



# American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

May 2017

## Presidents' Letter

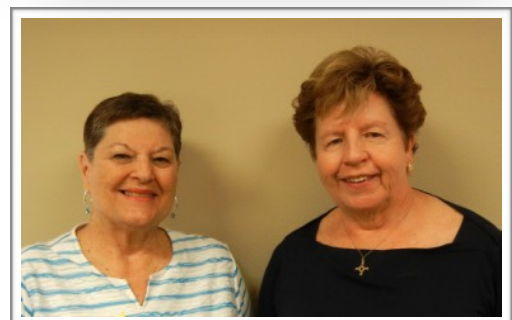
Dear Members,

Nearing the end of our 2016-2017 Lake/Sumter AAUW year is a good time to look back on what we've done. Monthly meetings were very well attended, with programs including meeting our scholarship winners, learning about the Florida Voluntary Pre-K program, education in the federal prisons, the work of Doctors without Borders, and getting our healthcare plans in order. On the lighter side, we learned some new hints about bone health and exercise as well as decorating our homes. Trips to Winter Garden and the Gainesville Butterfly Rainforest provided some new experiences.

Activities such as "Wine and Design" and "The Fashion Show" raised funds which augmented those raised by our spectacular gold bracelet drawing. These funds will help provide two new scholarships and two more continued into next year. Neighborhood coffees flourished. Many thanks to members who worked to organize these activities and complete the "leg work" that made them happen. STEM awards are being given to girls in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade who showed the most improvement in Math and Science during this past year. The Tech Trek Committee nominated 11 seventh grade girls to attend the Florida Tech Trek camp and 5 of those girls were selected. — All in all a very good year! Thank you all for your efforts! Have great Summer!

*Anne Wilkins and Julee DeLaRosa, Co-Presidents*

IN THIS ISSUE	
Monthly Meetings.....	2
Next Meeting: May 13	
April Meeting Highlights	
Interest Groups.....	3
Bridge, Day Trips, Golf,	
Finger Food & Fun,	
Book Group, Mah Jongg	
Branch News.....	5
Summer Breakfasts,	
Membership, Tech Trek	
Special Events.....	7
Casino Night, August Tea,	
Fashion Show Fundraiser	
Events Calendar.....	8



*Julee*

*Anne*

# Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

## May 13 General Meeting: Catered Indoor Picnic

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 13, from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM at Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Pl., Village of Liberty Park (off Buena Vista). We'll have an indoor picnic buffet catered by Chicken Salad Chick. The program will feature installation of newly-elected officers, scholarship winners and news about coming events. Cost of the buffet is \$15; send your check to **Joyce Swaffield**, 2447 Saluda St., The Villages, FL 32162, (352) 259-6586. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, MAY 8.

## April Program: Advance Healthcare Planning

Many thanks to **Dorothy Dobbs** for presenting our April program about advance directives in the event that we are not able to make our own health care decisions. She distributed booklets to all participants that can be filled out and used to communicate our personal preferences for end-of-life planning. Dorothy is available to meet with individuals free of charge to help them identify their wishes and complete the documents needed for communication with surrogates and caregivers,. She can be reached by email [ddpianodobbs@att.net](mailto:ddpianodobbs@att.net) or at (352) 461-0776.

### *A Note of Thanks from our Co-Presidents*



*At our April General Meeting, **Jacquie Latzer** presented each of us with a gift from the Executive Board to commemorate the year of our co-presidency. We were very moved by the gifts and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Board for this lovely gesture. We are so fortunate to have in our branch not only very competent women to carry out the goals of our organization, but caring and supportive ones as well. It has been a distinct honor to serve the Lake/Sumter branch these past two years.*

***Julee De La Rosa and Anne Wilkins, Co Presidents 2016-2017***

# 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. Games will be held on May 8 and 22 and will continue throughout the summer. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email [cmc37738@yahoo.com](mailto:cmc37738@yahoo.com).
- The Thursday Bridge Group will play May 4 and 18, the first and third Thursdays of the month, at 1:00 PM and will continue throughout the summer. The Thursday Group Leader is **Mary Ann Swisher** at (352) 259-3739 or email [mnjswisher@icloud.com](mailto:mnjswisher@icloud.com).

