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VERO BEACH BRANCH

Gail DeGioia, Editor



Branch Meeting for Opening Season of 2016-2017 A Trip Through Place and Poetry



Tuesday, October 18 at 4 PM

The Laura Riding Jackson House, on the grounds of the Environmental Learning Center
255 Live Oak Dr, Vero Beach, FL 32963

Our Kickoff Meeting will be a catered BBQ at Laura Riding Jackson's home

Marie Stiefel and other members of the Board of the Laura Riding Jackson Foundation will give tours of the house to small groups of us, talk about their preservation plans, and treat us to some poetry!

Cost \$18

Please send check for \$ 18 made payable to AAUW Vero Beach Branch to:

AAUW Treasurer

P. O. Box 2143

Vero Beach, FL 32961

--or--

Pay now with credit card (\$ 1 processing fee):<http://tinyurl.com/AAUW-BBQ>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Another turn of the calendar page. Here in Vero, we're looking forward to some cool breezes. Up north, perhaps you're planning to close our home and journey south. An exciting program of AAUW meetings and events awaits you in Vero Beach! Eileen Finestone and Sylvia LaRocca have lined up venues, speakers and meal choices. We're asking those who volunteered for hospitality to sign up as greeters for our meetings, helping Eileen and Sylvia put on successful events. We're calling it "One-and-Done" Hospitality as you sign up for just one or two programs, not an entire year of hospitality.

Our membership VPs, Pam Papendick and Suzanne Jones, are planning our 4th annual Cultural Council Arts Festival booth on September 24th Under the Oaks. This is a great event for meeting prospective members, so plan to drop by as you visit the other booths and entertainment in the Festival. Our membership in the Cultural Council is very important to our being known in the community, and, of course, we all celebrate the arts!

Our Book Review Breakfast Series filled up with speakers and books, thanks to Kyp Wasiuk and our member-facilitators. This will be our 31st year of these reviews! Our reviewers and books are on page 5 of this Hotline.

Our Study and Interest Groups and our Committees (Fundraising, Communications) will resume in September and October and will be announced here and in our Handbook. And the Handbook itself will be mailed to you at your current address on September 9th.

Here's to another year of being an important part of our Indian River community. Our philanthropic approach of "doing for" by giving money and "doing with" by volunteering is a winning approach, which helps us become familiar with and support important organizations for women and girls in this county.

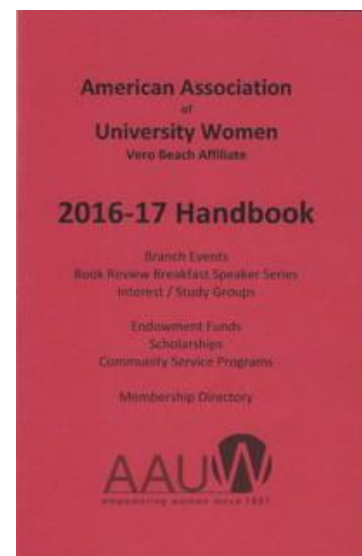
Thanking you in advance for a great season,

Linda

Our 2016-17 Handbook

Never lose this bright red Handbook! It has a wealth of information inside about our purpose, our history, our philanthropy, our events and meetings, and—most importantly—our members.

Your Executive Officers will be sending the 2016-17 Handbook out on September 9th, so look for it in the mail in the coming days. For those of you in the north, it will be sent to the address we have in the database for you.



A Few Corrections.

Elizabeth Frazier, our oldest member at age 101, has a new email. Please change the one in the Handbook to: ehf1330@gmail.com

Rosemarie O'Malley's email is RAO101650@gmail.com. In the Handbook the RAO looks like RA0. It should be O as in Oscar.

Kathleen Scott's email was printed incorrectly. It is Knelson1707@gmail.com. In the Handbook, the second "n" is missing.

