

LAKE/SUMTER NEWSLETTER

November 2019



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.

President's Message



The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness. Many women attending our meeting on October 19 showed their support by wearing an item of clothing in pink. Six of our members who are breast cancer survivors told of their experiences and how they were encouraged by family and friends. The latest diagnostic techniques were explained in a power point presentation by a representative from Lake Medical Imaging. A big "Thank You" to our program co-chairs Dorothy Dobbs and Marianne Bender-Powers.

This "Thank You" is from a new member; we thought was worth sharing.

Hi Liz and Carol, I'm thinking all kinds of good thoughts about my first meeting today as a member of AAUW. So, I'm writing to say thank you for the warm welcome. To arrive and find a name tag already made, a directory with my name on it made me feel as though I was welcome and belonged there. All the ladies were so welcoming...the whole vibe of the room was positive. The program was outstanding: informative and the ladies sharing their stories made it human and personal. Kudos to all you worker bees who make this such a dynamic group. I look forward to future positive experiences in AAUW. RaeAnn

2019-2020 promises to be an exciting year for all new members and those who have been here for a while. Please keep reading and find out how you can participate in this adventure.

Carolee and Linda

Public Policy

FL State AAUW has announced 2020 Lobby Days as January 21 and 22, 2020. Send Diane Reichert a quick email (reicherto5@gmial.com) if you have an interest in attending. There is a small stipend to help with hotel costs.

Meetings

October Meeting Sights

It was a sea of pink for Breast Cancer Awareness! Following an update from Lake Medical Images, several AAUW members shared their stories. We were reminded that if we have breasts and birthdays, we are at risk for breast cancer. When is *your* next mammogram????



Saturday, November 16

We are acknowledging our women veterans from Korea, Vietnam, and our current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The meeting will feature a patriotic theme, and all are encouraged to wear **red**, white, and **blue**.

Saturday December 7

Our branch Holiday Party will be held on December 7 at Continental Country Club, which is on County Road 44 in Wildwood. The cost for the buffet lunch will be \$25. There will also be entertainment. Tickets will be available at the November meeting.

Membership

We have added one new member this month, so our total membership is 147. So far this year our branch has 24 new members. Our Membership Committee is hard at work planning a New Members Coffee to welcome these new members. A special “Thank You” to Anne Sobocinski for offering to host this event in her home. Please correct the spelling of Anne’s last name in your membership directory; corrected spelling is *Sobocinski*. Also, please correct the spelling of Espi Walmsley’s last name of name in your directory; corrected spelling is *Walmsley*.

In addition, please welcome the following new members and add their information to your membership directories.

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Fundraising

Belk's Charity Sale: November 9, 2019

Don't forget to shop Belk's Charity Sale Saturday, November 9! If you can't make it that day, you can shop any day during the week before the sale, and they will hold your package(s) for pick up until the 9th. . .or whenever you can get back to the store.

Spice and Tea Exchange Fundraiser: December 1 – 7, 2019

Please see page 14 for details about this special fundraiser. Special thanks to Tea and Spice for the commitment to AAUW and our scholarship program.

Jewelry Drawing: February 23, 2020



Tickets are now available for the beautiful 14 karat gold mesh bracelet donated by Gold in Art Jewelers and valued at \$4,000. Suggested donation for each ticket is \$5. But why not take a packet of 5 or 10 and sell them to your neighbors, friends, and family? The drawing will be at the Music of the Night Dinner and Show on February

23, 2020; winners do not need to be present. Call Carolyn Johnson or see her at the November General Meeting to get your tickets. Each ticket sold supports our Scholarship Program. And visit Gold in Art Jewelers at 103 Clay Avenue in Lady Lake; tell them you're from AAUW.

Music of the Night Dinner and Show: February 23, 2020



Please see page 15 for the details about this special evening. And save the date or, better yet, make your reservation soon. Reservation forms are on our website, and they will be available at the November General meeting, the December Holiday Party, and the January General Meeting. Contact Anne Wilkins for answers to your questions about this event.

And remember: this fundraiser is open to the public so share the flyer with your friends and neighbors.

