



Co-Presidents: Judy Bonn, Barbara Jones

Presidents' Message

What a wonderful start for our 2015 AAUW Lake/Sumter year. Our first general meeting was a prime example of that statement. It was great seeing all our attendees, and you could feel the excitement in the air. All the signs for a successful year were apparent, and we are truly off and running.

At our kickoff September meeting, the officers and the committee chairs gave a brief overview of their responsibilities. An invitation was extended to all present to join a committee of interest. This is an engaging way to meet members in a smaller setting and to form new friendships as you pursue your goals.

Of course, the highlight of this meeting was hearing from our Tech Trek campers and our scholarship winners. The eighth grade young ladies, relayed their experiences from the one week STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp at Eckerd College. You could sense their excitement and gratitude as they spoke of the varied hands on experiments in which they participated. It was especially delightful to hear how much they enjoyed a week on a college campus. What a tremendous opportunity which will never be forgotten!

Our scholarship winners from four years returned to express their gratitude and to update us on their pursuits. Hearing the ladies heartfelt thanks and their outstanding achievements were certainly an inspiration to all of us. In addition, we witnessed the results of our efforts and delighted in their successes.

After our meeting, we were fortunate to enjoy a terrific lunch sponsored by Beacon College. The atmosphere, the service, and the food were excellent. Beacon College, along with Lake Sumter State College are our college partners, and you will hear much more from them in the near future.

Next month's meeting promises to be another excellent opportunity to continue our getting to know each other and to hear an informative message from our knowledgeable guest speaker Mike Enright, a favorite in The Villages. It will be held at Captiva Recreation Center at 10:00 AM. Please keep informed of all our future events listed in your member handbooks. Judy and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Judy Bonn and Barbara Jones, Co Presidents

American Association of University Women



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Beacon College Update

For more information on AAUW National Programs or AAUW Lake/Sumter Branch Facebook, please contact Frankie Smith at frasmith1@gmail.com.

* Beacon College has signed the \$start \$mart lease agreement. They are planning an inaugural workshop in November. Updates will be provided as dates get confirmed.

* Beacon has submitted their application for the ElectHer Workshop and are waiting to hear if they are selected for this upcoming year.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

CALL TO ACTION

Attention: RETIRED TEACHERS

Because of your background, Beacon College needs your services to help their students who have various learning differences. A training course will be provided. The criteria for volunteers and the schedule for needed assistance are posted on our branch website. Also posted are the contact names for any questions about this program. See lakesumter-fl.aauw.net

AAUW Florida State Mini Grants –The AAUW Lake/Sumter Board is reviewing the guidelines to determine if we are able to meet the eligibility and criteria to submit an application for a Mini Grant. More detailed information on Mini Grants is posted on our Web Site: <http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net>

- Purpose: Mini grants will provide applicants with funds in the amount of \$100 to \$500 to support the Action Priorities of Florida AAUW; advance the Florida AAUW mission; develop the programmatic elements of the Florida Strategic Plan; and/or provide opportunities for women and girls to achieve their full potential.
- Eligibility: Any Florida AAUW Branch or inter branch may submit a proposal that has direct community impact and follows the stated purposes mentioned above. However, no branch or inter branch may receive a grant in two consecutive years for the same project.
- Criteria for Selection: (1) Clear and specific objectives; (2) Creativity of solution to problem or concern; (3) Evidence of careful planning, feasible plan of action, realistic time frame, and clear evaluation process; (4) Validity of budget proposal; and (5) Clarity of written proposal.

All new members: watch for your invitation to the October 31st New Member Coffee being held at Barbara Jones' home to arrive in the mail. Please RSVP to let us know if you will be attending. If you joined AAUW Lake/Sumter before September 2014 and never attended the coffee in previously years let either Mary Ann Swisher or Diane Jacobson know that you too would like an invitation to attend. The New Members Coffee is a great way for you to learn what our branch does and for us to find out in which ways you would like to actively participate.



Membership Booklets will be available at the October general meeting. Please stop by the table to pick yours up. If you already have your booklet we ask you to be a friend and help deliver any booklets to members of whom you will be seeing in the near future. If you would like us to send your booklet to you we ask that you send \$3 (Make checks payable to: AAUW Lake/Sumter) to Mary Ann Swisher, 821 Ramos Drive, Lady Lake, FL 32159 to cover the cost of sending it.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE; TECH TREK/STEM

The proverbial ball has started to roll for the 2016 Tech Trek camp in June sponsored by the Palm Beach State College on the FAU campus in Boca Raton.

The letters have been mailed to the Principals of six Lake and Sumter Middle Schools and our Committee now consists of twelve wonderful volunteers to conduct all the work that will follow.

