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Welcome April

Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe we're almost at the end of our program year. First, I want to thank the board for all their work in putting together everything we have done this year, from the directory to the fundraiser, to the programs and each issue of the Torch, and of course our focus this month – our scholarships.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes each month to ensure everything happens when it should and I am grateful to each member of the board, and to all our volunteers and donors for all the work they do to support our branch. Thank you to our program attendees as well.

I am grateful to Lexington for welcoming us and to all our attendees who took the change from The Landings to this attractive venue in stride and made it so seamless.

I hope to see many of you at our April 12 luncheon honoring our scholarship recipients. It's a great opportunity to bring a friend and show off the work that our branch does. We have a great slate of programs on tap for next season, so let's encourage some new members to join us. Please RSVP to aauwleecounty@gmail.com with your name and any guests.

Finally, please keep an eye on the communications from AAUW state and national plus any emails from our policy chair Suzan Harden. Suzan is doing a great job of monitoring what bills AAUW is tracking both in the Florida legislature and in Congress. For AAUW policy priorities, visit:

<https://www.aauw.org/act/policy-center/>.

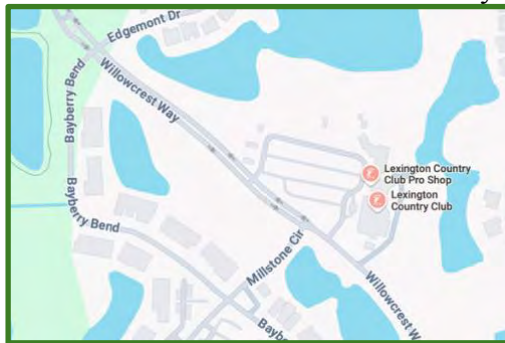
Thanks,
Lisa Crotty
Branch President

**Join us for our APRIL Luncheon and Program
at the Lexington Country Club
in the Main Dining Room**



16257 Willowcrest Way
Fort Myers, FL

(Near the Intersection of Bass Road & Summerlin;
follow the entrance road to the turn-in for the Country Club to the left.)



Our Meeting Date:

Saturday, APRIL 12, 2025

Gathering: 11:30 AM

We will order from the “Club Favorites” menu.

We ask that you make a reservation to allow us to have Lexington assign the appropriate size area and to allot the proper staffing.

For your reservation, please email:

aauwleecounty@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, APRIL 7.



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Our local e-mail address:

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>

CELEBRATING **Gems**

Scholarship Co-Chairs: Cheryl Tromley and Devera Graf

If you have been reading our scholarship column for a while, you know that **GEMS** (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science) is one of our STEM scholarships. It is a hands-on science education program for regional middle school girls held at the Whitaker Center on the FGCU campus.

One of its unique features is that, while it is led by professionals, undergraduates serve as facilitators and role-models in a mostly-girls environment.

The second GEMS program of the academic year was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025. The students were split into two groups and had a chance to explore two areas of study.

After lunch the groups switched rooms and did the other projects. What a great day for this group of Middle School students!

Group 1: “Tracking the Signs of Florida Wildlife.”

This group explored the tracks that Florida wildlife leave behind. In this interactive session, the students were shown a variety of slides of different kinds of tracks that animals in Florida leave behind. They learned that tracks may show considerable variations depending on the condition of the ground (clay, dust, mud, sand, etc.) and movement of the animal. Each student was given a Pocket Guide to Florida Animal Tracks. Next, students were shown how to make a clay cast of an animal track using wet clay and model to take home. Lastly, the students were taken on a hike to observe signs of wildlife and keep a list of the animal signs they saw. This was a very interactive class that the students really enjoyed models of tracks provided by the instructor. The students enjoyed making a cast and then having a model to take home. Lastly, the students were taken on a hike to observe signs of wildlife and keep a list of the animal signs they saw. This was a very interactive class that the students really enjoyed.





Group 2: “Will it Conduct?” This group learned how to make their own electrical conductivity tester.

Students participated in a fun experiment hoping to answer the question “Will it conduct?”

