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APRIL HOTLINE

VERO BEACH BRANCH

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Annual Meeting, Election and Ice Cream Social

Saturday April 9th, 1:30 pm

Environmental Learning Center

255 Live Oak Dr. Vero Beach

Program: Verna Wright, Daisie Hope Center



Our speaker for the April meeting will be Verna Wright from the Daisie Bridgewater Hope Center. The Hope Center is a free after-school program serving children in Wabasso from K through high school. The primary goal of the Daisie Bridgewater Hope center is to empower the students it serves to be self-confident, responsible and well-rounded individuals in a safe nurturing environment. The center provides programming that reinforces classroom curriculum as well as encourages creative and critical thinking.

Business: Increase in branch dues.

Election of new board

**We welcome all submissions for our Hotline.
Please note that the deadline is the 5th of the
previous month and the Hotline will go out the
15th of the month.** 1

Thank you all for your support

President's Message

As we put together this Hotline for April, with all the thank you 's to so many members, it strikes me how very active this branch is. We have programs and fundraisers and interest groups. We have book reviews and board meetings and lunches. For the first time, we 're advocating as a branch for Equal Pay Day. The many members who are following their interests and making contributions to our branch make us a very active and lively branch. Together we 're buzzing with activity.

We have only a few more events for the season. Once we vote on a few issues at our Ice Cream Social on April 9th, we 'll have our renewal form ready so you can sign up for membership again in 2016-17.* While the deadline for renewal is technically the end of June, it helps your Board members if you renew as soon as possible. It especially helps if you renew before your leave to travel north. In the past, your membership officers have had to chase people down and make sure to confirm their contact information before we publish the Handbook. Please take it on yourself to renew so we don 't need to chase you! We don 't want anyone to miss the great activities we plan for our

52nd season in 2016-17!

** Those of you who have joined in the last month will not have to renew until this time next year.*

A Learning Alliance Grows from Two Moms to a Moonshot Moment

Two mothers in search of an answer to their sons' inability to read—one of whom was our speaker, Barbara Hammond—created the Learning Alliance. As a result of their work, new methods for the teaching of reading now include the application of neuroscientific techniques that include sound and touch as well as physical movement. Barbara and her friend engaged a philanthropist to support the costs of teacher training and materials. Much of Indian River County has now been exposed to the concepts and the application is proving successful. Organizations such as the Museum have become invested in the Moonshot Moment movement to make sure that third graders can read on grade level. The broader the outreach, the more successful the outcome as it develops into a community endeavor.

Anyone interested in helping the cause may sign up as a volunteer, donate money and books, or work with such programs as Big Brothers Big Sisters, which also promotes tutoring and mentoring. Just call Martha Habeshian, listed in your Handbook.

We thank Barbara for her informative talk, Pat Blossom for inviting Barbara as speaker, and Sylvia LaRocca and Rosemary Gagliardi for booking Christ-by-the-Sea as our venue. And thanks to Jean Wengenroth, our Hospitality Chair, and Reading Group Five, the members of which set up and decorated the room and hosted the salad luncheon: Linda MacDonald, Jackie Jacobus, Martha Habeshian, Gail Helgeson, Jan McLachlan, Marcia MacDonald, and Mary Breglia. And thank all of you who brought salads and desserts to make our lunch delicious and affordable. Those are a lot of thanks to go around!



In Memoriam

Anne Streeter

Anne was a very active member, Artist and Writer

Her sons address if someone wants to send a card.
Hank Streeter, 1409 West Water Street. Elmira, NY
14905.

Please add this information to your handbook.

Correction-

Betty Sullivan Tapper5831@yahoo.com

Welcome New Members

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Get a 21% discount at the following stores on Equal Pay Day

We expect more shops to participate in our Equal Pay Awareness Campaign, so stay tuned...

14th Street Area

Beach Bum Bagel
Italian Kitchen of Vero
The Grove Bar
Interiors by Marilyn K. Sotter
Studio 14, LLC
Counter Culture
Elektrik Boutique
The Boulevard Tennis Club
Planet Yum
Island Images
Carmine and Lucia's (Fine Olive Oils and Balsamics)
Isabella's Bridal Company
Tiger Lily Art Gallery
Bicycle Sport

Ocean Drive Area

Dede's Shoes
Petite Shop
More to come....

US Highway 1

Décor Accents
More to come....

The 31st Annual Book Review Breakfast Series

We've just concluded our Book Review Breakfast Series, which was another interesting foray into the world of literature. We thank all the people involved in making the series happen, especially Kyp Wasiuk, coordinator of the series, the Hospitality Team of Lynn Foote, Flora Balu, Marian Wenzel and many others who stepped in to help. Here are the reviewers, the books we learned about, and the members who invited the speakers:

Mary Silva – Walk in Their Shoes (Suzanne Jones)

Charlotte Terry & Marie Stiefel – Go Set a Watchman (Linda Barker)

Molly Steinwald – Lost in the Woods (Linda Clerch)

Rich Votapka – Veteran Volunteer (Ellen Rantz)

Julianne Price – Devil in the Grove (Joyce Levi)

Also thanks to our sponsors: Panera Bread; Joanne Sardella, Financial Planner; Einstein Bagels and Starbucks; and Patisserie.

