

LAKE/SUMTER NEWSLETTER

September, 2018



Lake/Sumter branch of AAUW is committed to a diverse community that stimulates a culture of learning and understanding and enhances a member's experience. We aspire to create an inclusive and equitable branch that represents, supports, and celebrates diversity of all kinds.



Co-Presidents Kathy and Liz

PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer enjoying travel, family and time for fun and relaxation. Meanwhile, your AAUW Board has been busy with June and August meetings and committee planning for this year's activities and programs. We thank Jacquie Latzer and Susan Gold, our immediate past co-presidents, for spearheading the many activities for 2017-18 and for their vision for the future.

Once again, the summer breakfasts, this year at the Bob Evans restaurant at Colony, proved to be most enjoyable. We welcomed several new members, thanks in large part to our welcoming co-hostesses: Marianne Bender-Powell and Dorothy Dobbs. We hope that you will continue to meet with members this year in smaller neighborhood social get-togethers throughout the year. Take a look at your neighborhood lists and consider hosting an event. We are confident that you will enjoy the excellent programs that Co-Program Chairs Diane Reichert and Dorothy Dobbs have planned for us this year. Check out the listing of the dates and topics for each month in this newsletter and mark your calendars now. All of these general meetings will be held at the Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Place. The first meeting will be held Saturday, September 15, from 9:15-noon. We will have time for socializing and enjoying coffee together prior to beginning the formal program at 10:00. There will be a short business meeting followed by Dr. Laurence Martin, M.D. who will be speaking on the topic of ethics in the ICU. Dr. Martin is author of the book "We Can't Kill Your Mother".

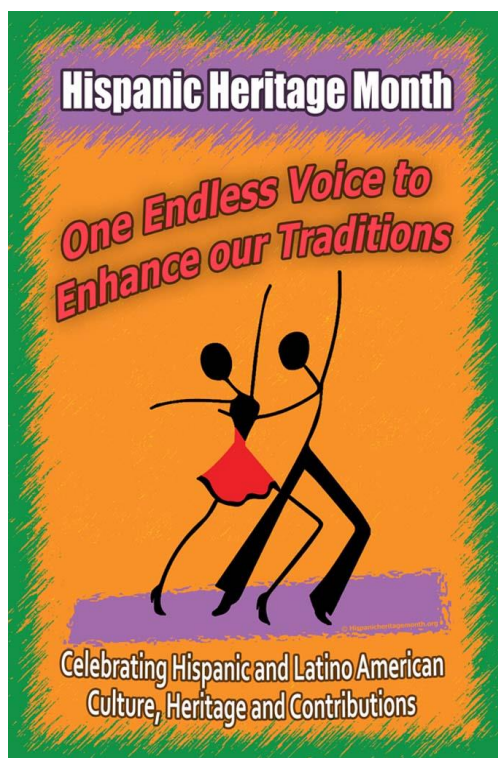
Looking ahead we will be having several smaller fundraising events as opposed to one big event this year. If you have ideas for events you have either participated in or think you would like to participate in, please contact Carolee Litwinka and/or Linda Ferens, co-Presidents' elect and fundraising coordinators.

If you have been wanting to get involved in AAUW but weren't sure where, here are some current openings: co-Chair of Finance, Webmaster for the Branch website, Public Policy representative, as well as most committees. AAUW is as strong as its members make it!

A FINAL NOTE: Please remember our dear sisters: Anne Schlick--recuperating from a fall and subsequent surgeries; Margaret Kaufman--recuperating from a fall and surgery; Ellen Thompson--recuperating from a fall; Kate Manion--recuperating from a fall and surgery; Sharon Squires--recovering from surgery. If you know of a sister who is experiencing health or other issues, please let our Sunshine Coordinator Linda Macleod (352-633-9642) know so that she can send an appropriate card.

We hope you will participate in and enjoy this exciting new 2018-19 AAUW year!

September is Hispanic Heritage Month



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. The Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

The 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is “**Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions.**” The theme invites us to reflect on Hispanic American’s tradition, history and culture.

September Meeting

September 15, 2018, begins our new year for general branch meetings and programs. The AAUW doors open at 9:15 a.m. at Allamanda Rec Center (1515 St. Charles Place, The Villages) for us to share summer stories and coffee with our returning members and to meet our new members. If you are aware that a guest with disabilities may need specialized assistance, please advise the program chairpersons a week in advance and the necessary accommodations will be made.

