

## Presidents' Message

Welcome to 2016! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season, ate lots of good food, spent time with loved ones, got neat presents and made lots of New Year resolutions. I also hope we all took time to remember that for some people the holidays were not all that happy. Some paused to remember loved ones gone, but never forgotten. Some wondered where any presents or food would come from at all. I hope all of us kept prayers and good thoughts for those far away who put their lives on the line for the rest of us.

At AAUW, we take very seriously the need of young women to be able to better themselves, find meaningful work and be educated so that they may do so. In 2016 we will again be raising funds to help young women complete their education and move on to productive employment. Our fundraiser, An Evening with Heloise, promises to be one of the best yet, and the planning for this event to be held in April will shift into high gear now.

As usual, Rosella Valentine has a gorgeous set of jewelry for someone lucky enough to become its new owner. The proceeds, of course, go to scholarships for young college students at Lake Sumter State College or, this year, Beacon College.

The Tech Trek Committee will be gearing up to send some wonderful rising 8th grade students to Tech Trek Camp in the summer to learn about the incredible world of technology, science, math and engineering. What an exciting time this will be for those girls! I wish there had been something like that when I was young!

Barbara Jones and I, your Co-Presidents, thank you for all the outstanding things you ladies have done. We have often sat together saying, "Oh, I hope we can get someone to do this, or head up this committee, or take on that responsibility", and sure enough, there you all are, stepping right up to help out as you always do! We do deeply appreciate each and every one of you.

So I hope you keep your resolutions (I never do). I hope you enjoyed your holidays, and let's get busy now on a fabulous new year in AAUW.

Judy and Barbara

## American Association of University Women



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FROM ROSELLA AND THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Happy New Year! We hope you will start 2016 off right by taking 10 tickets to buy or sell for the beautiful padparascha sapphire necklace and earrings set from Gold-in-Art to support our local college scholarships. Or, if you've already taken tickets, please return completed tickets with your check in order to be in the running to win this lovely jewelry. Remember.....the drawing will be held at our February 13 meeting, and Ritchie Kluesener, owner of Gold-in-Art will be with us to draw the winning ticket and announce our lucky winner. It will be quite a celebration! To all of you who have done your part already in supporting the work we do in providing four local college scholarships,.....THANK YOU!!!

The Scholarship Committee has just added two members to our ranks.....Judie Pearson and Susan Gold.....and we look forward to working with them. Welcome, Judie and Susan!

We've distributed this year's scholarship announcement and application form on the campuses of Lake-Sumter State College and Beacon College. Completed applications and supporting documents are due in March, and our committee will meet in early April to choose this year's scholarship winners. We will announce and introduce our newest scholarship recipients at our May meeting, so you won't want to miss that!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and hope that 2016 will be a wonderful year for our Lake-Sumter AAUW!

Rosella Todd Valentine  
Patti Weasel  
Joyce Tisovec  
Judie Pearson  
Susan Gold

### **Tech Trek 2016**

At this writing, Tech Trek 2016 is in full swing. The committee met on December 8th to coordinate all the nominations from the six participating middle schools. The twenty- seven applications were mailed soon after to give the students about a month to complete and return them. In February, we will set up interviews with all of the girls who have submitted their applications as well as interviews with their parents. Our "marathon meeting" will be held on February 23rd to review the applications, interviews and teacher recommendations to assess the qualifications of each girl for acceptance into the Tech Trek camp. A ranked list of six or seven girls will then be submitted to the Tech Trek State Coordinators for naming the final candidates.

As you can see, this process will ultimately choose the top sixty STEM students in Florida to attend the camp program. We will keep you posted as to our progress as we proceed.

Cathy Cirocco



# Lake Sumter Branch Presents:

## *Beautiful Padparascha Sapphire Pendant Necklace and Earring Set* (Valued at: Over \$3,000)

### Necklace

- 14kt Gold, 18 inch, 1.5 millimeter round Diamond-Cut Omega
- The lobster clasp actually screws on and off if needed so it can be used with a pendant whose bail is really tiny
- Valued at: \$699

### Pendant

- 14 kt Gold with almost a half carat of diamonds and a beautiful Checkerboard cut, lab-created Padparascha Sapphire
- Valued at: \$1,679

### Earrings

- 14kt Gold, over 1 inch long and also have a Checkerboard cut, lab-created Padparascha Sapphire in each
- Valued at: \$649



Proceeds go to: *AAUW Local Scholarship Fund*

Benefits women who have completed two years at LSSC or Beacon College and who plan to pursue a Bachelor's Degree at LSSC, Beacon College or another four-year College or University.

Cost per ticket: *\$5*

(Need not be present to win; drawing February 13, 2016)

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[www.goldinart.com](http://www.goldinart.com)

For more information, contact Rosella Todd Valentine at (352) 323-8608

## Beacon College Update

### Call to Action:

Beacon College is looking for retired teachers like you, because you have background knowledge of the education system, learning disabilities, knowledge of different types of learners such as visual learners, auditory learners, and kinesthetic learners. Some of you may even have knowledge and skills working with autism. A training or a refresher course on learning disabilities will be provided, plus you will be able to observe how the learning specialists at Beacon work with the students.

