



American Association of University Women Lake/Sumter Newsletter

February 2018

Presidents' Letter

Dear AAUW Sisters,

We have wonderful news! Thanks to the efforts of **Rosella Valentine** and others, we have secured a grant in the amount of \$4,800 from Mt. Dora Community Trust. This grant will allow us to send three girls to Tech Trek and add \$1,500 to our college scholarship fund. What a creative way to reach out to the community. Kudos!

Casino Night was a great evening, enjoyed by all, and now a lot more people know about AAUW and what we do and stand for. Each committee functioned beautifully but it was really leadership from the top that made Casino Night such a huge success. Special thanks to **Cathy Cirocco** and **Liz Schweers** for handling that job so well. Look for more details and thank you's in next month's Newsletter.

Our Co-President elect, **Frankie Smith**, who did such a good job executing details to make our Casino Night a success, has resigned her position due to family obligations requiring travel and attention in the next eighteen months. We are happy to report that **Kathy Mason** has been elected by your Board of Directors, as specified in our by-laws, to be our Co-President elect. Kathy has done a marvelous job as our Director of Communications. She and **Liz Schweers** already work well together and are making plans for their co-presidency in 2018-2019.

On Jan. 15, **Susan Gold** represented our branch on a state AAUW-sponsored conference call with a facilitator and 10 Florida AAUW Membership Directors. They discussed ideas for attracting and retaining members, which Susan will share with our Engaging and Retaining Membership Committee.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be Feb. 6 at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Annex. All are invited to attend.

Jacquie Latzer and Susan Gold, Co-Presidents

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Lake/Sumter Monthly Meeting

3D Printing Program on Feb. 10

The Feb. 10 meeting of our AAUW branch will feature Janalyn Peppel, educational specialist in 3D design, sales, & training. Janalyn works with K-12 teachers helping them integrate 3D printers into their curricula. Her presentation will consist of videos describing what is being done with 3D printers: prosthetics, customized shoes, cars, toys, medical needs and more. This presentation should give our members a glimpse of what 3D printers are capable of and how they might impact the future.



Janalyn Peppel

The meeting will be at Alamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Place in The Villages (from Buena Vista Blvd. turn west onto St. Charles Place at the Liberty Park sign). Doors will open at 9:15 AM for socializing, with the program beginning at 10 AM. Beverages and light snacks provided. Please remember to bring your donations for our annual children's book drive to the meeting (see page 7 for specifics).

January Meeting

Our speaker on Jan. 20 was Lisa Ware from Sun Trust of Orlando, who presented a thorough program about investing aimed at women retirees. **Anna Whipple** noted the following points: Lisa said that women are better at estate management than men and are often the ones who make family financial decisions. There are four ways to invest: banks (trusts), brokers, insurance, and annuities. Lisa's advice was to first reduce debt and lower spending to live on your retirement pension and social security. For managing your investment portfolio, pay attention to the fees charged to manage your account, look for stocks with dividend growth, and choose a broker who has certification, such as Certified Financial Planner. Lisa left us with the admonition to definitely be involved in the research and planning of our finances.

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 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00 PM. This month games will be held on Feb. 12 and 26. The Monday Group Leader is **Cindy Anderson** at (352) 430-5856 or email cmc37738@yahoo.com.
- The Thursday Bridge Group plays 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Feb. 1 and 15, at 1:00 PM. The Thursday Group Leader is **Lu Michaels** at (352) 750-0246 or email lum2800@gmail.com.

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Book Group

Our branch Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Peace Room at North Lake Presbyterian Church on Rolling Acres Road. On Feb. 21 **Ginny Rivera** will be leading a discussion of the book *Dead Wake* by Eric Larsen. Our book for Mar. 21 will be *The Violinist of Venice* by Alyssa Palombo. **Kate Manion** is in rehab for a fractured femur.

Golf

The Golf Group plays Friday mornings. If you are interested in joining, contact **Carmel Leese** (352) 751-0119 or crleese@gmail.com. Reservations are entered into the tee time system on Monday, so let Carmel know by Sunday evening if you want to play. Monday requested tee times vary each week depending on the weather forecast, within a window of 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Golf courses north of Hwy. 466 will be played the 1st and 3rd Fridays and courses south of Hwy. 466 will be played the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Dine Around

Judith Anderson organized an enjoyable Dine Around evening at Lopez Legacy Country Club on Nov. 27, attended by 8 Lake/Sumter AAUW members and escorts. Pictured below are:



(L-R) **Judy Bonn, Linda Carpenter, Stan Carpenter, Jim Mirda, Judith Anderson, Carol Zoellner**



(L-R) **Laurel & Howard Rowen, Bill & Blanche Boyne, Judith Anderson, Richard & Diane Reichert, Joan Irwin & Glen Irwin**

Finger Food & Fun

Our next AAUW Finger Food & Fun will be Sat., Feb. 3, from 5 PM to 6:30 PM at the home of **Maureen Dimmer**, 297 Norris Way in the Village of Caroline. Spouses and partners are invited. Please bring an appetizer and your choice of beverage. Call or email Maureen if you plan to attend: (317) 447-9519 or medimmer@gmail.com.

