

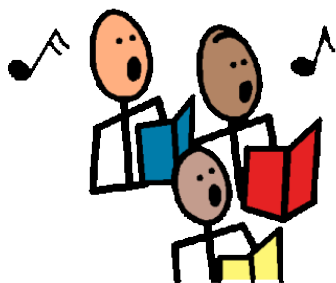
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DECEMBER HOTLINE

VERO BEACH BRANCH

Gail DeGioia, Editor



Holiday Party

Sunday, December 4, 3 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2555 58th Avenue, Vero Beach

Refreshments served by your Board of Directors

Entertainment: Indian River Charter School Chorale

Donation: Books for children Pre-K through 5th grade

If you need a ride to the party, please contact Joyce Burkett at

772-918-8267

Submissions for Hotline are gladly welcome and should be received by Editor, Gail DeGioia by 5th of previous months edition. gmcdr222@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

As you can see from this issue of Hotline, our activities are in full swing in December. And, as the season rounds into the new year, we have two fundraising events that bring in the funds we use for scholarships, grants and programs for women and girls.

The first is our 35th Annual Book Author Luncheon, headed this year by Carole Strauss, who has assembled a team of leaders to head sub-committees. Soon they'll be calling on those of you who volunteered to help at the event. See page 8 of this Hotline for information about the event and the reservation form and lunch choices.

Please see Carole's article about author Lisa Unger to the right. This is the third year in a row that we've had a New York Times Bestselling Author as our speaker! Some of Lisa's books – like ***Ink and Bone***, which we'll sell at the event – occur in The Hollows, a place where a three-generation family line of women have psychic powers.

On page 9 of this Hotline, we present our second fundraiser is ***The Evasons: Mentalist Duo***. On March 25th they will give us a show that will defy your sense of the possible as they, too, have psychic powers. They have amazed audiences around the world with their mind-boggling feats of ESP—feats that are done with lively audience participation. It will be a night of sheer entertainment from a woman – Tessa Evason – with extraordinary powers!

Hmmm. Do we have a theme here? Carole Strauss chose Lisa Unger as our BAL author, and your Board of Directors chose The Evasons. They did not talk to each other about these choices. Is there some ESP going on?!

We hope you've made your reservation for our November 19 Luncheon with Peggy Cunningham of the Alzheimer Parkinson Association talking about **Supporting Dementia Caregivers**. She has important information for all of us!

<http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/files/2016/01/Nov-Meeting-Blue-Star.pdf>

AAUW's 35th Book Author Luncheon

The Book Author Luncheon will be held on February 18th, 2017 at the Vero Beach Country Club. This year, New York Times Best Selling author, Lisa Unger, will be featured. Her fifteen mystery thriller novels have sold millions of copies and named "Best of the Year" or top picks by the Today Show, Good Morning America and Entertainment Weekly to name a few.

Last year's highly successful Book Author Luncheon featured Debbie Macomber, best-selling author of romance novels and contemporary women's fiction. Lisa Unger's main characters are of a different genre, also women, but immersed in the suspense of her unique and inventive writing. She combines her extensive knowledge of the human psyche with an understanding of trauma and fear to create novels that have earned her the reputation as one of the most skilled practitioners of the psychological thriller around today. "Psychological suspense of the first order- if you haven't read Lisa Unger, what are you waiting for?"- author Harlan Coben

Aside from the social atmosphere and excellent cuisine, our BAL gives us a literary look into the creative mind of a best-selling author. Unger recalls, "When I was fifteen, a girl I knew was abducted and murdered. We lived in a small, supposedly safe town, the kind of place you move to give your kids a happy suburban upbringing. Then, on a day like any other day, a girl walking home fell victim to a monster. I never saw the world in the same way again. The theme of the lost girl runs through almost all of my novels in one way or the other."

AAUW Book Review Breakfast Series 2016-2017

Monday, December 5, 2016

Mark Wygonik

Past President, Vero Beach Theater Guild

Introduced by Joye Levi



Earthly Powers

by Anthony Burgess

Mark Wygonik is a past president of the Vero Beach Theater Guild and an entrepreneur. Mark Wygonik has been involved with the Guild since 1985, and has served as character actor/singer, set designer, choreographer, stage manager, director and board president. He has 13 Genies for Best Set Design, 4 for Best Show of the Season, the Betty Parfet Musical Excellence Award, and the prestigious Jacobus-Seibert-Hazen Award for years of continuing excellence and service. He has also served on the Board of the Cultural Council of IRC, which awarded him the Richard A. Stark Award for Cultural Leadership. He is a Personal Assistant PA for an artist/philanthropist in Vero Beach, is a partner in FW Productions, Inc., Mina's Green Clean Inc./M Boutique Intl...and the two just recently opened their first retail store in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, NY.