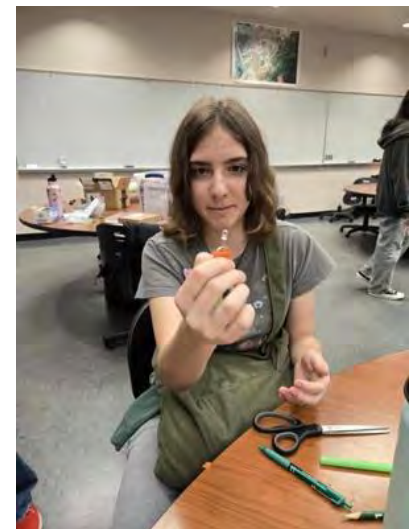
After a group lesson about electricity and all its components, the students were taught how to make their own conductivity tester.

They were then given a chart and instructed to walk around the classroom and write down different objects in the room. Each student made a list of several items.

Next, each student predicted if each item would be a conductor or an insulator of electricity and noted that on their form.

The next step was to take their conductivity tester to the items on their charts, try out their tester and indicate whether that item was a conductor or an insulator.

The students were very happy when they made a correct prediction. They were finally able to answer the question... “Will it Conduct?”



Woman of Interest

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS

Marjory Stoneman Douglas (April 7, 1890 – May 14, 1998) was an American journalist, author, women's suffrage advocate, and conservationist known for her staunch defense of the Everglades against efforts to drain it and reclaim land for development. Moving to Miami as a young woman to work for *The Miami Herald*, she became a freelance writer, producing over one hundred short stories that were published in popular magazines. Her most influential work was the book *The Everglades: River of Grass* (1947), which redefined the popular conception of the Everglades as a treasured river instead of a worthless swamp.



Douglas lived to 108, working until nearly the end of her life for Everglades restoration. Upon her death, an obituary in *The Independent* in London stated, "In the history of the American environmental movement, there have been few more remarkable figures than Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marjory_Stoneman_Douglas



Support Our Branch

We have positions available:

President Elect
Treasurer Co-Chair
Diversity Officer

If you are interested in volunteering in one of these areas or in another capacity, please reach out to any member of the nominating committee:

Lisa Crotty lisajcrotty@gmail.com,

Jemetta Hunt jemetta@aol.com

Bonnie Ryan

bonniemarieryan@aol.com

Annual Meeting Summary

March was our annual meeting where we elect our officers. This year we were voting for the offices of Secretary and Vice President – Programs.

As we had a quorum present at the meeting, we proceeded to vote on our announced slate.

Patricia Crowe will continue as our branch Secretary and Tamara Pigott will continue as Vice President of Programs.

In addition, the Scholarship chairs, Cheryl Tromley and Devra Graf announced that Beverly Aviles will be working with them for the next year and then taking over as chair of the committee.

Please reach out to our president Lisa Crotty at lisajcrotty@gmail.com, if you want to learn more.



UPDATE



Information for your use provided by our last month's speaker.

Our speaker, Mary Ellen Strange was highlighted in an article by the New York Times – READ IT HERE:

https://www.nytimes.com/2025/03/08/your-money/taxes-retirement-withdrawal-scam.html?unlocked_article_code=1.4k4.LUrP.86b_xO_qkBKC&smid=url-share

Mary Ellen referenced the Washington Post's *Scammed* series by Michelle Singletary - READ IT HERE:

<https://wapo.st/3Fxiw1H>

and this article about searching for customer service numbers:

<https://wapo.st/41XUQcO>

We hope this information helps, especially when you feel rushed or something seems urgent, please take an extra minute to take a deep breath and verify if it seems credible.

Thanks again to Melanie Jackman for arranging for Mary Ellen to speak and to Mary Ellen for her courage in speaking out.

LO\$T FOREVER

Looking Ahead

Theater Event for December 9.
Entertain your family and visiting friends.
Get into the holiday mood!



