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Coming in April

AAUW Florida
Convention
April 20-21
Time to make
reservations

2012-2013

Dues are due!



Women's History Month Celebrated In March

FROM PAST TO FUTURE

In celebration of Women's History Month, students from St. Petersburg College Women on the Way and AAUW Clearwater members will help us remember the past as we anticipate the future of women. WOW Coordinator Shirley Crumbley and Legal Advocacy Chair Margaret Hyde have coordinated a presentation of women who have advocated and affected the rights of women. Students and branch members will be impersonating Alice Stokes Paul, Gloria Steinem, Sandra Day O'Connor, Susan B. Anthony, Michelle Obama, and Billy Jean King. Come join us for this special event.

The meeting will be at the St. Petersburg College Library, corner of Drew Street and Old Coachman, Clearwater, in Room 120 (the multi-purpose room), Wednesday, March 21 at 12:00 p.m. A short business meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be conducted before the presentation. At 12:30, SPC students and faculty will join us for the enactments. Light refreshments will be provided by the SPC after the performances.

Please RSVP with a phone call or email to Barbara Perkins if you plan to attend. (727-464-1151 or barfish33980@aol.com) There is no fee. Guests are very welcome!



Clearwater AAUW Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2012

The meeting at St. Petersburg College Clearwater Library was called to order promptly at 1:00 pm by Rita Garvey, President. In attendance: Dana Garlick, Julia Haupt, Kathleen Kimpel, Jackie Kruse, Millie Latlief, Marian Major, Barbara Perkins, Jan Stevens and Carol Zeph.

The January minutes were approved with three corrections: (1) Rita Garvey will miss the March meeting, not February as reported; (2) our Presenter for the February meeting will be Mary Palamar whose name was misspelled. (3) Marian resigned her post effective 2/1/12, not immediately as reported.

Reports:

Nominating Committee

Barbara Perkins and Margaret Hyde

Nomination of the following officers:

President (2012-14)

Barbara Perkins for two years

Programs Chair (12-13)

Margaret Hyde for one year

Membership Chair (12-13)

Jackie Kruse will complete her term
Treasurer (12-14)

Carol Zeph for two years

Recording Secretary (12-13)

Kathleen Kimpel for one year

Committee Chairs are still pending. The slate will be presented for vote at the March 21 meeting. Installation of officers will be at the May Annual Meeting and luncheon.



Thank you, Members, for making our Annual Scholarship Fundraiser a success again. A special thanks to the members who sold tickets, especially Marion Major for her efforts in selling tickets. If she didn't sell a ticket, she received a donation! A special thanks also for Dana and Ricky Garlick. This dynamic duo was the worker-bees behind the baskets which raised us \$695!! The total income was \$4397, expenses were \$1050, leaving us with \$3347 for scholarships. And a fun time was had by all!!!

Rita

Programs

Barbara Perkins (and others) Reporting
The Luncheon meeting co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters (LWV) at the Greek Town Grille was successful, with 37 attendees and an informed speaker, Chris Sprowls. He spoke for over an hour and covered five additional questions from attendees.

The February meeting topic will be on the subject of Human Trafficking with Mary Palamar of the West Pasco Branch AAUW.

The March meeting will celebrate Women's History Month. Three St. Petersburg College students and three members will impersonate historical women. Our meeting will be at St. Petersburg College Library, Room 120. The college is providing light refreshment after the presentation.

Year-end meeting will be held at Bellaire Country Club on May 13.

Membership

Jackie Kruse

We have four new members, bringing the total to 38. Corresponding secretary, Julia Haupt, suggested we try to collect members' birthdates, (not necessarily the year) to improve social networking and outreach. Dues collection will begin in March.

Treasurer

Millie Latlief

The Treasurer provided a summary report for January-Feb showing our proceeds from the fundraiser were approximately \$3,272.00 with another \$695.00 of income from the gift baskets. Rita asked that a final accounting for the fundraiser be prepared with a reconciliation that includes detail on ticket sales.

A brief discussion concluded that we want to conduct a similar fundraiser next year, to include a musical performance at Francis Wilson Playhouse and the gift baskets. Performances planned so far include *Guys & Dolls* and *Pippin*. The consensus was that Thursday evening might be better than Wednesday. We will begin preparations once the schedule is finalized. Dana mentioned that better advance planning will simplify the basket effort. It was agreed to involve the membership earlier for basket items according to different themes to encourage participation prior to the event. Jan Stephens volunteered to chair the fundraiser.

Other Business

Dana Garlick will stay on as Newsletter Editor. In addition, responsibility for both member name tags and publishing the directory was assumed by Dana going forward, with assistance offered by the Recording Secretary.

There will be an organizational Book Club meeting at Margaret Hyde's home at 11:00 am on Friday, February 24. RSVP 727-797-0568.

Correspondence Secretary, Julia, reported sending 8 Birthday cards and 11 Thinking of You cards.

Reminder was made of the State Convention in Stuart, FL on April 20-22. Costs for registration fee, conference meals and mileage will be reimbursed.

