



American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

April 2017

Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

This past month Lake Sumter AAUW has been busy taking care of some necessary business. At the March Monthly Meeting the revised By-laws for our branch were passed. Many thanks are extended to **Judy Bonn, Diane Reichert** and **Linda Ferens** for their intensive work on this project. Judy's frequent contact with AAUW State personnel helped bring this project to a successful conclusion.

Also, as per the yearly calendar, it was time to present a slate of officers to the members in anticipation of voting at the April Monthly Meeting. **Barbara Fisler, Susan Gold, Liz Schweers** and **Jacquie Latzer** worked tirelessly to bring to the membership the following excellent slate:

Co-President Elect: **Frankie Smith** and **Liz Schweers**
Co-Secretary: **Linda Carpenter** and **Anna Whipple**
Co-Membership: **Diane Jacobson** and **Mary Ann Swisher**

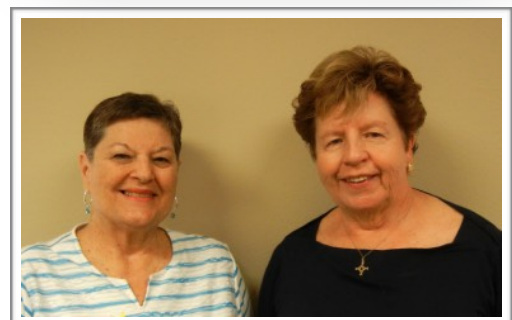
Be sure to attend the 10:00 AM Monthly Meeting on Saturday, April 8, at Bridgeport Recreation Center.

Lastly, a little piece of trivia... AAUW Lake/Sumter branch is the 5th largest branch in Florida!

We hope to see you at the April Monthly Meeting,

Anne Wilkins and Julee DeLaRosa, Co-Presidents

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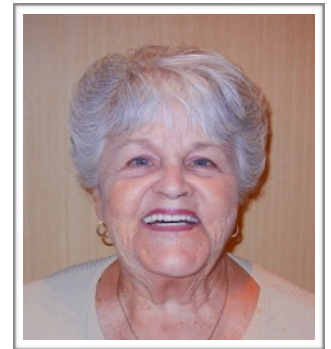
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Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

April 8 General Meeting

Our next Monthly Meeting will be Saturday, April 8, from 10:00 AM to noon at Bridgeport Recreation Center. Guests are welcome. Beverages and light snacks will be provided and no reservations are required. Our speaker will be branch member **Dorothy Dobbs** who says, "I am not an attorney, nor a healthcare professional. I am a volunteer deeply committed to having plans for end-of-life issues." Dorothy will give a power point presentation about a planning tool for use in the event that we are not able to make our own health care decisions. She is a certified facilitator with the program Respecting Choice, and everyone will receive an *Honoring Choices Florida* booklet.



Dorothy Dobbs

March Program: Doctors Without Borders



Our March speaker, Dr. Lorraine (Rainy) Bello, MD, is a Board Certified OB-GYN physician. Her presentation began with a 2003 quote: "From the time you had your morning coffee today until the same time tomorrow, 1,500 women will have died from pregnancy and childbirth." After many years in private practice in Northampton, MA, Dr. Bello devoted her skill to Doctors Without Borders in Sri Lanka, Jordan, and Africa to help reduce the risk of women dying in childbirth. Dr. Bello described how dangerous childbirth still is in many parts of the

world. Many of these mothers die because they live in very isolated villages without access to good obstetrical care. Dr. Bello worked directly with the patients and staff and, perhaps more importantly, taught local doctors, nurses, and midwives. We were very moved by her presentation and the successes she had in saving lives against the greatest of medical, environmental and cultural obstacles. Doctors Without Borders is an independent organization that delivers emergency medical aid quickly and impartially. More information about the work of Doctors Without Borders, and how to support it, is on their website: doctorswithoutborders.org.

Interest Groups

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. This month games will be held on April 10 and 24. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email cmc37738@yahoo.com.
- The Thursday Bridge Group will play April 6 and 20, 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 mjswisher@icloud.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 by 10:20 so chair **Pat Bays** can escort you to the meeting place. On April 19 we will discuss *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. Book for May 17 is *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende.

Finger Food & Fun

Judith Anderson is graciously hosting a Finger Food & Fun event at her home, 2906 Avalos Dr., Village of Harmeswood on Sunday March 26 at 6:00 PM. This event will be more fun if *you* attend! Spouses/partners welcome. If you have that evening free, please consider joining in and getting to know other members better. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert along with your choice of beverage. RSVP to jcdukeirl@aol.com or call her at (352) 751-4954.

