Greeting Members,

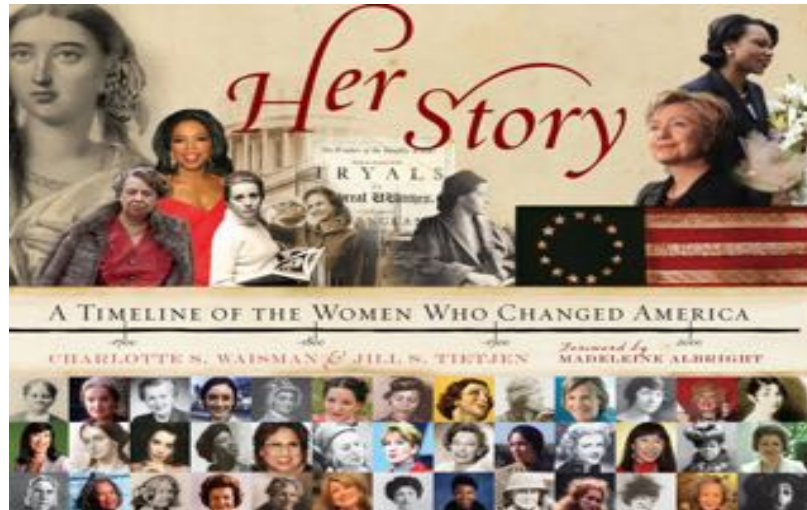
March is Women's History Month, and we would like to recognize someone special in the history of *this* Branch and that's Peggy Drennan Cihl, our Torch Editor for seven years and Ways and Means Chair for eight years. Peggy has been the whiz behind the design, graphics and layout for each Torch, every planned event and program and our new Branch Flyer. In addition, Peggy is our event fundraiser guru and her contacts, experience and attention to detail have guided us to success every time.

Our February board meeting and general meeting resulted in the following:

- The nominees for 2023-2024 are: Nancy Schoenstein, President Elect, Pat Crowe, Secretary, Jill Jennings, VP Programs. Voting will be by eligible members present at the March meeting.
- The installation of New Officers will be at the April meeting.
- Membership: eight new members have joined this year. Several were welcomed at the February luncheon.
- A new membership application has been developed.
- A new AAUW Branch flyer was distributed at the February meeting, and we hope members will keep a few to use to introduce friends and neighbors to our organization.
- National AAUW is increasing membership dues by \$5, and the Board approved a Branch increase of \$15 making renewing membership \$99. Membership renewal will begin March 16.
- Work is continuing towards adding Pay Pal to the Branch web site. (See article in this Torch about Pay Pal.)
- The Board created a new Committee position, Manager of Web and Facebook. New member Astoria Aviles will fill that position. These technologies help us reach out to the community and to convey the Branch mission, "Equity for all."

We wish all of you the joy of sunshine and balmy weather that is the blessing of Fort Myers/Lee County and continued recovery from Hurricane Ian for all citizens.

Janet George and Bonnie Ryan  
Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.



March is Women's History Month



**AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County**

**<https://fmlc-fl.aauw.net>**

Our local e-mail address:

**[aauwleecounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauwleecounty@gmail.com)**

**Our National Organization**

**<https://www.aauw.org>**

**Facebook, linked from the website and the direct link:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-Fort-Myers-Lee-County-Branch-107794550957375>**

## THE STATE OF AMERICAN POLICING MARCH SPEAKER

The speaker for our March 18 program will be an expert on policing in the USA, Dr. David J. Thomas, from FGCU. David J. Thomas, PhD, LMHC is a professor of forensic studies at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Dr. Thomas is a retired police officer retiring from the Gainesville Police Department in 1998.

Dr. Thomas is the author of the award-winning book:

*The State of American Policing: Psychology, Behavior, Problems and Solutions.*

Other books that Dr. Thomas authored are: *Understanding Violent Criminals: Insight From the Front Lines of Law Enforcement*; *Police Psychology: A New Specialty and New Challenges for Men and Women in Blue*; and *Professionalism in Policing: An Introduction*.