Kyp Wasiuk will appreciate your suggestions for speakers for next year. Just contact her at Kathy-pagewasiuk@yahoo.com or at 413-441-7323. It 's wonderful to know that she will coordinate our 2016-17 season!

Witness Public Policy in the Making

Please join the Public Policy group as we receive signed proclamations from our County Commissioners on Tuesday, March 22 at 9 AM at Building A, 1801 27th ST and from the City Council on Tuesday, April 5 at 9:30 at City Hall, 1053 20th PL. We want to have a good crowd in support of Suzanne Jones, who will make a presentation to both groups. The signed proclamations will be featured at our "Headquarters" at the main library on Tuesday, April 12 from 10-4. We will also have lists of stores who will give women a 21% discount on that day to highlight that women make 21% less than men for the same work. We hope you're ready for some serious fun for Equal Pay Day!



EQUAL PAY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and

WHEREAS, according to the U. S. Census Bureau, women working full time, year round in 2015 typically earned 21% of what men earned, indicating little change or progress in pay equity; and,

WHEREAS, according to *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, a 2012 research report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the gender pay gap is evident one year after college graduation, even after controlling for factors known to affect earnings, such as occupation, hours worked, and college major; and,

WHEREAS, IN 2009 THE Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law, which gives back to employees their day in court to challenge a pay gap, and now we must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would amend the Equal Pay Act by closing loopholes and improving the law's effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, according to one estimate, college-educated women working full time earn more than a half million dollars less than their male peers do over the course of a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, nearly four in 10 mothers are primary breadwinners in their households, and nearly two-thirds are primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical to families' economic security; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime of lower pay means women have less income to save for retirement and less income counted in a Social Security or pension benefit formula; and,

WHEREAS, according to *The Fight for Pay Equity: A State Roadmap for Florida*, published by AAUW and updated in September, 2015, median earnings for men in Florida were \$40,971 compared to \$34,768 for women, a pay earnings ratio of just 85%, or 6th out of all states and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement concerns for the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday April 12, 2016, symbolizes the time in 2016 when the wages paid to women are equal to the wages paid to men from the previous year,

NOW, THEREFORE, The Indian River County Board of Commissioners

do hereby proclaim Tuesday April 12, 2016 EQUAL PAY DAY.

We urge the citizens of, **Indian River County, Florida** to recognize the full value of women's contributions to the labor force and to further encourage businesses to conduct an internal audit to ensure women are being paid fairly and equally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of _____

to be affixed.



A Very Successful Book Author Luncheon

What an event! We had good food, a very entertaining author as speaker, wonderful prizes, and elegance all around. The sold out Book Author Luncheon of 2016 topped the charts of recent programs in fun and fundraising. Pictured here is the planning committee for the February 20th Book Author Luncheon featuring Debbie Macomber. While they were only four, many others were involved, and we thank you all.



From Left to Right: Candace Kury, who did the graphic design for our advertising and the program, and who also sat next to Debbie and prepared books for signature as well as introduced Debbie. Linda Clerch, who chaired the Hospitality committee of Becky Barkett, Carla Calwell, Linda Mattone and Lois Miles, decorated the tables and helped with prizes. Pam Dolby, who chaired the Book Sales committee of Cindy Beres, Kathy Luke, Cynde Vestal, Bev Whiteley, and Sally Fitzgerald. Sandra Lackas, who chaired the entire event and headed up the Prizes committee of Linda Barker, Linda Clerch, Cynde Vestal..... and was also responsible for the Publicity team of Pat Blossom, Gail French, Gail Helgeson, Sylvia LaRocca, Eva Lundberg and Chris Ryall. Also involved was Martha Habesian, who headed up the Raffle Ticket Sales team of Birgitta Byers, Sylvia LaRocca, Eva Lundberg and Suzanne Ropes –they did an awesome job of selling tickets. It 's involvement like this that gives our events such quality. Thank you all for

Quoting Tania Ortega-Cowan for LUMINARIES.... "A Stellar Event" - The AAUW Book Author Luncheon....

A personal THANK YOU to all who made this year's sell-out book author luncheon fundraiser a huge success. Our guests had fun and the funds raised will help us continue our philanthropy to support women and girls in Indian River County. My one request of our members....please support the local businesses that support AAUW..... shop them and thank them....

