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January HOTLINE

VERO BEACH BRANCH

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Joint Branch Luncheon

We are part of an AAUW region that includes Melbourne, St. Lucie County, Stuart and Vero Beach Branches. Each year, one of the branches hosts the first branch meeting of the year. This year, Melbourne is our host and the meeting will be:

January 16th

Oceanfront Crowne Plaza Hotel

2605 Highway A1A in Indialantic FL

Social time starts at 11:30 with lunch at noon

Menu choices:

Sliced London Broil Demi Glace

or

Mahi Mahi Beurre Blanc

Both served with Herb Roasted Potatoes, a Vegetable Medley and dessert

Cost: \$26.

Speaker: Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey, talking about Personal Safety.

He has a great reputation as a speaker.



Our sister branches attended our January fashion show last year in good numbers. We would like to return the favor and bring a good crowd to their meeting.

AAUW Melbourne has asked for our reservation decision by January 6th, so please:

Email or call Pat Blossom if you want to attend by January 5th. Let her know:

1. If you are willing to drive (and how many you can take) or if you'd like to ride with someone else. Pat will arrange carpools for us.

2. Your menu choice

Then:

3. Please send your check for \$ 26 to AAUW Vero Beach, PO Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961. Our Assistant Treasurer, Becky Barkett, will collect your checks and make out one check to AAUW Melbourne.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Call to Leadership

Use your skills to make a difference

As a valued member of the Vero Beach Branch of the AAUW, you can ...

be a leader ... help girls and women in our community
... stimulate your own mind ... influence others positively ... learn ... enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done ... get better acquainted with other intelligent, active women ... inspire other women

We have a vibrant branch of 150 members (70% full-time Vero residents).

We're an all-volunteer organization with a big ambition:

To be recognized as the organization that actively supports women and girls in Indian River County.

Our regularly scheduled activities include:

- 6 branch meetings
- 5 Book Review Breakfasts
- 2 fund-raisers annually

All of which are open to the public, generating more interest in our organization and our goals of helping local girls and women further their education and expand their capabilities.

This means ... **WE NEED YOU** ... to take on a leadership role!

Lots of opportunities – large and small – to choose from:

- Executive Vice President [President-Elect]
- Co-VP of Membership
- VP of Programs
- Assistant Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director for Communications
- Director for Public Policy
- Coordinator of Study/Interest Groups

If you're intrigued about any of these opportunities, contact Sandra Lackas of the Nominating Committee to learn more.

slackas@bellsouth.net or (772) 532-5230

Get involved ... you'll be glad you did!

Please Welcome New Members!

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INDIAN RIVER REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

This year's Science Fair will take place on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Gifford Middle School. Our branch provides two \$50.00 awards to middle school girls. If you are interested in becoming a judge or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or visit the website: www.educationfoundation.org; click on Science Fair; on the home page there is a link called "Become a science fair judge". You do not need to be a scientist to participate, especially at the Elementary Level. A brief training session is provided on Friday, January 29, 2016. If you are participating at the Secondary Level, please let me know. I welcome your help the day of the Fair as I interact with the teams of judges to select our awardees. Remember AAUW is committed to encouraging women and girls to pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Linda Clerch (564-9297)

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

BOOK REVIEW BREAKFAST + DISCUSSION

**January 11, 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,

Presenter: Molly Steinwald

Executive Director, Environmental Learning Center

***Last Child in the Woods*, by Richard Louv**

A startling fact: by the 1990s the radius around the home where children were allowed to roam on their own had shrunk to a ninth of what it had been twenty years earlier. Join us for a review and discussion of Richard Louv 's groundbreaking work, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. Molly Steinwald, Executive Director of the Environmental Learning Center, will present her review of this forward looking work at the AAUW Vero Beach Book Review Breakfast and Discussion. Child advocacy expert Louv directly links the lack of nature in children 's, lives - he calls it nature deficit - to some of the most disturbing childhood trends, such as rises in obesity, attention deficit disorder, and depression.

