



AAUW LAKE-SUMTER HI-LITES

American Association of University Women

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Co-President Diane, and her husband Charlie Jacobson were in an automobile accident on Sunday, October 17. Both Diane and Charlie were taken to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida with serious foot injuries. Five days after surgery they were transported to Lady Lake Specialty Care. On October 30 they returned to their home in the Village of Mallory. Charlie's injuries are not quite as complicated as Diane's, so he is healing more quickly. Diane is healing more slowly and painfully. I know you join me in wishing both Diane and Charlie a complete and quick recovery.

Since the day after the accident Diane has been vigilant regarding AAUW Branch business. She has had mini-meetings in her hospital room and held several phone conversations. She rests assured knowing the Board and members will continue to pursue the mission to advance equity for women and girls while enjoying each other's company and having fun.

The 2009-2010 AAUW year has begun with varied and interesting programs and meetings. The New Members Orientation hosted by Blanche DiRito was quite a success. Thank you, Blanche, for opening your lovely home to us.

It's great to see our Branch recognized in the autumn issue of the *FloriVision* as the second fastest growing Branch in Florida. Our membership reached 126 this month! The interest and energy of these new members, as well as, the continued effort of past members ensures us that we will continue to be one of the most dynamic Branches in Florida. We certainly look forward to working and socializing with all of you.

This newsletter is filled with announcements regarding upcoming programs and meetings. Do join us on November 14th to hear Robert Macomber, an award winning maritime author, who will speak at Chula Vista Recreation Center.

We look forward to seeing you as we continue our work during the winter. Together we can make big things happen!

Diane Jacobson and Helen Gozdanovic
Co-Presidents

MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, November 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Chula Vista Recreation Center, 1005 Rio Grande Avenue, The Villages. Robert Macomber, award winning maritime author, will be our speaker.

Baskets will be raffled off to raise money for STEM.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

Macomber's books can be pre-ordered from Barbara Merrill at 430-0997 before Nov. 7.

Please bring a nonperishable food item for the local food banks in lieu of a charge for this event.

GUESTS ARE WELCOME.. VETS, SPOUSES, AND MEN'S GROUPS IN THE AREA WOULD LOVE HIS STORIES!

Directions: From north or south of the Villages take 441 to Avenida Central at the Perkins/ CVS. Turn onto Avenida. Pass the light at Oak Meadows Lane and The Villages Green. Turn left into the El Cortez gate. You are on Rio Grande. Continue on Rio Grande until you see the Chula Vista Recreation Center on your right.

From 466, enter the Morse gate. Go north to the Rio Grande light. Turn right. Continue past the pool and post office to Chula Vista on the left.

PLAN AHEAD

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

HOLIDAY FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

11 A.M. AT HARBOR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Tickets, at \$25 each, can be obtained from

Margaret Kaufman (750-4658) or Barb Blatchford (259-3987)

This is a fund raiser for the Educational Fund. Tables of 10 available; room accommodates 200+. Bring your neighbor, your bridge group, your golf group.

Menu Choice of Mediterranean salad with salmon or Oriental salad with chicken includes dessert
Door Prizes. 50/50 raffle.

Fashions by Anthony's; accessories by Vera Bradley from Merle Norman.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE: Bridge will be held Monday November 16, 1 p.m. at the home of June Love. Players will receive directions by e-mail or phone. Members who are interested in joining the group should call Elizabeth Morris 753-2442 or e-mail <zilnad41@gmail.com>.

ANOTHER BRIDGE GROUP??? Anyone who wants to play Bridge on a day other than Monday should contact Sandy Ainsworth at 751-0598 or e-mail her at <sandyains@comcast.net>.

DAY TRIPS: On Oct. 8 about 16 members enjoyed the day trip to the Florida Carriage Museum and lunch at B. D. Beans Cafe.

DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB will be held Wednesday November 18 at 1 p.m. at the home of Pat Bays. **Because last month's meeting was canceled, we will be discussing American Chica. *People of the Book*** by Geraldine Brooks will be held over until January. In December we will go to lunch and each share a book of our choice. For more information about the group, contact Pat at 751-3777 or stanbays@embarqmail.com>.

DINING OUT: Save the date....January 31...dinner....details to follow!

EDUCATED PALATES has planned a Mideast dinner for November 15, 6 p.m. at the home of Carolyn Husk. The theme was taken from the book club selection *Crescent* by Diana Abu-Jabar.

