

Vol 45 #1 **OCTOBER HOTLINE**
OCTOBER 2015 **VERO BEACH BRANCH**
Gail DeGioia, Editor



POT LUCK SUPPER

Branch Meeting for Opening Season of 2015-2016

Monday, October 12, 5:00 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church

1850 6th Ave.

(Please bring a dish for 6 to be shared)

Speaker, Gail Griffith

**Guardian ad Litem, volunteer advocates for abused children.
Our members who serve as Guardians also will be featured in
the program.**

**A meeting for strategic planning will be held on Saturday,
September 26, 9:30-2:30 at the Millstone Landing Clubhouse,
2055 N. Millstone Blvd. SW. See page 3 for details**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Welcome again to the 2015-16 AAUW Vero Beach season. I hope you're excited about the activities we've planned. Pat Blossom, Sylvia LaRocca and Jean Wengenroth have lined up venues, speakers and hospitality for our events (see page 8 of your Handbook). Kyp Wasiuk has coordinated information from our members who have gotten local people to review books in our Book Review Breakfast + Discussion Series (page 9, Handbook). And Gail Helgeson and Pam Papendick are planning an exciting booth at the Cultural Council Arts Festival on October 31st to help us get the word out to prospective members.

Our Study and Interest Groups are resuming in October (page 10-11, Handbook); a few of them are described on page 6 of this Hotline. These are Members-Only meetings—the places we meet and get to know each other well, often forming close friendships that last for years. While many of us take advantage of these groups to form relationships, I think we need to create more opportunities to understand each others' backgrounds, histories and current lives. Let's figure out some new ways to get to know each other this season. Any ideas are welcome. For our last event of the year, the Awards Luncheon on May 7th, 2016, I'm declaring the program to be "**About Us**" so we can celebrate the many ways we've strengthened our bonds.

You can see a lot of planning has been going on over the summer, and many of the events still need some volunteer help (see the column to the right). We hope you'll be able to lend a hand; it's the synergy of our members working together that makes our events vibrant, not putting stress on just a few.

Volunteering at events also helps members get to know each other, and that's what we're here for, right? To be in the company of other smart women and raise funds for scholarships, grants and programs for women and girls in Indian River County.

Thanking you in advance for a great season,

Linda B

IN MEMORIAM

Vero Beach AAUW lost a special member this past year. She will be greatly missed.

Doris Martin,

an active member at both the national and local level

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual potluck kick-off supper is highlighted on the cover page of the Hotline. It begins at 5 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Monday, October 12. We are in need of volunteers to help us set up as well as help with the clean up afterwards. If you can help with either, please let me know. Thank you, Jean Wengenroth

794-9594 or sending an e-mail to wengenrothe@bellsouth.net.

The Book Review Breakfasts take place the 2nd Monday of the month from November to March. Refreshments are served on the patio of the Richardson Center before the lecture, and a **few more hands are needed to help**. If you're willing to assist, please contact me, Kyp Wasiuk at kathypagewasiuk@yahoo.com or 413-441-7323

The Cultural Council Arts Festival

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 9 - 5 at
Riverside Park**

Over 100 members of the Cultural Council will have their booths at the Arts Festival on Saturday, October 31st. We're members, and this is a great opportunity to advertise our branch, our activities, and our scholarships. AAUW Vero Beach will have a table, so please plan to attend the Festival and stop by. If you are interested in volunteering at our display, please call Gail Helgeson at 231-9172 or Pam Papendick at 925-1113.

AAUW VERO BEACH STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP



Saturday, September 26

9:30 – 2:30

Millstone Landing Clubhouse

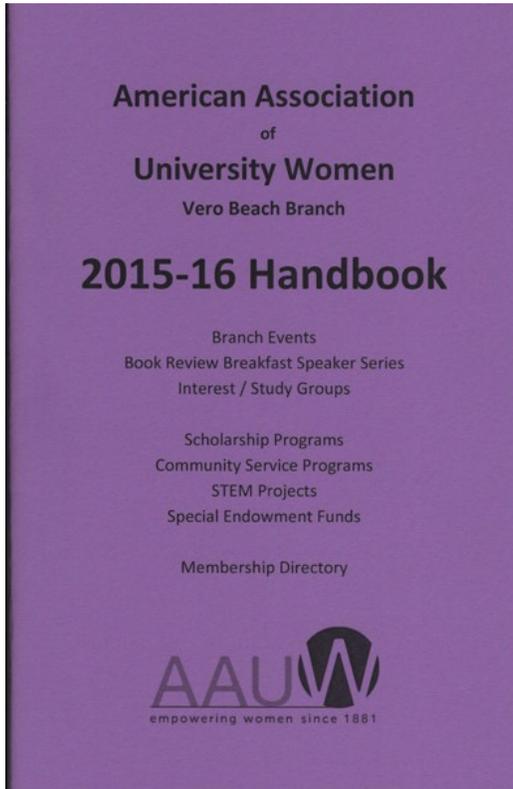
2055 N. Millstone Blvd. in Southwest Vero Beach



