



American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

October 2016

Presidents' Letter

Dear AAUW Lake/Sumter Members,

The 2016-17 AAUW Lake/Sumter year is underway. Our initial meeting held on September 12 at Beacon College celebrated the 2016 Scholarship Winners and the girls from our area whom we sent to Tech Trek. Several "Get Out the Vote" events, designed to register young voters, have taken place on college campuses.

All of our committees are up and running and we urge you to look at the listing in the Membership Booklet, decide which one or ones you might like to work with and give the chairperson a call. Interest groups have begun (or are continuing) and always welcome new participants. Again, see the Membership Booklet for contact persons. We also have two new committees, *By-Laws Committee* and *Fundraising Committee* which both need volunteers. If you are interested in *By-Laws*, please call **Judy Bonn** (352-217-0319) or e-mail her (judybonn@centurylink.net). For *Fundraising*, please call **Jacque Latzer** (704-451-9886) or email her (jacque.latzer@gmail.com). Committee membership is important to the organization as many of the activities help us accomplish the AAUW Lake/Sumter mission.

When you get a call or email inviting you to a Neighborhood Coffee, try to attend. One of the best ways to get to know an organization and its members is to join a committee or interest group.

We look forward to a very active year and meeting all of you at meetings and events.

Julee DeLaRosa and Anne Wilkins, Co-Presidents

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Lake/Sumter Monthly Meetings

Coming Meeting October 8

Bone Health will be the topic of our monthly meeting on Sat. Oct. 8 from 10 AM to noon at Bridgeport Recreation Center, 1670 Lake Miona Drive in The Villages. Women over age 50 have the greatest risk of developing osteoporosis. Our program on Oct. 10 will be a lecture on bone health including participation in bone building exercises (which can help prevent bone loss) led by the Pimlico Bone Builders staff. We'll be sitting and using chairs for exercises. No previous experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothing, flat shoes and bring weights if you have them. No reservations are required. Beverages and light snacks will be provided.

September Meeting Highlights

Four of our past years' scholarship recipients were able to attend our Sept. 10 general meeting:

2014 Winners: **Ana Ruiz Torres** was recently married and is now living in Ocala, where she works as a surgical nurse at Monroe General Hospital. **Sharon Pryor** is taking the class toward her BAS in Organizational Management now at Lake Sumter State College.

2015 Winners: **Monica Lamud** told us about her experiences at Stetson University – most memorable for her was doing an internship this past summer at a bank loan department. She continues to work on her Business Administration degree and is taking five classes this fall. **Faith Gadson** was unable to attend but is in her final year at the University of Central Florida. She hopes to attend one of our future meetings and wrote, “Please send my love and expressed gratitude to everyone!”

2016 Winners: **Katie Beason** is busy pursuing a Mathematics degree in an Honors Program at the University of Central Florida. She also wants to become involved in a group that works with service animals. **Kate Reynolds** could not join us but is very busy working toward a degree in Forensics at the University of Florida. She is loving her living arrangements in a luxury apartment complex complete with a pool and gym.



*Lake/Sumter AAUW Scholarship winners attending our May meeting were Front Row (L to R): **Kate Reynolds**, 2016 winner; **Joyce Tisovec**, Scholarship Committee; **Ana Ruiz Torres**, 2014. Back Row (L to R): **Amber Sode**, 2013; **Alyssa Ferris**, 2010; **Sharon Pryor**, 2014; **Patti Weasel**, Scholarship Committee; **Evelyn Guzman**, 2012; **Katie Beason**, 2016; **Monika Lamud**, 2015; and **Rosella Valentine**, Scholarship Committee Chair. Missing: **Faith Gadson**.*

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 Oct. 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 on Oct. 6 and 20. 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 mswiper@mindspring.com.

Day Trips

A day trip to Winter Park is planned for Thursday, Nov. 10. The trip will include a visit to the Morse Museum to see their extensive Tiffany collection, lunch at a nearby restaurant, and a 1-hour scenic boat cruise in an open-top boat. We will be carpooling from The Villages. 16 members have signed up already and additional drivers are needed. On Nov. 10, we will meet at Eisenhower Recreation Center parking lot by 8:15 AM and depart ASAP to allow time for parking, rest room stops and ticket purchase. The cost per/person *driving* a group to the museum is \$20 (\$5 museum fee + \$15 boat tour and tip). The cost per/person *riding* is \$25 (\$5 museum fee + \$15 boat tour and tip + \$5 tolls and gas for the driver). Lunch is on your own at one of the many downtown Winter Park eateries. **Katie Haviland** will be collecting the fees at the Oct. 8 meeting. Please bring your payment amount in cash or a check made out to CASH. You may also send a check made out to CASH to Katie Haviland, 1985 Veranda Place, The Villages, FL 32163. To register, contact Katie by Oct. 26 at (518) 275-9466 or email katiehaviland1@gmail.com, or see Katie at the Oct. 8 AAUW meeting.

