



Presidents' Letter

Dear AAUW Lake/Sumter Members,

October was a very active month. A big thank you to **Judy Bonn** and her Public Policy committee, who have registered over thirty new voters at the local colleges. If not for the hurricane there would have been more. Neighborhood coffees are underway with good attendance... a nice opportunity to meet new people.

Our last general meeting had Bone Builders as the program. The Bone Builders Pimlico staff gave an excellent and inviting presentation, and then our members had a chance to participate. Bone Builders probably has some new members at their sessions now. At the meeting **Emily Holman** introduced us to Bernadette Aley who coordinates the donations from Mira Mesa Women's Club to our Angel Book Drive.

Looking ahead, **Jacquie Latzer** announced a "Wine and Design" event to be held December 9. Members, spouses and friends are welcome. See announcement for details.

Lastly, **Linda Carpenter** will no longer be sending out those emails about activities and information which are important to all of us. Linda has been doing this for quite some time now, and on behalf of all our members we thank her profusely for performing this very important task which has benefited all of us. **Carolee Litwinka** will be taking over for Linda and we very much welcome her to this new position.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at meetings and various activities!

Julee DeLaRosa and Anne Wilkins, Co-Presidents

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Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

Nov. 12 at Bridgeport

The Nov. 12 meeting will focus on Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program. Our local VPK project was initiated in 2015 by **Susan Gold**, a member of both Lake/Sumter AAUW and the tri-county League of Women Voters. Susan's career was in early childhood education and she was familiar with Florida's VPK program. She suggested that the League look at the status of the program in the tri-county area, and AAUW members agreed to participate. On Nov. 12 we'll hear a brief summary of results from the first year of the project. There will be plenty of time for questions and opportunities to get involved in the second year of the project. The meeting will be from 10 AM to 12 at Bridgeport Rec Center, 1670 Lake Miona Drive in The Villages. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. Guests are welcome to attend. *Remember to bring Angel Books and checks to pay for the Dec. 3 Holiday Luncheon.*

Dec. 3 at Glenview

Our Dec. 3 meeting will be a Holiday Luncheon from 10:45 - 1:00 PM at Glenview Country Club, 3194 Glenview Rd. in The Villages. Entertainment will be provided by the Coventry Carolers, a Villages group who will come in Victorian costumes. \$15 payments are due by Nov. 23 with food choice written on memo line of check. Choices are grilled or fried fish sandwich, French dip beef sandwich, or chicken salad with greens & cranberries. If you cannot sign up at the Nov. 12 meeting, please send checks payable to Lake/Sumter AAUW to **Barb Meyer** at 7311 SE 172nd Legacy Lane, The Villages, FL 32162 (352) 259-6280.

October Meeting Highlights

At our Oct. 8 meeting four Bone Builders instructors led us in slow-paced standing and seated exercises designed to increase strength and reverse bone loss. Free Bone Builders sessions are held each week at various rec centers throughout The Villages, as listed in the Recreation News.



(L to R): Joyce Swaffield, Linda Macleod, June Webber (foreground), Susan Gold (back row in blue), Sharon Squires, Sharon Paradiso, Carol Zoellner, Elette Drew (back row), Sally Whitehurst

NOTE: January Meeting Change

The date and location of our January meeting have changed. We will meet at 10 AM on Jan. 21 (not Jan. 14 as previously scheduled) at Bradenton Recreation Center, 1300 Pinellas Place, The Villages (not Captiva Recreation Center as previously planned).

Interest Groups

Singles Group Forming

Our Lake/Sumter AAUW branch is forming a new Single Women special interest group. Its primary focus will be evening and weekend social activities. This group will provide good opportunities to get to know other singles in our branch. An organizational meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 28, 5:30 PM at **Carolee Litwinka's** home, 1791 Pennecamp Dr. in The Villages. Bring your ideas, an appetizer to share and BYOB. Soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Carolee Litwinka at (352) 750-0617 or mctwinka@yahoo.com.

Bridge

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 on the second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 PM. The next games will be held on Nov. 14, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email cmc37738@yahoo.com.
- The Thursday Bridge Group will play on Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. This group plays on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1:00 PM. The Thursday Group Leader is **Mary Ann Swisher** at (352) 259-3739 or email mswisher@mindspring.com.

Diversity Book Group

Our Book Group meets at Freedom Pointe at 10:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month. Please be there at 10:20 so chair **Pat Bays** can escort you to the meeting place. For Nov. 16 the book to be discussed is *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. Instead of a book discussion on Dec. 21, the group will hold a holiday luncheon at Freedom Pointe at 11:30 AM. If you have not already signed up and plan to attend, call Pat at (352) 751-3777. Cost is \$20 payable to Pat Bays. Reservations must be made by Nov. 16. A limited number of reservations are available; no one will be seated without one.

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Day Trips

The AAUW fall outing to the Tiffany Exhibit at the Morse Museum in Winter Park on Nov. 10 is full. We are keeping a wait list in case we have a last minute cancellation. To be added to the wait list, please call or email **Katie Haviland** (518) 275-9466 or katiehaviland1@gmail.com.