AAUW HAS RESERVED THE ENTIRE



DECEMBER 9 AT 3:15 PM

FOR A MATINEE PERFORMANCE EXCLUSIVELY for AAUW members and guests.

You can reserve seating by sending in your request for seats right now. (Handicap accommodation is provided.)

We are limited to 110 seats, so reserve early.

The tickets will be available starting in October; you will be on the top of the list, and you can pick them up after October 1.

Reservations are by email at this time.

aauwleecounty@gmail.com

Make the subject of your e-mail *Players Circle*. Include the information from the form below.

Payment: Tickets \$55.00 Make your check payable to
AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch Inc.

(Or pay by credit card or PayPal online on our web site.) **Mail your check and the form below to:**

**AAUW Fort Myers/Lee Co Branch, Inc.
P.O. Box 2115
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115**



Number of tickets @ \$55.00 per ticket.

Total owed.

Name

Local Address

Phone Number(s)

Email

Our Scholarships



AAUW Star Bright Scholarships: Established in 2005, by Book Club 3, to provide branch members with the opportunity to make donations honoring friends and commemorating special events, this scholarship awards two \$2,000 scholarships to female students attending their second semesters at Cape Coral Technical College and Fort Myers Technical College. The latter is a sponsored scholarship, the “AAUW Violet Roberts Star Bright Scholarship.”

AAUW Lee County High School Scholarship: Established in 2011 in memory of Jane Wagner, a three-term branch president. It awards two \$2,000 scholarships per year to graduating female students 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 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 first award, the **AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Award**, provides a \$500 prize to a promising female entrant. The second award, the **AAUW Thomas Edison and Kiwanis Regional Science & Engineering Fair Emerging Research Scholar Award**, provides a \$500 prize to a female entrant for a project that shows promise with the goal of encouraging her participation in future years. Established in 2025 to encourage middle school girls in STEM fields, this scholarship awards \$200 to three entrants (one each in grades six, seven, and eight) in the Junior Division of the *Thomas Edison Festival of Light Regional Inventors Fair*.

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, 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. In even numbered years the award will go to a Lee County Middle School girl (grades 6-8) participating in the Junior Division of the Edison-Kiwanis **Regional Science Fair**. The winner should demonstrate meritorious effort

AAUW FGCU Endowed Scholarship: Established in 2000, it awards one (approximately) \$2,000 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, it awards one (approximately) \$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.

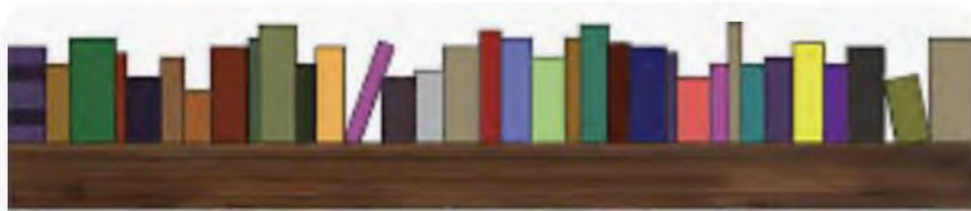
AAUW Book Clubs

New members are welcome

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. In April, the group will be reading *Yellow Face* by R.F. Kuang . Contact Carol Fuechsel at cbfuechsel@gmail.com for more information

Page Turners This group will not be meeting until early 2025. The group generally meets in Lakes Library.

Contact Lois Benedetto for more information: benedetl@georgetown.edu



The Great Decisions discussion group continues to meet the first Friday of each month. Our March discussion on the global economy was vigorous and informative! By the time you read this, the April meeting will be over since it is so early in the month. The May meeting will be held Friday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Cheryl Tromley will lead the discussion on the topic "India: Between China, the West, and the Global South." Contact Suzan Harden if you want more information.



AAUW BRANCH MEMBERSHIP 2025-2026

National AAUW will be sending out reminders for your membership renewal. Do not ignore them. Your membership renewal date is one year from the date you joined.