At 10:00 there will be a short business meeting followed by our speaker, Dr. Lawrence Martin. His topic will be **Ethics in the ICU**. Dr. Martin is the author of his 2001 book, *We Can't Kill Your Mother* and will be sharing examples about patients he personally cared for in the Mt. Sinai Hospital ICU in Cleveland, Ohio. He will present several cases in his talk about end-of-life decision making and include updated information on this important topic of medical and ethical challenges in the ICU.

We will distribute nametags at the beginning of this meeting. Instead of the usual end-of-meeting collection, you will keep your nametag and wear it to each meeting and other AAUW events and activities. This gives us yet another opportunity to be more consistent with our branch's brand. We will still hand out table assignments to encourage networking and friendship.

Names and Dates to Remember

Time: 9:15-12 noon; - **Location:** Allamanda Recreation Center, 1515 St. Charles Place, The Villages

2018: September 15	2019: January 19
October 20	February 16
November 17	March 16
December 8	April 20
	May 18

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board of Directors:

Co-Presidents: Kathy Mason and Liz Schweers
Co-Presidents Elect: Linda Ferens and Carolee Litwinka
Co-Program Directors: Diane Reichert and Dorothy Dobbs
Co-Membership Directors: Diane Jacobson and Mary Ann Swisher
Co-Finance Directors: Bea Newell and vacant position
Co-Secretaries: Linda Carpenter and Anne Wilkins
Director of Fundraising: Co-Presidents Elect will oversee mini fundraisers
Director of Public Policy: vacant position
Director of Communications: Jacquie Latzer,

Committee Chairs:

40 Year Anniversary: Anne Wilkins, Liz Schweers, Co-Chairs,
Bylaws: to be appointed
Diversity and Inclusion: Linda Carpenter, Chair
Hospitality/Sunshine: Linda Clark and Sharon Squires, Co-Chairs
Membership: Mary Ann Swisher and Diane Jacobson Co-Chairs
Nominating: tba in October
Policies: Judy Bonn, Diane Reichert and Ann Wilkins
Scholarship Committee: Carolyn Johnson, Chair

Membership News

We have 133 members as of August 1.

New membership booklets, which will include those who joined during the summer, will be available for pickup at the September meeting. New members not in the book will be included starting in the October newsletter.

The New Member Coffee, hosted by Diane Jacobson and Mary Ann Swisher, will be held Saturday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m., at the home of Barbara Jones, 2294 Pawleys Island Path. Invitations will be mailed in October.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Scholarship Committee chair is Carolyn Johnson. Members of the committee are Barbara Fisler, Kathy Mason, Diane Jacobson, Laurel Rowen, Gretchen Lewis, and Marge McQueston. The committee hopes to get our scholarship winners to one of our upcoming monthly meeting.

AAUW LAKE SUMTER BRANCH 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Lake / Sumter Branch of AAUW. A brunch and celebratory activities are being planned for March 16, 2019, at the Allamanda Recreation Center. Presentations on the branch's past and present will celebrate our branch and projections for the future will indicate our direction. Tickets for the event will be available starting at the October meeting.

Liz Schweers and Anne Wilkins are co-chairs and currently on the committee are Linda Clark, Barbara Jones, Susanne Beason, Mary Ann Swisher, Anne Schlick, Joan Irwin, Diane Reichert, and Ginny Rivera. Carolyn Johnson and Connie Konatsotis are also working on presentations.

If you have any thought regarding the celebration, please contact one of us and, of course, if you would like to be on the committee, please contact Anne or Liz.

In preparation for the Lake / Sumter 40th anniversary bash in March, I have been reviewing our branch records. While many old records are gone, we are missing membership directories from the following years: 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014.

If you have any of these directories and would be willing to either donate or loan it to me, you would be a big help. Thanks very much. Ginny Rivera

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The Diversity Committee is re-forming after the Board approved the plan developed by the ad hoc committee last spring. Linda Carpenter will be chairing this effort; please let her know if you are interested in serving on the committee.

AAUW SUMMER HAPPENINGS



It Takes A Village

A special Thank You from Susan and Jacquie to many who helped make this a successful year.



Scholarship Winners

Suzanne Chaar (far left) and Deena Geisel with AAUW Scholarship Chair Carolyn Johnson.

AAUW and the Circuit 5 Human Trafficking Symposium

On Thursday, June 21, Diane Reichert organized several AAUW volunteers to assist the Circuit 5 Human Trafficking Symposium Task Force by organizing and serving coffee and cookies to attendees.