## Day Trips

Several members enjoyed an April 11 day trip to Gator country, visiting two museums on the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. At the the Florida Museum of Natural History they took a self-guided tour through the Butterfly Rainforest, toured museum exhibits, had lunch at the Camelia Court Cafe and then continued on to a docent-led tour of the Harn Museum of Art. There was also time for shopping at the museum gift shops and Trader Joe's. Many thanks to **Katie Haviland** and **Angela Vickers** for organizing this trip.



*Pictured L to R are: **Ginger Ryan, Laurel Rowan, Jacquie Latzer, Cathy Cirocco, Kathy Mason, Angela Vickers, Dorothy Dobbs, Liz Schweers, Georgiann Ackley, Kate Manion, Darlene Rutkowski, Grace Ell***

## Interest Groups (continued from page 3)

### 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 May 17 we will discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. June 21 we will discuss *Miller's Valley* by Anna Quindlen, and our July 19 book will be *The Hundred Secret Senses* by Amy Tan. The third Wednesday in August we have a luncheon meeting to choose books for next year. Details about the August location and time will be sent later.

### Finger Food & Fun

Judith Anderson hosted a recent Finger Food & Fun event at her home. Pictured, L to R, are: **June Love, Mary Ann Swisher, Ginny Rivera, Leigh Nichols, Judith Anderson** and **Carol Zoellner**



### Golf

The Morning Golf Group plays on Fridays. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday, so let **Carmel Leese** 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 7:30 AM tee time with a window of 7:00 to 9:30. Executive 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. Evening Championship Golf will begin June 1 and go thru Sept 30. We will play on Monday evenings, and the cost will range between \$6.00 to \$10.00 for as many holes as you can play before dark. If you are interested in joining either group, contact Carmel Leese at (352) 751-0119 or [crleese@gmail.com](mailto:crleese@gmail.com)

## Interest Groups (continued from page 4)

### 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. The 2017 mah jongg cards are now available. Please bring the new card to the game. Mah jongg games will be hosted in May at the following homes:

May 1 **Anne Schlick** (352) 750-1027 17301 S.E. 82nd Pecan Terr. (Vill. of Piedmont)

May 15 **Carol Sellers** (352) 259-5410 372 Hengan Place (Village of Mallory Square)

## Branch News

### Neighborhood Coffees Become Tuesday Breakfasts

We hope that those of you who participated in the monthly neighborhood coffees as hosts and attendees enjoyed them and that your experience added to your sense of connection with the amazing women in our AAUW branch. Beginning June 6 (through August 29) our monthly neighborhood coffees will morph into weekly breakfasts at Perkins Restaurant, 905 Bichara Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159. These breakfasts will run from 9 - 10:30 AM *except* on the last Tuesday of the month, when we will meet from 10-11:30 AM (see schedule below). We welcome and look forward to our new facilitator, **Ruth Martin**, who will join us after her newest grandchild is born. These relaxed and enjoyable breakfasts provide a good venue to invite your friends. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

#### AAUW Summer Breakfast Schedule

MONTH	DATE	TIME
JUNE	6, 13, 20	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
	27	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
JULY	4, 11, 18	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
	25	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
AUGUST	1, 8, 15, 22	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
	29	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

## Membership

Membership runs from July 1 – June 30 every year. Renewals for Lake/Sumter AAUW membership are due now. Your membership renewal must be received by July 1 in order to guarantee that you will be included in our 2017-2018 membership booklet. After the general May meeting we will be mailing renewal forms that have not been picked up. Please return the “pink” form to **Mary Ann Swisher** with any corrections you wish to make for next year’s membership booklet. Include a check made out to Lake/Sumter AAUW. Or, if you wish to pay by Visa or Master Card, do it online from your AAUW.org account and email the paid verification to Mary Ann at [mjswisher@icloud.com](mailto:mjswisher@icloud.com). If you have questions contact **Diane Jacobson** at [chasanddi@embarqmail.com](mailto:chasanddi@embarqmail.com).