Dr. Thomas is a Senior Research Fellow with the Police Foundation in Washington DC and is a recognized expert in the use of force and police practices in state and federal courts. In addition to his academic pursuits, Dr. Thomas is the CEO of Police Counseling Services, LLC where he provides consulting and counseling services for several law enforcement agencies in North Florida.

### Woman of Interest



Alice Stebbins Wells fought for the idea that women, as regular members of municipal police departments, are particularly well-qualified to perform protective and preventive work among juveniles and female criminals. She will be remembered for introducing this new concept into local law enforcement.

### Alice Stebbins Wells

*Wells was one of the first female police officers in the United States.*



In 1909, Los Angeles social worker Alice Stebbins Wells petitioned Mayor George Alexander and the City Council, requesting that an ordinance providing for a Los Angeles Policewoman be adopted. Not only was the measure passed, but on September 12, 1910, Mrs. Wells was appointed as the nation's first female policewoman with arrest powers.

On the first day of her appointment, Mrs. Wells was furnished with a Gamewell (a telephone call box) key, a book of rules, a first aid book, and a "policeman's badge." In those days, an officer was privileged to enjoy free trolley car rides while going to and from work, but when Mrs. Wells displayed her badge, the conductor accused her of misusing her husband's identity. This was remedied by presenting her with "Policewoman's Badge Number One." Her first duties included supervision and enforcement of laws concerning "dance halls, skating rinks, penny arcades, picture shows, and other similar places of public recreation." Among her activities were the "suppression of unwholesome billboard displays, searches for missing persons, and the maintenance of a general information bureau for women seeking advice on matters within the scope of police departments."



## National, State, and Branch Leadership Positions – AAUW Opportunities at the State Board

The board of directors of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) provides strategic leadership and fiduciary oversight for the organization. Come learn the ropes at the Florida Board in the areas of *communication, policies & bylaws and on being a parliamentarian*. We have board officers willing to share their expertise with our members to prepare for future service at the state or branch level. To learn more:

Contact Bea Holt, FL Board President, [aauwflbholt@gmail.com](mailto:aauwflbholt@gmail.com).



PayPal is coming to our Branch website

***What is it?***

PayPal is a payment platform with a website and a phone app that enables payments between parties through online money transfers.

***Why should the Fort Myers/ Lee County Branch, Inc. have an account?***

The Branch can better manage payment for Donations, Membership, Luncheon and Event reservations.

***Will I have to set up a PayPal account?***

Not necessarily. You will also have the options to pay by credit card or check.

***How will it work?***

We are in the process of setting up the web pages. Look for more information in the days to come.

### 2022-2023 MEETING DATES and Torch Production Schedule

SEND ARTICLES TO [peggycihi@comcast.net](mailto:peggycihi@comcast.net)

**Meeting Date**

April 15, 2023  
May 20, 2023

**Deadline for Articles**

March 22, 2023  
April 26, 2023

**Mail Torch Date**

April 5, 2023  
May 10, 2023



**Join us for  
Our Luncheon and Program**

**The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis  
Club, 5200 South Landings Drive**

**OUR MEETING DATE:**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**Gathering: 11:30 A.M.**

**Location: The Garden Dining Room**

***Luncheon Menu:***

***Rolls, Coffee, Tea***

***Choice 1 TURKEY ASPARAGUS AND  
PARMESAN CREPES-- with sundried  
tomato sauce, harvest rice, chef's vegetable***

***Choice 2: COBB SALAD with BLUE  
CHEESE DRESSING***

***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  
and please indicate choice of menu.***



**For luncheon reservations,  
PAYMENT IS EXPECTED  
to insure your reservation.**

**Payment is made in advance by mail.  
Contact Carolyn Nance with your  
choice of menu by e-mail, phone or  
when you send in your check.**

**Carolyn's contact is:  
[cnance5240@gmail.com](mailto:cnance5240@gmail.com)  
or at  
(239) 785-9993**

**Send check to  
11674 Lady Anne Circle  
Cape Coral, FL 33991**

**Please title your e-mail  
AAUW Reservations  
and contact Carolyn Nance no later than  
*Monday, March 13.*  
Cancellations must be made no later  
than *Tuesday, March 14.***