Finger Food and Fun

Finger Food and Fun will be starting in November and is being chaired by **Judith Anderson**. Several members are needed to host Finger Food and Fun in their home throughout the year. Judith is happy to host a Holiday Home this year as she has done in the past. For Finger Food and Fun the host just offers her home for about two hours and everyone brings an appetizer or desert and their own choice of beverage. The host provides paper products for the food and drinks. If you wish to host this activity, please call Judith at (352) 638-1370 or (352) 751-4954 or email her at JCDUKEIRL@aol.com. Dine Around will be starting in November also; more information will be sent out soon.

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Diversity Book Group

AAUW Book Group is held at Freedom Pointe at 10:30 a.m. 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 Oct. 19, the book to be discussed is *The Orpheus Clock* by Simon Goodman. For Nov. 16 we will read *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.

Educated Palates

Educated Palates Meeting Reminder: Members who are interested in attending the October Dinner are reminded of the planning meeting on *Thursday, Sept. 29, at 9:30 AM* at the home of **Carolyn Moores** to decide on a date and menu with a theme of Brazil in honor of the Summer Olympics held in Rio. RSVP to hcmoores@aol.com or (352) 259-9955.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions sessions will be held at the Sumter Sheriff's Annex on Hwy 466 and Morse Blvd on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 11:30 AM. The 8 sessions will be held on Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, Mar. 14 and 21. Details of cost and discussion topics will be forthcoming. If you are interested in participating in Great Decisions sign up with **Diane Jacobson** at the Oct. 8 meeting or email chasanddi@embarqmail.com. Fees and final registration are due in Dec.

Golf

AAUW's golf group plays on Friday mornings or afternoons depending on the season. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday so contact **Carmel Leese** at (352) 751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com to let her know by Sunday evening if you are interested in playing. Courses are alternated weekly between being north or south of HWY 466. You can participate weekly or when your schedule allows as there is no weekly commitment required. If you haven't participated previously please include your Villages ID number. If you are interested in joining, contact Carmel.

Mah Jongg

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

- Mon. Oct. 3 home of **Carol Sellers** (352) 259-5410, 372 Hengan Place (Mallory Square)
 - Mon. Oct. 17 home of **Margaret Kaufman** (352) 750-4658, 2507 Beaumont Terr. (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

Summer Breakfasts

This summer AAUW breakfasts were hosted by **Jacquie Latzer** every Tuesday from 9-10:30 AM at Perkins Restaurant. The breakfasts were attended by about 15-22 members and guests each week, and generated \$75 in donations to our branch AAUW. During our regular meeting season from Oct. to May, these summer breakfasts will transition to neighborhood coffees as ways for us to become better acquainted with AAUW members in our neighborhoods.



*Seated (L to R) at the Aug. 9 breakfast are: **Cathy Cirocco, Carmel Leese, Rosella Valentine, Diane Reichert, Marge McQueston, Beth Hicks, Linda Macleod.** Standing (L to R) are: **Ginny Rivera, Diane Geach, Barbara Blatchford, Dorothy Dobbs, Gretchen Lewis, Joy Landre, Joan Irwin, Diane Jacobson, Carolyn Pasquale, Jacquie Latzer, Katherine Mason***

Neighborhood Coffees

Neighborhood Coffees will be taking place from Oct. through May. Getting together in each other's homes helps us to connect on another level, since it's often difficult to meet people at our large general meetings. Our goal is to keep these coffees very simple: a beverage, some fruit and perhaps muffins or rolls, so that it's not a burden for anyone and so that we can focus on time together. A Neighborhood Coffee may be a time to discuss AAUW goals and discover ways to participate within our chapter, or a time to just enjoy one another. It could also be a time to introduce a potential new member to the AAUW.

To make these coffees a success, we need hosts that will open their homes and invite their AAUW neighbors in. Hosts can select the date and will receive a list of contact information for AAUW members in their neighborhood. Many thanks to those volunteers who are opening their homes in October. So far, they are: **Lucille Michaels, Susanne Beason, Kathy Scott, Char Griffen, Ann Marie Lombardi, Emily Holman and Katie Haviland.** Invitations will be coming from them, if they have not already. Thanks, too, to **Bonnie Weaver, Jane Hewins and Carolyn Pasquale** who have volunteered for November. You can volunteer to be a host at a coffee you're attending or by contacting either **Susan Gold** (susangold28@gmail.com) 305-801-3292 or **Jacquie Latzer** (jacquie.latzer@gmail.com) 704-451-9886.

