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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Members,

Welcome to September and the first *Torch* of our new season. It is ironic that as the natural world up north begins to move into dormancy, we begin our full slate of activities and have the opportunity to see one another again. I am very much looking forward to the activities being created by our members—book discussions, nature walks, Great Decisions, advocacy, mahjong, luncheon speakers—and last, but not least—our fun bingo fundraiser.

Going to the luncheons is fun and a good way to meet people and be with old friends. But deeper engagement with our chapter will enhance your

sense of connection. Please consider one of the options above, or perhaps assisting in helping with our leadership needs. Even if you are a brand-new member, we would love to see you embrace the chapter through volunteering to assist in its operation.

Our September meeting will be virtual with Suzan Harden as our guest speaker. More information about her presentation is in this edition of the *Torch*. I look forward to seeing each of you at that meeting. Enjoy the summer's end and see you soon!

Cecile Brennan

Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.



Our AAUW Board has approved an exciting new opportunity for our members to support our scholarships. Beginning in 2024/2025 fiscal year, anyone will be able to sponsor and name a scholarship “*in honor of*” someone.

For example, Cheryl Tromley intends to fund the Fort Myers Technical College Star Bright Scholarship and name it “The Violet Roberts FMTC Star Bright Scholarship” in honor of her grandmother. You can do this as an individual or partner with others.

This offer would apply to the following scholarships:

- AAUW Star Bright Scholarship (Cape Coral Technical College): \$1,000 per year.
- AAUW Lee County High School Scholarships: 2 @ \$1,500 per year.
- AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Award: \$300 per year.
- AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Emerging Research Scholar Award: \$300 per year.

This opportunity does not change any of our normal donation processes. All opportunities for donating will remain the same, and this is just an ***additional way*** to contribute to our scholarships and an ***additional way*** to honor someone. The normal channels will still be available.

In addition, if anyone wants to donate “*in honor of...*” but does not want to commit to a sponsorship, as has always been the case, they may elect to target that donation to a specific scholarship or the scholarship fund. If the latter, the Scholarship Committee and/or Chairs will allocate it where the need is greatest.

If anyone is interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Cheryl Tromley, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair at 203-530-9147 or email [cltromley@gmail.com](mailto:cltromley@gmail.com).

## WOMAN OF INTEREST

A vocal leader of the twentieth century women's suffrage movement, Alice Paul advocated for and helped secure passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Paul next authored the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923, which seeks to end the legal distinctions between men and women in terms of divorce, property, employment, and other matters, which has yet to be adopted. What are we waiting for?

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/alice-paul>

Alice Paul



Mark your calendars for our annual Bingo Fundraiser for Scholarships! We will host our annual event at The Helm Club at the Landings on Tuesday, December 10th. The evening will celebrate women and showcase our impact in Lee County with our scholarships! Tell friends and family (and potential donors!) to save the date for this fun evening to support our scholarships.



AAUW  
Fort Myers/Lee Co. Branch, Inc.

# AAUW

## BINGO FUNDRAISER

*Supporting Scholarships for Women*

SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, December 10th**

The Landings Helm Club, Main Deck

**BUFFET DINNER | BINGO GAMES |  
SILENT AUCTION & MORE!**





**Join us for  
Our Zoom Meeting**

**Saturday, September 21,  
2024  
11:30 A.M.**

**GRAB A SANDWICH AND  
JOIN THIS INTERACTIVE  
EVENT!**

**Topic:**

**“AAUW HAS YOUR  
BACK!”**

***Connect to ZOOM and learn  
more about the organization to  
which you belong.***

**ZOOM!  
*Instructions are on page seven.***

**Join Us For  
Our Upcoming  
MEETINGS**

September 21, 2024  
(ZOOM! Meeting)

October 19, 2024

November 16, 2024

**\*Bingo Dinner  
December 10**

January 18, 2025

February 15, 2025

March 15, 2025

**\*April 12, 2025**

May 17, 2025

***\*Unusual Date***

# **AAUW HAS YOUR BACK!**

Our Program is Presented by Suzan Harden, Public Policy Chair.