**The value of luncheon is \$27.00**

**(Meetings end in May and begin again  
the third Saturday in September.)**





February 9,  
2023

Dear Gender Equity Advocates,

February is already an inspiring month. Last week, I had the honor of representing AAUW at The [White House Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act](#) (more on the FMLA below), a key piece of legislation that over 400 million Americans have relied on to care for themselves or their loved ones. Prior to the State of the Union on Tuesday, we shared an open letter to Congress signed by AAUW and more than 100 other organizations detailing five key priorities for gender justice. And as I take a moment to reflect during Black History Month, many core AAUW issues disproportionately impact women of color and still need our attention.

Thank you for being an important voice for a brighter future for us all. I look forward to more policy wins this year!

Gloria L. Blackwell  
AAUW Chief Executive Officer

### ***Act — Take action on the most pressing policies***

#### **Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment**

It's hard to believe the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first introduced into Congress 100 years ago, with the goal of guaranteeing equal legal rights for men and women under the U.S. Constitution. By 1977, the ERA was ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states. However, because Congress imposed an arbitrary deadline to complete ratification by 1982, the ERA could not become law when the final three states ratified it years later (Nevada in 2017, Illinois in 2018, and finally Virginia in 2020).

With your help, we can change that. On January 24, Sen. Cardin filed [S.J. Res. 4](#) to remove the ratification deadline. The Senate used a procedural move called Rule XIV to allow the bill to be added to the Senate calendar and brought for a vote, bypassing the Committee process. Soon after, on January 31, Rep. Pressley introduced a similar bill in the House ([H.J. Res. 25](#)). If passed, these measures would allow Nevada, Illinois and Virginia to count toward ratification, and the ERA would finally become the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Women cannot wait for equality any longer. **Urge Congress to support S.J. Res. 4/H.J. Res. 25!**

## Learn — *Dig deeper into the issues that matter*

### **Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)!**

For 30 years, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) has provided millions of eligible workers with up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to care for themselves or a family member. While FMLA was a big step forward, American workers need more. Unfortunately, the FMLA fails to cover about 40% of all workers, and many who are covered still cannot afford to take unpaid leave without endangering their economic security.

On February 1, Rep. Underwood and Sen. Smith reintroduced the Job Protection Act ([H.R. 694/S.B. 210](#)), endorsed by AAUW. The bill would strengthen FMLA protections and expand coverage, including for employees of small businesses and part-time workers.

Later this month, we expect the reintroduction of the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act, which would create a national self-funding paid family and medical leave insurance program. Women disproportionately bear the economic burden of taking time off to care for children or elderly family members, or they're forced to delay securing care for themselves or others because they cannot afford to use unpaid leave. Congress must act now to better support workers and their families.

The Biden Administration also announced new actions to advance women's economic security and improve family and medical leave, including supporting paid-leave efforts in the states and giving military personnel access to 12 weeks of paid leave.

## Engage — *Share the important work we're doing*

AAUW is joining the Student Debt Crisis Center and partners for the People's Rally for Student Debt Cancellation at the Supreme Court on February 28, when the Court will hear oral arguments in two cases on the Biden Administration's student-debt cancellation program.

AAUW joined USOW and more than 100 gender equity partners to deliver an open letter to the 118th Congress detailing five key priorities for gender justice.

Again this year, AAUW endorsed the Washington, D.C., Admission Act (H.R. 51/S. 51) to establish D.C. statehood. The bill was reintroduced in both chambers of Congress on January 9. This year Equal Pay Day is on March 14, representing how far into the year women working full-time, year-round must work to be paid what men were paid the previous year. Stay tuned for the full [2023 Equal Pay Day calendar](#) later this month.

Sign up as a [Two-Minute Activist](#) today and keep up to date on our policy work with our letters, comments, testimony and legal briefs to learn more about AAUW's positions and advocacy efforts.