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Mah Jongg

Conversational Mah jongg is played at 1:00 PM the 1st and 3rd Mondays 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. February mah jongg games will be at these homes:
Feb. 5 **June Love** (352) 259-3967 17880 SE 89th Natchez Ave. (Village of Piedmont)
Feb. 19 **Katherine Howe** (631) 219-4289 1391 Eagle Ridge Dr. (Village of Liberty Park)

Singles

The AAUW Singles Group has a few events planned. We will be enjoying dinner with the Singing Servers at Katie Belle's on Feb. 2. **Carolyn Johnson** is hosting a get together for the group the evening of Feb. 24. On Mar. 25 we're going to the Melon Patch Theater in Leesburg to see *How To Succeed In Business*. If you'd like more information or want to be added to the Singles email list, call **Carolee Litwinka** (352) 750-0617 or email mctwinka@yahoo.com.

Special Events

Beacon College Salon Speaker Feb. 7

The Beacon College Salon Speaker Series presents lectures related to Florida history. On Feb. 7 at 7 PM actress Ersula Knox Odom will present a one-woman portrayal of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. This Salon Speaker event will be held in the Leesburg High School auditorium, 1401 Yellow Jacket Way (going south from The Villages, Yellow Jacket Way is left off US 441/27 after crossing W. Main St. The auditorium is in the building with the bell tower). AAUW branch members are invited to attend. There is no charge, but registration is requested. To register online, go to <https://beaconcollege.wufoo.com/forms/ersula-knox-odom-actress/>



Mary McLeod Bethune (1875 – 1955) was an American educator, stateswoman, philanthropist, humanitarian and civil rights activist. She was president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and founded the National Council of Negro Women. One of the organizers and the only female member of Franklin D. Roosevelt's [Black Cabinet](#), Bethune advised Roosevelt on black concerns and continued to advise four other U.S. presidents as well. Mary McLeod was born in South Carolina as the 15th child of former slaves, and started working in fields with her family at age five. She took an early interest in becoming educated, attended college and became a teacher. She started a school for black girls in Daytona Beach which later merged with the all-boys Cookman Institute to form Bethune-Cookman College. Bethune was president of the college, one of the few women in the world to serve as a college president at that time.

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Casino Night Fund Raiser

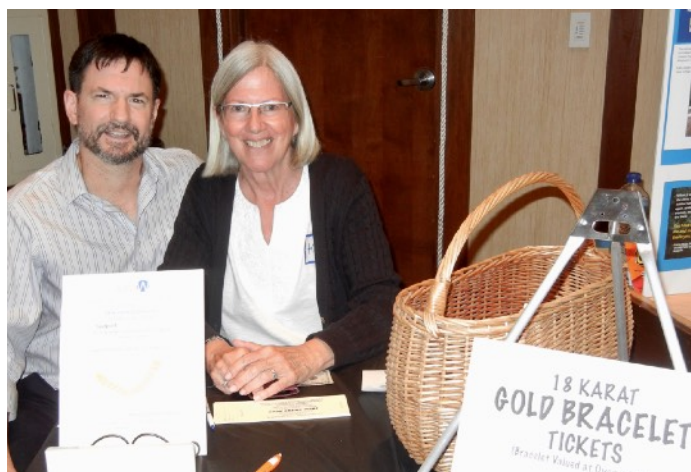
Our Jan. 27 Casino Night was thoroughly enjoyable, very well organized, beautifully executed and lots of fun. We couldn't have had a more enthusiastic and involved crowd. The fact that so many community members participated and had a chance to learn about AAUW Lake/Sumter made the evening a great success. The game tables were busy all night long with players stopping only to grab a snack or two from the trolleys as they passed by. Because the Casino Night dealers were so patient in helping novices figure out how to play the games, everyone seemed to enjoy participating. There were 23 prize drawings, along with one grand prize and two for the top two winners of the Texas Hold'em tournament. We are so excited that one of our own members, **June Webber** and her husband Bud won the gorgeous gold bracelet donated by Gold in Art Jewelers to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Congratulations, June!