The next step is to contact the STEM teachers in these schools and ask that they nominate the two most advanced students among their classes. An application will then be sent to these students to apply for the camp. We will then set up personal appointments to interview all these applicants after which we will choose those six that we feel will benefit the most from the camp experience. These choices will then be sent to the Florida 2016 Tech Trek State Directors who will make the final decisions. There will be 44 attendees chosen out of all the state-wide applicants.

As you can see, this is a long and tedious process but very rewarding when our local students are chosen to attend the camp.

In the Spring, The STEM awards will be given to those eighth grade girls who have shown the most improvement in their STEM classes. There will be more on this early next year.

Pictured are the 2015 Tech Trek participants and their parents.



Emily Holman reminds us that the Angel Book Committee collects new children's books to deliver to Lake and Sumter County schools before the holidays. Each member is asked to donate two or more new books (either hard cover or paperback) that are age appropriate for reading.

Angel Book Committee

The children's ages are 5-10 years. Picture books, easy readers (fiction or non-fiction), and mid-grade novels are all fine. We are not able to distribute any workbooks, coloring books, sticker books, board books, used books, or religious books.

Please do not wrap any books.

Deliver your donations to a Committee member no later than the December 5th meeting. Last year we collected over 300 books. Can we exceed that this year?



COMMITTEES and SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Diversity Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 A.M. at Freedom Pointe. For information, contact Pat Bays at 352-751-3777 or stanbays@embarqmail.com.

Because all visitors to Freedom Pointe must sign in, Pat has asked that club members arrive no later than 10:25 A.M. She will meet the group in the lobby to escort them to the meeting area. Parking may also be a challenge, so carpooling is encouraged. Club members often go out for lunch after the meeting.

AAUW Book Club List: 2015-16

MONTH	AUTHOR	TITLE
October 2015	Graeme Simson	The Rosie Project * #
November 2015	Fredrik Backman	A Man Called Ove * #
January 2016	Marina Fiorato	The Daughter of Siena *
February 2016	Bret Anthony Johnston	Remember Me Like This * #
March 2016	Jill Gabrielle Klein	We Got The Water * #
April 2016	Denise Kiernan	The Girls of Atomic City * #
May 2016	Ernest Hemingway	A Moveable Feast (Restored Edition) * #
June 2016	Donald Paul Wyman	The Chosen Path @
July 2016	Barbara Claypole White	The Perfect Son @

* Available in Lake County Library System

+ Available in Sumter County Library System, sound recording

Available in Sumter County Library System

@Available from Amazon.com

Bridge Groups

The Monday Bridge group plays on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:00 P.M. It is open to any interested member who wishes to play regularly. Location is scheduled on a date-to-date basis, with members volunteering to host in their homes. New members are welcome! Also, the group would appreciate hearing from those who might want to be substitutes. To join this group, as a regular player or as a substitute, contact Mary Ann Swisher at mswiper@mindspring.com or 352- 259-3739.

This month, the Monday Bridge Group will play on October 12 and 26. Hosts will be announced before the meetings.

The Thursday Bridge group is currently closed for regular players; however, they are looking for substitutes. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. For information, contact Carolyn Johnson at 352-751-4103 or cgljohnson@comcast.net

Mah Jongg

Oct. 5th; 1:30 to 3:30; Carol Sellers, hostess; 372 Hengan Place (Mallory Sq.)
352/259/5410

Oct. 19th; 1:30 to 3:30;
Rosemary Scarfia; 2056 Allure Loop (Buttonwood)
352/205-8352

If you are planning to play, please call Anne Schlick the Friday preceding the date playing. 352/750-1027.

COMMITTEES and SPECIAL INTERESTS GROUPS

GOLFING

Our golfing group plays on Fridays and resumes October 15th. The tee time varies from mornings to afternoons depending on the weather. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday so let Carmel Leese (352-751-0119, crleese@gmail.com) know by Sunday evening if you are interested in playing. The requested time is 8:30 A.M., with a window of 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M in the fall and 11:30 to 3:00 in the winter. Golf courses are alternated weekly between those north or south of Hwy 466.

We have decided to continue to play a 9 hole round of golf on a Championship course on beginning Monday, October 9th after 1:30 PM since we had such a great time this summer. The cost will be ½ of the 18 hole rate which will range between \$17.00 and \$23.50 in the fall and between \$22.00 and \$29.00 in the winter. Please plan on joining us for a socializing after your game. This reservation is entered into the tee time system on Thursday so let Carmel know by Wednesday if you are available.

An email is sent to regular participants each week for either or both Executive and Championship golf. Please respond by Sunday for Executive or Wednesday for Championship golf each week.

You can participate weekly or when your schedule allows as there is no weekly commitment required. But if you haven't participated in the past, please include your Villages ID number when you contact her all since this is needed for entry into the tee time system. If you are interested in joining, contact Carmel.