**Donate Now**

**STRENGTHEN OUR VOICE WITH POLICYMAKERS WITH A GIFT TO AAUW.**

**AAUW Action Fund**

1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20005

[voterred@aauw.org](mailto:voterred@aauw.org)

**Hooray!**

**Jemetta Hunt's photo of lilies won in the AAUW National Art Contest!**



**Jemetta is our official photographer, a past president of AAUW and is the coordinator of the interest group: NATURE WALKS and DAY TRIPS**

**[jemetta@aol.com](mailto:jemetta@aol.com)**



We have two book clubs. Each welcomes new members.

### **Cover Girls Book Club**

Our club is now meeting in members' homes. Zoom will be available for those who are out of town or unable to otherwise attend. The selection for March will be *"Island of Sea Women"* by Lisa See. The meeting time is generally the second Wednesday of each month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If interested in joining or have questions, contact Carol Fuechsel at [cbfuechsel@gmail.com](mailto:cbfuechsel@gmail.com).

### **Page Turners Book Club**

A meeting is planned via Zoom for Thursday March 23 at 12:45. The book planned for discussion is *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. Contact Lynn Felice if you have questions or want to become a member at [lfelice@embarqmail.com](mailto:lfelice@embarqmail.com).





### Reporting on our annual meeting:

Our committee members are Cecile Brennan, Laura Frost, Janet George, Ron Glasgow, Kath Haibach, Bonnie Ryan, Cathy Tucker, and Co-Chairs, Devera Graf and Cheryl Tromley. The following initiatives/proposals were approved at the January 14 board meeting:

### STEM Awards:

The description of the *The Marie Glasgow and AAUW Friends STEM Award Fund* was updated to emphasize the developmental nature of the award by specifying a third or fourth place winner.

The *AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Emerging Research Scholar Award* and the *AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Award* have, in the past, awarded \$100 to the former and \$500 to the latter. Going forward these awards will be \$300.

The judging for these awards was completed on February 6 by Ron Glasgow, Devera Graf, Kath Haibach, Cheryl Tromley, and Cathy Tucker. A special shout out to Cathy Tucker whose expertise, guidance, and help with the process was invaluable!!

### STEM and STEAM:

We have a very exciting opportunity to create to new scholarship in STEAM!!! You may be asking yourself, what is STEAM and how is it different from STEM? STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEAM adds the “A” for the Arts. However, the difference is more than the addition of a letter. According to the *Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM*: “STEAM is a way

to take the benefits of STEM and complete the package by integrating these principles in and through the arts. STEAM takes STEM to the next level: it allows students to connect their learning in these critical areas together with arts practices, elements, design principles, and standards to provide the whole pallet of learning at their disposal. STEAM removes limitations and replaces them with wonder, critique, inquiry, and innovation.<sup>1</sup>”

### OPPORTUNITY

While the creation of this new scholarship is a wonderful opportunity, before we can get started, we need to find a “champion” to take it forward. If you have any interest in taking on this new and exciting role, please let someone on the scholarship committee know. Don’t worry, you won’t just be out there on your own. The committee will be behind you, and we have resources with which we can connect you.

### High School Scholarships:

This year we will be awarding two High School Scholarships to two different Schools.

### Star Bright Scholarship:

This is a particularly meaningful scholarship because it is the only one we offer to women attending Technical Colleges. These recipients are women who are working incredibly hard to improve their lives against the odds. This scholarship will *now* be permanently funded as a line item in the budget.

### Mentorship Program:

Finally, we have been given the go-ahead to develop an on-going mentorship program that would connect our college scholarship recipients with AAUW members for support, advice, help, etc. More to come on the details and how you can help.

We have been working on ways to support our mission to “empower women and girls.” It is through your generous donations that we can continue and grow this work. We are more grateful than we can express for that generosity.

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<sup>1</sup> STEM vs. STEAM. (2022, December 01). The Institute for Arts Integration and STEAM

<https://artsintegration.com/what-is-steam-in-k-12-schools/>.



