

President's Message

Dana and I have been working with Dr. Stan Vittetoe, Provost of Saint Petersburg College (SPC) in Clearwater, to plan programs and/or activities with the students and faculty at SPC. The subject of the talks has been STEM and helping college women get the support they need to enter into non-traditional careers and how to succeed. They have a group of women on campus, who they believe are interested in these issues, and most important, they can get the women students interested. Our first step is to invite them to our first program: Women in Community College—Access to Success.

Our Clearwater Branch has invited one of AAUW's top researchers to come share what she has learned about women seeking an education at community colleges. The speaker, Andresse St. Rose, is a co-author of the American Association of University Women's latest research with that same title. The meeting will be on SPC Clearwater Campus on Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Stan and his group are very excited about hearing her and will be working to get students to the program. We will be letting you know more about these efforts as they develop. We look forward to your support of this direction. The future of AAUW is in the young people of today. Share your commitment to AAUW by being involved.

You have received your 2013-14 Directory with this newsletter if you are a Branch member. If there are any corrections or editions, please contact Cathy DelGrosso, Directory Editor, at our website at <http://clearwater-fl.aauw.net> or call me at 727-446-3845.

Please note a new addition to our Yearbook – *Highlights of our Branch from 1950*. This information was taken from our AAUW scrapbooks. (More information on the 14 scrapbooks in the near future.)

Highlights from our Branch's first years:

- 1950-51** Project to support art education in schools
- 1953-54** Worked to establish Negro Library
- 1953-55** Took stand supporting kindergarten
- 1956-57** Support need for a new public library
- 1956-58** Projects/programs many:
- 1956-59**
 1. Care of aged, 21 % of residents in the County are 65 or older
 2. Status of women
 3. Negro Library
 4. Encouragement of AAUW women to run for political offices.

Let us continue in our efforts to make our community a better place for all.

Rita

Garvey and Vittetoe Meet at SPC



Save the Date!
Women in Community Colleges:
Access to Success
Guest Speaker
Andresse St. Rose

Location: St. Petersburg College
ES Building Room 104
 2465 Drew Street
 Clearwater, FL 33765

10:30 a.m.
 Park in South Parking Lot in front of ES Building
 Questions: Dana Garlick

MINUTES OF AAUW BOARD MEETING MAY 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Rita Garvey at 9:30. Other Board members attending: Dana Garlick, Gay Gentry, Maureen Melton, and Carol Zeph.

Board Meeting Minutes of April 10 and General Meeting of April 16: Postponed.

President's Report: President Garvey distributed job descriptions (prepared by her and Kathleen Kimpel) to attending Board members. She requested Board members notate these and pass to future successors. Job descriptions for fundraiser, hospitality, cultural affairs, newsletter, and yearbook/directory are not yet prepared.

Programs 2013-14: Garlick proposed the following: Saturday morning program meetings. Board and General Meetings the same day.

ACTION: Members discussed and approved a trial change to the day/time of board meetings: They will be held on the third Saturday of the month in conjunction with program events. Location: SPC Library. Time: Program from 10:00am-11:30am. Board meeting at to follow, 11:30-ish. This would be subject to change, depending of speaker availability.

Garlick suggested AAUW partner with St. Petersburg College (SPC) educators and staff, and with Ruth Eckerd Hall (REH) staff and parents of student recipients of AAUW art scholarships.

Program events planned at this time are:

October 19*, 2013: Possible Speaker- Jennifer McDaniel. (Nova U) College-Branch partnership (*Depends on availability of speaker as of this report.)

November 16*, 2013: Speaker: Joyce Bonomini, Director Education at Ruth Eckerd Hall (REH)

December 2013: Christmas fun event or no meeting.

January 18 *, 2014: Joint meeting with LWV of North Pinellas County. AAUW will host this year.

February 15 2014: In planning.
March 5, 2014: Fundraiser at Frances Wilson Playhouse –Mame!
March 15*, 2014 Women's History Month Theme
April 4 & 5: AAUW Florida State Convention in Tampa...we will help them. Need Volunteers.
April 12*, 2014: Pay Equity/Possible Annual Meeting
May 2014: Annual Meeting?

Membership: (Melton/Gentry) 46 members (36 MOB; 6 MHBL; 2 DUAL; 1 Lifetime; 1 Student.) Caroline Ross has returned to AAUW membership since the last report. This AAUW year, two others have joined – Lucy Ann Day and Cathy DelGrosso. Twenty one members have paid dues for next year beginning in July. Melton will follow up with remaining.