There is an increasing need for volunteers because of the addition of students to the college, and other students requesting more than the one hour a week, which they are currently spending with the learning specialists. The learning specialists play a critical role in the success of their students.

Michele Patestides, Learning Specialist/Academic Advisor has in addition, a need for a volunteer(s) to assist her with supervising and supporting Beacon's peer tutors. The responsibilities would be to make yourself available to the peer tutors when Michele's workload prohibits her from being available when the tutors may need her.

Location: Beacon College Center for Student Success – 105 East Main Street, Downtown Leesburg

### Contact Information to Volunteer:

Susan Ward, Coordinator of Career Development & Outreach Center;  
sward@beaconcollege.edu 352-638-9708

Michele Patestides, Learning Specialist/Academic Advisor; mpatestides@beaconcollege.edu  
352-638-9720

### Update on Elect Her Inaugural Workshop – Date to be rescheduled

Beacon College will re-schedule their inaugural \$tart \$mart workshop and advise us of the new date. Susan Ward and Kimberly McCormick, Beacon College facilitators, will customize the work-shop materials to accommodate each of the learning styles of their students. This workshop will be the first \$tart \$mart Workshop in the country that will be targeted at students with learning disabilities.



Please go to  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GIN9EVFGx4&feature=youtu.be>  
for Holiday Greetings from Beacon College students!



**SAVE THE DATE!!! SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016**

**AN "EVENING WITH HELOISE"**

**The Savannah Center – Scarlett O’Hara Theater - 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Heloise, the premier lifestyle management expert, engages audiences around the country with her sage advice, great wit and Texas charm. From Life 101 how-to on household management, business to health and wellness. [www.heloise.com](http://www.heloise.com)

*All proceeds will go to support scholarships and AAUW programs which create an environment where girls are encouraged to expand their knowledge and ability in STEM through fun and educational activities.*

**More Details Will Be Provided Over The Next Few Months**

## ABOUT HELOISE

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### EDUCATION

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
1974 B.S. EDUCATION, A  
DOUBLE MAJOR IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION AND  
MATHEMATICS, WITH A  
TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

### AWARDS

Communicator of  
Achievement 2009,  
National Federation of Press  
Women Headliner Award,  
Women in Communications  
Mental Health Mission Award,  
National Mental Health  
Association's first award for  
outstanding contribution to  
mental health education,  
Distinguished Alumnus  
Award, Southwest Texas  
State University (now Texas  
State University)



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## Membership

We welcome four new members, bringing our total to 137. During January and February any new members who want to join for the period of January 1-June 30, 2016 can do so at half price (\$40) but will need to pay the full rate this spring for the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 membership year.

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Village of Bonnybrook  
Columbia University; BS; Nursing  
Central Washing University; BS; Accounting

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Village of Lake Deaton  
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Albertus Magnus College; MA; Education

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University of Oregon; BA; Language

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Newsletter Creator

A newsletter creator will be needed starting with the September 2016 issue. The newsletter publication is covered through May 2016, and there are no issues during the summer months. Articles are supplied by the various committee members. You can use this format or create a new one! So, step up to spread all breaking news! Contact the Co-Presidents to volunteer!

### From our Webperson:

Looking for a new volunteer job - Check out our branch website. [/lakesumter-fl.aauw.net](http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net) There are numerous opportunities to help out with the web - content development, reviews, proof reading, usability testing and so on.

AAUW-National provides us with website support and we will be undergoing a review of the site, looking for changes etc. to give it a more modern look. I would like to have several pairs of eyes to join in. If you are interested in helping with this - send me an email with Subject Matter - AAUW WEB Review. As soon as I get a date/time for the review, I'll get you in our loop. Or send me any ideas/input for changes etc. that you think would improve our site.

Thanks/Diane Reichert ; Webperson

The AAUW golfing group plays on Friday and the tee time varies from mornings to afternoons depending on the weather. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday. She must know by Sunday evening if you are interested in playing for that week. The requested time is 9:00 A.M., with a window of 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the fall and 11:30 to 3:00 in the winter. Golf courses are alternated weekly between those north or south of Hwy 466.

The other group playing is on a Championship course on Monday afternoon with a tee time of 1:30 PM. We play a 9 hole round of golf and the cost between \$22.00 and \$29.00 in the winter. This reservation is entered into the tee time system on Thursday so let Carmel know by Wednesday if you are available.

Play resumes on January 8th for Executive golf and January 11th for Championship golf. Please plan on joining us for a socializing after your game.

An email is sent to regular participants each week for Executive and Championship golf. Participation can be weekly or when your schedule allows as there is no weekly commitment required. If you haven't participated in the past, please include your Villages ID number since this is needed for entry into the tee time system. If you are interested in joining, contact Carmel at (352)-751-0119 or crlease@gmail.com.

