



# American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

November - December 2017

## Presidents' Letter

Dear AAUW Sisters,

At our October Monthly Meeting we had a very informative and eye-opening presentation on Human Trafficking. Florida is the third most active state in this regard and it is taking place in our counties. Thank you, program director **Anne Schlick**. In keeping with our goal of *Engaging and Retaining*, we'll continue to open the doors (and refreshments) at our Monthly Meetings at 9:15 AM to provide time for people to socialize. Big thanks to **Linda Macleod** and her group for providing tasty treats. We've received positive feedback on our approach of assigning table numbers at the door as a way of providing an inclusive environment, so that will continue. Thanks to **Ann Marie Lombardi** and her team for helping with that. Please check your name off on the sign-in sheet when you come to the meetings. This is helpful in a number of ways, one of which is to reach out to folks who may not be coming — are they sick? do they need a ride? do they feel that they don't know anyone? etc.

As to our goal of *Increasing Recognition for AAUW*, a bookmark is near completion that will become available to libraries, book stores and for us to distribute at appropriate venues. Thank you, **Arlene Stein**. New posters are in the works as well.

Our Membership team held a lovely coffee at the home of **Diane Jacobson**. 13 new members attended, introduced themselves, got an overview of things we do and had a chance to identify interest groups and AAUW activities in which they would like to get involved.

Casino Night, our big fund-raiser this year, is engaging many of our members. We need everyone's participation: by buying tickets, by securing sponsors (check with **Marilyn Bauer** or **Dorothy Dobbs** first so we don't double team potential sponsors) and by getting the word out.

Keep your eyes open for a neighborhood coffee near you, or better yet, contact **Liz Schweers** or **Frankie Smith** and offer to host one. These are great ways to get to know each other better and we ask everyone to keep refreshments simple so that the focus is on getting acquainted.

Our next Board meeting is Tues., Nov. 7 at 10 AM at the Sheriff's Annex on 466 and Morse. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. We wish you all Happy Holidays, safe travels and good health.

*Jacquie Latzer and Susan Gold, Co-Presidents*

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# Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

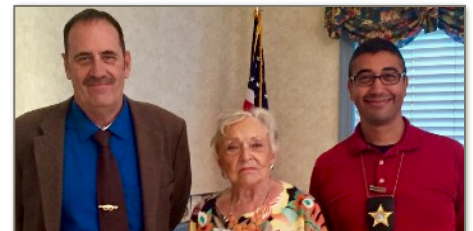
## Branch Meeting Nov. 11

Our next Monthly Meeting will be Sat., Nov. 11 at Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Place in The Villages (from Buena Vista Blvd. turn west onto St. Charles Place at the Liberty Park sign). Doors open at 9:15 AM and members and guests are encouraged to arrive by 9:30 to allow time for socializing before the 10:00 AM program begins. Our program will feature Gene Klein, a Holocaust survivor, relating his family's WWII experiences in Auschwitz. His daughter Jill is unable to be with us, but Gene will have signed copies of *We Got Water*, the book Jill wrote about her father's experiences, for \$20.00/copy. Please come prepared to sign up for our Dec. 9 Holiday Luncheon Meeting — all reservations must be in by Nov. 29.

## Holiday Luncheon Meeting Dec. 9

Our Dec. 9 Musical Holiday Luncheon will be at 11 AM at Francesco's Restaurant, 16770 S. US 441 in Bailey Plaza. We'll have a sing-along with piano and leader. You don't need to pay ahead, just sign up with **Angela Vickers**, phone (904) 316-9363 or [Angvickers@aol.com](mailto:Angvickers@aol.com) before the Nov. 29 reservations deadline.

Human trafficking was the topic at [October's Monthly Meeting](#), and we were surprised to learn that it is going on in our counties. Pictured, L to R, are Lt. Dan Conlee, **Anne Schlick** and Detective Danny Morales of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, whose depth of knowledge was impressive. Based on the numerous questions asked, members at the well-attended meeting found the topic of human trafficking to be of great concern.