Golf

The Golf group plays on Friday mornings. Contact **Carmel Leese** at (352) 751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday, so let Carmel know by Sunday evening if you are interested in playing. The requested time will be based on the weather forecast each week. It will start with a request for a 10:00 AM tee time with a window of 10:00 to 3:30. Golf courses south of Hwy. 466 will be played the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays and courses north of Hwy. 466 will be played the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

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Mah Jongg

Mah jongg is played at 1:30 PM the first and third Monday 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. Mah jong games will be hosted in April at the following homes:

April 3 **Katherine Howe** (631) 219-4289, 1391 Eagle Ridge Dr. (Village of Liberty Park)

April 17 **Kathleen Manion** (352) 633-6062, 583 Bradford Loop (Village of Sanibel)

Singles

The AAUW Singles will be attending musical productions at the Savannah Center and at The Sharon during March and April. The group will also be enjoying a docent led tour at the Appleton Fine Art Museum in Ocala followed by dinner at Harry's Seafood, Bar and Grille on March 24. **Dorothy Dobbs** is hosting a Mexican Pot Luck Supper at her home for members of the Singles on March 25. If you are interested in joining AAUW Singles, please contact **Carolee Litwinka** at (352) 750-0617 or **Anne Schlick** at (352) 750-1027.

Special Events

April 11 Day Trip to Gainesville

We'll tour the Butterfly Museum rain forest and Harn Art Museum on Tuesday, April 11, with lunch at the Camilla Cafe at University of Florida and a stop at Trader Joe's on the way home. Price of \$40/person includes lunch, transportation, and museum entrances. Three spaces remain. If interested, email **Katie Haviland** at katiehaviland1@gmail.com.

Branch News

Webmaster-lite Opportunity

Here's a way to help our branch from the comfort of your own home. Most of the new information for our branch website lakesumter-fl.aauw.net comes from our monthly newsletter and from National AAUW. This new information can be emailed to a dedicated webmaster at AAUW National to post on our Lake/Sumter AAUW website -or- former webmaster **Diane Reichert** (who is now our branch co-treasurer) can show you how to post information on our website yourself. Contact Diane at (352) 391-6467 or email reichert05@gmail.com if you'd like to donate a couple of hours a week to keep our website up to date.

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Neighborhood Coffees

The neighborhood coffees in many districts have been in full swing and the ladies seem to really be enjoying them. Thank you to all those who stepped up to be hosts for these enjoyable neighborhood coffees. And there's still time left for you to host one. We still have coffees for April and May and if there's not one going on in your district you can volunteer. Please call **Jacque Latzer** at (704) 451-9886 to check. And starting from June to the end of August we will resume our weekly breakfasts at Perkins Restaurant on route 441.



A recent District 9 March coffee was held in the home of Ruth Martin. *Seated left to right are: Katie Haviland, Kate Manion, Angela Vickers, Liz Schweers, Gloria Thesen* *Standing left to right are: Linda Macleod, Dorothy Dobbs, Stephanie Bradley, Georgiann Ackley, Brenda Mohr, host Ruth Martin, Connie Taylor, Irma Benner*

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On March 10, Bonnie Marcoccia hosted a brunch for AAUW Lake/Sumter members residing outside The Villages. The brunch was held at Bonnie's home in Harbor Hills and included the following members: hostess **Bonnie Marcoccia** and **Frankie Smith** (from Harbor Hills), **Josana Arsenault** (from Stonecrest), **Rosella Todd Valentine** and **Barbara Prescott** (from Pennbrooke Fairways), and **Joan Krick** (from Mt. Dora). A good time was enjoyed by all.

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Scholarship Bracelet Winner

Congratulations to Kathy Ziegler, winner of the beautiful 18-carat gold bracelet donated by Gold in Art Jewelers' owner Richie Kluesner for our scholarship fundraiser this year. Kathy is shown here with **Arlene Stein**, who sold her the winning ticket. We are deeply grateful to Gold in Art Jewelers, corner of 441 and Rolling Acres Rd., for their generous support.



Membership Renewal Forms

Be sure to pick up your 2017-18 membership renewal form at our April 8 Monthly Meeting. The pink form should be returned with your check to **Mary Ann Swisher**, 821 Ramos Drive, The Villages, FL 32159. Note that Mary Ann's email has changed to: mnjswisher@icloud.com.

Tech Trek

We are awaiting the final selection of Tech Trek campers who will attend the 2017 June session of the camp. As we celebrate the fact that we have referred 12 candidates from our local Lake and Sumter schools for consideration, we are reminded that funding is necessary to send each camper at an estimated cost of \$1000 per camper. Contributions to this wonderful opportunity to attend the one-week session at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton are much needed and appreciated. The only cost to the camper is a \$50 registration fee. Contributions should be sent to: Tech Trek Fundraising, P.O. Box 2938, Jupiter Fl 33468. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT		TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Finger Food & Fun	Sun. Mar. 26	6:00 PM	RSVP to Judith Anderson (352) 751-4954 (see page 3)
Mah Jongg	Apr. 3 & 17	1:30 PM	See page 4 for contacts and locations
Thursday Bridge	Apr. 6 & 20	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Monthly Meeting	Sat. Apr. 8	10:00 AM	Bridgeport Rec. Ctr, 1670 Lake Miona Dr. Villages (see pg. 2)
Monday Bridge	Apr. 10 & 24	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Gainesville Day Trip	Tues. Apr. 11	TBD	Email katiehaviland1@gmail.com if interested (see page 4)
Diversity Book Club	Wed. Apr. 19	10:20 AM	Freedom Pointe, 1550 El Camino Real, Villages (see page 3)

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