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February HOTLINE

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DEBBIE MACOMBER

34th Annual Book-Author Luncheon Fundraiser

February 20, 2016

Bent Pine Golf Club

58th Avenue & 57th Street

Vero Beach, Florida

Book sales & signing at 11:00 and following
a Luncheon at 12:00 Noon

Tickets: \$60 includes 2 doorprize tickets.

Reservation deadline: February 16, 2016

[www.http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/](http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/)



Sponsor: The American Association of University Women, Vero Beach Branch

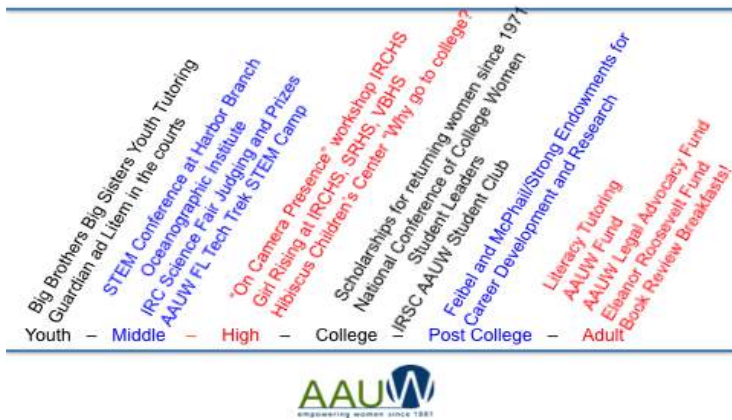
Proceeds support scholarships, grants & programs for women & girls in Indian River County

Featured Author: #1 New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Author Debbie Macomber will share with us her process of writing, focusing on her the newest novels:

See page 5 for reservation form.

President's Message

AAUW Vero Beach Philanthropy



I thought it would be interesting to see how our philanthropy actually supports women and girls, so I created a spectrum of ages from youth on the bottom left of this chart to adult on the bottom right. Then I added our philanthropic donations and activities to the spectrum, and guess what? Our philanthropy really does cover girls and women of all ages!

A word about our philanthropy. While the traditional definition of philanthropy can be described as “doing for,” i.e., writing a check to donate to a cause, a newer definition includes “doing with,” i.e., volunteering to work with people, and/or asking them to contribute to their own progress. So our tutoring, STEM fairs, and workshops are just as philanthropic as our scholarships and donations. In some cases, we have “done for” and “done with” – a nice combination of gifting money and our time and talent. Congratulations on supporting the spectrum of girls and women!

-- Linda

Please add the following information to your handbook.

Judith Parks– new email address
jbrpark36@icloud.com

Welcome New Members

Dr. Jennifer Proper
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Vero Beach, FL 32966
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Cell-201-745-2117
twnk5419@gmail.com

Betty Sullivan
8775 20th St. #440
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-564-0018
Tepper5831@yahoo.com

NAMES HONORED AWARDS

In May, we will give Names Honored awards to a number of members who have given **significant service** to AAUW Vero Beach Branch and/or AAUW state or national. This is NOT an award for community service nor for monetary donation. Any Vero Beach branch member is eligible for this award, including past award recipients. A named gift may also be designated in memorium. Any member may recommend another member for this honor.

Please submit recommendations for the awards in writing to Martha Kucinsky (martha.kucinsky@gmail.com) by March 1st. In your recommendation, give the name and the reasons for your recommendation.

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.

Thank you all for your support

Girl Rising Planning Team Prepares for a Successful Fundraiser



Standing L to R: Judi Collins, Barb Spelman
Seated L to R: Kyp Wasiuk, Linda Barker, Nancy Arnold
Absent from the picture: Jackie Jacobus

The Movie will be on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2 PM at the Majestic Theater. It's a movie fundraiser called **Girl Rising** about nine girls born into unforgiving circumstances in nine countries and their valiant struggle to get an education. It speaks to the power of educating girls to release their inborn potential.

The People are members who have volunteered their time to plan this event and sell tickets. Two other organizations are collaborating with us, Guardian ad Litem (GAL) and Sisters Geographic. GAL introduced us to the movie **Girl Rising**, as it's "on mission" for us. Sisters Geographic's (SG) mission is to raise awareness about women and children's issues throughout the world, and support nonprofits dedicated to helping women and children-in-need through articles, SG's database, and through the arts and education. Their leader, Siobhan Austin, is writing an article about us for VB Newsweekly this month. Together representatives from AAUW, GAL and SG are planning for the success of the **Girl Rising** movie fundraiser.