Suzan will provide an overview of **AAUW's Mission of Advocacy to Improve Women's Lives.**

From its establishment in 1881, when a small group of female college graduates got together to work for women's career advancement and to encourage more women to pursue higher education, AAUW has expanded its mission to include a wide range of issues women face as life gets more complicated and America becomes more diverse. Topics we'll cover include:

- EDUCATION
- HEALTH CARE
- VOTING RIGHTS
- DISCRIMINATION
- EQUAL PAY
- STEM
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

In addition, Suzan will give tips for communicating with legislators and advocating for issues important to you personally. To cap the presentation off, Astoria Aviles, our Bingo Gala Chairperson, is going to lead us in a sample Bingo game to reinforce the presentation.



**If this is your first time using Zoom, you can join a meeting *without downloading the app*. Just make sure you have the latest version of Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Safari web browser on your computer.**

**Join a Zoom meeting from a browser and launch the Zoom app**

1. Open your web browser.
2. Go to [join.zoom.us](https://join.zoom.us).
3. Enter your meeting ID provided by the host/organizer, which is:
4. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89570536240?pwd=vcaiqopQrfsDRYbkSuKpuAZSmUG3le.1>  
Meeting ID: 895 7053 6240  
Passcode: 699271
5. Click Join.
6. Notes: If this is your first time joining from Google Chrome, you will be asked to open the Zoom desktop app to join the meeting.

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Meeting ID: 895 7053 6240  
Passcode: 699271

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kmwErJVlb>



## SUPPORTING OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

**Scholarship Co-Chairs: Cheryl Tromley and Devera Graf**

Often when we come to you about supporting our scholarships, we are begging you for donations. Not so this time, when we want to **THANK YOU** for your incredible generosity. Because of that generosity, this coming year, we can increase our support for a number of our established scholarships and fund some exciting additions to our STEM awards. This is something we have always dreamed of being able to do and we cannot thank you enough, on behalf of the young women whose aspirations and dreams you are supporting.

**AAUW FGCU and FSW Endowed Scholarships:** These scholarships were established in 2000. They award scholarships to female students who reside in the five-county (Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry) area, with financial need, pursuing undergraduate degrees at FGCU and FSW respectively. The amount awarded is a percentage of the endowments and is approximately \$2,000.

**AAUW Star Bright Scholarships:** Originally established in 2005, by Book Club 3, to provide branch members with the opportunity to make donations honoring friends and commemorating special events. There are now *two* Star Bright Scholarships, and they are a budgeted item that awards scholarships to female students attending the second semester at Cape Coral Technical College and Fort Myers Technical College.

We were able to increase the funding of these life-changing scholarships to \$2,000 each.

**AAUW Lee County High School Scholarships:** Established in 2011 in memory of Jane Wagner, a three-term branch president. Two scholarships are awarded to graduating female students (from two different schools) with financial need. The scholars are chosen by the schools' counselors and the scholarships are paid to the colleges of the recipients' choice. We were able to raise these awards to \$2,000 each.

**AAUW STEM Awards (High-School):** Established in 2001 to encourage high school girls in STEM fields, it awards two entrants in the Thomas Alva Edison & Kiwanis Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Recipients must present a unique, quality topic, and conduct their own research. Judging is done by members of the Scholarship Committee. The *AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Award* and *Emerging Research Scholar Award* will now each provide a \$500 prize.

**AAUW STEM Awards (Middle-School):** Many of you know that girls often lose interest in STEM in middle-school, so this is an important time to support that interest. As you know we contribute annually to *Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science (GEMS)* program. Past *Torch* articles have highlighted this hands-on program dedicated to science education for regional middle-school students. The day-long programs, in a girls-only environment, are presented by enthusiastic professionals with undergraduates participating as facilitators and role models. This year we are able to increase the amount of our contribution to \$1,500. In addition, for this year, we are going to be able to support young women's interest in STEM by providing awards to middle-school girls participating in the *Junior Division of Thomas Edison Festival of Light Regional Inventors Fair*. There will be three *Regional Inventors Fair*. There will be three \$200 awards—one each in grades six, seven and eight.