Mark's at the Pointe, Leigh Jewelers, Quality Health Care, Joanne Sardella of Raymond James, Artistic First Florist, Edible Arrangements, The Fresh Market, Emerson Center, JUDITH of Vero, Ocean Grill, Exclusively Coastal, Massage Envy Spa, SAVE THE CHIMPS, Starbuck's Coffee on 20th St, Vero Beach Theatre Guild, Longevity Fitness Club & Spa, Osceola Bistro, Varietals and More, Olive Garden, Tiffany Salon & Spa, Springhill Suites by Marriott, Citron Bistro, TooJay's, Dede's, Cuts 'N Such, Deana Wolfe, Massage Therapist, Riverside Theatre, Christi's Fitness, Vero Beach Opera, A Pampered Life, Francis Brewster, I'll Never Tell, Citrus Grillhouse, Decor Accents, Ballet Vero Beach and The Press Journal/LUMINARIES.

Sandra Lackas, Chair



Congratulations and loud applause to Carole Strauss, past president of AAUW-Vero Beach, who has been awarded the prestigious 2016 Alma Lee Loy Laurel Award for Volunteerism, to be presented at a Cultural Council dinner in April. Through Laurel Awards, the IRC Cultural Council annually recognizes exemplary cultural arts leadership in business, education, volunteerism and cultural organizations.

Carole has contributed to at least three volunteer organizations in Vero Beach. She has served as AAUW's president and treasurer more than once. During her presidency, we initiated the first STEM Summit in the county. In 2013, she directed and appeared in the mystery theatre fundraiser, *Sherla Combs and the Great*

Jewel Robberies, and in 2014 she directed *Senior Moments*, produced and sponsored by AAUW, commissioned by the Indian River Medical Center, and staged at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild in association with the Alzheimer & Parkinson Association. With the proceeds from this play, she paid off the remainder of the MacPhail Strong Endowment. She also completed the years-long task of our becoming a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

During her 18 years at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild, Carole has worked in most Guild disciplines – including usher chair, set designer, producer, board president, secretary and treasurer among others. Carole also served on the Cultural Advisory Committee at the Cultural Council, attending monthly meetings, solving problems and generally contributing to the Council's work.

One other AAUW member is a past Laurel Award recipient: Joyce Levi.

AAUW Florida State Convention – April 15-17

Take advantage of the Florida State convention being on Florida's East Coast! The 2016 AAUW Florida Convention, "Shaping the Future: Fair Pay – Fair Play" will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott Hotel, 4000 RCA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens beginning Friday, April 15th and closing on Sunday, April 17th. Featured speakers: Lilly Ledbetter, Lisa Maatz, and other remarkable women leaders

Use this link for the registration form: [2016 Convention Registration Form](#).

Some of us are staying overnight; some are driving back and forth. For carpooling, please call Linda Barker at 703-898-8260.



AAUW Vero Beach Awards Luncheon

Saturday, May 7 at 11:30

Indian River Estates East

2250 Indian Creek Blvd W, Vero Beach, FL 32966

An interactive meeting About Us, facilitated by Suzanne Grandpierre

RSVP by May 4

----- 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 gazpacho soup, iced tea, dessert and coffee

_____ Chicken Picatta with
rice and vegetables

_____ Summer Salad Plate (tuna
salad, chicken salad and fruit)

— _____ Special Request *(Please call Bruna Picco)*

By May 4, 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 due to construction at Indian River Estates.



ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS



New Members interested in joining ?

Please contact Linda Mattone at 564-7038

Reminder! Any prospective member can attend any Study/ Interest Group once before they join. They might like to get a taste of these meetings before making a commitment.

APRIL ACTIVITIES



Date Time

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| 6 | 1:30 pm | Bridge 1 , (1st Wednesday of month) TBD |
| 8 | 10 am | Reading Group 6 , (2nd Friday of month) Hostess, Cynde Vestal, 4223 Diamond Square, VB 32967, 410-5755 |
| | 12 1:30 pm | Reading Group 5 , (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Marcia MacDonald , 201 N. Grove Isle Drive, Bldg 7, VB 32962, 569-2016 |
| 13 | 1:30 pm | Reading Group 2 , (meets 2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Betty Saunders, 1700 Majorca Place, 32967, 562-4543 |
| 13 | 1:30 pm | Reading Group 4 , (2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Debbie Garber, 494-9971 for information on location |
| 14 | 12 pm | Bridge 2 ,(2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 18 | 10 am | Reading Group 3 (3rd Monday of month) Hostess, Carol Loring, 8775 20th St. #270, VB 32966, 231-881-0284 |
| 19 | 9:30 am | Reading Group I ,(3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0142 |
| 22 | 1:30 pm | Creative Writing , Hostess, Joan Foster, 562-5977 |
| 22 | 2 pm | Public Policy , Village Loft (in the Village Shops), 6220a, Highway A1A, stairs across from Citron Bistro. Contact Linda Barker for information, 703-898-8260 |
| 25 | 1:00 pm | International Relations Group , contact Barbara Mandell, 231-5052 |
| 28 | 12 pm | Bridge 2 Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 29 | 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch , Fish Shack, 1931 Old Dixie Hwy, VB 772-770-0977 Contact Sylvia LaRocca, 559-2172 or Birgitta Byers, 231-1083 for information |



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