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## **NOVEMBER HOTLINE**

**VERO BEACH BRANCH**

**Gail DeGioia, Editor**

### **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:

**AAUW Treasurer**

**P. O. Box 2143**

**Vero Beach, FL 32961**

**or**

pay by credit card or PayPal by clicking here: <http://verobeach-fl.aauw.net/how-remarkable-women-lead>



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Dear Members,*

Our season has begun! We held the first Board meeting in September. The core committee running the Book Author Luncheon in February 2016 has met for the first time. And our Strategic Planners have drafted a vision statement and a set of goals for the future (see article to the right). In October, our Study / Interest Groups will begin their seasonal series of meetings. I hope all of you are involved in one or more of these activities. Working together towards the betterment of women and girls in Indian River County is a pleasure: we meet other smart women, keep our brains alive with new understanding, and make a difference.

Last month, I talked about this year being **About Us**. At our Strategic Planning meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>, we introduced ourselves to each other in a new way. We all enjoyed hearing about each other's backgrounds—our commonalities and differences, our faceted perspectives. Let's continue that throughout the year.

Yet as we realized in that same Strategic Planning session, now that we're a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, it is also and primarily **About Them**. About Women & Girls in Indian River County. About Women & Girls in this country and around the world. We have grown our outreach into this community and back to AAUW in Washington considerably. We have plans to strengthen our philanthropy, and we hope you will join in where your passions lie. There will be lots of opportunity this season!

**Linda B**

*Don't worry. It's not November yet! This Hotline tells you about the events in November so you can choose how you will participate and mark your calendar for next month. But don't forget all those great October activities that we announced in September. We keep you one month ahead with the Hotline!*

## Your Strategic Planners

What happens when 11 women, dedicated to the advancement of women and girls, get together to think about the future of AAUW Vero Beach?

Well, you get this picture:



*From Left to Right:* Gail Helgeson; Eleanor Wade; (back) Sylvia LaRocca; Pat Blossom; (middle) Birgitta Byers; (back) Lois Miles; (front) Sandra Lackas; Linda Barker; (back) Jean Wengenroth; Carol Strauss; Linda Clerch. Photograph by Peggi Fisher, our facilitator

By this time on Saturday afternoon, September 26, we were feeling pretty proud of ourselves. Thanks to Peggi Fisher's facilitation, we learned more about each other and we worked together to discuss our future. We have a draft vision for AAUW Vero Beach. We have a few draft goals. We have the beginning of a timeline, and what we'd like to make happen over the next few years. Tune into this Hotline for more information as we digest it and sculpt it into programs.

Would you like to help us shape the future? Contact Linda Barker if you'd like to join a few follow-up committees. We'd love your help!

**Please Add these additional members  
to your handbook**

**Welcome new members!**

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**Advisor to the IRSC AAUW CLub**  
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**Contact Information Changes**

Sylvia LaRocca  
House phone number 794-9965 is no longer ac-  
tive. Please use cell 772-559-2172

Linda French  
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## **BOOK REVIEW BREAKFAST + DISCUSSION**

**Monday, November 9 at 9:30 am**

*Mary Silva reviews **Walk in Their Shoes** by Jim Siolkowski*

**Walk in Their Shoes** tell's the true story of the author and his colleagues who created BuildOn, an organization that turns inner-city teens into community leaders at home, and builds schools in impoverished areas abroad. BuildOn students have contributed more than 1.2 million hours of service, from Detroit and the South Bronx to Haiti, Maki and Nepal, while building more than five hundred fifty schools worldwide. Together, they are breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations in their own lives and transforming their communities. <http://www.BuildOn.org> tells more of this story.

The Dalai Lama, whom the author met, calls **Walk in Their Shoes** “an inspiring tribute to the power of compassion and education; the keys to leading a meaningful life.”



