



The Suncoast Bulletin

Clearwater Branch American Association of University Women
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Coming in March

Women's History
Month

Election of Officers

Annual Dues

Coming in April

AAUW Florida Convention



Students volunteer at AAUW Fundraiser (L-R) Tricia Colin, Sharon Stenstrom, Sharon Jean-Pierre, and Leticia Escamille.

THANKS TO ALL FOR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

The purpose of the Clearwater AAUW branch's annual fundraiser is to help women improve their lives through education. Because of the tickets sold, the baskets made, the chances taken, and the many generous donations made, we all worked toward our goal and accomplished it once again. Our goal is to help women like the ladies above who volunteered to help us the evening of the Bus Stop performance.

We were very pleased to have the capable help of students from St. Petersburg College's Women on the Way. These women are raising children, holding jobs, attending classes; and each took the time to work with us on the night of the play.

Many thanks, also, to all the branch members who helped make the evening the success it was. Especially thank you to members who sold so many tickets to neighbors and friends and made an enjoyable evening for them, and who helped us so much because of the ticket sales and donations we received. It was an enjoyable evening to remember. And, it was an honor to meet and work with some of the women who benefit from our branch's efforts.

February Meeting Feb 15

12:30

Clearwater Main Library

"Human Trafficking"

"Human Trafficking involves the commercial exchange and exploitation of humans including forced prostitution and pornography, involuntary labor, servitude and debt bondage. Human trafficking is a growing problem worldwide, recently rising to the second most common criminal activity behind the illegal drug trade. Florida has been identified as a hub for human trafficking activity, citing one of the highest incidences of human trafficking in the country. This crime affects all types of individuals, both foreign and domestic." *

On Wednesday, February 15, Dr. Mary Palamar, retired from Nazareth College of Rochester where she was professor of education and chairperson of the Education Department and a member of AAUW, will share what she has learned about this terrible problem. She will discuss national and state efforts through laws and regulations. After hearing this, how shall we respond?

Our branch will meet on Feb 15 at 12:30 at the Clearwater's Main Library on 100 Osceola Street, Clearwater.

A light lunch costing \$5.00 will be provided by the Refresh Café in the Main Library. Please send reservations for lunch to Barbara Perkins by February 10. (See page 3.)*Quote from Florida Coalition

Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show

To Benefit Women on the Way

Sponsored by GFWC

Saturday, Feb 18

Belleair Country Club 11-2

Tickets \$30.00

Please join us for a fabulous lunch.

Door Prizes-Gift Baskets

Beautiful Fashions by Joey's

Contact Tammy 710-6116 or

Joan 443-5071

Fun in Fundraising



Francis Wilson Playhouse President, Andy Rufo, with Office Manager Gabrielle Snapp, ready to help;



Students taking care of guests.



Carol Zeph with basket chances ready to go!



Mayme Hodges (l) with Carmen Sagnella, tickets



Hands full of basket chances!



Member Jan Stephens (center pink) & friends.



(L-R) Barb Perkins, Millie Ltleif, Marian Major, and Rita Garvey preparing for coming guests



Members and Guests enjoying the evening.



Waiting for the show.



Nearly full house!



19 baskets won!



2011 Scholarship Recipients

Board Meeting Minutes January 12

The Board meeting was called to order by Rita Garvey at 1:00 in the St. Petersburg College Library Room 120. Attending were ProgramVP Barbara Perkins; Treasurer Millie Lattief; for Cultural Arts, Member Marian Major; Membership VP, Jackie Kruse; Member Linda Rupp; Member Carmen Sagnella; Corresponding Secretary Julia Haupt; and Member Margaret Hyde; Scholarship Chair Carol Zeph; Newsletter Dana Garlick, Secretary Protem.

The Secretary's Report was accepted with one correction, a check was donated to **the Ambassadors of Sound**, not the Dunedin High School. We accepted the resignation of Tamarra Badders as recording secretary and Dana was asked to take notes for this meeting. Dana also read a letter from long-time member **Esther Grant's** daughter, Terry Phillips. Esther no longer lives near us. Margaret Hyde received the same letter and wrote an article and submitted a picture to put in our newsletter for all members to see. Esther is a past president, served as treasurer, and coordinated our fundraisers with Francis Wilson Playhouse for many, many years.

Treasurer's report was postponed until she receives more information about ticket sales. She has received \$1238.00 for tickets so far.

Nominating Committee

Barbara Perkins and Margaret Hyde volunteered to chair the nominating committee. We are looking for **President (2012-14)**, **Program Chair (12-13)**, **Recording Secretary (12-13)**, and **Treasurer (12-14)**. **Dana would like to resign as editor.**

Programs Report

LWV is putting advertisement in papers for January 28 joint meeting soon.

February 15, Mary Palamer will be speaking about **Human Trafficking** at the Main Library on Osceola in Clearwater. We can **purchase lunch there for \$5.00**. People attending **RSVP** to Barbara by February 10. We will tell LWV about this meeting in February as well as our meeting in March.

