

Presidents' Message

Well, here it is the end of another year in AAUW. This has been quite a busy year, and next year is fast approaching with Get Out the Vote drives for exciting elections. I guess it's time to take just a moment to look back and review our accomplishments.

Our branch now has its very own Facebook Page. This page is available to all, whether they have their own Facebook page or not.

This year Tech Trek reached out to more schools and nominated more girls since 60 girls would be able to attend. Happy to say that 6 of our nominees were chosen! We are on a roll!

We added Beacon College in Leesburg to our College/University Partners. Beacon is one of only two colleges in the United States for students with learning disabilities. Beacon College has chosen to participate in the AAUW \$tart \$mart program, and is presently working hard with AAUW to modify the program to accommodate learning disabled students.

A really fine speaker, Mike Enright, taught us what we should all know as Americans. After his presentation I went home and re-read the Constitution!

Amy Wixtead from The Villages Health showed us all the fine health programs available to us.

We had a panel discussion composed of women who worked in male dominated professions. The following month we saw a film from the PBS Women's Series discussing women's advancement through the years.

Once again Gold in Art donated a gorgeous set of jewelry that was won by a very lucky lady and our friend Rosella Valentine will see that the proceeds go to scholarships for our local college students.

In March we elected a fine slate of new officers for next year who will be installed at our Annual Meeting in May at Continental Country Club.

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For our fundraiser this year, the well-known household hints columnist Heloise appeared at the Savannah Center. Heloise was kind enough to donate her time and even pay her own airfare so that we will be able to keep almost all of the proceeds from ticket sales. Although the final numbers are not yet in, since about 600 tickets were sold, after expenses we should be able to realize somewhere between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. We thank Kathleen Keul and everyone who worked on her fundraising committee, and especially all the people who bought tickets. You made it happen!

Well, that brings me to the end of another year. Barbara Jones and I would like to thank every member of our branch who did so much to make so much happen this year. We may have been Co-Presidents, but none of this could have been done without each and every one of you. So thanks a million.

Barbara and I would also like to send good wishes and the best of luck to our new officers who will be installed in May:

Co-Presidents Anne Wilkins and Julee DeLa Rosa, Co-Presidents-Elect Susan Gold and Jacquie Latzer, Co-Program Directors Anne Schlick and Carol Zoellner, and Co-Finance Directors Joan Irwin and Diane Reichert.

Thank you all for a great year.

Judy Bonn and Barbara Jones, Co-Presidents, AAUW Lake/Sumter Branch

Graduation Invitation extended to AAUW Members

Good morning Rosella,

As always, I enjoyed speaking with you the other day. As I mentioned, Beacon's graduation will be held at Lakes Reception (Tavares) on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 11:00am. We would be honored if you or other members of AAUW would like to attend.

I hope you have a wonderful and enjoyable trip.

Best,
Steve Muller
Vice President of Institutional Development
and Communications

MESSAGE FROM ROSELLA...

Both of our newest scholarship winners will be with us at the May meeting, and I'm expecting that several of our previous winners will join us also to welcome Katie Beason and Kate Reynolds to their special club of AAUW scholarship recipients. Our young ladies are all planning to wear hats to this special event and I know the membership will be pleased to meet our newest student members and welcome them to the Lake-Sumter Branch of AAUW.

Rosella Todd Valentine, Chair
AAUW Scholarship Committee

Membership

Renewal letters will again be available at the May meeting. The remaining letters will be mailed after the meeting. Please return them before the end of June so your current information will be in the 2016-17 Membership Booklet.

Monday Bridge

This month, the Monday Bridge Group will play at 1 p.m. May 9 and 23 and will continue throughout the summer.

The host will be announced before each meeting. 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. For more information contact Mary Ann Swisher at 259-3739.

Book Club

AAUW Book Club 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 May 18 the book to be discussed is *The Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway. June's book is *The Chosen Path* by Donald Paul Wyman and July's book is *The Perfect Son* by Barbara Claypole White.

Reservations for May Meeting

It's time to celebrate as we install our new officers and scholarship winners at our annual luncheon on Saturday, May 21. Festivities will begin at 11:30 at the Continental County Club, 50 Continental Blvd, Wildwood, FL 34785. (Telephone: 352-748-0050). Located just east of Brownwood on CR 44 the Country Club has undergone a major renovation and the new manager, Tammy Todd, has greatly improved the food and decor in a picturesque setting which is sure to delight our members. Although this is not a high tea, if you would like to add a fancy hat to your fancy outfit please do so.