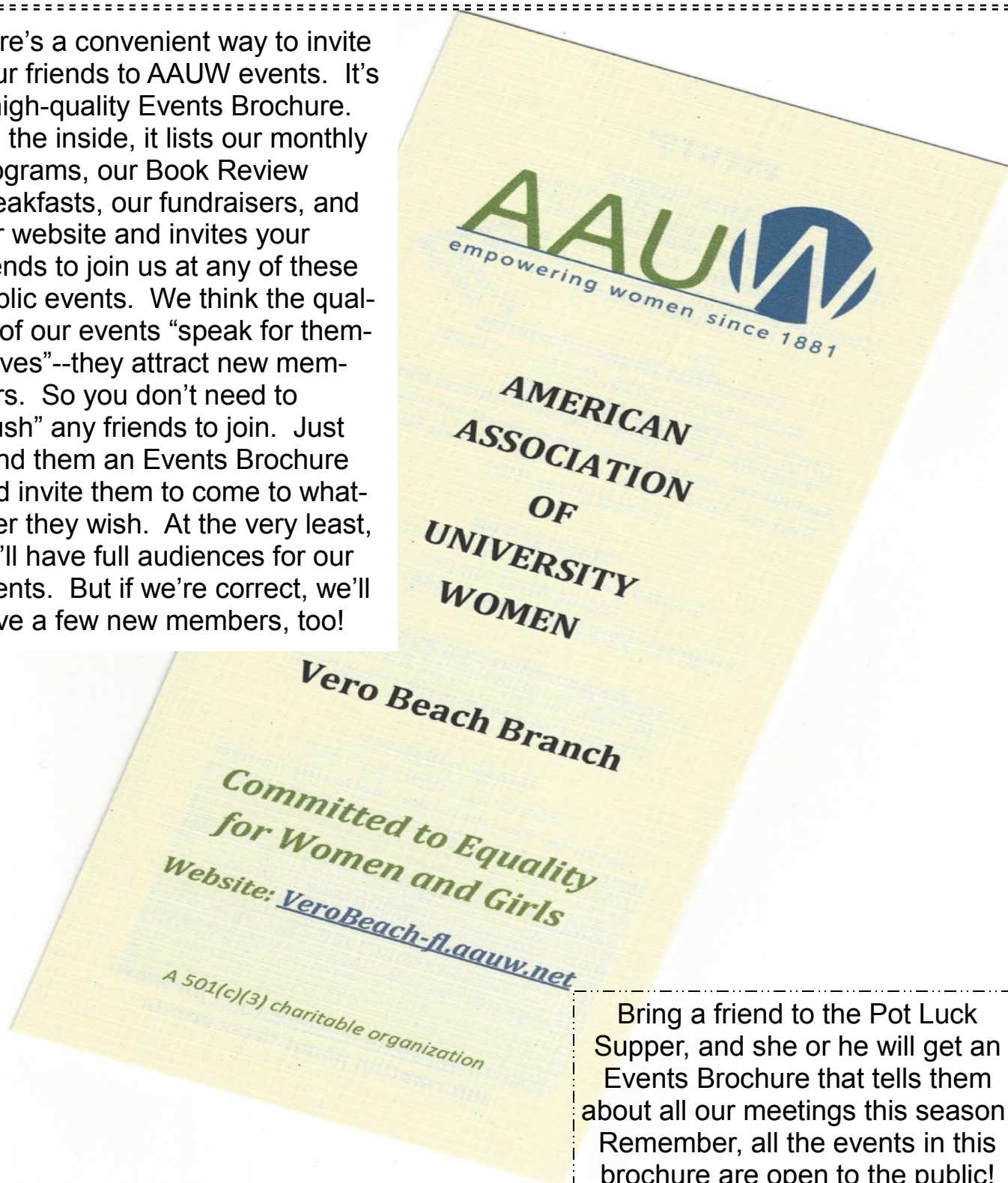
Mary Silva practiced law for 15 years before she “saw the light”. Since September 2005 she has been the Executive Director of Literacy Services of Indian River County. This organization focuses on adults who need assistance with their reading and English skills. It is estimated that one out of five adults in this county struggle with literacy. Executive Director, Literacy Services of Indian River County.