Renewal by Credit Card:

- Go to the AAUW National Website: <https://aauw.org>
- You will need your AAUW ID#
- If you do not know your ID# , contact: Jemetta Hunt, VP Membership.
- Members' contact information is in your Branch Directory.
- If this is your first time connecting on the AAUW Community Website, you will need to create a new password by clicking the “Forgot Password”. Once you log-in, click “My Profile”, located in the menu on the left side of the screen. You can update your profile at any time.
- The annual dues for 2025-2026 are \$101. (National 74, State, 12, Branch15)
- Make sure you click the Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc,
- If the total is more than \$101., you may have clicked on more than one branch. Delete and start over.

Paying by Check:

- **Complete the AAUW Membership Form on the next page.**
- Write a check for \$101.00, payable to AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, inc.
- Mail check and form to our AAUW Branch PO Box. (address on form)
- If you are a dual member and your primary branch is out-of-state, you will owe \$27.00 (State of FL \$12, Branch \$15.)
- You can also bring your form and check to the next AAUW Meeting. Mary Keller, Treasurer will be collecting dues.



Membership Form
AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.
July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

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--Included in the directory and used to send branch communications such as the Torch.

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Birthdate: Month/Day: _____ / _____

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

Degree _____ Year _____ College/University _____

Degree _____ Year _____ College/University _____

Level of Membership

- \$65.00 New Member (Reduced cost for first year membership! Welcome!)
- \$101.00 Renewing Branch Member (National \$74, State \$12, Branch \$15)
- \$27.00 Dual Member—Primary membership through another branch
 Primary branch: _____
- \$27.00 Paid Life Member
- \$0.00 Honorary Life Member (50+ Years of Membership)

Payment

Mail this form with your check, payable to **AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County Branch Inc.**

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 P.O. Box 2115
 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2115

Send any questions regarding membership Jemetta Hunt, Membership VP, jemetta@aol.com

Get Involved! I'm interested in learning about the following Committees and Interest Groups

Check	Committees	Check	Interest Groups
	Membership/Directory		Book Group
	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:

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW FL 2025 PUBLIC POLICY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Legislative Session Began Tuesday, March 4, 2025

April 2025 Torch Update (Updates in Bold)

Bills AAUW FL Supports			
Bill Number/Topics	Sponsors	Bill Summary	Current Activity
<p>HB 61/SB72 Use of Campaign Funds for Child Care</p>	<p>House: Kelly Skidmore, Jennifer (Rita) Harris</p> <p>Senate: Lori Berman</p>	<p>Candidates can use campaign funds to pay for child care expenses if the expense occurs only because of the campaign. Funds cannot be used for normal living expenses. Details must be reported on campaign finance reports.</p>	<p>House referred to: Gov't. Operations Subcommittee State Affairs Committee</p> <p>Senate referred to: Ethics and Elections (favorable 2/18)</p> <p>Judiciary (favorable 3/25) Rules</p> <p>No further action in House.</p>
<p>HB19/SB240 Victims of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence</p> <p>HB41/SB242 Public Records and Meetings - HAVEN</p>	<p>HB19/SB 240 House: Webster Barnaby; Yvonne Hinson</p> <p>Senate: Lori Berman; Ana Marie Rodriguez (Numerous co-sponsors)</p> <p>HB41/SB242 House: Yvonne Hinson</p> <p>Senate: Lori Berman</p>	<p>HB19/SB240 would establish the Helping Abuse Victims Escape Now (HAVEN) Coordinating Council within FDLE. The Council will develop a dynamic website that would allow users to create unique and confidential identifying codes to be used to seek help.</p> <p>HB41/SB242 establishes guidelines for protecting the privacy of users while meeting government transparency laws.</p>	<p>House referred H19 and HB41 to: Criminal Justice Subcommittee—Both bills reported favorably on 3/6/25</p> <p>Gov't. Operations Subcommittee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Senate referred SB240 and SB242 to: Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee on Criminal & Civil Justice Fiscal Policy</p> <p>No further action in Senate.</p>
<p>(HB63/SB934 Pregnancy Support & Wellness Services</p>	<p>House: Kelly Skidmore</p> <p>Senate: Carlos Guillermo Smith</p>	<p>Mandates increased accountability for women's health centers in FL. Requires background screenings for employees; provision of medically accurate health care information; the availability of info regarding local rape crisis centers; at least one unannounced annual visit to each center to verify compliance.</p>	<p>House referred to: Health Professions and Programs Subcommittee Health & Human Services Committee</p> <p>Senate referred to: Health Policy Fiscal Policy Appropriations Committee on Health/Human Services</p> <p>No further action in House.</p>
<p>HB145/SB206 Pregnant Women in Custody (Ava's Law)</p>	<p>House: Dianne Hart</p> <p>Senate: Shevrin Jones</p>	<p>Mandates: female arrestees must be notified of their right to request a pregnancy test; consideration of a stay of up to 12 weeks after birth for pregnant women who are convicted; offer of a postpartum assessment and support services within 10 days after beginning of sentence; Dep't. of Corrections must collect and report info on pregnant women in custody.</p>	<p>House referred to: Criminal Justice Subcommittee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Senate referred to: Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee on Criminal & Civil Justice Fiscal Policy</p> <p>No further action on either bill.</p>