Finger Food and Fun

Please email **Judith Anderson** (jcdukeirl@aol.com) if you are interested in attending a holiday party at her house on Thurs. Dec. 29 or Thurs. Jan. 5. Hosts are needed for Finger Food and Fun gatherings in Feb., Apr. and June. Call Judith at (352) 751-4954 or email if you can host.

Great Decisions

Sign up for Great Decisions at our Nov. 12 and Dec. 3 monthly meetings. The 2017 Great Decisions topics will be: The Future of Europe, Trade and Politics, Conflict in the South China Sea, Saudi Arabia in Transition, U.S. Foreign Policy & Petroleum, Latin America's Political Pendulum, Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Nuclear Security. The eight sessions will be held in the conference room of the Sheriff's Annex on the southwest corner of Morse Blvd and Hwy. 466 on Tues. mornings from 10 -11:30 AM. Session dates are Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 14, 21, 28; Mar. 14, 21. If you would like to order a book for the sessions, the cost is \$25 each (make checks out to AAUW Lake/Sumter). *Dec. 3 is the deadline for ordering books.* Great Decisions participation is free to AAUW members, but a \$20 donation is requested from non-AAUW members. All participants must sign up to attend, due to limited room capacity.

Golf

Our AAUW golf group plays on Friday mornings through December 2016. Courses are alternated weekly between those north or south of Hwy 466. Participation is done on a weekly basis via an email. If you haven't previously participated, your Villages ID number is needed. If interested in participating, contact **Carmel Leese** at (352) 751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com no later than Sunday evening of the week you wish to play.

Mah Jongg

Mah jongg is played at 1:30 PM the first and third Monday of each month. Games will be held at the following members' homes:

- Mon. Nov. 7 home of **Barbara Fisler** (352) 446-0039, 471 Gaskin Lane (Amelia)
- Mon. Nov. 21 home of **Kathleen Manion** (352) 633-6062, 583 Bradford Loop (Sanibel)
- Dec. 5 home of **Anne Schlick** (352) 750-1027, 17301 SE 82nd Pecan Terrace (Piedmont)
- Dec. 19 home of **Margaret Kaufman** (352) 750-4658, 2507 Beaumont Terrace (Hadley)

Please call the respective hostess by the Friday preceding the game so we can plan on the number of tables and mah jongg sets needed. If questions, call **Carol Sellers** (352) 259-5410.

Branch News

Neighborhood Coffees

Our Neighborhood Coffee season is off to a great start. The first Neighborhood Coffee was held on Oct. 5 in the home of Kathy Scott for District 5. Eleven AAUW neighbors attended, plus one visitor, and a delightful time was had by all. Thank you to our October hosts, and to the following hosts we have so far for November: **Anne Wilkins, Bonnie Weaver, Jane Hewins, Kate Manion and Carolyn Pasquale.**



*Pictured at the Oct. 9 Neighborhood Coffee seated (L to R): **Joan Holtz, Joan Irwin, Gretchen Lewis, Faye McFarlane, Julee DeLaRosa**; standing (L to R): **Diane Reichert, Jacquie Latzer, Joyce Tisovec, Anne Wilkins, Joyce Swaffield** and host **Kathy Scott**. Missing is **Betsy Joy** who had to leave before photo. Thanks to Kathy's husband, John Strite for taking the photo.*

Coffee for Non-Villagers Nov. 15

Carolyn Pasquale will be hosting a coffee for members who live "outside The Villages" on Tues. Nov.15, at 11:00 AM at her home, 5803 Blue Savannah Dr. (in the community of Legacy), Leesburg, Florida 34748. She has sent a letter, map and gate code to members "outside The Villages" by mail. Legacy is a gated community and a gate code is required to enter. Please RSVP to Carolyn at (352) 728-3260 or email cbpasqual@hotmail.com.

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Special Event: Wine and Design

What do you get when you cross college grads, wine, paints and canvass? A fun social evening, a painting of your own, and a check for Lake/Sumter AAUW! Join us on Friday, Dec. 9 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Wine and Design, 10889 North US Hwy 301, Oxford, FL (352) 461-0799. You'll be guided through the painting process — no talent necessary. All you have to do is sign up, select which painting you want to paint and show up. When you get there, a beverage of your choice will be awaiting you along with your pre-sketched canvas (blank canvases are available for seasoned artists). Additional wine is available for purchase. Soda and water are free. You must register by Dec. 1 either online or via the phone. To register, go to this website:

<http://www.wineanddesign.com/calendars/event.php?id=41784>



Enter our Private Event code: AAUW (all caps). When you register, identify which one of two paintings you want to paint, either Zebra or Sea Oats, as pictured here. Price is \$45.00. Give credit card information and you'll be all set. You will have the opportunity to win a gift certificate to go back to Wine and Design and at the end of the evening AAUW will be presented with a check based on number in attendance. So invite your friends, spouses, partners and register by Dec. 1 !