Anna Whipple checks out the prizes on the stage while guests fill the gaming tables



Action at the slot machines, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold'em tables was heavy all evening



Richie Kluesener, Gold in Art Jewelers president, at the Scholarship table with Co-President elect **Kathy Mason**



Susan Gold, Jacquie Latzer, Anne Wilkins and **Diane Jacobson** at the prize ticket table

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Shopping FUN-d Raiser

Plans are being made for Shop for a Cause — an activity that will emphasize the “fun” in Fund Raiser. Changes Boutique in Lake Sumter Landing will contribute 15% of net sales to AAUW when we organize a group of women to shop in their store. **Diane Starr** and **Char Griffin** will be meeting in February to plan ways you can participate. Whether it's asking a group of friends to join you or joining a shopping expedition organized by our branch, you'll be able to enhance your wardrobe while raising money to support women and girls in Lake and Sumter counties.

MLK Breakfast

Our branch was represented at the recent Martin Luther King Jr. awards breakfast held at the Savannah Center on Sat., Jan. 13. Over 600 people were in attendance. In addition to honoring Dr. King, Dr. Lew Jones and his wife, **Barbara Jones** were also honored as the creators of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee, which awards scholarships to outstanding seniors at local high schools. This year eight scholarships were awarded and we were delighted to see that all eight were young women. One of the winners from last year was our own 2017 AAUW Scholarship winner **Hailey Mariner**.



Sitting together at the Jan. 13 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Savannah Center were AAUW members (*seated L-R*): **Cathy Cirocco**, Luis and **Julee DeLaRosa** and (*standing L-R*): **Tony Cirocco**, **Anne Wilkins**, **Anne Schlick**, **Liz Schweers** and **June Love**. **Barbara Jones**, **Judy Bonn**, **Susan Gold** and **Jacque Latzer** also attended the breakfast.

Branch News

Membership

We will continue accepting NEW members applications for half-year dues of \$40 throughout February. The half-year membership rate applies only to those are new to AAUW. Membership application forms are available from **Mary Ann Swisher** at mnjswisher@icloud.com. All of our memberships will expire on June 30, when payment for the 2018-19 year will be due. Member renewal forms for 2018-19 will be available at our Mar. 10 Monthly Meeting. Also, a few members still need to pick up their AAUW Lake/Sumter 2017-18 membership booklets at our Feb. or Mar. Monthly Meetings.

We have four new Lake/Sumter branch members. Please write their information into your membership booklet:

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Note: Lake/Sumter AAUW members' names appear in **bold** type in this Newsletter.
Text in [blue](#) type links to internet websites.

Childrens Book Drive

Our annual Book Drive for children in grades 2 through 6 has been extended to March 2018. Unwrapped new or well-loved books of all types except religious, coloring and game books are acceptable. Please bring your book donations to our Monthly Meetings or drop them off to **Emily Holman**, telephone (352) 750-0883. Our books this year will go to Tutors for Kids, which has tutors throughout Central Florida. The program for our Mar. 10 Monthly Meeting will feature speakers who are Tutors for Kids volunteers.

February 2018 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION & CONTACT
Thursday Bridge	Feb. 1 & 15	1:00 PM	Call Lu Michaels for location (352) 750-0246
AAUW Singles	Feb. 2 & 24	TBD	Call Carolee Litwinka (352) 750-0617 (see page 4)
Finger Food & Fun	Sat. Feb. 3	5-630 PM	(see page 3 for details and sign-up procedure)
Mah Jongg	Feb. 5 & 19	1:00 PM	(see page 4 for host and location)
Mary Bethune Talk	Wed. Feb. 7	7 PM	Leesburg High School Auditorium (see page 4)
Monthly Meeting	Sat. Feb. 10	9:30 AM	Allamanda Rec Center, 1515 St. Charles Place (see page 2)
Monday Bridge	Feb. 12 & 26	1:00 PM	Call Cindy Anderson for location (352) 430-5856
Book Group	Wed. Feb. 21	10:30 AM	Peace Room, North Lake Presbyterian Church (352) 633-0241
River Cruise Day Trip	Wed. Mar. 7	8:30 AM	coordinator: Katie Haviland (352) 674-0171

AAUW Web Sites

National Web Site: aauw.org
 State Web Site: aauw-fl.aauw.net
 Branch Web Site: lakesumter-fl.aauw.net

Editor's Note:

I will not be editing the AAUW Newsletter after May 2018, but I'd be happy to show my successor how it's done before I step down. Skills required are email proficiency, familiarity with a word processing system such as Microsoft Word or Apple Pages and some ability to work with photographs. This job can be done in your own home.

Please contact me if you'd like more information.

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