Women of Distinction: As part of the Music of the Night event, we will also recognize women who have distinguished themselves and have been influential in their fields and, as such, have had an impact on society. We are asking you to suggest such a woman whom you would like to see recognized. Please think broadly about women who have been influential in all kinds of professions from medicine and politics to teaching, sports, finance, and technology among others. Among the names already sent to me are Maria Montessori, Barbara Walters, Condoleeza Rice, and Sally Ride. Please send your suggestion to me, Anne Wilkins, at ancwilk@yahoo.com. Please include fields of endeavor or accomplishment. Hoping to open my email this week to many suggestions.

International Food Tasting and Dance Performance

The International Food Tasting and Dance Performance fundraiser was a success! A sold-out crowd of 100 people attended and enjoyed food samples from nine restaurants/vendors: The Ancient Olive, Brisas del Mar, Francesco's, Koyame Asian Express, Pho Sai Gon, The Polish Deli, The Red Rooster Cookie Jar, Takis, and The Villages Grown.

Judy Reinhardt also provided a chop salad, and Linda Carpenter provided additional cookies. In addition, guests munched on tortilla chips and deviled eggs while they waited for the buffet to begin. The evening ended after The Villages International Folk Dancers entertained guests with dances from countries in Eastern Europe.

Beyond income from reservations, we received donations and proceeds from a 50-50 drawing. In all, we netted just under \$2,000 for scholarships and camperships.

Thanks to the Diversity Committee for planning and hosting this event: Cathy Cirocco, Jeannie Hamilton, Judy Reinhardt, and co-chairs Jacquie Latzer and Linda Carpenter. And a special thank you to Linda Schnoll who coordinated the decorations and created the centerpieces.

Scenes from the International Food Tasting & Dance Performance



Help Wanted



Board Openings

There are several Board openings...please see Linda or Carolee for details if you are interested: Co-Chair of Finance, Webmaster for the branch website, College/University Partner Relations, and Speakers' Bureau. Fundraising also is looking for some workers for upcoming events. Contact Diane Jacobson to volunteer at fundraisers. Also, Angel Books Coordinator who collects books and donate them to Tutors for Kids who distributes them to the schools.

Scholarship News



Josie Goodman, one of this year's scholarship winners received the Daisy Award for excellence in the care she provides for the women, children, and babies of our community. Josie is attending Lake Sumter State College to earn her RN and reports how much she appreciates our help. She reports that she is making As in her classes this fall.

Community News



Beacon College

Beacon College has announced its Salon Series for 2019-2020. Inspired by the Paris salons of the Enlightenment, the series offers interesting and stimulating presentations along with “heavy hors d’oeuvres” (read: “dinner”). The November 20 Speaker is Mike Tougias on *JFK and The Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Admission is free but a reservation is required. Get more information about the full series [here](#). What a great opportunity for knowledge and entertainment at no cost! Why not get a group together and attend?

Activities

Singles Group



Kathy Mason, Peg Tabor, Nancy Hartshorn, Liz Schweers, Helen Ware, Kate Manion, and Carolee Litwinka (pictured L to R) from our branch Singles Group enjoyed a day trip together on October 16 to the Tampa Aquarium. The outing included a boat trip and lunch at the Columbia Restaurant Café in Ybor City.

Great Decisions



Great Decisions 2020, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, is an 8-week program during which we study and discuss the following topics: Climate Change and the Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U. S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China's Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the U.S., and Artificial Intelligence and Data. Diane Jacobson and Carol Richardson will be the session moderators.

Sign up for either Session One from 8:30 a.m. until 9:55 a.m., or Session Two from 10:05 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. All meetings will be held at the Sumter County Villages Annex Conference Room, 8033 East CR 466 on **Mondays**: January 6, 13, and 27; February 3, 10, 17, and 24; and March 2 (no meeting January 20)

AAUW members can participate at no cost; non-members who wish to participate are asked to donate \$20 to AAUW Lake/Sumter. Briefing books are optional for all participants, but it is advised that you either purchase one on-line through the Foreign Policy Association or opt for Diane Jacobson to order it for \$32 each. Her deadline for ordering briefing books is December 7.