Angel Books

Our annual Angel Book Drive is underway. This year, books for 4th to 6th grade level are requested as gifts for needy children in Lake and Sumter elementary schools. Please bring your book donations to our Nov. 12 or Dec. 3 meetings. Also, books can be delivered to **Emily Holman**, 1802 Marquez Loop, in the Village of Palo Alto. Good places to shop for inexpensive children's books are bins at local grocery or discount stores. Books must be unwrapped and new; no coloring books, workbooks, puzzle books, or books of a religious nature are accepted. These books will go to county offices to be wrapped and distributed. Emily would greatly appreciate help with storing, sorting, and distributing the books. Contact her at (352) 750-0883 or email holmanem@embarqmail.com if you can spare a few hours to help.



*Pictured with Angel Books collected at our Oct. 8 AAUW meeting are AAUW Angel Book chair **Emily Holman** (left) and guest Bernadette Aley, president of the Mira Mesa Women's Club. The Mira Mesa club has been participating in our Angel Book project since 2007, and last year they contributed almost one-third of the 200 books collected.*

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Membership

If you don't have your 2016-2017 azalea-colored membership booklet, email **Diane Jacobson** at chasanddi@embarqmail.com to arrange to pick it up. Please inform Diane of any errors or changes in your personal information, and *make the following corrections in your booklet*:

Sharon Paradiso's new home phone number is 352-205-9737. Her cell is still 352-205-9200.

Joy Landre's phone number is 352-753-0813.

Please welcome our newest Lake/Sumter branch members, and write their information into your membership booklet:

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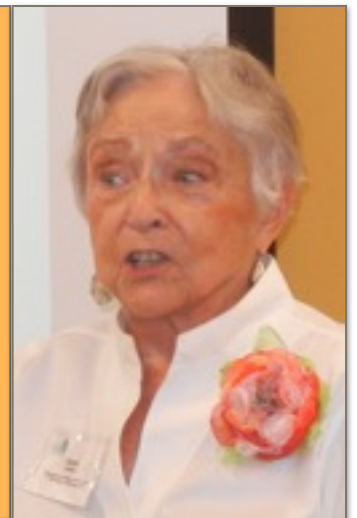
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Congratulations

*Congratulations to **Anne Schlick**, our newest 50 year Honorary Life Member. Anne first joined AAUW in 1960 and still is serving our organization. This year she is co-chair of the Program Committee. Honorary Life Members are no longer required to pay dues, and we thank Anne for contributing her 2016-17 dues payment to our Local Scholarship Fund. **Emily Marzek** is the other Honorary Life Member in our branch. Anne and Emily serve as examples of how each of us can contribute to achieving our organization's goals.*



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Scholarship Fundraiser

Our major Local Scholarship fundraiser this year is a chance ticket sale for a beautiful 8-inch long 18-karat gold bracelet donated by Richie Kleusener of Gold in Art Jewelers. Chance tickets are \$5 each; the value of the bracelet is well over \$6,000. Tickets are on sale at our monthly meetings or by contacting either **Carolyn Johnson** at (352) 751-4103, email



cgjohnson4103@gmail.com -or- **Patti Weasel** at (352) 787-8812, email weapatrif@aol.com. All members are encouraged to take at least one packet of tickets to purchase or sell to friends.

Branch Email Distribution

Carolee Litwinka has taken over responsibility of Lake/Sumter AAUW email distribution from Linda Carpenter. If you want an item distributed to the branch members or to the board, please email it to lakesumteraauw@gmail.com with instructions for distribution. Carolee will monitor that mailbox and forward items as you instruct.

Nov. - Dec. 2016 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Single Women Meeting	Fri. Oct. 28	5:30 PM	See location on Page 3 or call (352) 750-0617
Nov. Thursday Bridge	Nov. 3 & 17	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Nov. Mah Jongg	Nov. 7 & 21	1:30 PM	See locations on Page 4 or call (352) 259-5410
Winter Park Day Trip	Thur. Nov. 10	8:15 AM	Eisenhower Rec. 3560 Buena Vista Bl. Villages (518) 275-9466
Nov. Monthly Meeting	Sat. Nov. 12	10:00 AM	Bridgeport Rec, 1670 Lake Miona Dr. Villages (352) 750-1027
Nov. Monday Bridge	Nov. 14 & 28	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Diversity Book Club	Wed. Nov. 16	10:30 AM	Freedom Pointe, 1550 El Camino Real, Villages (352) 751-3777
Dec. Thursday Bridge	Dec. 1 & 15	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Dec. Monthly Meeting	Sat. Dec. 3	10:45 AM	Glenview Country Club, 3194 Glenview Road, Villages
Dec. Mah Jongg	Dec. 5 & 19	1:30 PM	See locations on Page 4 or call (352) 259-5410
Wine & Design Event	Fri. Dec. 9	6:30 PM	10889 North US Hwy 301, Oxford, FL (352) 461-0799
Dec. Monday Bridge	Dec. 12	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856

LOST: A white jacket was left at our Oct. 8 “Bone Builders” meeting. Please call me if it’s yours.
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