The Purpose is to remind our community of the value of educating girls. The proceeds the fundraiser will purchase the movie and licenses for the three high schools in our county: Indian River Charter High School, Sebastian River High School and Vero Beach High School. Students age 12-18 will see this movie free of charge on their local campuses. We believe it will inspire them to value their own education and to find their own unique paths. The planning team pictured here will work with the high schools to ensure an enlightening presentation of the movie.

Last chance to purchase tickets for **Girl Rising** at <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/fundraisers/girl-rising/>, or at the Cultural Council, 2041 14 Avenue in Vero Beach, or from Bruna Picco at Indian River Estates.

BOOK REVIEW BREAKFAST + DISCUSSION

**February 8, 2016
Indian River State College
The Richardson Center
6155 College Lane**

This event is free and open to the public. Continental breakfast begins at 9:30 am followed by the lecture at 10 am. All are welcome,

Veteran Volunteer: a Memoir of the Trenches, Tanks, and Captivity 1914-1918

by Frank Vans Agnew

Presenter: Rich Votapka,

Engineer and Historian, the founder of Fellsmere

Facilitator: Ellen Rantz



Nobody knows the history of the Fell family, founders of Fellsmere, better than Rich Votapka. While he is a civil engineer professionally, he is also a devoted historian. He and his wife hosted Jamie Vans, grandson of Marian Fell (daughter of Fellsmere's founder, Edward Fell), at the centennial of the town library, which Vans' grandmother had donated to the town. Vans had also collected the biography/memoir of his great uncle, Frank Vans Agnew, published under the title *Veteran Volunteer: a Memoir of the Tranches, Tanks and Captivity*.

Frank Vans Agnew was no ordinary man. Born in India, and qualified as a veterinary surgeon, he and his brothers emigrated to America. Frank joined the Rough Riders under the command of Theodore Roosevelt in the Spanish American War in 1898. At the age of 46, he went to England in 1914 to join the 2nd King Edwards's Horse, having lied about his age. Given a commission he attended machine gun school, and he served at the Battle of the Somme before volunteering for the Tank Corps. In 1917 he was wounded at Messimes, where he won his MC, and again at the 3rd Ypres, where he was captured. Over the next 12 months he was held as a POW by the Germans until the Armistice was signed and he was released at the age of 50.

His biography/memoir, which Amazon.com calls "beautifully crafted", comes from his letters, mostly to his "suffragette sister" Ida, his personal diaries, and his later recollections of life in the trenches, the tank and as a POW.



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Known and loved for her novels' powerful themes of family, love, and faith, Debbie Macomber captivates readers' with her storytelling and insight into everyday encounters.

Her novels spent 750+ weeks on New York Times bestseller list - 8 hit the #1 Spot!

200+ million books in print worldwide

AAUW is truly privileged to have her as our guest author. Join us for this wonderful fundraiser.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail (Please Print) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

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

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

Check one AND indicate Luncheon choice on your check please. All include Salad, Rice Pilaf & Vegetables, Dessert and Coffee/Tea.

_____ Pan Seared Sea Bass
Fennel, Caper and Blistered Tomato Relish, Lemon Beurre Blanc

_____ Chicken Paillard Napoleon
Spinach, Housemade Mozzarella, Oven Roasted Plum Tomato Sauce

_____ Vegetarian

_____ Gluten-Free

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

To pay by credit card or PayPal: Visit <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/?p=307> (\$2 processing fee applies)

For information: Call Sandra Lackas (772-770-2977) or Linda Clerch (772-564-9297)

AAUW Vero Beach is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization

Members Helping Members

Need help with some task that seems daunting? Or need a ride to an event? Need something else?

Members of AAUW may be able to help you. Just contact Joyce Burkett at:

AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com

Want to help your “fellow” members? You’d be helping our branch become uniquely strong. Just contact Joyce Burkett at:

AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com or complete the request form below

Request for *Members Helping Members*

I would like a member of AAUW to help me _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Sent request to:

Joyce Burkett

113 Hinchman Ave.

Sebastian, FL. 32958

Or email her at: AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com

Equal Pay Increases?



In 1970, women made an average of \$ 20,567 in salary (59.4% of a man's salary).