Carol Boink's address: 5439 Barbados Square, Vero Beach, FL 32967

THE COLLEGE CONNECTION

By Lois Miles, University Liaison

Melissa Tharpe, and Samantha Chabot, officers of the IRSC AAUW student organization, attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in early June, 2016. They will share their experience at a branch meeting in the near future.



Club members have conducted three recruitment events on both the Sebastian and Vero Beach campuses. These will conclude on September 22nd and grow the membership, which will continue to carry on the mission of AAUW. New members will be treated to an Ice Cream Social on September 28th.

In cooperation with the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections, club members will sponsor a Voter Registration event for students at the Mueller Campus on Tuesday, October 4th. Literature and pins donated by the AAUW national office will be distributed.

Monthly updates of club activities will be reported in the Hotline.

National Award Winning Author, a member of our AAUW Branch

Marlowe Arnold, has won the National Award in Letters from the American Pen Women and a second award at the national convention in Washington, DC for memoirs about her mother. The memoir was a revised excerpt from her recently published book, *Road Lead on to Road*. The national Pen Women convention is held every two years to recognize women in the United States for their abilities in letters, arts, and music.

Congratulations, Marlowe! We walk among the gifted.

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.



****Wednesday, September 21st, 12:30 Creative Writers will meet at CJ Cannons for lunch and regular meeting**

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Date Time

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| 13 | 12:30 pm, | Duplicate Bridge (2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Chair, Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 14 | 10am | Reading Group 6 , (2nd Friday of month) Chair; Sandra Lackas 770-2977 or slackas@bellsouth.net |
| 11 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 5 , (2nd Tuesday of month) Co-Chair Linda MacDonald, 234- or lindmacd@gmail.com or Jackie Jacobus, 492-1656 or jjveobeach@aol.com |
| 12 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 2 (2nd Wednesday of Month) , Chair: Sheila Troob 794-5356 or irvero@bellsouth.net |
| 12 | 1:30 pm | Reading Group 4 , (2nd Wednesday of month) Co-Chair, Linda Bara, 847-485-8364 or reitinglinda@yahoo.com or Pamela Barry-Boyczuk, 226-5962 or pmbarryb@gmail.com |
| 17 | 1:30pm | Reading Group 3 (3rd Monday of month) , Chair, Barb Spelman, 703-851-0887 or barbspelman@gmail.com |
| 18 | 9:30 am | Reading Group 1 , (3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0142 or bhm683@gmail.com |
| 18 | 4pm | Kickoff BBQ at Laura Riding Jackson Home |
| 19 | 12:30 pm | Creative Writing , (3rd Wednesday of month)- <u>NOT Tuesday as listed in Handbook</u> , CJ Cannons, Chair, Rosemary Brofos, 231-4786 |
| 27 | 12:30 pm | Duplicate Bridge ,(2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605 |
| 28 | 11:30am | Lunch Bunch , (last Friday of month) Osceola Bistro, 2045 13th Ave., VB 569-1299, Call Sylvia LaRocca or Birgitta Byers (231-1083 |
| Starts Nov. | | International Relations , (4th Monday of the month), at 1pm Chair Barbara Mandell231-5052. Citrus Room, Indian River Estates, East Building |
| Starts Nov. | | Public Policy , (2nd Friday of month), at 1:30pm, Call Lind Barker,257-5275 |
| | | Members Helping Members , Chair Joyce Burkett, contact Joyce if you have a request or are willing to help. Aauwmembershelpingmembers@outlook.com |



In Memoriam

Virginia Reilly, longtime member of AAUW Vero Beach, passed away peacefully at home near her daughter in Delray Beach on August 7th. Virginia was a member of AAUW Creative Writers, who missed her after she and her husband moved to Delray Beach. Rosemary Brofos, leader of Creative Writers, says Virginia "was one of the most positive people I have ever met. Whatever we wrote, she thought was wonderful, encouraging and praising our every effort." Virginia's last trip to Vero Beach was in May 2015 when she and her husband came to see The Mikado at our annual Awards Luncheon.