## Interest Groups

Lake/Sumter AAUW offers two Bridge groups. Game locations are scheduled on a date-to-date basis, with members volunteering to host in their homes. On the week of play, directions to the host's home will be emailed to those playing. Any member who wishes to play regularly or to be put on the substitute list should notify the appropriate Group Leader below:

- The Monday Bridge Group plays 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00 PM. Games will be held on Nov. 13 and 27 and on Dec. 11. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email [cmc37738@yahoo.com](mailto:cmc37738@yahoo.com).
- The Thursday Bridge Group plays 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 PM. Games will be held on Nov. 2 and 16 and on Dec. 7 and 21. The Thursday Group Leader is **Lu Michaels** at (352) 750-0246 or email [lum2800@gmail.com](mailto:lum2800@gmail.com).

## Interest Groups (Continued from page 2)

### Dine Around and Finger Food

Dine Around events will begin in late November. Please notify **Judith Anderson**, chairman, if you are interested in attending the first Dine Around at Lopez Country Club on Mon. Nov. 27. Email or phone Judith at [JCDUKEIRL@aol.com](mailto:JCDUKEIRL@aol.com) or (352) 751-4954.

### Diversity Book Group

Our Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Peace Room at North Lake Presbyterian Church on Rolling Acres Road. The book for Nov. 15 will be *The American Spirit* by David McCullough. **Carolyn Moores** (352) 259-9955 will be the moderator. Our Dec. 20 meeting will be a Christmas luncheon. Details about the Dec. meeting will be forthcoming from coordinator **Cathy Cirocco** (352) 753-7720.

### Mah Jongg

Conversational Mah Jongg is played at 1:00 PM the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. If you'd like to play, please call the hostess by the Saturday preceding the game so that she can have enough tables, game sets, etc. In Nov. and Dec., mah jongg games will be at these homes:

Nov. 6 **June Love** (352) 259-3967 17880 SE 89th Natchez Ave. (Village of Piedmont)

Nov. 20 **Kathleen Manion** (352) 689-2626 583 Bradford Loop (Village of Sanibel)

Dec. 4 **Carol Sellers** (352) 259-5410 372 Hengan Place (Village of Mallory Square)

Dec. 18 **Margaret Kaufman** (352) 750-4658 2507 Beaumont Terrace (Village of Hadley)

### Golf

AAUW's Golf Group is on hiatus until further notice due to a schedule conflict for Carmel Leese. We plan to resume Friday play in Jan. 2018. More information will be forthcoming. If you have questions contact **Carmel Leese** at [crleese@gmail.com](mailto:crleese@gmail.com) or (352) 751-0119.

### Singles

For the AAUW Singles' first fall outing, 18 members enjoyed getting together for a great dinner at the Oakwood Grill. We now have over 30 in our group and others are welcome. Call **Anne Schlick** (352) 750-1027 if you would like to join or have ideas for additional activities. Several of the AAUW Singles will be going to see Mannheim Steamroller in St. Petersburg with Senior Adventures on Nov. 15, and others are planning to see a performance of *Nine to Five* by the Bay Street Players in Eustis on Dec. 3 with dinner to follow. If you are interested in these outings or have questions, call **Carolee Litwinka** (352) 750-0617.

## Interest Groups (Continued from page 3)

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Each year, the Foreign Policy Association provides background information and policy options for eight of the most critical global issues facing America. 2018 Topics are: *The Waning of Pax Americana?*; *Russia's Foreign Policy*; *China and America*; *Media and Foreign Policy*; *Turkey: a partner in crisis*; *U.S. Engagement and the Military*; *South Africa's fragile democracy*; *Global Health*.

