

MAY HOTLINE

VERO BEACH BRANCH

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AAUW Vero Beach Awards Luncheon Entertainment by Gifford Youth Orchestra

Saturday, May 6 at 11:30

Indian River Estates East

2250 Indian Creek Blvd East, Vero Beach, FL 32966



----- Reservation Form -----

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email (Please print clearly): _____

Guest name(s): _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$ 15 each for a total of: _____

Check one and indicate luncheon choice on your check please.

All served with soup, iced tea, Key Lime Pie and coffee

_____ Salmon with _____ Caesar Salad with
rice pilaf and green beans almondine _____ Parmesan-crusteD Chicken

_____ Special Request (Please call Bruna Picco)

By May 2, send check to: AAUW Vero Beach, PO Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961

Please include this reservation form with your lunch choice

OR

Pay by credit card at: <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/awards-luncheon/>

Please carpool with other members as there is limited parking at Indian River Estates. Please park in parking lot # 2 (the guard will instruct you).

President's Message

Dear AAUW Vero Beach Members,

This issue of Hotline is the final one for the season and my final one as president of the board. This has been an amazing year of growth for our branch. We have prided ourselves on adding 17 members a year for the last several years, but this year we added 31! This is a tribute to the many branch leaders and members working together to put on quality programs that are "on mission" and attract guests who become new members.

The transition of our leadership team is beginning to take place (see the picture and article on page 3). I can assure you that you will be well led if you elect the new slate of candidates on April 22nd. Joyce Burkett has been an excellent president-elect. She has visited several interest groups to learn of the many "muscles" in our "core"--the groups where we make good friends and continue our lifelong learning. She has clarified the job descriptions for our elected officers. She has backed me up any time I needed her help. She is very well organized and has creative ideas for the future. She has enlisted many members as candidates for elected and appointed officers. Thank you, Joyce, for committing to the future of our branch.

If I have a legacy, I hope it is that from our strong "core," we have effectively reached out to our community--our Indian River County community and the community of women fighting for equality. Because we are a 501c3, our mission is now an outward-focused one. I am proud of the donations and volunteerism we have given to our county and of the growing activism of our Public Policy group, and I hope you are, too. Next season, I will be taking on the position Martha Kucinsky has held so successfully for many years--the Director for Development--so I will be continuing our mission of outreach. And of course I'll be asking for your continuing generosity to the causes we collectively support.

Thank you for two amazing years together. I'm now ready to retire again!

Fondly,

Linda

AAUW Leadership Conference -April 2 and 3, 2017



Front row from left: Incoming President Joyce Burkett and outgoing President Linda Barker. Back row: Incoming Co-Executive Vice Presidents Lorrie Borchert and Avalon McGann

Four of your leaders attended the State-wide Leadership Conference at the gorgeous Hyatt Regency in Sarasota on April 2nd and 3rd. Linda presented the many creative programs from Vero Beach in a **Nuts 'n Bolts of Running a Branch** workshop; our colleagues from other branches loved our **Events Brochure** and our **Interested in Learning More? Postcard**. Linda also substituted for Suzanne Jones and talked about our **Equal Pay Day** activities in the **Public Policy** workshop.

Please join us to elect Joyce, Lorrie, Avalon and other leaders at our Annual Election meeting on April 22nd at the Audubon House, 195 9th Street (Oslo Road east of US Hwy 1). We'll start at 1:30 pm, have an Annual Report from Linda, the election of officers, refreshments, and a talk by member Juanita Baker about Exciting Birds in Our Area. Please wear casual clothes if you'd like to walk the nearby ORCA trails.

Membership Renewal

You received the membership renewal form along with the donation letter from Martha Kucinsky last month. We hope you've already sent in your renewal form –especially those who are going north for the summer. Please don't leave your renewal for the last minute!

You can send in your form or, new this year, you can renew online. Fill out the information under Membership Renewal: <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/membership-renewal/>. At this point, you still need to send in a check, but very soon we'll have the option to pay by PayPal.

You can also pick up another renewal form at our upcoming meetings on April 22nd or May 6th.

Thanks for renewing in a timely manner.

For those of you who have joined in the last two months, your membership lasts until June 30, 2018. You don't need to renew at this time.

A little help from our friends.....

We won't see each other as much over the summer, but Members Helping Members will still be here! We all need a little help from our friends sometimes, especially when life or circumstances weight us down. You sisters in AAUW have been through some of life's challenges, too, and would be glad to provide a caring, safe opportunity to vent. So if it's a shoulder to cry on or an ear you need, email aauwmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com. We also help with more mundane things: those pesky cell phones, computers and TVs; transportation to a doctor or another appointment.

Creative Writers

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 19th**. Marlowe Arnold will be our hostess and we will be meeting at **Osceola Bistro at 12 noon for lunch with our meeting to follow at 1 P.M.** It is located across from the downtown main Post Office.

Let us try to keep our entries down to 3 pages max. I was so pleased with the amount of entries but we need to keep our meeting shorter. Thank you.

Keep in mind that our deadline for entries is May 15th. If you are having a problem getting your work typed and sent to us please let me know. Also a reminder that you need to have the Entry Form filled out with your signature attached to your work.

