



American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

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Presidents' Letter

Dear members,

February is here and Lake/Sumter AAUW is in full swing. Committees are all active, but can always use extra help. The interest groups are going strong. If you haven't had a chance to get involved and meet new people, take a look at your 2016-17 handbook pages on Committees and Interest Groups, select one that you like and give the chairperson a call.

On another note, we all need to remember that we are a philanthropic organization and here in Lake/Sumter we are very much devoted to providing local scholarships, awards and assistance to local schools. Your participation in Wine & Design, our bracelet drawing, and other such events help subsidize these worthwhile projects as well as give you a chance to explore new avenues of interest.

And now some business... As a local branch of AAUW we must operate under by-laws that meet the requirements of the national organization. This year we needed to update our by-laws as well as revise them according to very specific guidelines. **Judy Bonn, Diane Reichert** and **Linda Ferens** have done an outstanding job with this task and are soon coming to completion of it. You, as members, will be asked to approve them at a meeting in the near future. You will have the opportunity to review them before the vote. More about this topic in a few weeks. We look forward to seeing you at meetings and events. Feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions.

Anne Wilkins and Julee DeLaRosa, Co-Presidents

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Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

Feb. 11 General Meeting

Interior Decorating will be the topic for our meeting at Captiva Rec. Center, 658 Pinellas Place, from 10 AM-noon on Feb. 11. Ruth Dyer, decorator and Daily Sun newspaper columnist, will teach *Decorating 101: How to take a room apart and put it back together using six design tips*. Also, tickets will be sold and we will draw the winning ticket for our beautiful 18k gold Scholarship fundraising bracelet (see page 5). For seating, we're going to try something new. When you come into the meeting to pick up your badge, you will receive a number. That number will correspond to a number on one of the tables, and we are asking you to sit at that table. This enables us to meet new people and help newcomers feel included. Beverages and snacks will be provided and no reservations are required. Guests are welcome.

January Topic: Prison Education

At our Jan. 21 general meeting, program speaker Jack Swisher shared his experiences as an education counselor at the U.S. penitentiary in Lewisburg, PA. In addition to teaching inmates with reading levels below grade 6, Jack oversaw some in-prison employees and was a member of the prison riot squad. He noted that the recidivism rate for released prisoners is high, due to the environmental influences they return to and their lack of acceptance by society. Jack is shown here with his wife **Mary Ann Swisher** and various display items he brought.



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 Feb. 13 and 27. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email cmc37738@yahoo.com.
- The Thursday Bridge Group will play Feb. 2 and 16, 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 mswiper@mindspring.com.

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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 Feb. 15 the book to be discussed is *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. The discussion on Mar. 15 will be about *Emily Alone* by Stewart O’Nan.

Golf

The Golf group plays on Friday mornings. If you are interested in joining, contact **Carmel Leese** at (352) 751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com. 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.

Mah Jongg

Mah jongg is played at 1:30 PM the first and third Monday of each month. Please call the hostess by the preceding Saturday to let her know you will be coming. Hostesses this month: Feb. 6 **Katherine Howe** (631) 219-4289 at 1391 Eagle Ridge Dr. (Village of Liberty Park) Feb. 20 **Anne Schlick** (352) 750-1027 at 17301 SE 82nd Pecan Terrace (Village of Piedmont).

Dine Around and Finger Food

Thank you AAUW friends for all your cards and kind words on behalf of my husband Robert Anderson's passing. At the present time I am awaiting a funeral date from Bushnell for a February military burial. In March I will post a notice date for the Dine Around and Finger Food event. As you all know I was planning on hosting the holiday event at our home when Bob became so very ill. Thank you for your continued interest and support of this interest group for AAUW. Do hope for sunny days ahead. Warm regards, Judith Anderson

AAUW Singles

This group is open to all single members of our branch. Our focus is evening and weekend activities which members attend as their schedules permit. We are having a soup supper at Anne Schlick's home on Jan 26 and a Super Bowl Party at Jan Barone's home on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 5. We are also attending two plays in February: *Private Lives* at the Sharon Studio on Feb. 11 and *Moon Over Buffalo* at the Bay Street Theater in Eustis on Feb. 19. To join, contact **Carolee Litwinka** at (352) 750-0617 or **Anne Schlick** at (352) 750-1027.

Special Events

Travel Event Jan. 30

Diane Jacobson will give a “sold out” slide show presentation about her experience of long-term travel and highlights from a six-month Around the World cruise on Monday, Jan. 30 at Pinellas Plaza Library. The presentation is filled to capacity. All those who attend are asked to make a donation to AAUW, and we thank them for their generosity.