Email Diane Jacobson (chasanddi@embarqmail.com) if you would like to participate.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast: January 11, 2020

The Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship award breakfast will be January 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Savannah Center. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Our branch has already filled one table for 10 and we have reserved another. If you are interested in attending and would like to sit at an AAUW table, contact Barbara Jones

Indo-American Club Taste of India: November 2, 2019

The Indo-American Club will be hosting a Taste of India November 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Rohan Recreation Center. There will be 15 to 16 food items from all over India, and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Shashi Marweh (412-720-8048; marwahshashi@gmail.com) for information and tickets.

Mah Jongg

Our November meetings will be held at the following members' homes:

- November 3 -- The game will be held at the home of Barbara Fisler, 471 Gaskin Lane (Village of Amelia), The Villages, FL 32162. Phone: (352) 446-0039; email: kiddielit5@comcast.net
- November 18 – The game will be held at the home of Anne Schlick, 5768 E. CR 466, Apt. 1455 (Elan), The Villages, FL 32162. Please note that this is Anne's new address at Elan apartments. Phone: (352) 750-1027; email: aroyrogers@centurylink.net

Please call or email the hostess by the Saturday preceding the game so she can arrange for tables and game sets.

And please note that Carol Sellers will continue teaching a beginning class for those members desiring to learn how to play mah-jongg.

Bridge

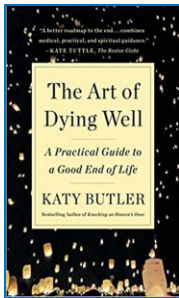
The Monday Bridge Group plays on the second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 p.m. This month's games will be held on October 14 and 28. The Monday Group Leader is Cindy Anderson at (352)430-5856 or cmc37738@yahoo.com

Thursday Bridge is held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Members offer to host. Any member interested in playing regularly the first and third Thursdays please

send your name, phone number, and email address to Mary Ann Swisher
(mnjswisher@icloud.com)

Book Club: November 20

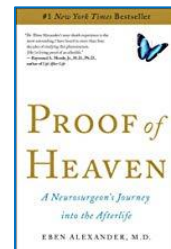
At the November book club meeting, members will have the choice of reading one of three books, all dealing with related themes. Kate Manion, Ginny Rivera, and Cathy Cirocco will lead the combined discussion of all three books.



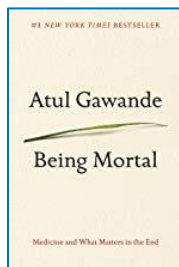
The Art of Dying Well by Katy Butler. A book about living as well as possible for as long as possible and adapting successfully to change. Through helpful insights and inspiring true stories, the reader learns how to thrive in later life (even when coping with a chronic medical condition), how to get the best from our health system, and how to make our own “good death” more likely by making our death a sacred rite of passage rather than a medical event. This handbook of preparations—practical, communal, and spiritual—will help you make the most of your remaining time, be it decades, years, or months.

OR

Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander. The author, a neurosurgeon who became ill and experienced a near death experience, tells the story of his 7-day coma during which he journeyed beyond this world. An angelic being guided him into the deepest realms of super-physical existence, where he met and spoke with the Divine source of the universe itself.



OR



Being Mortal by Atul Gawande. The hardest challenge of the medical profession is to not only improve life, but also the process of its ending. In the inevitable condition of aging and death, the goals of medicine often run counter to the interest of the human spirit. In their commitment to extending life, medical practitioners carry out devastating procedures that in the end, extend suffering.

Diversity Book Club 2019-20 Reading List

| Date | Title | Author | Discussion Leader(s) |
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| Nov 20 | <i>The Art of Dying Well; Being Mortal; OR Proof of Heaven</i> | Katy Butler, Arul Gawande, Eber Alexander | Kate Manion, Ginny Rivera, and Cathy Cirocco |
| Dec 18 | <i>Holiday Luncheon</i> | | |
| Jan 15 | <i>Carnegie's Maid</i> | Marie Benedict | Mary Ann Swisher |
| Feb 19 | <i>The Girl with Seven Names</i> | Hyeonseo Lee | Diane Jacobson |
| March 18 | <i>The Jungle</i> | Upton Sinclair | Peg Tabor |
| April 15 | <i>America for Beginners</i> | Lea Franqui | Linda Carpenter |
| May 20 | <i>The Bluest Eye</i> | Toni Morrison | Ginny Rivera |
| June 17 | <i>The Island of the Sea Women</i> | Lisa See | Sue Nelson |
| July 15 | <i>Our Souls at Night</i> | Kent Haruf | Carmel Leese |
| Aug 20 | <i>Select Books for Next Year</i> | | Kate Manion |