Our two remaining scholarships will be funded at their budgeted levels:

***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, age 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.

***Marie Glasgow and AAUW Friends STEM Award Fund:*** Established in 2019 in honor of Marie Glasgow, president of AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co. Branch for two terms. \$500 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. In even numbered years the award will go to a Lee County Middle School (grades 6-8) girl participating in the Junior Division of the Edison-Kiwanis **Regional Science Fair**.

The winner should demonstrate meritorious effort but is **not a major winner** (i.e., third or fourth place.) The project must be STEM related and show proof of own research. In odd numbered years the award will go to a Lee County Middle School (grades 6-8) girl participating in the Thomas Edison Festival of Light **Regional Inventor's Fair**. The winner should show meritorious effort but is **not a major winner** (i.e., third or fourth place.). **The projects could benefit Mankind or the Environment.** Judging for both awards is done by the Special Award Staff. The Award Judges may suggest different selection criteria but must seek approval of donor prior to award disbursement.

Pretty amazing isn't it!!!! And it is due solely to *your* generosity

THANK YOU for making it happen!!!





**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**

**RENEW YOUR ANNUAL AAUW BRANCH  
MEMBERSHIP!  
for 2024-2025**

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

**DO YOU KNOW:**

- YOUR AAUW PERSONAL ID #.....?
- DATE YOU JOINED AAUW .....
- DATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES .....

**IF YOU DO NOT, CONTACT: Jemetta Hunt, VP Membership, 203-245-6545,  
[jemetta@aol.com](mailto:jemetta@aol.com)**

**As an AAUW member whose branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all your dues – branch (15), STATE (12), national (72) all together. Total Due is \$99.00**

**YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

1. AAUW NATIONAL website, <https://aauw.org>
2. OUR AAUW BRANCH website , <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net>
3. BY CHECK, \$99.00, made out to...  
AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County, Branch, Inc.  
and mail to

AAUW  
PO Box # 2115  
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115

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*We have two book clubs.  
Each welcomes new members*

**The Cover Girls Book Club** is meeting in members' homes. Zoom will be available for those who are out of town or unable to otherwise attend. The meeting time is generally the second Wednesday of each month from 1 pm to 3 pm. The club has not been meeting during the summer. Meetings will resume in October. The selection for October is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. The meeting will be held at Carol Fuechsel's home. Contact Carol Fuechsel at [cbfuechsel@gmail.com](mailto:cbfuechsel@gmail.com) for more information. New members are welcome.

**Page Turners' Book Club**

The Page Turners didn't meet in August and may meet next in October so no updates for now. We welcome new members. If interested, contact Lois Benedetto, [benedettol@georgetown.edu](mailto:benedettol@georgetown.edu)

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*Do You Play Bridge?*

**Bridge** players love the mental challenge. Each game played offers a unique challenge of problems and solutions. Every single deal is different; every deal poses a new problem, and the challenge of finding the solution is a great source of enjoyment - even more so if you find the answer!

Our Bridge Club plays rubber bridge and meets once a month. We would love to increase our membership.

*Do You Play Bridge?*

Please join our AAUW bridge group. It's lots of fun. We play the second Monday of each month at 1pm. We take turns hosting the games. If you would like to join us, please email to: [lois.mcdougall@yahoo.com](mailto:lois.mcdougall@yahoo.com).

Note: Add these dates to your calendar.