Presenter Mary Silva (left)



## An Invitation For Your Friends and Neighbors

Here's a convenient way to invite your friends to AAUW events. It's a high-quality Events Brochure. On the inside, it lists our monthly programs, our Book Review Breakfasts, our fundraisers, and our website and invites your friends to join us at any of these public events. We think the quality of our events "speak for themselves"--they attract new members. So you don't need to "push" any friends to join. Just hand them an Events Brochure and invite them to come to whatever they wish. At the very least, we'll have full audiences for our events. But if we're correct, we'll have a few new members, too!



Bring a friend to the Pot Luck Supper, and she or he will get an Events Brochure that tells them about all our meetings this season. Remember, all the events in this brochure are open to the public!

## A Movie Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser is the Book Author Luncheon. For the past two years, we've created a second fundraiser to balance our budget. In 2014, we put on **Senior Moments** at the Theater Guild. In 2015, we imported **Tea for Three** to the Emerson Center. This year, our second fundraising event will be a movie—**Girl Rising**—on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2pm at the Majestic Theater.

This documentary brings us nine unforgettable girls from nine countries who were born into unforgiving circumstances. The film captures their dreams, their voices, and their remarkable lives, focusing on their struggle to get an education.

Proceeds from this event will allow us to buy multiple licenses for the film so it can be shown in multiple venues. Our local high schools are first on the list: Indian River Charter High School, Sebastian River High School, and Vero Beach High School are excited about showing the film free of charge to their students!

To make this event happen, we need volunteers:

**Raise funds** – Send packets to prospective sponsors, follow up, follow up, fol-

**Advertise** – Ask shops to display posters; place ads in newspapers and online;

**Sell Tickets** – Sell 115 tickets through members and online; record sales for Treasurer; collect money; take tickets at the front door; sell tickets at the front door. Turn over and account for money.

**“Man” a Table at the Majestic** – Sell Girl Rising merchandise? Display a dona-

**Speak at the Majestic** – How do we bring the message home to girls in IRC?

**Consult with Schools** – consult with school groups; attend HS showings of the

**Thank yous** – Compose and send out letters of thanks for donations, including tax deductible information.

Please contact Linda Barker to volunteer for one of these important activities.  
[Linda\\_barker@comcast.net](mailto:Linda_barker@comcast.net) or 703-898-8260. Thank you!



## 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.**

### **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Date Time**

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| 4  | 1 pm     | <b>Bridge 1</b> , (1st Wednesday of month) Call Mary Gorman at 231-2200  |
| 12 | 12 pm,   | <b>Bridge 2</b> , (2nd and 4th Thursday of month) Call Eleanor Wade, 778-4605  |
| 13 | 11am     | <b>Reading Group 6</b> , (2nd Friday of month) Hostess, Kathleen Luke, 655 23rd Ave, VB 32962, 563-0011                                  |
| 14 | 11:30 am | <b>November Branch Meeting, The Richardson Center, Luncheon Topic: How Remarkable Women Lead, speakers</b>                               |
| 10 | 1:30pm   | <b>Reading Group 5</b> , (2nd Tuesday of month) Hostess, Jackie Jacobus, 4101 Ocean Dr., apt. 3B, Vero Beach 32963, 492-1656             |
| 10 | 1:30pm   | <b>Reading Group 2</b> (2nd Wednesday of Month) Hostess, Hostess, Janice Sly 1860 Robalo Dr., Apt. A108, Vero Beach, 32960, 770-881-6188 |
| 11 | 1:30 pm  | <b>Reading Group 4</b> , (2nd Wednesday of month) Hostess, Debbie Garber 2245 N. Southwinds Blvd., #203, 492-9971                        |
| 17 | 9:30 am  | <b>Reading Group 1</b> , (3rd Tuesday of each month) Indian River Estates West, Fire place, Library, Call Margaret Heinrich 299-0143     |
| 16 | 10 am,   | <b>Reading Group 3</b> (3rd Monday of month) Hostess, No information   |
| 17 | 1:30 pm  | <b>Creative Writing</b> , (3rd Tuesday of month), Hostess, Ann Streeter, 5300 N A1A #309, Vero Beach, FL 32963, 231-8417                 |





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