As you can see in your 2015-16 Handbook, we have all our activities planned for the year. This Strategic Planning Workshop will help us look beyond this year to what we want AAUW Vero Beach to be several years from now.

Join us for a meeting facilitated by Margaret (Peggi) Fisher of Fisher Group Solutions in Washington, DC. <http://fishergroupsolutions.com> Peggi is a friend and colleague of Linda Barker's and has agreed to conduct our session *pro bono*. We'll have fun, use our prodigious smarts, and figure out what we want that target in the sky to be!

To register, please contact Linda Barker [by September 21](mailto:Linda_barker@comcast.net) at Linda_barker@comcast.net or call her at 703-898-8260. Please bring \$10 toward the cost of your lunch. When you have registered, Linda will send you directions to the Millstone Landing Clubhouse.



Our New Handbook

Lois Miles, our Ambassador-at-Large, meets with new members to find out their interests and how they might contribute to the energy of our branch. Do you know what she found out last year? People weren't opening the membership directory! They thought it was a list of members, which they didn't need yet. They didn't realize the wealth of information inside. So this year we have a new cover—one that lets members know what's inside. Pages 1-15 are full of information about us, our history, and our enriching events and speakers over the next eight months. Make sure you use the information on pages 8 and 9 to mark your calendars. And, of course, the membership directory begins on page 16.

You should have received your directory in the mail by now. If you haven't, please call Linda Barker at 703-898-8260.

ERRATA

You got an ERRATA sheet in the front of your 2015-16 Handbook. Unfortunately, we've found more. Please make the following changes:

Page 9:

February The grandson of the founder of Fellsmere is the author, Frank Vans Agnew, not the reviewer, Rich Votapka.

March The author of *Devil in the Grove* is Gilbert King (not Kind)

Page 11: The Co-Chairs of the new Reading Group 3 are Barb Spelman and Gail French.

Page 16 Frasier Allport's phone number is 925-1601(not 1610)

Page 19: Change Judi Collins' email to : JRAFCOL@gmail.com. There is no "L" after the "F"

Page 31: Nance Shapira's address is: 1335 Winding Oaks Circle East (not Winding Parks).

Lois Schroder address is: 45 Woodland Drive, Unit 103

Please report any other mistakes to Linda Barker at Linda_barker@comcast.net

Developing Remarkable Leaders

Shortly after the return of the three Indian River College students whom the branch sponsored to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May, 2015, work began on the structuring of a student group on campus whose sponsor would be the AAUW Vero Beach Branch.

In late August the Vice President of Student Affairs approved the IRSC AAUW Club as a group in good standing. The three student leaders who agreed to hold officer positions for one year in return for their conference sponsorship, developed a constitution and website: <https://irsc.collegiatelink.net/organization/irsc-aauw>. Branch members may wish to visit the site to learn about activities and programs throughout the new season.

Linda Clerch and Lois Miles set up recruitment tables in the Student Center (Schumann) on several evenings during Summer and Fall class sessions. These “lemonade and laptop” events had as their purpose the registration of students interested in becoming e-affiliates or club members. Twenty-six signed up during the Summer session, and Fall recruitment is not yet complete.

For purposes of clarification, an e-student affiliate is a member-at-large. All communication with AAUW is conducted digitally. These students will not be involved in the running of the campus club.

A club member, on the other hand, volunteers to be an active participant in planning and executing programs and events that will engage students, faculty, and occasionally the community. As one example, the University of Michigan Dearborn Club has 130 affiliates and 10 club members. At any given time an affiliate may decide to become an active club member. Because IRSC is an AAUW university partner, there are no membership fees.

Under the direction of the campus advisor, Dr. Marie Davis, club meetings are being initiated, and program planning has begun. By design, this project should provide practical and interesting opportunities to develop remarkable student leaders, and open AAUW doors to a new generation of women.