In 2010, that figure had risen to

\$ 39,621 (or 77.4% of a man's salary). We gained \$ 19,054 in 40 years for a 92.6% increase.

In that same timeframe, a dozen eggs increased in price from \$.614 to \$ 2.09 – an increase of 239% -- about 2-1/2 times higher than the increase in women's pay.



Aren't we the ones who usually buy the eggs?

-- Adapted from a quote by Marlo Thomas

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information about

Equal Pay Day, April 12, 2016.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM

Volunteers are always a blessing, both for the giver and the receiver. So, I'm here to invite you to offer your time and talents to a very rewarding cause. The Adult Literacy Services of Indian River County is always looking for new tutors for their exceptional program, as there is always a waiting list of people wanting to learn to read and write. You don't need any experience or a huge time commitment. Training and materials are provided, and Snowbirds are welcome to participate. The next training session is February 3 from 9am to 1 pm at the Literacy Services building at 795 12th Ave. SW just off Oslo Road.

I've been a tutor for about 3 years and the rewards just keep coming! If you are interested, please feel free to call me at [248-767-9402](tel:248-767-9402) or email suzannejones@yahoo.com and I'll help you get started.

Suzanne Jones

IRSC FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

The new online application for Indian River State College scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year is now available. Among the scholarships available are AAUW's four Branch Scholarships at \$1250 each, and our Endowed Scholarship at \$500.00. Criteria for these scholarships are: Student must be a female resident of Indian River County and an IRSC student pursuing a bachelor's degree at IRSC or an accredited university, candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and financial need. Students must have completed an AA degree. Recipient must complete 12 hours of coursework at university level over a 12 month period.

We have an important NEW change in our eligibility for 2016-2017 Scholarships. In the past we restricted eligibility to returning women students (those students who started their education, but for some reason had to drop out and are now returning to college). We no longer have this restriction and have opened up eligibility to all female students who have completed an AA degree and are continuing to complete a bachelor's degree.

We hope to disseminate this information to as many interested students as possible, if you are aware of students who might meet this criteria, please make them aware of the scholarships available and encourage them to apply by logging on to the IRSC links. Application deadline is January 31, 2016.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR IRSC STUDENTS
Apply now for the 2016-2017 Academic Year

STEP ONE
Log in to MyIRSC

STEP TWO
Click on Apply for IRSC Scholarships in the Quick Links section

STEP THREE
Use "First Time Here" link to create application password using your MyIRSC email address

STEP FOUR
Log in to submit the application and complete follow-ups if prompted

IRSC Foundation Inc.
Indian River State College

Scholarship deadlines begin January 31, 2016. For more information, contact the IRSC Foundation at 772-462-4780 or email info@irscfoundation.org



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.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



Date Time

- 3 1:30 pm **Bridge 1**, (1st Wednesday of month) TBD
- 12 10 am **Reading Group 6**, (2nd Friday of month) Hostess, Mary Mitchell, 601 Gardenia Lane, VB, 231-0203
- 9 1:30pm **Reading Group 5**, (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Jan McLachlan, 99 Cache Cay Dr., VB492-9262
- 9 1:30 pm **Reading Group 2**, (meets 2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Lydia Forbes, 2047 Indian Summer Lane, VB 32963, 228-9845
- 10 1:30 pm **Reading Group 4**, (2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Joanne Miculinich, 4141 Ocean Dr., #309, VB, 231-3105
- 11 12 pm, **Bridge 2**,(2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 12 2 pm **Public Policy**, Village Loft (in the Village Shops), 6220a, Highway A1A, stairs across from Citron Bistro.
- 15 10 am **Reading Group 3** (3rd Monday of month) Hostess,
- 16 9:30 am **Reading Group I**,(3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-014315
- 16 1:30 pm **Creative Writing**, (3rd Tuesday of month), Hostess, Leslie Carson, 5059 N. Hwy A1A, Apt. 306, Ft. Pierce, FL 34949, 908-531-8582
- 20 11:30 am **BAL**, Bent Pine Country Club, 6001 Clubhouse Drive, Vero Beach, Author: Debbie Macomber
- 22 1:30 pm **International Relations Group**, contact Barbara Mandell, 231-5052
- 25 12 pm **Bridge 2** Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 26 11:30 **Lunch Bunch**, Citrus Grillhouse, 1050 Easter Lily Ln., Vero Beach 32963, 234-4114. Contact Sylvia LaRocca, 559-2172 or Birgitta Byers, 231-1083 for information



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