Reservations can be made by sending a check for \$15.00 made payable to Lake/Sumter AAUW. Mail to Linda Ferens, 1192 Fort Mill Court, The Villages, FL 32162. (Telephone 352-633-3175) Your check must arrive no later than May 17. Remember there is no general meeting in April.

Please indicate on your check your menu choice by number 1, 2, 3 from the following: All are served with tomato bisque soup, coffee or tea. A cash bar is available.

1 Veggie Hoagie: Ranch dressing, grilled mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, green peppers, black olives, banana peppers, provolone cheese.

#2 Chicken Salad Salad: Two large scoops of chicken salad on lettuce with tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes, walnuts, and choice of dressing.

#3 1/2 Breaded Pork Tenderloin on a bun. This is their house specialty.

See you there as together we celebrate!

To access our web information:

To find our branch online:
Make use of your search engines by using these keywords/phrases :

lake sumter aaup website

lake sumter aaup facebook

Don't forget – Your Internet searching tools are your BEST friends.

Thanks to Diane Reichart for the tip!

Furthering our STEM goal...

"The Untold History of Women in Science and Technology" is a website which contains stories and audio files on the success of Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We are all invited to share our stories.

www.whitehouse.gov/women-in-stem

And thanks again, Diane!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The AAUW LAKE/SUMTER branch has experienced a great year of activities, programs, community involvement with extensive participation by so many members. Providing for all of this takes volunteers from our membership to make each meeting and activity happen.

Listed below are some areas where we need volunteers for 2016-2017. Please consider where your talent may contribute to plans for 2016-17. Perhaps you would like to "co" with another member.

To volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Anne Wilkins at 352-430-0964 or ancwilk@yahoo.com.

Tech Trek/STEM AWARDS

Scholarship Fund

Hospitality

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? - There are numerous opportunities with the web - content development, reviews, proof reading, usability testing and so on. Content is supplied by Committees and the Newsletter. All content is submitted to AAUW-National website support for updates so you do not have to learn any software or be technical. If you are interested in taking on any part of this activity, please contact the Co-Presidents Elect.

Mah Jongg

May 2nd 1:30-3:30 Hostess June Love 1225
Morton Lane (/Bridgeport at Lake Sumter)
352/259-3967

May 16th 1:30-3:30 Hostess Anne Schlick
17301 SE 82nd Pecan Ter (Piedmont) 352/750-
1027

For the remainder of the summer, we will be
playing the 1st & 3th Mondays of the month. If
you are interested in playing, please call
Margaret Kaufman at 352/750-4658 to find the
location of the game.

Our condolences

We were saddened to hear the news of the
passing of Carolee Litwinka's husband, Mike.

A card or email reassuring Carolee would be a
kind gesture of comfort.

Please consult your membership booklet for
Carolee's information.

GOLF

The AAUW golfing group plays on Friday in the morning. The reservation is entered into the tee time system on Monday. Carmel must know by Sunday evening if you are interested in playing for the week. The requested tee time is between 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Golf courses are alternated weekly between those north or south of Hwy 466.

An email is sent to regular participants each week for Executive 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 6 digit Villages ID number. This number is required for entry into the tee time system. If you are interested in joining, contact Carmel at (352)-751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com.

Tech Trek/STEM

The nominees for AAUW Tech Trek summer camp have been selected and our Lake/Sumter branch had six of our twelve nominees chosen for the camp. We are especially pleased by the fact that the six students are from five of the six schools we contacted for nominees; The Villages Charter School, Wildwood Middle High School, Oak Park Middle School, South Sumter Middle School and Carver Middle School.

Our attention is now focused on the STEM awards which will be given to those eighth-grade girls who have shown the most improvement in Science and in Math during the 2015-16 school year. The awards will be distributed in-person at the awards ceremonies between May 16th and June 8th by our committee members in the aforementioned schools in addition to Tavares Middle School.

Linda Carpenter and I have thoroughly enjoyed our tenure as co-Coordiators for this committee for the last three years. As we step aside, we only hope that the new coordinators will pick up the reins to have as much of a rewarding experience and enjoyment as we have had.

Cathy Cirocco

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

OR

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