He will be reviewing *Earthly Powers* by Anthony Burgess. First published in 1980, the book has been called an epic masterpiece, and involves a journalist who finds himself in some of the literary maelstroms of the 20th century, and his brother in law, a man intent on climbing through the hierarchy of the Catholic church to become the architect of church revolution and a candidate for sainthood. Burgess plumbs the depths of the essence of power and the lengths men will go to achieve it. Burgess is most famous as the author of *A Clockwork Orange*.

Please Welcome New Member

Carla Flourney

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Indian River Shores, FL 32963

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FLOORORDER@sbcglobal.net

AA Excelsior Univ. of Nursing

BSN Oklahoma City Univ.. Nursing

THE COLLEGE CONNECTION

by Lois Miles, University Liaison

Since last report the IRSC AAUW Club has sponsored two evening speaker events, the first called “Tapping for Success”, a demonstration of bio-feedback behaviors to reduce anxiety and stress and build esteem and confidence presented by Dr. Katie Nall. The second was a discussion of the need for tutors at Sebastian River High school to encourage at-risk students to perform well in school. Three members committed to meet with students at SRHS twice each week.



The club hosted three successful recruitment events in September and October. Pictured at the top left is Vice-President Samantha Chabot explaining the club's mission to an interested student. An additional ten students joined the group, bringing the working number on campus to twenty, which translates into a solid corps of ten workers at any given time.

At a successful Halloween potluck, the group had an energizing discussion about a recently released AAUW information document entitled **“79 Examples of How Women are Still treated Unequally,”** They discussed some very poignant admissions of women's wage gap in the corporate world, single grandparents raising children and grandchildren, irresponsible credit choices, and bullying experienced by family members.

Currently crafts are being designed for sale at the November 19th Holiday Bazaar in Fort Pierce, proceeds of which will fill club coffers. Added to the student creations are beautiful travel jewelry pouches donated by Linda Barker, and glitzy holiday pins and lovely wine bottle covers designed by Martha Kucinsky. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.

In the spirit of the season, the students are participating in Operation Christmas Child, filling shoeboxes with school and art supplies, hygiene items, socks, gloves, small toys and happy surprises for refugee children ages 2-14 sponsored by the international Samaritan's Purse. The point person is AAUW branch member Deb Farley who introduced the concept. and will be picking up the club's eleven boxes (see photo) and delivering them to the central location for distribution.

As a point of information, there are 70 student organizations throughout the country with Florida boasting eight—the highest number. The IRSC AAUW Club is the only non-residential unit.





**AAUW Vero Beach will be an
Empowerment Sponsor
of the
Girls on the Run 5K Race
on December 10!**

Would you like to help out?

Volunteers could help at the water stop and/or giving out shirts. You would need to arrive at South Beach Park at 6:30am and plan to stay until 10:00am (if possible). There might be some things in advance too for those not available on December 10.

Call Jessica Schmitt at 772-202-8015 to volunteer.

Welcome to

Girls on the Run of the Treasure Coast!

Girls on the Run is a transformational physical-activity-based positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-8th grade. We teach life skills through dynamic interactive lessons and running games. The program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k running event. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness.

Our Mission

We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum, which creatively integrates running.

Our Vision

We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

Our Core Values

Girls on the Run honors its core values. We strive to:

1. Recognize our power and responsibility to be intentional in our decision making.
2. Embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness.
3. Express joy, optimism and gratitude through our words, thoughts and actions.
4. Nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health.
5. Lead with an open heart and assume positive intent.
6. Stand up for ourselves and others.

For more information: <http://www.girlsontheruntc.org>

Jessica Schmitt

Council Director

Girls on the Run of the Treasure Coast

772-202-8015

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

The 2017 Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Judges are needed for both the elementary and secondary divisions. If you would like to volunteer please go to edfoundationirc.org and click on "Become a Science Fair Judge" on the right hand side of the home page. A one hour training session is provided on Friday, February 3rd, and the judging is Saturday morning only. It's a wonderful opportunity to support STEM in our community and meet some wonderful, motivated young people. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me for information. Thank you. Linda Clerch: 772-564-9297.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

Members Helping Members now has 11 volunteers to assist you with whatever we can. We think that is enough volunteers to accomplish our goal. If you need help for some reason, please contact us at:

AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com Or [772 918-8267](tel:7729188267) and ask for Joyce.

We are willing to assist you with a myriad of chores so please don't hesitate to ask.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY TO BE INSTALLED AT LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Our AAUW branch is poised to sponsor a literacy initiative for children in Indian River County who may not have easy access to books. The Little Free Library is a box installed at the entrance to a school or pre-school filled with age-appropriate books that may be freely borrowed. Our library will be at Indian River Academy (formerly Highlands Elementary) and will be painted in AAUW's blue and green colors. Parents and students may choose books to take home and return when finished. IRA is a Pre-K through grade five school.