## Our Scholarships

### ***AAUW Star Bright Scholarship***

The AAUW Star Bright Memorial Scholarship was established in 2005 by Book Club 3. It provides branch members with the opportunity to make donations honoring friends and commemorating special events. 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 chosen by the school counselor. The award is paid to the college of the recipient's choice.

***AAUW STEM Awards:*** Established in 2001 to encourage middle and high school girls in STEM fields. It awards two \$300 prizes based on those projects submitted to the Thomas Alva Edison & Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair: The AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Award goes to a top female entrant; The AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Emerging Research Scholar Award goes to a female entrant whose skills are laudable, but still developing.

***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.



Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions *Briefing Book*, watching the documentary film series and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The first Great Decisions discussion for 2023 was held on Friday, February 3, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The topic was Energy Geopolitics.

We meet the first Friday of each month. If anyone is interested in joining in, books can be ordered at the regular price of \$35 plus shipping and handling. All members are welcome!

If you did not order a book and would like to participate in the discussions, please contact Suzan at [skh062653@gmail.com](mailto:skh062653@gmail.com).

## PUBLIC POLICY

The Florida Public Policy Committee is finalizing the bills to be discussed during Lobby Days, March 14 and 15. (Please reference the e-mail blast to members sent 2/20/23.)

House Bill 1, School Choice, is of major importance. HB1 has been proposed to expand the school voucher program to all students in Florida regardless of income status. The statute will revise student eligibility requirements for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; revise the authorized uses of the funds; allow participants to be enrolled in a home education program; allow that certain scholarships remain in force until certain requirements are met; require the Department of Education to notify school districts of specified information; require scholarship funds to be deposited by funds transfers rather than through the endorsement of warrants; revise obligations of eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; set certain limitations on the number of scholarships funded by the program; and dictate other aspects of fund eligibility and management.

A primary concern of this bill is the effect it will have on funds for local public-school districts. Funds appropriated for vouchers are taken from local school districts according to the number of students who choose to use the scholarship. The estimated cost to local school districts for the 23/24 school year range from \$2.4 billion to \$4 billion.

According to an article published by the Florida Policy Institute, the cost to Lee County in 23-24 could be as much as \$88 million. Costs will increase in successive years, as the number of scholarships approved for award will increase each year over the next several years. Amendments to cap the income eligibility at \$1 million and to require private schools to accept children with disabilities and their IEPs did not pass. To see an interactive map showing how this bill will affect individual counties in Florida, go to the following link from the Florida Policy Institute:

<https://www.floridapolicy.org/posts/florida-hb-1-2023-potential-fiscal-impacts>

Over the last five years, AAUW has joined other organizations in Florida to support the Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act. During that time, the bill did not get out of committee. Therefore, it has not been proposed this year.

## INTEREST GROUPS/COORDINATORS

### BOOK GROUPS

Carol Fuechsel, Coordinator

[cbfuechsel@gmail.com](mailto:cbfuechsel@gmail.com)

Book Club Meets  
Cover Girls 2nd Wednesday, 1 PM  
Page Turners 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 12:45 PM

(The book clubs accept new members. If interested,  
please contact Carol Fuechsel.)

### BRIDGE

Kathy Jones, Coordinator

[Kathyj1972@hotmail.com](mailto:Kathyj1972@hotmail.com)

### HAND & FOOT

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator

Meets –1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month

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### MAHJONG

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator

Meets –3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month

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### GREAT DECISIONS

Suzan Harden, Coordinator

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

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### NATURE WALKS and DAY TRIPS

Jemetta Hunt, Coordinator

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### TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY

Suzan Harden Coordinator

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New Interest Groups Are Welcome

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Janet George

[bffjegeorge@comcast.net](mailto:bffjegeorge@comcast.net)

## AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.

### 2022-2023 Officers

#### *Elected – Executive Board*

Co-Presidents – Bonnie Ryan  
and Janet George

Past President – Kathleen Haibach

Vice President, Elect – Cecile Brennan

Vice President of Programs –  
Jill Jennings

Vice President Membership –  
Jemetta Hunt

Secretary –Patricia Crowe

Treasurer – Mary Kellner

#### *Appointed Officers – Board Members*

Public Policy – Suzan Harden

Co-Chairs of Scholarship –

Cheryl Tromley and Devera Graf

Communications/Website/Facebook –

Mary Lou Chamberlain

Ways and Means – Peggy Cih

Strategic Planning–

Kathleen Haibach

#### *Standing Committees*

Torch Editor – Peggy Cih

Records Retention – Executive Board

Science Fair - Cathy Tucker

Diversity Officer - Lisa Crotty

Strategic Plan –(open)

#### *Ancillary Positions*

Reservations – Carolyn Nance assisted by  
Lynn Felice

Sunshine – Mary Jane McDowell

Greeters – Board Members

Torch Circulation –

Jemetta Hunt (US Mail)

Kathy Jones (E-mail)



Fort Myers / Lee County Branch, Inc.  
P.O Box 2115  
Fort Myers, FL 33901-2115

**Donate Today to help the Fort Myers Branch Advance Equity for Women**

**Use my Gift for:** \_\_\_\_ **Operating Expenses** \_\_\_\_ **Unrestricted** \_\_\_\_ **Scholarships\*** \_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Amount** \_\_\_\_ **\$25** \_\_\_\_ **\$50** \_\_\_\_ **\$100** or **Other Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the gift in honor or memory of someone? If so please complete the following:**

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for person honored or family of person remembered:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Should you want to specify a specific Branch scholarship or award please name below: (See list at: <https://fmfc-fl.aauw.net> under tab Philanthropy: Scholarships, Awards)  
**Scholarship/ Award:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to AAUW Fort Myers / Lee County, Inc. and mail to:**  
**AAUW – ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 2115, Fort Myers, FL 33901- 2115**

AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co FL is a 501 (c) 3 not for profit organization and gifts may be tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE OR [www.800helpfla.com](http://www.800helpfla.com). REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE." CH39730





**Membership and Interest Form**  
**AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.**  
**July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Address (Is this a new or edited prior address in Florida? Circle: Y or N)**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates usually in Lee County: ☐ Full Time or ☐ Seasonal, from: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Out of Season Address ( Is this a new or edited out of season address? Circle: Y or N )**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information--Will be included in the directory and used to send branch communications such as the Torch.**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone-Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone-Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Month/Day: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**—As you would prefer to be included in the directory. Education: Degree(s)/Year/College/University(s):

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**Level of Membership**

- \$63.00 ☐ New Member (Reduced cost for first year membership! Welcome!)
- \$99.00 ☐ Renewing Branch Member
- \$27.00 ☐ Dual Member—Primary membership with another branch Primary branch: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$27.00 ☐ Paid Life Member
- \$0.00 ☐ Honorary Life Member

**Payment:** Mail the Membership Form with your check, payable to **AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch Inc.**  
 AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co Branch, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 2115  
 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115

All questions regarding membership may be sent by email to Jemetta Hunt, Membership VP, [jemetta@aol.com](mailto:jemetta@aol.com)

**My interests would be in the following Committees and Interest Groups**

Check	Committees	Check	Interest Groups
	<b>Membership/Directory</b>		<b>Book Group</b>
	<b>Public Policy</b>		<b>Bridge</b>
	<b>Scholarships</b>		<b>Hand and Foot</b>
	<b>Communications</b>		<b>Mahjongg</b>
	<b>Ways and Means/Fundraising</b>		<b>Nature Walks</b>
	<b>Torch Newsletter Production Editing</b>		<b>Tools for Advocacy</b>
	<b>Strategic Planning</b>		<b>Great Decisions</b>
			<b>Field Trips</b>
			<b>Other:</b>



**AAUW FORT MYERS/LEE CO. BRANCH**  
**Jemetta Hunt, Torch Distributor**  
**7361 Twin Eagle Lane**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33912**

AAUW Website: <https://fmlc-fl.aauw.net/>



AAUW Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070887894617>