Lois Miles

University Liaison



Above left to right: Angela Reed, Amineh Bell and Julie Singer
Please see Information on our November Branch meeting on page 8.(of this Hotline). Our presenters will be these 3 NCCWSL student leaders!

Interest Groups, a Brief Description

Bridge Group 2

This group plays two tables of duplicate bridge every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons from approximately 1:30 to 4:30. We play at members' homes and serve light refreshments. We frequently need substitutes and would welcome new players. In addition, we would be happy to help a new group get organized and up and running if there is enough interest.

Submitted by Eleanor Wade

Cultured Pearls of AAUW

A few years ago when a few of us were new members, we decided we wanted to visit different museums, art shows and other cultural events. This was the impetus for our agenda each year. At the beginning of each season we meet to discuss the events we would like to visit and restaurants to sample in the local area. We look forward to another interesting season.

Submitted by Gilda Barclay-Avelar

LUNCH BUNCH

Everyone loves a social lunch and opportunity to try various restaurants in the Vero area. This group is organized to meet at selected restaurants the last Friday of most months. Contact information is listed on the Study/Interest Groups section (page 10, Handbook).

Thank you to Linda Mattone, Interest Group Coordinator, for sending the names of new and renewing members to interest group chairs, and for hosting the first meeting of Reading Group 3.

ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

New Members interested in joining ?

Please contact Linda Mattone at 564-7038



OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Date Time

- 7 1 pm **Bridge 1**, (1st Wednesday of month) Call Mary Gorman at 231-2200
- 8 12 pm, **Bridge 2**, (2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 9 11am **Reading Group 6**, (2nd Friday of month) Hostess, Pam Dolby, 3840 8th Lane, VB, 32960, 794-0998
- 12 5 pm **October Branch Meeting, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Agenda: Guardian ad Litem, Pot Luck Supper**
- 13 1:30pm **Reading Group 5**, (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess Linda MacDonald, 1360 Spanish Lace Lane, VB 32963
- 14 1:30pm **Reading Group 2** (2nd Wednesday of Month) Hostess, Doris Heurerman, 104 Prestwick Circle, VB, 32967, 567-5841
- 14 1:30 pm **Reading Group 4**, (2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Peggy Anne Hessler, 581 Jonathan's Cay, 770-141719
- 19 10 am, **Reading Group 3** (3rd Monday of month) Hostess Barbara Spelman, 739 A Timber Ridge Trail SW, Vero Beach FL 32962, 703-851-0887
- 20 9:30 am **Reading Group 1**, (3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0143
- 20 1:30 pm **Creative Writing**, (3rd Tuesday of month), Hostess, Ann Streeter, 5300 N A1A #309, Vero Beach, FL 32963, 231-8417
- 22 12 pm, **Bridge 2**, (2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605
- 23 2pm **Public Policy**, Vero Beach Magazine's Village Shops Meeting Room. Call Linda Barker, 703-898-8260
- 30 11:30am **Lunch Bunch**, Osceola Bistro, 2043 13th Ave., VB, 772-509-1299, Call Sylvia LaRocca or Birgitta Byers.
- 31 9-5 **Cultural Council Arts Festival, Riverside Park, (see page 2 of this Hotline)**



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. Each lecture will be followed by an optional small group discussion session. 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 9, Mary Silva, Director of IRC Literary Services
Walk In Their Shoes by Jim Ziolkowski

December 14, Charlotte Terry and Marie Steifel, Laura Jackson Foundation,
Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee

January 11, 2016, Molly Steinwald, Exec. Director of ELC
Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv

February 8, 2016, Rich Votapka, Engineer and Historian
Veteran Volunteer by Frank Vans Agnew, grandson of the founder of Fellsmere,

March 14, 2016, Julianne Price, Founder, Every Dream Has a Price, Inc.,
Devil in the Grove by Gilbert King

HOW REMARKABLE WOMEN LEAD

A Presentation by IRSC AAUW Club Representatives

Angela Reed, Amineh Bell and Julie Singer

Saturday, November 14

The Richardson Center on the IRSC Mueller Campus

Program begins promptly at 11:30 am

**The students who attended the National Conference for
College Women Student Leaders will highlight their experiences.**

IRSC students who are affiliates or club members will be invited to attend and meet branch members.

Presentation followed by a buffet lunch of sandwiches, wraps, desserts and beverages

Cost \$15

**The program will close with a viewing of an engaging video which
illustrates the dynamic leadership style of Eleanor Roosevelt.**

Please send check made payable to AAUW Vero Beach Branch to:

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