## 2024-2025 MEETING DATES and TORCH PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

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

Meeting Date	Deadline for Articles	Mail Torch Date
September 21, 2024 October 19, 2024 November 16, 2024	August 21, 2024 September 25, 2024 October 21, 2024	September 9, 2024 October 9, 2024 November 5, 2024
<b>*Bingo Dinner December 10</b>	<b>November 18, 2024</b>	<b>November 26, 2024</b>
January 18, 2025 February 15, 2025 March 15, 2025 <b>*April 12, 2025</b> May 17, 2025	December 13, 2024 January 22, 2025 February 19, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 23, 2025	January 8, 2025 February 5, 2025 March 5, 2025 April 2, 2025 May 7, 2025

*\*Unusual Date*



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

Our local e-mail address:

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**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>



Two discussions are left to complete the 2024 discussion year. Our October 4 discussion, “High Seas Treaty,” will be led by Nancy Paterson. The November 1 discussion, “Pandemic Preparedness,” will be led by Kath Haibach. We meet at 12:30 p.m. on these Fridays via Zoom. If you are interested in Great Decisions but would like to participate in a discussion prior to making a commitment, contact Suzan Harden to arrange to be a guest.

### Looking ahead to 2025

Great Decisions is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)). FPA was founded in 1918 as the League of Free Nations Association to achieve a just peace. It was reconstituted in 1923 as the Foreign Policy Association, committing to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the U.S. John Foster Dulles and Eleanor Roosevelt were among its incorporators. Great Decisions came about in 1954. Since then, it has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world. Participants are given an opportunity to complete surveys on each of the discussion topics. Those results are shared with the White House, the Departments of State and Defense, members of Congress, and the nation’s media.

FPA chooses eight topics each year. We meet the first Friday of every month (rescheduled if it conflicts with a holiday) at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom, February through June and September through November. Each member purchases a book (approx. \$35) with essays for each topic, written by an expert on that topic. In addition, a video, called a Master Class, is prepared for each topic. The Master Class is not a restatement of the information in the book but rather an enhancement of the material that was presented. The 2025 topics are:

- American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads
- U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy
- U.S.-China Relations
- International Cooperation on Climate Change
- The Future of NATO and European Security
- AI and American National Security
- India: Between China, the West, and the Global South
- After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

If you are interested in more information, contact Suzan Harden. Books ordered by the end of October can be purchased for a 20% discount if a minimum of 10 books is ordered. A reminder will be published in the October Torch. Also, if you would like to participate in Great Decisions but would prefer an in-person meeting, let Suzan know. We discuss it every year and need to know what people prefer.

[skh062653@gmail.com](mailto:skh062653@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW Florida's Public Policy Education Forums were such a success last year, another year of discussions has been developed for 24/25. Here is the list of discussions:

Date	Topic	Presenter
Thurs, Sept. 5	Education and School Board Amendment	Joint meeting with League of Women Voters
Tues., Oct. 8	LGBTQ+ Families and Florida's Don't Say Gay Laws	Abbie Goldberg, Professor Clark University
Thurs., Nov. 14	Addiction, Public Health, and Criminal Justice	Patricia Roos, Professor Rutgers University
Thurs., Jan. 9	Black Girls in Florida Schools	Bayliss Fiddiman National Women's Law Center
Thurs., Feb. 13	Florida Legislative Preview	Dr. Pat DeWitt, AAUW FL Co-Public Policy Director
Thurs., Mar. 6	Pay Gap, Caregiving, and Economic Security	Dr. Mary Gatta, AAUW FL Co-Public Policy Director Director, Research and Public Policy, National Association of Colleges and Employers
Thurs., Apr. 3	Gender and Race Equity in STEM	Amanda Koontz, Professor University of Central Florida

All sessions meet at 6 p.m. via Zoom. There is no cost. For more information about each topic, go to <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/public-policy-issue-forums/>. You will see there is a reservation link for each topic, and you will need to make a reservation for each topic. Then you will receive a Zoom link for the session.

If you have any questions about these sessions, contact Suzan Harden.

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## Tools for Advocacy

As you complete your membership form for the 24-25 program year, you will see Tools for Advocacy listed as an interest group. The purpose of this group is to help interested members develop techniques for advocating with legislators. Contact Suzan Harden if you would like more information. Everyone is welcome!