Treasurer's Report provided by Carol Zeph. Balance Forward: 9,195.26. After income and expenses: \$9,747.22.

ACTION: The Board discussed and approved a motion by Gay Gentry, seconded by Dana Garlick to transfer \$1,000 from the \$1,135.51 in the Middle School Scholarship Fund (MSSF) to Tech Trek, since both are STEM related.

WOW Scholarships. Jan Stephens wrote note a suggesting creating a large, professional-looking poster for advertising AAUW in the lobby of Francis Wilson Playhouse (FWP).

ACTION: The Board agreed that AAUW needed more recognition and better visibility. However, crowded lobby might not show poster well. Carol Zeph to follow up with FWP) concerning the feasibility and cost of placing a one-page AAUW info sheet within the FWP Playbills.

Arts Scholarships:

ACTION: The Board unanimously approved a formal title for the AAUW Clearwater Branch art scholarship monies awarded to REH Education Foundation for the Performing Arts: "The Marian Major Scholarship Fund." (Gentry motion; Melton seconded.)

Other Business:

President Garvey is awaiting the final fundraiser report.
The Board members respectfully declined the State President's request to submit an

application for a \$1000 grant from National to encourage establishment of university/college AAUW branches, separate from existing branches. The deadline is too close, and the money which the branch would win (\$250) is too little. Also, AAUW Clearwater Branch intends to expand the existing SPC and REH partnerships in the upcoming year.

Next Meeting: to be announced in Newsletter.

Adjournment: 10:55am.



Welcome to new member,

LucyAnn Day, who is no stranger to AAUW. She was a member in upstate New York, where she was a volunteer at a bookshop her Branch sponsored. When she and her husband retired to Florida, Lucyann was a member in Palm Beach; and when they relocated to Gainesville, she was a member there. In Gainesville, she volunteered in an AAUW program to help UF foreign students and their families learn English and also started a book group for AAUW members which is still flourishing. She has already joined our morning book group and is hosting the September gathering.

She taught in New York City and then for many years in Upstate New York at the secondary level. She spent many years at the Schenectady Community College. She taught adjunct at Union College and was also involved in a Master Teacher Program there. For a time she taught at Florida Atlanta University until caregiving precluded that.

Now that she is in physical therapy and gaining strength, she is looking forward to being a contributing member of our Branch. She enjoys time spent with her daughter, her son and his wife and her incredibly brilliant granddaughters, the beauty of our beaches, painting water colors, doing fiber arts, collage, reading, and writing. She enjoys being part of AAUW because she finds members and their concerns interesting, and discussions intelligent and informed. And we are looking forward to getting to know her. Welcome, LucyAnn.



**Hosted by Clearwater AAUW:
Senior Researcher, Andresse St. Rose,
from AAUW Headquarters in Washington DC
Coming to St. Petersburg College,
Clearwater Campus
ES Building Room 104
Saturday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.**



Andresse St. Rose

On Saturday, October 26, 2013, come meet one of the American Association of University Women's top researchers. **Andresse St. Rose** is a senior researcher at the American Association of University Women (AAUW) where she is responsible for managing major research projects on gender equity in education and the workplace. Her areas of expertise include trends in student academic achievement, postsecondary access and completion, and the recruitment and retention of girls and women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Dr. St. Rose is the author or co-author of several reports, articles, and book chapters, including *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success (2013)* and *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (2010)*. She is also a sought after speaker on the imperative to increase the participation of women and other underrepresented groups in STEM, and gender equity in higher education.

Before joining AAUW, Andresse worked in academic affairs at Northeastern University and prior to that taught high school math and biology. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from Hamilton College, a master's degree from Boston College and a doctorate in education policy from the George Washington University.

Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success

More than ever before, women are relying on community colleges for higher education and workforce preparation. This report recommends policies and practices to help women succeed in community colleges. In particular, we find that child care is a critical issue for student mothers. Women also need more support for pursuing opportunities in STEM and other male-dominated fields.

With increased attention and improved outreach to women students, the nation's community colleges can build on their legacy of providing educational opportunity to all. The issues this report addresses are of particular concern to women at community colleges, but improving outcomes for women will benefit everyone.