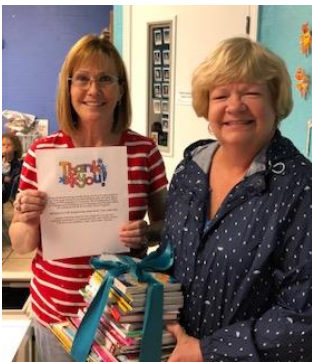
The Fifth Judicial Circuit is composed of five counties: Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter; the Symposium was held at the Assembly of God Church on U.S. 301. The training is provided for representatives from several Florida area agencies impacted by human trafficking. This was a great opportunity to promote our AAUW branch brand to a diverse group of area agencies. Many thanks to AAUW volunteers: Diane Reichert, Linda Ferens, Blanche Boyne, Susan Gold, Karen Pickelsimer, Joan Irwin, Liz Schweers, and a potential new member: Elizabeth Hall. Our local Publix Manager in Southern Trace (466) donated 20 dozen cookies.



Summer Breakfasts

A great way to spend the summer Tuesday mornings.

VPK Study Activities



LWV and AAUW donated funds that were used to purchase books. These books were given to programs as a thank you for taking part in the VPK Study. AAUW member Gail Formanack is presenting a package of books to a local VPK provider.

EqualiTea



The annual EqualiTea to celebrate winning the women's vote was held with League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County on August 17. LWV-Tri President Beth Hicks along with AAUW co-presidents Liz Schweers and Kathy Mason are pictured with speakers Lisa Marshall, Regional Director for Senator Bill Nelson, and Leslie Campione, Lake County Commissioner. What a great afternoon! A special thanks to dual member Carolyn Johnson for chairing this event! (Pictured left to right: Beth Hicks, Lisa Marshall, Liz Schweers, Leslie Campione, Kathy Mason).

INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge

Lake / Sumter AAUW offers two bridge groups. Dates of bridge games are emailed to members. Members must respond to emails to get notification of the next game. Game locations are scheduled on a date-to-date basis, with members volunteering to host in their homes. Days before the 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.

- The Monday Bridge Group plays on the 2nd and 4th Monday's at 1:00 PM. Games in September will be held on September 10 and 24. The Monday Group Leader is Cindy Anderson (352-430-5856; cmc37738@yahoo.com).
- The Thursday Bridge Group plays on the 1st and 3rd Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. Games will be held on September 6 and 20.

Diversity Book Discussion Group meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Peace Room of North Lake Presbyterian, 975 Rolling Acres Road, Lady Lake.

Date	Title	Author	Discussion Leader
Sept 19	The Middle Place	Kelly Corrigan	Linda MacLeod
October 17	The Buddha in the Attic	Julie Otsuka	Peg Tabor
November	No Meeting		
December	Holiday Luncheon		
January 16	A Little Life	Hanya Yanagihara	Linda Fogg
February 20	Writing My Wrongs	Shaka Senghor	Judy Reinhardt
March 20	Educated	Tara Westover	Linda Carpenter
April 17	The Soul of America	Jon Meacham	Carolyn Moores
May 15	Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey	Candice Millard	Kate Manion
June 19	The Cailiffs of Baghdad, Georgia	Mary Helen Stefaniak	Kathy Mason
July 17	The House of Broken Angels	Luis Alberto Urrea	Blanche Boyne

Great Decisions Group

Once again AAUW will host a Great Decisions discussion group in 2019. Diane Jacobson and Carol Richardson will lead the eight weeks of discussions in January and February, with a **change in day to Monday**. We will continue to have two sessions one at 8:30 a.m. and the other at 10:05 a.m. We will be meeting again in the Sumter County Villages Annex Conference Room, 8033 East CR 466. In October, the Foreign Policy Association will announce the topics and the briefing book cost. All AAUW members are invited to sign up at no cost other than the price of the book. Non-members may attend as a guest; we ask that they make a \$20 donation to AAUW. Sign up and payments will be due in December.

SEPTEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION AND CONTACT
Thursday Bridge	September 6 and 20	1:00 p.m.	Contact Cindy Anderson for info, 352.430.5856 email at cmc37738@yahoo.com
Board Meeting	September 11	10 AM	Sheriff Annex Building
Monthly Meeting	September 22	9:15 a.m.	Allamanda Rec Center
Monday Bridge	September 20 and 24	1:00 p.m.	Call Cindy Anderson for location 352.430.5856
Singles		TBD	Call Carolee Litwinka for information 352.750.0617
Book Group	Wed September 19	10:30 a.m.	North Lake Presbyterian Church



EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Jo Anne's shoes will be hard to fill. Together we will work to get the information out to all our members in this monthly newsletter.

Remember, Patience is a Virtue and I will do the best I can, but it will be a learning curve!

Submissions for October will be due September 20. Please note that is lower case L (for Lake) not a number 1 in the email address.

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