(From Amazon.com) : "Today, average 8 year olds are better able to identify cartoon characters than native species, such as beetles and oak trees, in their own community. The rate at which doctors prescribe antidepressants to children has doubled in the past five years, and recent studies show that too much computer time spells trouble for the developing mind. " *Last Child in the Woods* is the first book to bring together cutting edge research showing that direct exposure to nature is essential for healthy childhood development - physical, emotional, and spiritual. Environment-based education directly improves standardized test scores and grade point averages and develops skills in problem solving, critical thinking, decision making and creativity. Yet weaning kids from their plugged in and turned on world faces difficulty: fear of strangers, more and more homework assigned by schools, and less and less access to natural areas. This book is a first step to remedying that.

Molly Steinwald has nearly twenty years of experience teaching and managing projects in ecology, conservation biology and environmental education. Prior to joining the ELC, Molly served as Director of Science Education and Research at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, PA. Ms. Steinwald is an accomplished educator, scientist and nature photographer with interests ranging from physiology to ecology to molecular biology to plant-people interactions. Molly has a passion for the importance of people living in harmony with nature in their everyday lives and will provide an exceptional view into Mr. Louv 's book. In today 's world where electronics seems to permeate all our lives, don 't miss an opportunity to hear, not only about the problem but also about practical solutions.

Mark the Date.....

April 12, 2016 = Equal Pay Day

Stay tuned for some serious fun.



Please support our “second fundraiser” of the year:



A movie fundraiser about the power of girls' education
featuring 9 girls from 9 different countries
and their struggle to learn

The Majestic Theater – 940 14 Lane in Vero Beach

Saturday, January 23 at 2 PM – Only \$ 15

Your ticket will help students in Indian River County

see this movie on their campuses free of charge!

Please encourage a friend to join you and buy your tickets:

At an AAUW Event

Or at the Cultural Council – 2041 14 Avenue in Vero Beach

Or at <https://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/fundraisers/girl-rising/>

Or call Linda Barker at 772-257-5275



----- EVENING READING GROUP



DEBBIE MACOMBER



Featured Author for 34th Annual Book-Author Luncheon Fundraiser

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

Proceeds: Support scholarships, grants and programs for women and girls in Indian River County

Date: **February 20, 2016**
Bent Pine Golf Club
58th Avenue & 57th Street
Vero Beach, Florida



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

Tickets: \$60 includes 2 doorprize tickets.

Reservation deadline: February 16, 2016

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)

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The Members Helping Members group has begun. This month, we have requests for a ride to an AAUW event, help with cell phones and assistance with Facebook and Linkedin. Two have been assigned and one is pending.

There has been some confusion regarding the sign up process. Members that are willing to help will send their email address to

AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com.

You are not volunteering for anything by doing this. You will just be adding your name to the data base. When opportunities become available, they will be forwarded to the group of helpers. You decide, at that time, if you wish to fill the request. The first reply I receive will be contacted with full information.

We would like to increase the numbers of those helping other members. Please sign up to assist our members.

AAUWmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com.

or fill out the request form that follows.

Your AAUW friends,

Joyce Burkett and Judy Ragnone

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



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.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Date Time

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| 6 | 1:30 pm | Bridge 1 , (1st Wednesday of month) TBD |
| 8 | 10am | Reading Group 6 , (2nd Friday of month) Hostess, Gail Helgeson, 120 N. Catalina Court, VB 32063, 231-9172 |
| 12 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 5 , (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Gail Helgeson, 120 N. Catalina Court, VB 32063, 231-9172 |
| 13 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 2 (2nd Wednesday of Month) Hostess, Arlene Grandbois, 5055 N Hwy A1A, Pat. 102C, Fort Pierce, FL 34949 |
| 13 | 1:30 pm | Reading Group 4 , (2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Debbie Garber, 492-9971 |
| 14 | 12 pm, | Bridge 2 , (2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 15 | 2pm | Public Policy , Village Loft (in the Village Shops), 6220a, Highway A1A, stairs across from Citron Bistro. |
| 18 | 10 am | Reading Group 3 (3rd Monday of month) Hostess, Cheryl Highstreet, 517-775-4837 |
| 19 | 9:30 am | Reading Group 1 , (3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-014315 |
| 19 | 1:30 pm | Creative Writing , (3rd Tuesday of month), Hostess, Leslie Carson, 5059 N. Hwy N. A1A, Apt. 306, building B, 908-531-8582. Call for directions. |
| 28 | 12 pm | Bridge 2 Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 29 | 11:30 | Lunch Bunch , Sake, 29 Royal Palm Point, VB, 978-9798, Call Sylvia LaRocca 559-2172 |





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