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Bills AAUW FL Opposes			
Bills Number/ Topics	Sponsors	Bill Summary	Current Activity
HB1571/SB420 Official Actions of Local Governments	House: Dean Black Senate: Clay Yarbrough	Prohibits counties and municipalities from taking official action as it relates to DEI. Provides penalties and authorizes a cause of action against the county or municipality.	House referred to: Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee State Affairs Senate referred to: Community Affairs – CS on 3/17 Judiciary Rules No further action in House.
HB731/SB1710 Prohibitions and Limitations on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Requirements for Medical Institutions of Higher Education	House: Lauren Melo Senate: Nick DiCeglie	The House version mandates annual certification that medical institutions and healthcare providers do not use DEI materials. It also provides for causes of actions if licensing boards use DEI in any aspect of their decision-making.	House referred to: Gov't Operations Subcommittee – Favorable with CS 3/25 Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee Education and Employment Committee State Affairs Committee Senate Referred to: Gov't. Oversight & Accountability – On agenda for 3/18 at 3:30 p.m. Education Postsecondary Appropriations
HB1539/SB1692 Materials Harmful to Minors	House: Doug Bankson Senate: Stan McClain	Amends existing statute on public school course materials, removing the requirement to consider literary/artistic/political/scientific value in evaluating materials objected to by a county resident. Calls for regular monitoring of school districts by the state Board of Ed and withholding of state funds from districts charged with non-compliance. Applies to all grades; could affect materials used in high level courses (AP, IB, AICE) at HS level.	House referred to: Education Administration Subcommittee PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee Education & Employment Subcommittee Senate referred to: Criminal Justice – Favorable 3/18 Education PreK-12 Rules No further action in House.

Notes

Your FL state legislators are listed on the Lee County Elections website, www.lee.vote.

To learn more about your legislators, read the full text of any bill, and track any bill, go to the following sites: www.flhouse.gov;

www.flsenate.gov

CS – Committee Substitute

Updated 3/25/25

PUBLIC POLICY

The 2025 Florida Legislative Session is half over. The hundreds of bills that have been proposed are in various stages of committee discussion. The progress of the bills AAUW-FL has identified for specific action is noted on the chart included elsewhere in this edition of the Torch. As you see, every bill is referred to several committees the leadership has determined should provide input. Many discussions result in a “CS” or Committee Substitute of the bill. As the bill moves through the committee process, it may be amended by more than one committee. Eventually, it reaches the floor for discussion, possible further amendment, and a vote. This process happens in both chambers of the state legislature. If the House and Senate pass different versions of the same bill, a reconciliation committee is appointed to work out the differences. The bill then goes to the governor for signature. Many proposed bills die in committee, so the number forwarded to the governor for signature is much smaller than the number proposed. Go to www.flhouse.gov and www.flsenate.gov for more information about your legislators and the progress of bills through the FL House and Senate.