March is Women's History Month. The meeting is being **coordinated by Margaret Hyde and WOW Coordinator Shirley Crumbley**. Three students and three AAUW

Clearwater members will impersonate famous women. Students will be given class credit for attending. Refreshments will be provided by SPC-WOW. Doors will be open at 12:00. The program will begin at 12:30 and conclude at 1:30. The election of officers and other branch business will start at noon.

Although there is a Board meeting on April 9, no branch meeting is planned for April since the **AAUW Florida Convention** is on the weekend of **April 21**, our scheduled meeting date.

Our Annual Meeting will be May 5 at the Belleair Country Club and will be a **Brunch from 9:45 to 12:00**. We will have installation of officers at that time. A brunch **costing \$21 per person will be served**. **RSVP** please.

Fundraiser Reports: Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Students from SPC WOW will be able to help set up at 4:30 on the day of the fundraiser. Shirley Crumbley has asked students to contact Dana.

Basket Fair: Dana has 14 baskets made and has received items to make 3 or 4 more.

She will gratefully accept donations of money for the contents of the baskets.

Ticket sales: Carmen will turn in the count to Millie when she has more definite information. Some were just turned in at this meeting. She has mailed out tickets to members but does not always know if they have turned money into our treasurer or not.

Refreshments: Carol Zeph has turned her notes over to Dana and her husband Rick who is purchasing all the wine, refreshments, ice, paper goods, etc.

Taking tickets: Millie and Marian will take tickets people as people enter the theatre. Any extra tickets or money being returned will be directed to Carmen in a different location. This will keep the congestion at the door down, hopefully. Millie will take all the money for tickets and raffle tickets collected before the end of the play.

Raffle tickets: Cost 1 for \$1; 7 for \$5; 15 for \$10; 30 for \$20. Carol will count them out and separate them into these amounts beforehand for easier distribution. Carol will sit at a table and collect money from others who are selling tickets in the room and sell tickets from her table.

Chance Winners. Last year, one person won three baskets. The consensus was that if a person wins another basket, we are to draw again.

An announcement will be made before the drawing begins and posts will be made with drawing guidelines so people will know beforehand. **(SEE "PS" below.)**

Newsletter: Deadline for next newsletter is January 25.

Cultural Arts:

Marian announced that Ruth Eckerd Hall has a new C.E.O. The Tampa Bay Symphony is playing on February 15. Also, **Marian is resigning** completely. She can no longer continue.

Interest Groups

Nothing has been done re: interest groups. No one has stepped forward to lead anything. Very discouraging. Contact Jackie Kruse, please.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, at 1:00 at the SPC Library Room 120.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Garlick, Secretary Protem

PS to Minutes:

After returning home, Dana contacted the board about the chances guidelines for further input. They agreed if a person wins a second or more prizes, that is the way it should be unless that person wants to forfeit his/her basket.

Correspondence/ Information Received after Board Meeting:

.Fasano will not speak on Jan 28. Asst. State Attorney General Christopher Sprowls coming instead

Junior Women's Club announced Spring Luncheon & Fashion Show to benefit Women on the Way. For more information, contact Tammy at 727-710-6116 or Joan at 727-443-5071.

From an email from Flossie McNally, President of Pasco AAUW, " Saturday, March 10th will be our party for the branch's 35th Anniversary, 11:00 am to 2pm at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey. Luncheon cost will be \$24.00 which will include gratuity and tax. We will have a small group, **The Silver Follies Revue**, do a couple of dance numbers, have some fun and generally enjoy ourselves. I have invited Florida AAUW President Carol Napper, and she says it is on her calendar."

Why I Belong to AAUW

By Margaret Hyde

"AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH. SINCE 1881, AAUW HAS BEEN ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING VOICES PROMOTING EDUCATION AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. AAUW'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS THROUGH CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES, NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS."

I am a strong believer in AAUW, and I support all that they do for young women. In the 1990's, young women were being discriminated against in high school, so AAUW developed a program "Girls + Math + Science=SUCCESS". If girls were to be successful going on to college, we would need to reach them in middle school. It was a very successful program that continued for five years. More recently, AAUW introduced STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics which continues today.

We are now beginning to see the results of our programs. This year, according to the St. Petersburg Times, 60+ per cent of the area valedictorians and salutatorians are females. More young girls hold class offices and leadership positions in high school. This fall, more females will go to college. More will graduate. More will get jobs. I would like to think this is because of all the work AAUW has done.

AAUW has an outstanding lobby in D.C. They present a very positive image to the country. The first bill President Obama signed was the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Ledbetter was the woman who had worked for Goodyear Tire Company when she discovered that she had been paid significantly less than male co-workers with the same job. In 1998, she filed suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights



Thinking of you

By Margaret Hyde

Over the holidays, we had wonderful news about one of our former members, Esther Grant. Esther was an active member in our Clearwater Branch for over twenty-five years, serving as President and holding other offices as well. Esther was the one who made it possible for our branch to participate in the fundraisers at the Francis Wilson Playhouse which continues today to make it possible to provide scholarships for women in the Women on the Way program at St. Petersburg College. Esther began it.