Please consider donating books to fill our library. We're accepting donations at the Holiday Party on December 4, advertised on the front page of this Hotline. The books do not have to be in pristine condition so the Used Book Depot would be a good source. Tuesday Morning also has a good selection of children's books. This will be an ongoing project because we know that some books will not be returned.

I will accept book donations at any of our meetings to stock our library. Book groups are encouraged to spread the word and collect books at their meetings. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have books to add to our collection.

Literacy is one of our biggest priorities and we all know it is important for children to be exposed to books at an early age. This is an excellent way to achieve these goals.

FYI: The Used Book Depot is at 1670 14th Avenue, Vero Beach, but it will be moving to 492 Old Dixie Highway, Unit 102 sometime in November. Please call before you come to check on the address. **Phone: (772) 562-0043**

-- Martha Habeshian

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.



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Date Time

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| 2 | 11:30am | Lunch Bunch , (last Friday of month) ,Fish Shack, 1931 Old Dixie Hwy, VB.
Call Sylvia LaRocca (772)-559-2172 or Birgitta Byers (231-10834 |
| 4 | 1:30am | DECEMBER Branch Meeting , Holiday Party |
| 8 | 12:30 pm | Duplicate Bridge (2nd & 4th Thursday of month), Chair, Becky Barkett, 567-9688 |
| 9 | 1:30-3pm | Public Policy , at The Boulevard Clubhouse, on the west side of Indian River Blvd., between 41st and 45th Streets. Enter the development at The Boulevard sign. The clubhouse is on the right. Call Linda Barker at 703 -898-8260 or Linda_barker@comcast.net |
| 9 | 10am | Reading Group 6 , (2nd Friday of month), Hostess, Sandra Lackas, 5840 West wood Place, VB 32967, 770-2977 |
| 9 | 12:00 | Creative Writing , (3rd Wednesday of month), Holiday Pot Luck, Genevieve Wysocki, 14 Forest Park Dr., VB 32962, 778-9546 |
| 13 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 5 , (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Martha Habeshian, 4540 8th Place SW, VB 32968, 770-5702 |
| 14 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 2 (2nd Wednesday of Month) , Chair: Sheila Troob 794-5356 or irvero@bellsouth.net |
| 14 | 1:30 pm | Reading Group 4 , (2nd Wednesday of month) , Hostess, Debbie Garber, 2245 N. Southwind Blvd., VB 32963, 492-9971 |
| 15 | 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 |
| 19 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 3 (3rd Monday of month) , Chair, Barb Spelman, 703-851-0887 or barbspelman@gmail.com |
| NO | 1 pm | International Relations , (4th Monday of the month), Chair Barbara Mandell231-5052. Citrus Room, Indian River Estates, East Building |



LISA UNGER

Featured speaker for AAUW's 35th Annual Book Author Luncheon Fund-raiser

Sponsor: The American Association of University Women, Vero Beach Branch.
Proceeds: Provide IRSC scholarships for women in Indian River County.



Date: February 18, 2017
Location: Vero Beach Country Club
800 30th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Book Sales & Signing: 11:00 am – noon
Auction: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Luncheon: 12 noon
Keynote Speaker: Lisa Unger
Additional Book Sales & Signing until 2:30 pm

Tickets: \$60 – includes 1 auction ticket
Reservation Deadline: February 11, 2017

Lisa Unger is a New York Times bestselling author of fifteen novels, including her latest psychological thriller *INK AND BONE*. Her books are published in twenty-six languages worldwide, have sold millions of copies and have been named “Best of the year” or top picks by the Today Show, Good Morning America, Entertainment Weekly, Amazon.com and Independent Booksellers, to name a few.

AAUW is thrilled to have Lisa Unger as our guest author for this important fund-raiser.

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$60.00 each (\$35 is tax deductible). Make checks payable to AAUW Vero Beach. If you wish to sit with friends, please include all orders in one envelope. Tables seat 8.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email (please print) _____

Guest name(s): _____

Check one entrée **and** also list luncheon choice on your check. Meal includes soup, rolls, butter, Pineapple Upside-down cake, coffee, tea or fountain soda.

_____ Grouper fillet with citrus beurre blanc, rice and vegetables

_____ Par Three Salad: chicken, tuna & shrimp salad with fresh fruit.

I am unable to attend but wish to support the scholarship effort with a tax deductible donation of \$ _____.

To pay by check: Please mail to AAUW P.O. Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961

To pay by credit card or Pay Pal, visit: verobeach-fl.aauw.net

For additional information: call Carole Strauss 772-388-1040 or 772-532-4712

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An AAUW* Vero Beach Fundraiser



A Mentalist Duo

Friday, March 25, 2017 at 7PM

The Emerson Center

Tickets: \$ 40

<http://www.theemersoncenter.org/tickets>

**See these world-renowned entertainers dazzle their audiences
with feats of ESP:**

Evasons.com

*Proceeds from this event support scholarships, grants and programs
for women and girls in Indian River County.*

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