Welcome to New Members!

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We look forward to getting to know you! Please consider joining a committee or special interest group!

The Educated Palates will meet Thursday, October 8, at 9:30 am at the home of Carolyn Moores.

1602 Carrera Drive--De La Vista East--Spanish Springs (Corner of Morse Blvd./Carrera Drive).

The purpose of the meeting is to plan our Fall Dinner using the theme of Oktoberfest. All are invited to attend the planning meeting at which time we will decide on the menu and which dish you would like to prepare. Costs are shared equally for the dinners. Please bring some recipes or magazines for suggestions.

Also let Carolyn know if you are available for one or all of the following dates: October 30 or 31-----November 6 or 7. I will let you know the date that is workable for most members. Reply hcmoores@aol.com or call 352-259-9955.

Sharing good food in good company is what our congenial group is all about. We are not about gourmet cooking--just enjoying and learning about other cultures through the art of Cooking.

Call me if you have any questions. I look forward to another year of great fellowship with our cooks and their spouses or significant others.

WE WANT YOU! WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer Needed

Our branch needs a Co-Webmaster. The "Webmaster" position for the website <http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net/> is a member volunteer who forwards web updates to AAUW National Site Support Services. Lake-Sumter AAUW has a site services contract with the National Site Services group. Knowledge of web coding, editing tools, etc. are not required. Some knowledge of how an Internet user reads/uses our website are advantageous. Determining the importance of a news item helps with the appropriate placement for online publication. Online proofing reading skills are a plus. Interested members are to contact Webmaster Diane Reichert (reichert05@gmail.com) for details .

HELOISE FUNDRAISER (April 17, 2016)

Had she not taken over her mother's nationally syndicated newspaper column, Heloise might have become a computer programmer. Heloise didn't set out to inherit her mother's empire. A self-described hippie, Heloise graduated in 1974 from Southwest Texas State University where she studied math and business administration. But software design would have been too narrow a field for a woman with a dozen quick fixes for....

Want to find out more? Perhaps get close up and personal with Heloise? Step forward and volunteer for the following:

- Chairperson: overall coordination of the event
- Logistics: arranging transportation and lodging for Heloise
- Hospitality: refreshments for Heloise in the Green Room
- Programs

Scholarship Jewelry Fundraiser

Our jewelry fundraiser for new scholarships is underway. We'll be selling tickets on a beautiful padparascha sapphire necklace and matching earrings that you will definitely want to win! We hope that each member will take a pack of ten (10) tickets to sell or buy herself to help us meet our goal of raising \$5,000 for scholarships this year. Each ticket is \$5 and the winner will be picked on Feb. 13th. Don't forget to patronize the donor of our jewelry each year - Gold-in-Art Jewelers who has stores in Mt. Dora and Lady Lake. When you do, tell them you are a member of Lake-Sumter AAUW and let them know how much we appreciate their support!

Belk Fundraiser

Belk Charity sale will be held on November 7th. As in the past, when you buy your ticket it can be used the day of the sale, or the week prior to the sale.

Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each at the October General meeting. 100 percent of the profits will be added to the Scholarship fund. Call Beverly Grappy at 330-692-1822 or Margaret Kaufman at 352-750-4068 to purchase a ticket.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISERS; VPK PROGRAM

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Project

Lake / Sumter AAUW branch in conjunction with the Tri-County League of Women Voters has undertaken a project to examine and summarize early childhood learning experiences in Florida, specifically the voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) programs in Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties. Mandated by Florida voters as a state constitutional amendment in 2002, VPK guarantees free pre-kindergarten early learning programming for all 4-year-old children in the state.

The project included design of a questionnaire which was then sent to the Early Learning Coalitions (ELCs) in the tri-county area. Follow-up interviews have been held with staff in all three ELCs, and observational visits are planned in local VPK programs. Results are being compiled into a report that will be presented to the League of Women Voters at their January 25, 2016, meeting. All Lake / Sumter AAUW branch members are invited to attend the meeting to learn the results of this project. Directors of the ELCs in the tri-county area will be at the meeting, and details of time and location will be provided as we get closer to the meeting date.

For more information about this project, or to get involved with it, contact Susan Gold, who initiated the study, or Linda Carpenter. Both of these Lake/Sumter AAUW branch members have been involved in the project from its inception and will be happy to provide you a current status. Other branch members who are participating in the project are Peggy Best and Carolyn Johnson.

COFFEES TO START SOON

Expect to get a call soon inviting you to a NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE. Continuing the practice from prior years, Neighborhood Coffees are being arranged and should occur sometime in October. One person in each neighborhood is being contacted and asked to invite AAUW neighbors for an informal coffee. These coffees provide an opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, share news and just relax and enjoy the company of other AAUW members. At the end of the coffee, the hostess will ask for a volunteer for the next coffee. Maybe that will be you? If you have any questions, contact Julee DeLa Rosa (352-753-4330) or Anne Wilkins (352-430-0964).