The final AAUW-FL Public Policy Forum of the 2024/2025 program year is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The topic is Gender and Race Equality in STEM. Professor Amanda Koontz of the University of Central Florida will share her research on an NSF-funded project on gender and racial equity for women in STEM at UCF. There is no cost for these presentations, but you must register to receive the Zoom information. Go to aauw-fl.aauw.net. Click on 2024-2025 Public Policy Education Forums on the right side of the home page, scroll down to the April meeting, and click where indicated. These presentations have been very informative. Let Suzan Harden know if you have suggestions for topics for next year.

2024-2025 MEETING DATES and TORCH PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

SEND ARTICLES TO peggychihi@comcast.net

Meeting Date	Deadline for Articles	Mail Torch Date
September 21, 2024	August 21, 2024	September 9, 2024
October 19, 2024	September 25, 2024	October 9, 2024
November 16, 2024	October 21, 2024	November 5, 2024
*Bingo Dinner December 10	November 20, 2024	November 28 2024
January 18, 2025	December 13, 2024	January 8, 2025
February 15, 2025	January 22, 2025	February 5, 2025
March 15, 2025	February 19, 2025	March 5, 2025
*April 12, 2025	March 19, 2025	April 2, 2025
May 17, 2025	April 23, 2025	May 7, 2025

**Unusual Day and Date*



18 - ELIZABETH FOSTER



April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian and Julian calendars. Its length is 30 days April is commonly associated with the spring season in the Northern Hemisphere, and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, where it is the seasonal equivalent to October in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa.



By tradition, in some countries, April 1 or **April Fools' Day** is marked by practical jokes. Notable practical jokes have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspapers, web sites, and have even been done in large crowds or gatherings.

An April fool in Denmark, regarding Copenhagen's new subway. It looks as if one of its cars had an accident and had broken through and surfaced on the square in front of the town hall. It was a retired car from the subway of Stockholm cut obliquely, with the front end placed onto the tiling and loose tiles scattered around it.

INTEREST GROUPS/COORDINATORS

Interest Groups meet monthly for social activities.
For details on joining, see contact information for
the coordinator of each group.

Bridge Group

Coordinator: Lois McDougall
lois.mcdougall@yahoo.com

Cover Girls Book Club

Carol Fueschsel cbfuechsel@gmail.com

Page Turners Book Club

Lois Benedetto
benedetl@georgetown.edu

Guided Nature Excursions

Coordinator: Jemetta Hunt
jemetta@aol.com

Great Decisions

For information, see
[Foreign Policy Association website](#)

Coordinator: Suzan Harden
Skh062653@gmail.com

Hand & Foot

Coordinator: Carolyn Nance
cnance5240@gmail.com

(Instruction is available for new players
interested in Hand and Foot and Mahjong.
Contact Carolyn Nance for details.)

Mahjong

Coordinator: Carolyn Nance
cnance5204@gmail.com

Tools for Advocacy

[Sign up for Two Minute Activist](#)

Coordinator: Suzan Harden
Skh062653@gmail.com

To create a new group,
reach out to Jemetta Hunt
jemetta@aol.com

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

Elected – Executive Board

President – Lisa Crotty
Past President – Bonnie Ryan
President Elect –
Open
Vice President of Programs –
Tamara Pigott
Vice President of Membership –
Jemetta Hunt, Kathleen Haibach
Secretary – Patricia Crowe
Treasurer – Mary Kellner

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 – Astoria Aviles

Standing Committees

Records Retention – Executive Board
Science Fair - Cathy Tucker
Diversity Officer - Open
Strategic Planning—
Kathleen Haibach and Tamara Pigott

Ancillary Positions

Reservations – Janet George and
Bonnie Ryan
Sunshine – Margot Flinn
Greeters – Board Members
Torch Proofreaders – Lisa Crotty,
Carolyn Nance
Torch Circulation –
Jemetta Hunt (US Mail)
Lisa Crotty (E-mail)

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

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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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