### **VPK Project to Be Presented at League of Women Voters Meeting**

Results of the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) project that Lake / Sumter AAUW members Susan Gold and Linda Carpenter have been working on since the spring with members of the League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County Area will be presented at the League's January 25, 2016, meeting at 10:30 A.M. at the Community Bank & Trust Company on 466 – across the street from Bob Evans and just west of Walgreens. The meeting will feature Lesha Buchbinder, Director of Lake County's Early Learning Coalition, and Roseann Frick, Director of Marion County's Early Learning Coalition. All Lake / Sumter AAUW members are invited to attend.

### **JANUARY MEETING**



Saturday, January 16  
10 AM – Noon  
Allamanda Rec Center  
1515 St Charles Place  
The Villages  
Beverages and light  
snacks will be provided;  
No reservations

Amy Wixted is the Wellness and Education Manager for The Villages Health and will present on the wealth of free health education programs offered through the America's Healthiest Hometown initiative. Learn how you can get involved in screenings, seminars and programs that are designed to improve your health and well-being.



Pictured (L to R): Phoebe Mello, First National Bank of Mt. Dora; Patti Weasel and Joyce Tisovec, AAUW Scholarship Committee members; Amber Sode; Rosella Todd Valentine, Chair, AAUW Scholarship Committee; Jane Brown, First National Bank of Mt. Dora; and Bob Bredin, Noon Rotary Club of The Villages.

### **Amber Sode Honored at December Graduation Luncheon**

On Monday, December 21, 2015, Lake-Sumter AAUW hosted a luncheon to honor one of its scholarship recipients, Ms. Amber Sode, on the occasion of her recent graduation from UCF.

Representatives from the three organizations which helped Amber financially through her final teaching internship semester were present to congratulate Ms. Sode on successful completion of that internship, her BS degree from UCF in Elementary Education, and her new teaching position at Groveland Elementary School to begin in January, 2016.

### **Mah Jongg for Jan. & Feb.**

Jan. 4th Carol Sellers hostess  
372 Hengan 352/259-5410

Jan 18th Margaret Kaufman  
hostess 352/750-4658

Feb. 1st Kathy Howe hostess  
631/219-4289

Feb. 15th June Love hostess  
352/259-3967

All games begin at 1:30P & end at 3:30. If you are able to play, please call the hostess the Friday prior to the date playing. For questions, call Anne Schlick, 353/750-1027.



### **Angel Book Drive**

The Angel Books have been sorted and delivered to the Lake and Sumter Schools. I'd like to thank everyone who gave and to those participating in the distribution. Happy New year to all.

Emily Holman

Attached is a picture taken by Diane Jacobson during the day trip to Heritage Village on Dec 4th arranged by the John Bartram Chapter of DAR. Kate Manion and Diane Starr are among the group listening to the tour guide tell of the history of Heritage Village and the people who once lived in the various homes and historic buildings we toured.



I recently received a lovely letter from Emily Marzek, one of our Lake-Sumter AAUW members, who has moved from her home in Continental Country Club to the Waterman Assisted Living Facility in Mt. Dora. She sent me a check for \$50 and wanted to buy 10 tickets for our jewelry set. Emily has always been an active member and has enthusiastically supported the local scholarship fund each year.

I called Emily to thank her and we had a very nice conversation. She said that it is difficult for her to attend meetings now, but she enjoys receiving the monthly newsletter and keeping up on what's happening with our local branch. Did you know that Emily is a "lifetime member" of AAUW? She joined AAUW in 1953.....so, that means she will be a 63-year member in 2016!!!! That is no small accomplishment. And...you may recall that at one time, Emily, her daughter, and her granddaughter were all members of our local branch.

Emily's new address at Waterman is in our most recent AAUW directory, so won't you please drop her a note to congratulate her on those 63 years? Or, give her a call. She would love to hear from any of our members.

Rosella Todd Valentine

### **Monday Bridge**

This month The Monday Bridge Group will play on January 11 and 25. Hosts will be announced before the meetings.

The group plays on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:00 P.M.; it is open to any interested member who wishes to play regularly. Location is scheduled on a date-to-date basis, with members volunteering to host in their homes. New members are welcome! Also, the group would appreciate hearing from those who might want to be substitutes. To join this group, as a regular player or as a substitute, contact Mary Ann Swisher at mswisher@mindspring.com or 352- 259-3739.



### **Safe Travels to Diane**

Several members asked me to let them know how to follow my Around the World trip beginning in January. I have a travel blog set up for anyone who would like to check it out. The address is:

[www.travelpod.com/members/snowfish](http://www.travelpod.com/members/snowfish)

The attached picture is a map of the journey.

Diane Jacobson

## Stay connected with us!

**REMINDER:** Some of our branch members do not use Facebook, but we still want you to see what we are posting. There is also a lot of shared information from AAUW National on our page.

Anyone can view a public page on Facebook. The branch's Facebook page is available for you to view even if you do not have your own personal page.

Here are ways to access the branch's page:

1. Facebook members can go to their page and search for AAUW Lake Sumter Area - FL Branch.

OR

2. If a branch member does not have a Facebook account, they can go to: [www.facebook.com/AAUWLakeSumter](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWLakeSumter)

OR

3. Go to our web page: <http://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net> for the link to the Facebook page.