Submitted by Rosemary Brofos

Poem from Tide Lines, Our 2009 Publication

Regretting

By Jean Sieper (1985)

Weep not because I'm gone
Weep only if we did not make
The most of time we were as one.
Forgive me when I caused you pain
As I have now forgiven you.
Distill the past as Nature does the dew.

There is so much this universe avails,
To love, to learn, to see, to do.
One lifetime cannot touch it all.
What pity that we spend
So much of it on mundane things
When creativity would give us wings
And open portals closed to us before.

Remembrance now of songs unsung,
Moments when closeness passed us by,
A word, a gesture might have done
To open floodgates of another's cry.
How can we teach this to the young?

Reminder

May 15th is the deadline for sending in your memoir, short story or poetry for consideration in our upcoming publication Women's Word. Check the last several Hotlines for the entry form and instructions.

**American Association of University Women, Vero Beach, Florida
Branch, Creative Writers
ENTRY FORM AND RULES**

for submitting your written works, to be published in our book,
Women's Word sub-title, "Tide Lines"

Who may enter:

Members of the Creative Writers interest group and any current or past paid member of the American Association of University Women, Vero Beach, Florida Branch

Each entry must be the original work of the author entering their work. Each entry must be typed in the standard font [14 pt Times, New Roman or Garamond] and standard format [single-spaced, one inch margins] Title in bold print.

Poetry should be single-spaced with one poem per page, two pages for longer poems.

Your name, address, Email address and phone number to be placed in the upper right hand corner with category and word count. The title of your work will be at the center or heading in bold print.

One copy of each entry should be submitted to Rosemary Brofos.

rosemarybrofos@bellsouth.net beginning January 15, 2017 and ending May 15, 2017

Categories:

Memoir and Essay: 3,000 word maximum

Short Story, Fiction: 3,000 word maximum

Essay/Personal Experience: Non-Fiction 3,000

Children: Short Story: 3,000 word maximum

Poetry: Traditional/Standard, Free Verse, Haiku, Children's poetry

A black and white drawing, painting or photograph of a half page size may be entered with each article but not necessary.

Some minor editing may be done to your work such as punctuation, spelling and/or grammar corrections.

Your work should not contain profanity [some creative license here] but no inflammatory language. Editing may include returning your work for corrections and then re-submitting your work within 10 days. A full explanation or the return will be attached to the entry and done in a positive, helpful suggestive form.

If your work has been previously published, it may be submitted as long as that publication has left you free to re-publish your writing. Please state this at the onset of your work and attach it to this form.

I, _____ [Your signature] _____ [date]

hereby, give permission to AAUW Creative Writers, to publish the following entry or entries.

Title of work _____

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Category _____, word count _____

Raising Awareness on Equal Pay Day



The Morning Shift on Equal Pay Day

Cindy Vestal and Kyp Wasiuk talk about Equal Pay with an interested woman outside the library on April 4th, while Cate Wenzing and Lois Miles wait for customers at Heritage Park.

Thank you to Cindy, Kyp, Cate, Lois and the afternoon shift of Joyce Burkett and Cheryl Highstreet at the library, and Sylvia LaRocca and Judy McNulty at Heritage Park. And of course, thank you to Suzanne Jones who coordinated the event and the informative materials. All who participated were excited to be part of the promotion and some said they would be happy to help again next year.



STUDY/ INTEREST GROUPS



Coordinator: Ursula Duguid

For further information regarding joining a specific group, contact Ursula (794-1667) who will liaison with the groups chair.

MAY ACTIVITIES

Date Time

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| 5 | 10 am | Reading Group 6 , (1st Friday of month due to Good Friday) Luncheon to choose next years books. Contact Landra Lackas, cell 772-532-5230, home 772-770-2977 |
| 6 | 11:30 | Branch Meeting , Awards Luncheon, Indian River Estates, 2250 Indian River Creek Blvd., VB, Installation of Officers, Awards, and entertainment by the Gifford Youth Orchestra |
| 9 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 5 , (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Jan McLachlan, 99 Cache Cay, VB, 32963, 492-9262 |
| 10 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 2 (2nd Wednesday of Month) , Chair: Sheila Troob 794-5356 or irvero@bellsouth.net |
| 11 | 12:30 pm | Duplicate Bridge (2nd & 4th Thursday of month), Chair, Becky Barkett, 567-9688, 847-485-8364, and Pam Barry-Boyczuk, 226-5962 |
| 15 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 3 (3rd Monday of month) , Chair, Barb Spelman, 703-851-0887 or barbspelman@gmail.com |
| 16 | 9:30am | Reading Group 1 , (3rd Tuesday of month), Indian River Estates West, Fire place Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0142 or bhm683@gmail.com |
| 17 | 12:00 | Creative Writing ,(3rd Wednesday of month), Chair, Rosemary Brofus, 231-4786, Rosemarybrofus@bellsouth.net |
| 22 | 1 pm | International Relations , (4th Monday of the month), Chair Barbara Mandell 794-1719. Citrus Room, Indian River Estates, East Building |
| 25 | 12:30 | Duplicate Bridge (2nd & 4th Thursday of month), Chair, Becky Barkett 567-9688 |





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