## New Members

We welcome these three new Lake/Sumter branch members:

### **Joni Newkirk**

(Ken)

2465 Mclin Lane, The Villages FL 32163 (Collier)

352-988-3490

[jnewkirk@integratedinsight.com](mailto:jnewkirk@integratedinsight.com)

University of Florida, FL

BA in Statistics

University of Central Florida, FL

MS in Industrial Engineering

### **Patricia O’Conner-Allen**

(Joseph Allen)

2152 Sun Bluff Ct., The Villages, FL 32162 (St. Charles)

607-768-5099

[poconnorallen@gmail.com](mailto:poconnorallen@gmail.com)

State Univ. College at Buffalo, NY BSE in Teaching Special Education

Syracuse University, NY MS in Reading Education and Learning Disabilities

### **Susan T. Machol**

17701 SE 89th Milford Avenue, The Villages, FL 32162 (Springdale)

352-751-2848

[bmachol@snet.net](mailto:bmachol@snet.net)

Univ. So. California, CA BA in English/Elementary Education

Univ. of Connecticut, CT MA in Elementary Education

## Branch News (Continued from page 6)

### Tech Trek

*Great news:* 5 of the 12 candidates nominated by our Lake/Sumter branch have been selected to attend this summer's Florida Tech Trek camp at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Tech Trek is an intensive one-week program designed to encourage rising 8th grade girls to pursue their interests in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields. The cost for each camper to attend is \$1,000 funded through AAUW. Camper families are asked to pay only a \$50 registration fee. Please consider making a contribution to this very worthwhile project. Contributions should be sent to: Tech Trek Fundraising, P.O. Box 2938, Jupiter Fl 33468. For more information, contact **Connie Konatsotis** at (352) 396-5590 or [ck3555@hotmail.com](mailto:ck3555@hotmail.com).



## Special Events

### Casino Night Announced

Mark Saturday, January 27, 2018 on your calendar so you won't miss out on our next exciting major fundraiser. It will be a fun evening full of Casino-type entertainment at Lake Miona Recreation Center for the enjoyment of all the community. If you are interested in being on the planning committee call **Diane Jacobson** (352) 750-0032 or **Cathy Cirocco** (352) 753-7720. The next planning meeting will be at 10:00 AM May 15 at the home of Diane Jacobson.

### August 18 "Suffragettes" Tea

AAUW and the League of Women Voters are planning a commemorative tea! We will gather on Friday, August 18 from 2-4 PM at the Lady Lake Community Center behind the Lady Lake Library on Guava Street. This event is in celebration of the constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote. We will honor women who have "blazed a trail" in their lives. Teas were the way that women suffragettes were able to meet and plan their fight for the vote. Meetings were a no-no, teas were fine. Details will be forthcoming, but we hope that you will put this event on your calendar and join us. For more information contact **Beth Hicks** [ethicks71@gmail.com](mailto:ethicks71@gmail.com) or **Susan Gold** at [susangold28@gmail.com](mailto:susangold28@gmail.com).

# Special Events (Continued from page 7)

## Fashion Show Fundraiser

Special thanks to **Katie Haviland** and **Diane Jacobson** who organized our March 22 Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show fundraiser. We raised \$600! **Jacque Latzer**, mistress of ceremonies, introduced our lovely branch Fashion Show models (pictured below) and described the Marie Rose Fine Consignment Shop fashions they were wearing.

*Standing L to R:* **Linda Carpenter, Linda Macleod, Carmel Leese, Pat Taylor, Kay Bogolin**  
*Seated L to R:* **Angela Vickers, Ruth Martin, Anna Whipple, Cathy Cirocco**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT		TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Mah Jongg	May 1 & 15	1:30 PM	See page 5 for contacts and locations
Thursday Bridge	May 4 & 18	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Monthly Meeting	Sat. May 13	11:30 AM	Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles St. (see pg. 2)
Monday Bridge	May 8 and 22	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Summer Breakfasts	June 6 - Aug. 29	9:00 AM	Perkins, 905 Bichara Blvd, Lady Lake (see pg. 5 for details)
Diversity Book Club	Wed. May 17	10:20 AM	Freedom Pointe, 1550 El Camino Real, Villages (see page 4)
Suffragettes Tea	Fri. Aug. 18	2:00 PM	Lady Lake Community Center (see pg. 7 for details)
General Meeting	Sat. Sept 9	TBD	Beacon College in Leesburg (see note below)

**Note:** Our first 2017-2018 General Meeting will be a \$15 catered lunch at Beacon College in Leesburg, with Tech Trek students and Scholarship recipients on Sept. 9. Save the date!

Jo Anne Kelch, Newsletter Editor joannekelch@yahoo.com (352) 391-1182