Our Great Decisions group will meet to discuss these topics at the Sumter County Sheriff's Annex (Hwy 466) on Tuesdays from Jan. 16 until Mar. 20 (no meeting on Feb. 6 or Mar. 6). Sign up at our Monthly Meetings or contact Diane Jacobson at [chasanddi@embarqmail.com](mailto:chasanddi@embarqmail.com) if you have questions or would like to participate. **Carol Richardson** and **Diane Jacobson** will facilitate this group. Participants are welcome to 'lead' a discussion if they wish. To accommodate all who would like to participate, there will be two sessions held weekly. The early session will begin at 8:30 AM until 9:55 AM, and the later session will begin at 10:05 AM until 11:30 AM. The sessions are free to AAUW members. Members may invite a guest, but non-members are asked to donate \$20 to participate. Group size is limited due to room size. 2018 Great Decisions Briefing Books are \$30; all book orders must be placed before Nov. 30.

### Special Events



#### January 27 Casino Night

Casino Night is our branch's big fundraiser for the year, and we need EVERYONE's help to make it a success. It takes money to fulfill our vision statement of being an *active organization that impacts equity for women and girls in our community*, so let's put the ACTIVE into effect. Please consider participating by :

1. purchasing tickets for yourself and others (makes a delightful holiday gift)
2. selling tickets to friends, neighbors and members of clubs you belong to\*
3. donating a prize worth at least \$30
4. soliciting a sponsor, or
5. becoming a sponsor yourself (\$200 per gaming table)

If you can help or need more information, please contact **Cathy Cirocco** (352) 753-7720 or **Liz Schweers** (850) 247-9489. For ticket info, call **Joyce Tisovec** (770) 815-0801.

Mark your calendars for: Sat., Jan. 27, 2018 5:30-8:45 PM Lake Miona Recreation Center

Casino Night tickets will be sold at our Nov. 11 branch meeting and at our Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 9. They are \$25 each. Tickets can be purchased at anytime by sending check(s) for the number of tickets wanted (payable to Lake/Sumter AAUW), plus a self-addressed stamped envelope to: **Joyce Tisovec**, 2427 Kingstree Place, The Villages, FL 32162. \*To facilitate Casino Night ticket sales to friends and club members: collect their checks, obtain the tickets from Joyce, and distribute the tickets to the buyers. Many tickets are still available.



# Branch News

## Membership

Do you have your new blue 2017-2018 Membership Handbook? If not, pick it up at our next Monthly Meeting or contact **Diane Jacobson** at [chasanddi@embarqmail.com](mailto:chasanddi@embarqmail.com) or (352) 750-0032. Starting in January 2018 we will be accepting NEW MEMBERS for the remaining half year for half dues of \$40. This year's membership dues cover until June 2018.

Please inform **Diane Jacobson** at [chasanddi@embarqmail.com](mailto:chasanddi@embarqmail.com) of any errors or changes in your personal information, and *make the following correction in your booklet:*

✳ **Patti O'Connor-Allen's** correct email address is [poconnorallen@gmail.com](mailto:poconnorallen@gmail.com) (2 n's in conner)

We have three new Lake/Sumter branch members. Please write their information into your membership booklet:

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*Note: AAUW members' names appear in **bold** type in this Newsletter.*

We were pleased to welcome 13 new members to Diane Jacobson's home for a new member's coffee Oct. 21. Several members described some of our Lake/Sumter AAUW activities. New members introduced themselves and shared why they joined the branch.



Seated (L to R): **Mary Jane Soule, Toby Diana Miller, Leslie Waldbaum, Lynn Scott, Gay Birchard, Carolyn Reichel** Standing (L to R): **Sue Machol, Sharron Albrecht, Marilyn Bauer, Barbara Casey, Carol Grimley, Patti O'Connor-Allen, Carol Wesley**

## Branch News (Continued from page 5)

### Scholarship Bracelet

Be sure to buy your Scholarship Raffle tickets for the beautiful 18-carat gold bracelet donated by Gold in Art Jewelers (southwest corner of 441 and Rolling Acres Road) for our annual drawing. Raffle tickets will be available at our Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 Monthly Meetings. The tickets are a donation of \$5 each, and books of 5 or 10 tickets will be available for resale. All proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund. These raffle tickets make great gifts for friends and are a nice way to thank people for special favors. The bracelet drawing will take place at our Casino Night on Jan. 27, 2018.