Please Welcome New Members

Additional information is in your handbook

Juantia Baker

Charlotte Jones

Maryann Ronan-Lamson

Cynthia Marlow

Grace Rubinski

Diane Sattler

Marie Stiefel

Marcy VonKohorn

"STEP WITH ME" AAUW STATE PRESIDENT

Shirley D. Reid

I am honored to be your new president in this momentous year 2016. Ninety-six years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, one of the two major political parties has nominated the first woman to become president of this great country of ours. (Finally) This is the time for us to stand up with our sisters to recognize the hard work of the women and men who led the successful suffrage movement by keeping the polls accessible to everyone and ensuring all women are registered and educated on all issues.

Let us take advantage of our Public Policy Impact Grant in our Branches by making certain that all women are registered to vote. Elections matter! Let us make certain that all women are educated on issue-based choices. We will continue to fight for fair pay and against discrimination. Your vote is your voice. Be Heard!

We are pleased with another dynamic Tech Trek STEM Camp held this year at Palm Beach State College. We congratulate all of you for your caring support in making this possible this year for 60 young girls entering 8th grade to attend. Our campers described this as an "awesome" experience. We're hoping that you have STEM as part of your operating budget. It takes \$1000 to send a girl to camp.

Our upcoming Leadership Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota Florida, beginning on Sunday, April 2nd through Monday noon April 3rd. This as you realize is a slight change for us, but I believe that starting early we should be able to plan accordingly. At this time of year, in the midst of tourist season, we are able to negotiate better hotel rates and accommodations by moving our conference to beginning on Sunday. Let's be open to this and try it! Planning is underway. You won't want to miss this!

Each month one of your State Board Directors will be featured in "STEP WITH ME" to share pertinent information with you and to let you know that we are here for you. This is an exciting time and we enthusiastically embrace the opportunities available to us as we continue to fulfill our mission of advancing equity to women and girls. Working together we are stronger.

The Book Review Breakfasts + Discussion Series

The Book Review Breakfasts have food for the mind and for the body! We have planned an exciting schedule of expert presenters on a wide variety of titles and authors. All are held in the Richardson Center at Indian River State College, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, are free and open to the public, and offer a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by the lecture at 10:00 a.m. The schedule includes:

November. 7, 2016 - "Dreams" by Olive Schreiner, reviewed by Carolyn Thornton Nelson, Accounts manager at Career Services Research.

December 5 - "Earthly Powers" by Anthony Burgess, reviewed by Mark Wygonik, past President of the Vero Beach Theater Guild.

January 9, 2017 - "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi, reviewed by Evelyn Mayerson, the author of many articles in Vero Beach magazine and a member of the Literary Services.

February 6 - "The Prize" by Dale Russakoff., reviewed by Claudia Jimenez, Former Board Member of Indian River School District.

March 6 - "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi, reviewed by Rev. Casey Baggott of Vero Beach's Community Church.

Our Strategic Goals

As we begin our 2016-17 season, let's keep our strategic goals in mind in all we do. Our goals are:

To enrich the lives of women and girls in Indian River County

- Network, mentor, advocate, donate time and money
- Think "outward" towards the community
- Expand STEM and STEAM endeavors
- Expand Big Brothers Big Sisters involvement
- Continue to build relationships with local schools

To provide personal growth and fellowship through education

- Continue to sponsor Book Review Breakfasts
- Engage "on mission" speakers
- Volunteer
- Advocate for women and girls [2016 example: Equal Pay]
- Involve IRSC AAUW Student Club in all that we do

To be recognized in the community as a valuable resource

- Form collaborations and coalitions to achieve community goals
- Participate in community events
- Utilize our Cultural Council membership
- Publicize our activities
- Create a brand identity through our publicity
- Create a comprehensive PR/Social Media plan





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