Calendar

| Time | Dates | Event | Location and Contact |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Board Meeting | November 5 | 10 AM | Sheriff Annex Building |
| Monthly Meeting | November 16 | Doors Open at 9:15 a.m. | Allamanda Recreation Center |
| Singles | | | Contact Kathy Mason for Info: Kmason0826@gmail.com |
| Mah Jongg | November 4 | 1:00 p.m. | Barbara Fislser: (352) 446-0039; kiddielit5@comcast.net |
| Mah Jongg | November 18 | 1:00 p.m. | Anne Schlick: (352) 750-1027; aroyrogers@centurylink.net |
| Monday Bridge | November 11 and 25 | 1:00 p.m. | Cindy Anderson (352-430-5856); cmc37738@yahoo.com) |
| Thursday Bridge | November 7 and 21 | 1:00 p.m. | Mary Ann Swisher mnjswisher@icloud.com . |
| Book Club | November 20 | 10:30 a.m. | North Lake Presbyterian Church |

EDITOR'S MUSINGS



Deadline for the December newsletter will be **November 20**. I leave for a one-week cruise on November 23, so early or on time is SO APPRECIATED. Special thanks to super editor and tutor Linda Carpenter. Please continue to use the newsletter email address below for submissions.

Flyers for two major fund raisers are included in this email. Spread the word!

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Local: <https://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net>



American Association of University Women
Lake/Sumter Branch

DEC 1 – 7, 2019 FUND-RAISER

For the third year our dear supporter, Jody Nelson, owner of The Spice & Tea Exchange in Brownwood, The Villages, will donate 10% of her sales to AAUW when you shop there from December 1 - 7, 2019

Make your shopping count

Shop at The Spice & Tea Exchange between December 1 - 7, and you will be giving 3 ways:

- Supporting local women and girls that benefit from the scholarships that AAUW's Lake/Sumter Branch provides
- Supporting a local, woman-owned business
- Giving gifts to others and/or to yourself

So, shop and tell your friends to do the same. In addition to fine herbs, spices, teas and salts, the store has many other gifts appropriate for hostess gifts, stocking stuffers, holiday gifts and all other forms of gift giving – and personal enjoyment too!



**Support Local
Women and Girls**

**The Spice & Tea
Exchange**

**Partners with
AAUW**

**Find gifts for
everyone**

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OF BROWNWOOD**

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Mon-Sat, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sun, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm



**AAUW FUNDRAISER
TICKETS: \$75**

Dinner Music featuring
The Shades of Blue Octet

Dinner by
La Hacienda Catering

Show with
Lindy & Greg Pendzick

THE DINNER

Your sit-down dinner comes with a choice of one of three entrees, salad, rolls, a vegetable side, and dessert. Iced tea, water and coffee are included. There is a Cash Bar for other beverages.

You'll find the complete menu on the *Music of the Night Reservation Form*.

THE SHOW

An hour long show of song and dance featuring music of the '60s as well as Broadway favorites performed by Lindy & Greg Pendzick will make *Music of the Night* a night to remember. This talented duo have been starring members of a professional theatre in Tennessee as well as headline performers on the *American Empress* riverboat.

Links to their performances can be found on the *Programs, Meetings, Fund Raising* tab on our website:

<https://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net>

RESERVATIONS

To reserve your place, complete a reservation form. You may obtain forms on the *Programs, Meetings, Fund Raising* tab on our website,

<https://lakesumter-fl.aauw.net>

or by contacting

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Tables are assigned in the order reservations are received. **For the best seats, reserve now!**

THINGS TO KNOW

- This annual fundraiser supports our college scholarships and Tech Trek programs.
- Past recipients will speak briefly after the dinner.
- Donations will be accepted during the event, so bring cash, check or credit cards.
- The drawing for the gold bracelet donated by *Gold in Art Jewelers* will be held at the end of the evening. Winner does not need to be present.