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New Members

Please welcome our newest Lake/Sumter branch members, whose information can be found in the 2016-17 membership booklet: **Dorothy Dobbs, Char Griffin, Beth Hicks, Joan Holtz, Joyce Landre, Mary Gretchen Lewis, Katherine Mason, June Webber** and student scholarship winners, **Katie Beason** and **Kate Reynolds**. We also welcome and ask you to write in your booklet the information for **Elette Drew**, who is not in our new membership book:

Elette M. Drew, 1701 Anthem Road, The Villages 32162 (Village of Poinciana)

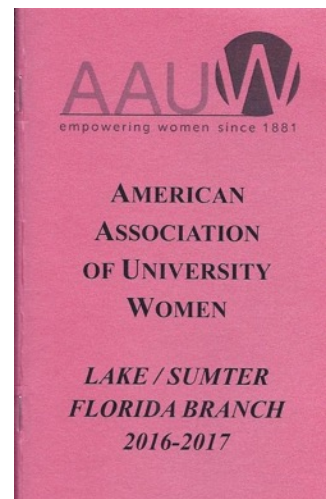
Phone: 352-633-7656 E-mail: ellettedrew@comcast.net

Western Michigan University, BA in English Education

All members who joined the Lake/Sumter AAUW after October 2015 will receive an invitation to attend a New Member's Coffee at Carol Zoellner's home on Oct. 29.

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

- Kelly Beason should read **Katie Beason**. Her email has changed to: kbeason42@gmail.com
- **Kathy Mason** moved to 3476 Ultra Court, The Villages, FL 32163 (Village of Hillsborough)
- Scholarship winner Ana Ruiz recently married. Her name is now **Ana Ruiz Torres**. Address: 3910 SW 29th Place, Ocala, FL 34474.



Scholarship Fundraiser

Again Richie Kleusener of Gold in Art Jewelers has donated a beautiful piece for our Local Scholarship Fundraiser. This year it is a beautiful 8-inch long 18 karat gold bracelet. Chance tickets are \$5 each; the value of the bracelet is well over \$6,000. All members are encouraged to take at least one packet of 10 tickets to purchase or sell to friends. 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.

Angel Books

Each year our AAUW branch collects donations of books for needy elementary school children in Lake and Sumter counties. These Angel Book donations will be collected at our monthly meetings from Oct. through Dec. The target this year is 4th grade to 6th grade level. Books must be new and unwrapped; no coloring books, workbooks, puzzle books, or books of a religious nature are accepted. These books go to county offices to be wrapped and distributed. If questions, contact **Emily Holman** (352) 750-0883 or holmanem@embarqmail.com.

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Get Out The Vote

Get Out The Vote (GOTV) initiatives are underway at our two partner colleges, Lake Sumter State College and Beacon College. At LSSC we participated in the Aug. 31 “Welcome Back Bash” where we registered 11 students to vote. On Sept. 1 at the Beacon College Club Fair, we distributed 15 pizzas and registered more than 15 students or provided them with forms to vote by absentee ballot in their home states. There is one GOTV event to go. On Oct. 7 we will participate in Parents’ Weekend at Beacon College, where we hope to register more students and perhaps a few parents to vote. *Pictured Aug. 31 at LSSC (L to R): Judy Bonn, Frankie Smith, Rosella Valentine, and Sharon Kiel, a local GOTV activist.*



State and National News

Legal Advocacy Fund

Thanks to all of you who support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) by participating in the 50/50 drawing at our monthly meetings. In Sept. we collected \$60 for the fund. By supporting LAF you help women and girls with Legal Case Support, Travel Grants and Campus Outreach Projects.

Tech Trek

Tech Trek is an AAUW summer camp that encourages young girls to pursue their interests in the STEM fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. At our Sept. 10 meeting, three local girls who attended Tech Trek shared their experiences with us. Tydra was most interested in building and programming a robot at Tech Trek. Sarah plans to study aeronautical engineering, hoping to become an astronaut. Olivia liked computer coding and DNA forensics. All three girls were grateful to have spent a week at Tech Trek learning from female role models in their fields.



Pictured (L-R): Tydra Weaver from Wildwood Middle High School; Sarah Whittle from The Villages Charter Middle School; and Olivia Fernandez from South Sumter Middle School

October 2016 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Mah Jongg	Mon. Oct. 3	1:30 PM	372 Hengan Pl. The Villages (352) 259-5410
Thursday Bridge	Oct. 6 & 20	1:00 PM	Call Mary Ann Swisher for location (352) 259-3739
Monthly Meeting	Sat. Oct. 8	10:00 AM	Bridgeport Rec, 1670 Lake Miona Dr. Villages (352) 750-1027
Monday Bridge	Oct. 10 & 24	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Mah Jongg	Mon. Oct. 17	1:30 PM	2507 Beaumont Terr. The Villages (352) 750-4658
Diversity Book Club	Tues. Oct. 19	1:30 PM	Freedom Pointe, 1550 El Camino Real, Villages (352) 751-3777
Winter Park Day Trip	Thur. Nov. 10	8:15 AM	Eisenhower Rec. 3560 Buena Vista Bl. Villages (518) 275-9466

AAUW Web Sites

National Web Site: aauw.org

State Web Site: florida-aauw.org

Branch Web Site: lakesumter-fl.aauw.net

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