AAUW members, students, faculty, and community leaders who want to help improve the lives of women and girls and also increase the numbers of people needed in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics are encouraged to attend our Branch's meeting **Saturday, October 26 in the ES Building, Room 104 at the St. Petersburg College Campus at 10:30 a.m.**



Directions: Campus is at 2465 Drew Street. Turn west off Route 19 unto Drew Street. Turn left onto Old Coachman Road. Park in South Parking Lot which is accessible from Old Coachman. SPC is located at the intersection of Drew Street and Old Coachman Road. Head south on Old Coachman from Drew Street to the second right turn into the parking area. The first right turn will put you in front of the administration building which is on the north part of the campus and a longer walk to the ES Building.

Editor's Thoughts: Making a Difference

In the 1990's, Clearwater AAUW helped sponsor a program called Girls + Math + Science = Success. Margaret Hyde was an instrumental force in those years. She and others coordinated professionals who volunteered to work with students. They raised funds to facilitate programs and activities that exposed young students to fields like engineering and mathematics and technology. Today, Margaret has continued her passion for encouraging young women to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). These last four years, she continues her efforts to publicize the work of some outstanding students in Pinellas County and to share the mission of the American Association of University Women in Pinellas County by recognizing them with monetary awards for their academic standing in the respective classes: top math or science student

Her latest accomplishment was encouraging the Provost of St. Petersburg College, Dr. Stan Vittetoe, to find out about the American Association of University Women and for SPC to become a partner school with AAUW. Because of that connection, SPC students and faculty will have the latest information about encouraging women and girls to pursue STEM fields. SPC will also have connections for scholarships and leadership skills.

Margaret has done much of this while fighting her own health battles. I went with her when she met the teachers and the young women who had been acknowledged by our Branch these last four years. Margaret encouraged each one of them to keep working toward their goals and exclaimed how proud she was of each of them. Margaret epitomizes why the American Association of University Women exists. AAUW wants to help women and girls excel in life. The fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics need more people in them. Women have often not considered these fields for many reasons. Margaret feels that awards and recognitions like this might inspire more to try. It is something she feels so strongly about that even when not feeling her best, she worked to encourage these young students to pursue their dreams.

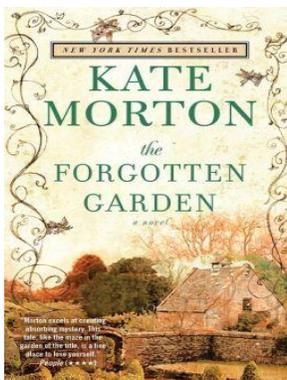
And now, Margaret has made another connection which, we hope, will bring more information and, therefore, solutions for the empowerment of women* as they enter into these much-needed fields of study. We hope our Branch members will view this coming meeting as a door opening for many: for us, to make connections and bring new people to AAUW; for students, to challenge themselves to places they might have not tried before; for teachers, to see their students succeed in fields that might not have thought they could; for community, to have citizens whose lives enhance the place they live; for employees, to have the qualified people they need.



One person can make a difference. Margaret Hyde proves that.

Thank you, Margaret.

*Studies show that interventions that support female students will help male students as well. Also when women are successful, they can better contribute to the well-being of their families, communities, and society as a whole. (*Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*, p.3) Dana Garlick, Editor



If attending the September 20 Morning Book Group, please contact Host, **Lucy Ann Day** by Sept 17. Her contact information is in the Directory or go to our website at <http://clearwater-fl.aauw.net/> and leave a message.

“Some books are to be tasted; others to be swallowed; and some few to be chewed and digested.” ..Francis Bacon

The Morning Book Club is primarily a discussion group which uses fiction and non-fiction to provoke discussion. We seldom discuss the structure, author, style or other facets that are included in most book reviews. The mind-power of AAUW women has a fertile area in which to express itself while using the book as a spring board to exploring our and others' ideas.

The women do not always like or dislike a book equally but we can agree that listening to others and expressing our opinion on the ideas that surface is equally fun and a good brain buzz. In the April Book Discussion on *Daughters of the Declaration*, we discussed this 1910 quote *“Women's place is home. Her task is homemaking. But Home is not contained within the four walls of an individual home. Home is the community. The city full of people is the Family.”* ---Rheta Childe Dorr, *What Eight Million Woman Want*, 1910.

We meet in members' homes on the 3rd Friday of the month from **September to April at 10 AM**. Most women find the greatest advantage of a book club is that we are encouraged to read a variety of books, not only the ones we usually choose. Why not join us as we start the second year of the Morning Book Club? Call Salome Harasty 727-797-2883 for more information. See our fall calendar below.

- September 20-- *Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton, a long book to read over the summer
- October 18—*The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson
- November 15—*One Thousand White Women* by Jim Dodd
- We do not meet in December.