### Book Drive

Our annual Book Drive for children in grades 2 through 6 will begin in November. Unwrapped new or well-loved books of all types except religious, coloring and game books are acceptable. Please bring your book donations to our Monthly Meetings or drop them off to **Emily Holman**, telephone (352) 750-0883. Emily is considering extending our Book Drive beyond the holiday season this year.

### Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Eight volunteers for our Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Project have completed training to conduct site visits at VPK programs, and those visits will begin soon. We still need to conduct training for volunteers who are seasonal residents, but we expect to have at least 16 people ready for site visits by the beginning of 2018. Lake/Sumter AAUW members who are now prepared for site visits are **Liz Schweers, Anna Whipple, Beth Hicks, Lu Michaels, and Barbara Maloney**. Other participants are League of Women Voters members, or friends who heard about the project and wanted to get involved.

Over the summer **Judy Bonn, Linda Carpenter, and Susan Gold** analyzed owner/director and teacher interview data as well as observation results from the pilot conducted last spring. Their most important finding is that VPK lead teachers are skilled in facilitating children's social/emotional development and in organizing their classrooms for learning, but they are challenged to provide effective instruction. Teachers are aware of this challenge, and they would like to have help with this. **Linda Carpenter, Susan Gold**, League members Joanne Coen and Gail Formanack are continuing their advocacy work. They plan to meet with House and Senate committee chairs to explain what VPK is and the issues about it.

### Neighborhood Coffees

A small but friendly group enjoyed an Oct. 17 District 10 Neighborhood Coffee hosted by Pat Awood-Yates.

Pictured from left to right: **Gloria Thesen, June Webber, Pat Awood-Yates, and Liz Schweers**. Feel free to organize neighborhood AAUW gatherings however you'd like. Send high-res photos and names of those pictured (L to R) to [joannekelch@yahoo.com](mailto:joannekelch@yahoo.com).



# Nov. - Dec. 2017 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Thursday Bridge	Nov. 2 & 16	1:00 PM	Call Lu Michaels for location (352) 750-0246
Mah Jongg	Nov. 6 & 20	1:00 PM	(see page 3 for host and location)
Monthly Meeting	Sat. Nov. 11	9:30 AM	Allamanda Rec Center, 1515 St. Charles Place (see page 2)
Monday Bridge	Nov. 13 & 27	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Diversity Book Group	Wed. Nov. 15	10:30 AM	Peace Room, North Lake Presbyterian Church (352) 633-0241
Dine Around	Mon. Nov. 27	TBD	Call Judith Anderson for time and location (352) 751-4954
Mah Jongg	Dec. 4 & 18	1:00 PM	(see page 3 for host and location)
AAUW Singles	Sun. Dec. 3	TBD	<i>Nine to Five</i> (see page 3) Call Carolee Litwinka (352) 750-0617
Thursday Bridge	Dec. 7 & 21	1:00 PM	Call Lu Michaels for location (352) 750-0246
Holiday Luncheon Mtg.	Sat. Dec. 9	11:00 AM	Francesco's Restaurant, 16770 S. US 441 (see page 2)
Monday Bridge	Dec. 11	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Book Group Luncheon	Wed. Dec. 20	TBD	Call Cathy Cirocco for time and location (352) 753-7720
Great Decisions	Jan. 16, 2018	TBD	(see page 4 for details and sign-up procedure)
Casino Night Fundraiser	Jan. 27, 2018	5:30-8:45	Lake Miona Recreation Center (see Casino Night, page 4)

## AAUW Web Sites

National Web Site: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

State Web Site: [aauw-fl.aauw.net](http://aauw-fl.aauw.net)

Branch Web Site: [lakesumter-fl.aauw.net](http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net)

### Editor's Note:

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*Happy Holidays !*