Recently, Esther moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be near her daughter, Terry. After several falls, it was determined that Esther needed to live in a skilled nursing facility, to the family decided to move her to the Baptists Homes where her granddaughter had been a social worker when she lived in Pittsburgh. The family is pleased with Esther's care. Terry says that although Esther's memory is mostly gone, she participates in various activities such as bingo, crafts, and putting small puzzles together. She has gained weight and looks really good. She is surrounded with her family and loved ones. For all her blessings, we are grateful. We send a special thank you to Terry, her daughter, for keeping in touch with us. Her daughter sent our branch a gift of \$100 toward our latest scholarship efforts.

Esther was a very proud member of AAUW for years, and we are blessed to know her. Her new address is c/o Terry Phillips, 356 Parkside Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15228. It would be nice to send a card to Esther.

Act and was awarded back pay and other remedies in a jury trial. However, the U. S. Supreme Court overturned that ruling and 40 years of EOC precedent in a 5-4 decision that significantly narrowed the interpretation of pay equity laws. That is why President Obama signed the Fair Pay Act.

AAUW has been fighting for Title IX protection for over 30 years. The law provides girls with an equal opportunity for scholarships in athletics. Colleges are still trying to ignore the law, and AAUW continues to fight for young girls.

There is a law on the books against bullying in the state of Florida. Yet, a high percentage of young girls are still being bullied in school. We must fight to make our schools a safer place.

The fight goes on, and we must do everything possible to promote public education. By allowing some of our politicians to establish vouchers for students, we are allowing them to weaken our public school system. As Horace Mann said in 1838, "We want the public to rise out of ignorance through education that is paid for and sustained by an interested public. No matter what their economic means, all children will get an education that will act of the underpinning of their success." Yes, public education levels the playing field and makes it possible for all to succeed.

That is why I support AAUW!

The Clearwater Branch of AAUW is beginning a new, day time, book group. We will meet at Margaret Hyde's house on Tuesday, February 21, at 11 a.m. As a group, we will determine the best date and time for the group to meet. Margaret will provide a light lunch.

RSVP by email at mhyde.mac@mac.com or call 727-797-0568



Book Group

The next meeting is Feb 9 at Ellie Caldwell's home at 125 Lakeview Way in Oldsmar. The book is Red Queen by Philippa Gregory. RSVP Ellie at 784-2328.

Note: Another Book Group Forming See page 4. Contact Margaret Hyde.

The Movie Group

The movie group usually meets on the Third Tuesday or more often than that depending on how good the movies are. Anyone interested needs to get in touch with Virginia Jones at 442 4785 or Carol Zeph at 734 1667.



Moments in Clearwater AAUW History:

(Left) Members Esther Grant and Margaret Hyde planning Girls+Math=Success. Esther, a professional CPA, told young girls about her profession. Esther was the first woman to earn an MBA at the University of Pittsburgh.
(Right) Mayme Hodges named 1996 Ms. Clearwater for her service to the community. In 1994 she became part of the Clearwater City Commission.

**PLAN TO ATTEND SPECIAL WOMAN'S HISTORY PROGRAM
ON MARCH 21 AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE**

Cut out and send reservation:

RSVP by Feb 10, please

For lunch served at the February 15 meeting, I am sending \$5.00 (checks payable to Clearwater AAUW) to Barbara Perkins
2655 Nebraska Avenue Apt 151
Palm Harbor, Florida 34894

Please send to Barbara before Feb 10. Thank you.

Name: _____

I am bringing a friend: - _____

Light lunch \$5.00 per person.

Save the Dates

Thursday, February 9, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting at St. Pete College Library Room 120
Reserved parking for AAUW members at visitor parking lot

Thursday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. Book Group Red Queen

Wednesday, February 15, 12:00 p.m. General Meeting at Main Library Meeting Room
100 Osceola Ave, Clearwater Human Trafficking presented by Dr. Mary Palamar
Light lunch provided with \$5.00 reservation. RSVP by 2/10

Tuesday, February 21, at 11 a.m. New Book Group Let's Get Started at the home of Margaret Hyde
2069 Podocarpus Way, Clearwater RSVP 727-797-0568

Thursday, March 8, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting (Please note Changed Location): Main Library Meeting Room, 100 Osceola Street,
Clearwater (Check for road work in the area)

Saturday, March 10th West Pasco Branch's 35th Anniversary, 11:00 am to 2pm at the Spartan Manor in New Port Richey

Wednesday, March 21, 12:00 SPC-WOW & Clearwater AAUW Celebrate
Women's History Month Election of officers 12:00 -12:30; Program 12:30 to 1:30

Thursday, April 12, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting at St. Pete College Library Room 120
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2012 AAUW Florida Convention April 20-22 will be held at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort and Marina. 555
NE Ocean Boulevard in Stuart

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