FINGER FOOD AND FUN will have its first social at the home of Judi and Mike Corcoran, November 13 from 6 to 8:30. Judi will contact those who have responded with details. For more information about this group, e-mail her at <jcdukeirl@aol.com>.

FYI

***ANGEL BOOKS** will be collected at the November and December meetings. Please donate at least 3 new preschool books wrapped in holiday paper but with no bow. Each year we have given over 150 books to the Early Learning Childhood Centers in Lake and Sumter County. The program is run by Anne Tutoli and Blanche DiRito.

***WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING IN THE RAFFLE ON THE BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE**, benefit for the Scholarship Fund! Twenty two people bought chances, for a total of \$200 for the October meeting sales. We'll be selling again at the Macomber lecture, so be sure to drop by if you didn't get a chance in October! Thank you, everyone who contributed---do drop by again!

***A BIG THANK YOU FROM JOYCE TISOVEC** to everyone who donated items for our STEM raffle baskets! We are hoping this will be a nice money maker to fund our STEM awards for spring 2010. Plan on attending our November branch meeting so you can buy tickets for the raffle baskets. Tickets will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10. You can put your tickets toward one basket or numerous baskets, the choice is yours. The drawing for the baskets will be after our speaker. So come early to check out the baskets and bring friends to the meeting since it is open to the public.

GET WELL WISHES to Diane and Charlie Jacobson as they recover from their car accident; to Carolyn Moores following her successful hip replacement; and to Blanche DiRito's husband Vince as he recuperates from major surgery.

***PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE:** Legislation that would create a National Women's History Museum has passed the House of Representatives and is moving into the Senate. AAUW's ACTION NETWORK is keeping Congress advised that health care reform should provide access to quality and affordable health care for all Americans in a way that is equitable to all women.

*** IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR COPY OF THE 2009-10 YEARBOOK,** contact Phyllis Williams at 430-1984 or <pdjhwilliams@aol.com> to make arrangements to pick it up.

***SEND CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS** for the yearbook to Mary Ann Swisher so she can publish them in the next newsletter. <mswisher@mindspring.com> or 259-3739.

***DAILY SUN AAUW NEWS** will usually be published on page D4 in Lifestyles Villages Briefs rather than in the Thursday Recreation News.

***OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING** will be held Tuesday **December 1, 2009**, 10 a.m. at the Lady Lake Library. **These meetings are always open to all members. If you want to see where the action is, you are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

LEGAL ADVOCACY

Case Support Funding

At their October meeting, the AAUW Board approved \$4,000 in funding for each of these Legal Advocacy Fund-supported cases: *Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College (CA)*; *Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al*; *Potera-Haskins v. Gamble, Montana State University, et al.* *Schuster v. Berea College (KY)*; *Thein v. Feather River Community College (CA)*; *Wartluft. v. Feather River Community College (CA)*

Case Updates

Claire Schuster, an LAF plaintiff, has won her latest legal battle over her allegations of sex-based pay discrimination at Berea College in Kentucky. Schuster, a tenured associate professor of nursing, sued the institution for sex discrimination in pay in violation of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.

The Kentucky Supreme Court issued a ruling August 19 denying Berea College's motion for discretionary review of the court of appeals' decision in Schuster's favor and remanding the case for a new trial. Her next trial date, at which her lawyers can now use important discovery material, has not been set.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Clip and Save

Finger Food and Fun	November 13	6 p.m.	Judi Corcoran's home
AAUW meeting	November 14	1:30 p.m.	Chula Vista Rec. Center
Educated Palates	November 15	6:30 p.m.	Carolyn Husk's home
Bridge	November 16	1 p.m.	June Love's home
Diversity Book Club	November 18	1 p.m.	Pat Bays' home
AAUW Fashion Show	December 12	11 a.m.	Harbor Hills C. C.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS
(please make these corrections to your yearbook .)

Jo Loder's address as of November is 406 Aldama Avenue, the Villages, FL., 32159. Phone and e-mail are the same.

Vivian Arnold-Niemeier's correct e-mail is <niemeier@embarqmail.com>

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS
(please add this information to your yearbook.)

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Nancy Piech, 1812 Dalton Drive, The Villages, 32162, Belle Aire.
352-751-2569, <nancypiech@comcast.net>. University of Detroit Mercy, MA in English.

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PLEASE SAVE THE LIST OF NEW MEMBERS PUBLISHED EACH MONTH!

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