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## PUBLIC POLICY

### AAUW FORT MYERS/LEE COUNTY

Submitted by Suzan Harden

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#### Upcoming Elections

Tuesday, November 5 – General Election

Deadline to Register – October 7

Deadline to Request that Ballot be Mailed – October 24

If you have updated your request that your ballot be mailed since Dec. 31, 2022, your request is valid until the end of this year. You do not need to do it again.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots will not be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service. If you need your ballot forwarded to a different address than that on your voter registration record, you must contact the Supervisor of Elections.

If your signature has changed considerably (illness, accident), contact the Supervisor of Elections to get your new signature on record.

To assure timely delivery, the Supervisor of Elections recommends you mail your Vote-by-Mail ballot 10 days prior to the election. The mail ballot must reach the elections office by 7 p.m. November 5.

For any other questions, go to [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote).

### NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTIONS

In addition to the election of candidates, Florida voters will also be considering six amendments to the Florida Constitution. The text for each amendment is given as it will appear on the ballot.

#### Amendment 1 – Partisan School Board Members

Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards - Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.

#### Amendment 2 – Right to Fish and Hunt

Right to Fish and Hunt - Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

## NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTIONS

Continued

### Amendment 3 – Adult Personal Use of Marijuana

Adult Personal Use of Marijuana - Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.

### Amendment 4 – Abortion Access

Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

### Amendment 5 – Homestead Annual Inflation Adjustment

Annual adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.

### Amendment 6 – Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement

Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement: Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.



## INTEREST GROUPS/COORDINATORS

### BOOK GROUPS

Carol Fuechsel, Coordinator  
[cbfuechsel@gmail.com](mailto:cbfuechsel@gmail.com)

Book Club Meets  
Cover Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Lois McDougall, Coordinator  
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### HAND & FOOT

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator  
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### MAHJONGG

Carolyn Nance, Coordinator  
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Cathy Tucker, Master Naturalist  
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### TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY

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[Skh062653@gmail.com](mailto:Skh062653@gmail.com)

New Interest Groups Are Welcome  
Contact: Jemetta Hunt  
[jemetta@aol.com](mailto:jemetta@aol.com)

## AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc. 2024-2025 Officers

### *Elected – Executive Board*

President – Cecile Brennan  
Past President – Bonnie Ryan  
President Elect –

Lisa Crotty

Vice President of Programs –  
Jill Jennings

Vice President of Membership –  
Jemetta Hunt, Kathleen Haibach

Secretary –Patricia Crowe

Treasurer – Mary Kellner and  
Nancy Schoenstein

### *Appointed Officers – Board Members*

Public Policy – Suzan Harden

Co-Chairs of Scholarship –

Cheryl Tromley and Devera Graf

Communications (Torch/Website/Facebook)

Peggy Drennan Cihl, Astoria Aviles

Ways and Means –Open

### *Standing Committees*

Records Retention – Executive Board

Science Fair - Cathy Tucker

Diversity Officer - Lisa Crotty

Strategic Planning—

Kathleen Haibach and Tamara Pigott

### *Ancillary Positions*

Reservations – Janet George and  
Bonnie Ryan

Sunshine – Margot Flinn

Greeters – Board Members

Torch Proofreaders: Jill Jennings,

Lisa Crotty and Carolyn Nance

Torch Circulation –

Jemetta Hunt (US Mail)

Lisa Crotty (E-mail)



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

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

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**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 under: <https://fmlc-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**

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**Membership and Interest Form**  
**AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County**  
**Branch, Inc.**  
**July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025**

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

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

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	Public Policy		Bridge
	Scholarships		Hand and Foot
	Communications		Mahjonn
	Ways and Means/Fundraising		Nature Walks
	Torch Newsletter Production Editing		Tools for Advocacy
	Strategic Planning		Great Decisions
			Field Trips
			Other: _____



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