COMMITTEES and SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

October Meeting

Here is a teaser for our meeting on October 10th at Captiva Recreation Center from 10 AM 'til Noon. Come hear some of the philosophical issues which contributed to the development of this country as a beacon of freedom. Mike Enright who is passionate about American History and a retired teacher of history in Michigan will present "We Are Americans; We Should Know This".

Great Decisions 2016 Topics are: Middle East, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan, Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations, Climate Change and Cuba and the U.S.

Diane Jacobson is accepting registrations for Great Decisions. The sessions are free to members however, if you would like Diane to order you a topics book \$25 must be paid no later than December 5th. Members may invite a guest to participate, non-members are asked to donate \$20 to participate. The group size will be limited due to space limits of the room.

Carol Richardson will facilitate the group however, participants are asked to volunteer to 'lead' the discussion for at least one of the topics. The sessions are planned to be held at the Sumter County Sheriff's Annex (Hwy 466) Tuesday's starting at 10 am until 11:30 am beginning January 19th and run weekly (except for February 2nd and March 1st) until March 22nd.

Foreign Policy Association



General Meeting Minutes

AAUW Lake/Sumter Branch General Meeting September 10, 2015

- Meeting Opening** The meeting was called to order by co-Presidents, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and new members welcomed and introduced. Guests were also recognized and welcomed.
- Minutes** The minutes of the prior General Meeting were presented, motion was made to approve, seconded and passed unanimously.
- Finance** The following Reported by presented by Judy Bonn as follows:
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| Balance (05/13/2015) | \$17,148.14 |
| Income | 7,181.33 |
| Expenses | 11,904.78 |
| Balance (09/05/2015) | \$12,424.69 |
- Program Report** Linda Ferens reported that the next meeting will be October 10 at Captiva Rec Center. Mike Enright will be doing a presentation on “We are Americans, and What We Need to Know”.
- Membership Report** Mary Ann Swisher reported that the membership booklets were to be picked up at the meetings and all new members were included.
- Co-Pres. Elect** Julee DeLaRosa reported that they were in the process for setting up a schedule for the neighborhood coffee. If you are interested in hosting please contact Julee.
- Neighbor Coffee**

Committee Reports

- AAUW Funds** Diane Geach reported on the ticket sales which is one of our fund raisers.
- Angel Book Drive** Emily Holman asked the membership for a donation of new books which will be collected October thru December. The targeted age if 5 to 10 years and the books must be new.
- College/University Partner Relations** Rosella Valentine informed the membership of the ongoing work with Lake Sumter College and Beacon College. They are not only partners with the local chapter but National as well. The leadership program offers many advantages to the students.

Communications/ Publicity There are ongoing efforts in place and assistance was requested.

Data Base Manager Carmel Leese reported that all was up to date.

Email Distribution Linda Carpenter reported that the membership list is current.

Fundraiser An Evening with Heloise is well under way with planning. Ticket sales are being led by Diane Jacobsen and Barbara Fislser. Program will be at the Savannah Center on April 17. Additional volunteers are needed.

Historian No Reported

Members Handbook No Reported

Name Tags Cathy Cirocco requested members to return their name tags when they leave.

Hospitality Liz Schweers had no report.

Neighborhood List Carmel Leese reported that the carpool list was moved to the neighborhood coffee list.. Also the deadline for the newsletter is September 25. All information should be sent to Theresa Jevelle.

Public Policy Co-President asked for a volunteer to chair this committee.

Web Master Diane Reichert is looking for someone to assist her.

Information Belk ticket sales are available for \$5.00 which support our scholarship program. Beacon College is looking for retired teachers to work with their students. This college's focus is on disabled students.

Interest Groups

Bridge There is no change in the program. Information can be found in the members handbook.

Mah Jongg Ann Schlick reported that there is no change in the program. It meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Finger Food and Fun Looking for a chair. Program is held in your home.

Diversity Book Fair The book the group agreed on was Letter to my Daughter.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Scarfia



Stay connected with us!

REMINDER: Some of our branch members do not use Facebook, but we still want you to see what we are posting. There is also a lot of shared information from AAUW National on our page.

Anyone can view a public page on Facebook. The branch's Facebook page is available for you to view even if you do not have your own personal page.

Here are ways to access the branch's page:

1. Facebook members can go to their page and search for AAUW Lake Sumter Area - FL Branch.

OR

2. If a branch member does not have a Facebook account, they can go to: www.facebook.com/AAUWLakeSumter

OR

3. Go to our web page: <http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net> for the link to the Facebook page.



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