Fashion Show Luncheon Mar. 22

Our AAUW Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held at Francesco’s Italian Restaurant in Baylee Plaza on Wednesday, Mar. 22, 2017 from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. The luncheon menu will feature a two-course meal with a wide variety of main course options and include either soup or salad plus entrée and soft drink. Clothing from Marie Rose Fine Consignment Shop in Baylee Plaza will be modeled by AAUW branch members. Tickets are being pre-sold for \$25 and Feb. 11 is the last date to buy tickets. If you wish to buy tickets and will be unable to attend our Feb. meeting, contact **Katie Haviland** at katiehaviland1@gmail.com. Restaurant reservations are limited to 80 seats. This is a good opportunity to invite a guest who might be interested in joining AAUW.

Branch News

Branch Webmaster Needed

Our branch website is lakesumter-fl.aauw.net/. Your branch dues help to pay for full website services and support by National AAUW, which means that a National AAUW support person can assist with completing the website changes we need. Our branch website manager Diane Reichert now has many other responsibilities and needs to transition out of her webmaster position. The job usually requires about three hours per week. Most of the new information comes from our monthly newsletter and from National AAUW. Diane is willing to offer a limited amount of training — this is a great opportunity to gain skills that are much in demand today. To discuss this, contact **Diane Reichert** at (352) 391-6467 or reichert05@gmail.com

Half-Year Dues

Our membership year is half over and now we are accepting new members for half-year due of \$40, good until the end of the AAUW membership year on June 30, 2017. Half-year dues are only available to *new* members. They will be accepted until March, when we begin collecting renewals for all members for the 2017-2018 membership year.

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Neighborhood Coffees

Our Neighborhood Coffees are going strong. If you haven't been invited to one and/or would like to host one, please contact **Jacquie Latzer** at (704) 451-9886 or jacquie.latzer@gmail.com. These coffees are a great way to get to know each other better and to introduce potential members to other vibrant and interesting women. These events don't have to be fancy. **Liz Schweers** held a coffee that was cozy, simple and elegant — strawberries, blueberries, figs, and a few mini muffins. Yum.



Shown at a Jan. 10 District 8 coffee (*left to right*) **Front Row: Ellen Gagnon, Char Griffin, Kathleen Buckley** **Back Row: host Linda Carpenter, Susan Gold, Carmel Leese, Helen Ware, Karen Pickelsimer, Carolee Litwinks, Jacquie Latzer**

Scholarship Fundraiser Bracelet

At our Feb. 11 general meeting we will draw the winning ticket for our beautiful 18k gold bracelet. Have you bought your tickets? Additional tickets will be sold at that meeting up until the time of the drawing. Do you have a book of tickets you have not paid for yet? If so, please turn in the ticket stubs and money for those to **Carolyn Johnson** or **Patti Weasel** *on or before* our Feb. 11 general meeting. If you will be unable to attend the meeting and wish to buy or return tickets, contact Carolyn Johnson at (352) 751-4103 or [cgjohnson4103@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson4103@gmail.com). Bracelet donor Richie Kleusener of Gold in Art Jewelers, corner of 441 and Rolling Acres Road, will be at our Feb. 11 meeting. Please take time to say hello and thank him!

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New Members

Please add these five new Lake/Sumter branch members to your membership booklet:

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CORRECTION:

Kate Manion has a new phone number:
 352-689-2626

Please email any other membership booklet changes to: chasanddi@embarqmail.com

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
World Travel Event	Mon. Jan. 30	10:00 AM	Pinellas Plaza Library, 7375 Powell Rd. (see page 4)
Great Decisions	Tues. Jan. 31	10:00AM	Sumter County Sheriff's Annex, Villages
Thursday Bridge	Feb. 2 & 16	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Monday Bridge	Feb. 13 & 27	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Mah Jongg	Feb. 6 & 20	1:30 PM	See page 3 for contacts and locations
Great Decisions	Feb. 14, 21, 28	10:00AM	Sumter County Sheriff's Annex, Villages
Diversity Book Club	Wed. Feb. 15	10:20 AM	Freedom Pointe, 1550 El Camino Real, Villages (see page 3)
Monthly Meeting	Sat. Feb. 11	10:00 AM	Captiva Rec. Ctr, 658 Pinellas Pl. Villages (see page 2)
Great Decisions	Mar. 14 & 21	10:00AM	Sumter County Sheriff's Annex, Villages
Fashion Show Lunch	Wed. Mar. 22	11:00 AM	Francesco's, Baylee Plaza, Summerfield (see page 4)

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