

- **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP for 2015-16**
- **Rest of 2014-15 MEMBERSHIP FREE FOR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOIN NOW**

March 11, 2015...Annual Fundraiser

The Broadway hit, **MY FAIR LADY**, will be playing exclusively for Clearwater AAUW on the evening of March 11, 2015, to help raise scholarship funds that benefit women and girls like those attending St. Petersburg College or going to Florida AAUW's Tech Trek Camp. Along with the play, we also have a Silent Basket Fair for the same purpose. We still need help with contributions for the Basket Fair and with setting up the evening of the performance. Let us know how you would like to help. **Donations of baskets to be displayed or gift cards and fillers for baskets will be gratefully received.** Please call or email Carol Zeph, Jan Stephens, or Dana Garlick if you have any contributions to make. Your help is needed. Carol has tickets to distribute for you to sell. These tickets will go fast once people hear about the musical. We ask a donation of \$30.00 a seat. It's open seating. We ask a little more because we are raising funds for the scholarships.



Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art Outing...March 21

Let's have a fun outing! Members and their friends are cordially invited to meet at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art on the St. Petersburg College Tarpon Springs campus on 600 Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs. It is the beginning of the **65th Annual Florida Artists Group Exhibition** which began on March 1. View the original works of 90 artists, representing 10 areas in the state, as they compete for juried awards in a variety of media. A \$5.00 fee per person will guarantee a docent who will share information about the exhibits for the group. Afterwards, lunch can be arranged individually. One suggested site is the Tarpon Turtle on Tarpon Lake, which is just across Route 19, if friends would like to continue their day together. **Please call or email Barbara Perkins if you would like to go. (Map on page 2)**



General Branch Meeting: Meet the Author and "Walk Through American Women's History via Doris Weatherford's Books"

**Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m....in Clearwater's Main Library on
Osceola Street.**

Members, students, and friends are invited to meet Doris Weatherford, long-time author of women in history and women's rights activist. "Doris Weatherford has been publishing books on women's history for over thirty years. Her first was *FOREIGN AND FEMALE: IMMIGRANT WOMEN IN AMERICA*, 1840-1930. Published in 1986, it was revised and expanded in 1995. *KIRKUS REVIEWS* said of it, "absorbing chapters full of quotations from original letters and diaries...meticulous research, vibrant reading." For

more information go to: <http://www.members.authorsguild.net/dweatherford/index.htm> Join us Saturday, March 28.

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Dana Garlick and I had the honor of interviewing the six young ladies from Clearwater Fundamental who sent in applications for the TECK TREK Camp that Florida AAUW voted to fund and that is occurring in June at Eckerd College. We also interviewed one young lady at Largo Library who was receiving at-home Virtual Schooling. Clearwater Fundamental Staff, Mrs. Gilliam and Mrs. Allbritton, made our day ever so easy; having the girls alerted, all the permissions taken care of, and then presenting each girl as we were ready. It was a delightful morning of discovering just how much these seventh-grade students were into STEM ideas for the future. Two days after spending the morning at Clearwater Fundamental, we met at Largo Public Library to interview the parents of these girls and also our Virtual Student and her parents.

Truth be told, we owe the management of these two special days to Gay Gentry who set everything into motion, cleared all decks for obtaining the necessary permissions, and set up the appointments with the school and the library. Without Gay, none of this would have been accomplished so succinctly and successfully. She enabled the school, the students, the parents, and us to meet and get to know one another in a friendly and harmonious environment.

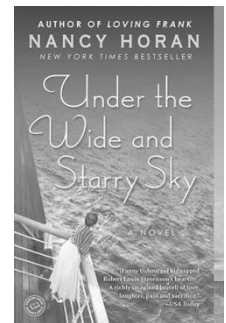
The result of our interviews: We forwarded four names to Pat Weber (no relation) at Florida AAUW as requested. We would have been delighted to send all seven.

Beckie Weber

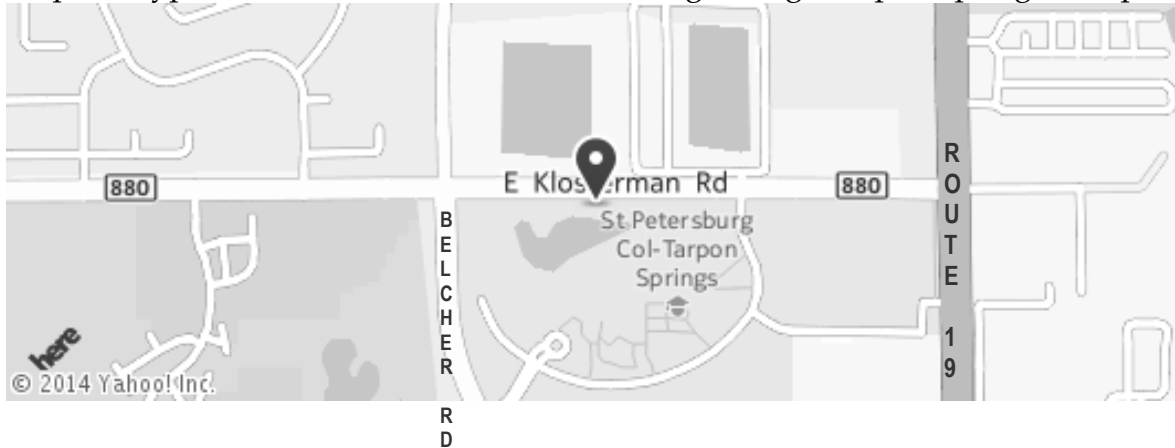


Friday Morning Book Group

Anyone interested in joining the book group is invited to come just to experience the discussion.....even if you have not read all of a book. For our March 20 10 a.m. gathering, we will be reading Nancy Horan's *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* and meeting at the apartment of Dana Garlick at 2410 Franciscan Drive, Apt 76. There is an elevator at the center of her building. She is on the third floor. Please call 727-799-6029 to let her know you are coming.



Map to Laypa-Rattner Museum on St. Petersburg College Tarpon Springs Campus



Clearwater Branch Planning and Board Meeting March 16, 2015

at 3:00 P.M. will be held at East Library on DREW STREET conference room. All members encouraged to attend. All meetings are open and we encourage new ideas.

We want to hear from all our membership! Budget planning.

Please note the change in venue for our board meeting. We will be meeting at the East Library on Drew Street in March.



CLEARWATER BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____ Birth: Day ___ Month ___

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____ STATE _____

DEGREE _____ YEAR _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____ STATE _____

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I would be willing to assist one of the following officers

___ Membership (making, distributing badges at meetings, greeting new members)

___ Publicity (publishing monthly newsletter...working with secretary, meeting new members, connecting with local newspapers)

___ Program planning (developing ideas for programs, letter writing, interviewing possible speakers)

___ Fundraisers

___ Other _____

2015-16 YEARLY DUES

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP - \$70.00

(\$49 for National AAUW dues (\$46/tax deductible - \$12 for Florida AAUW dues - \$9 for Clearwater Branch)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - \$21.00

DUAL MEMBERSHIP – \$21.00 (State) \$9.00 (Branch)

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