There being no further discussion, Rita Garvey adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.
Respectfully Submitted on 2/10/12,
Kathleen Kimpel,
Recording Secretary Protem

State Convention April 20-22 Make Reservations Soon

An email from Carol Napper, Florida AAUW President

Good evening. A special conference call Wednesday involving AAUW and the White House was very encouraging. For one thing, it is great to see how closely Lisa Maatz is able to work with the White House staff! Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of Education, spoke for the first half of the call. She acknowledged the good things that AAUW has been doing and assured us that the Dept. of Education will continue to enforce Title IX, work on Sexual Harassment and make higher education affordable for all. They are working on a five year plan to keep interest rates low for student loans. They are very aware of the enormous amount of debt many college students have when they graduate. Ms. Kanter stated that no one should go broke to get an education. The Dept. of Education will be pressing states to avoid raising tuitions and fees and have a plan that will reward those institutions that make it possible for students to graduate with loans that can be paid back. They plan to put more pressure on schools by publishing lists of schools that have a good record when it comes to value, costs, (employment advantages) for students, graduation rates and other things that impact student choices for their education. They are planning a college Financial Score Card that easily shows college costs to help students compare colleges when they are looking at options.

You know about the "Race to the Top" that now goes through high schools. Ms. Kanter said they intend to continue that plan through college. Some of this, though, must go through Congress, and Ms. Kanter is hoping that the value of education is something the entire Congress will agree on. She says we need to keep college affordable and she is hoping for \$1 billion per year as an incentive to states to do what is asked in the above plans: to keep costs down and to graduate more students with less debt. She says this is not an "entitlement" program but is something the country needs to further education so that the US has an educated population. This is something we in Florida must keep an eye on. This is very much in the news right now as our legislators and governor try to make changes in our education systems at all levels.

The other subject covered in the White House conference call was Pay Equity. A new project was launched Tuesday by the Dept. of Labor. There will be a national task force on equal pay. They will be looking at ways to close the pay gap and ways to use technology to get the gap closed. I believe the technology will be used to show where the pay gaps exist and where changes can be made to have impact. You can get more information on this from their new website equalpay.challenge.gov.

I know this is a long email and maybe I should have put it in Microsoft word but I want everyone to know how much AAUW is doing in Washington and feel proud of what is being accomplished and what we can do in the future.

Please urge your members to attend the state convention. There is so much to learn and this is such a good opportunity to network with other branches. AND national **Executive Director of AAUW, Linda Hallman will be our keynote speaker** and with us for the whole convention. FloriVision will be out soon with all the details and the registration form. That information will also be on the state website.

See you at the Marriott!

Carol Napper

**The 2012 AAUW Florida
Convention will be held
at the
Hutchinson Island Marriott
Resort and Marina.
555 NE Ocean Boulevard
Stuart**



The AAUW Florida State Convention will be at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort and Marina from April 20-22, 2012. It is located at 555 NE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, 34996. It has both a beach and a pool in addition to the marina. Linda Hallman, AAUW's Executive Director will be the Friday evening speaker and will be with us for the balance of the weekend.

On Friday there will be Impact Grant training regarding the voter education activities for all branches prior to the November 2012 elections. Lunch will be provided for all grant training attendees. We are pleased to have been awarded a Legal Advocacy Fund speaker again this year.

Tuesday March 20th is the deadline to make room reservations at the Hutchinson Island Marriott. Call 1-800-775-5936 and ask for reservations and then state that you want the AAUW Convention rate: Single and double rooms are \$115 plus tax. (2-4 people per room decreases costs. Plan together.) Room rate includes free parking.

Sunday, April 1st. Early registration deadline for state convention. Click on [registration](#) to access the registration form.

Call Barb Perkins if you would like to attend by March 23.

Save the Dates

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)

Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Group RSVP Carol Zeph 727-734-1667

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

Friday, March 30 10 a.m.-noon. Morning Book Group RSVP Barbara Simshauser 727-399-2902

Thursday, April 12, 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting at St. Pete College Library Room 120
Reserved parking for AAUW members at visitor parking lot

2012 AAUW Florida Convention April 20-22 will be held at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Resort and Marina. 555 NE Ocean Boulevard in Stuart . Let Barbara Perkins know if you want to attend and we'll coordinate travel and costs together. 727-464-1151

SAVE THE DATE: Year-end meeting will be held at Bellaire Country Club on May 13.

DUES ARE DUE BY MID APRIL, PLEASE.

Morning Book Group

A Land Remembered by Patrick Smith is the first book that the newly formed morning book group will discuss. Thank you to new member Salome Harasty for helping us set the schedule and choose our first reading. The morning group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on March 30 at Barbara Simshauser's home at 7938 Harwood Road, Largo. She will provide breakfast munchies. Please RSVP 727-399-2902

Evening Book Group

Cleopatra: A Life and other books by author Stacy Schiff will be discussed at the home of Carol Zeph at 1000 MacFarland Street, Dunedin, on Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Light Bites will be provided by Carol. Please RSVP Carol at 727-734-1667.

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 in participating needs to get in touch with Virginia Jones at 442-4785 or Carol Zeph at 734-1667.

Welcome New Members!

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New member, Kathleen Kimpel (l), listening to guest speaker, Chris Sprowl, with Honorary Members (over 50 years with AAUW!) Marian Major (forward) and Millie Latlief.

Photographer Dale Anderson



AAUW Luncheon Speaker: AAUW Luncheon Speaker: Chris Sprowls, Assistant State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit

By Kathleen Kimpel



Substituting for Mike Fusano, Assistant State Attorney Chris Sprowls with Clw. AAUW Pres. Rita Garvey and LWV Pres. Judy McSwine

Chris Sprowls, shared his insights on a wide range of issues, opening with a topic of current interest: Redistricting. He reported that the Senate has released their version of the map, with the House version to be released next week. Once a joint resolution is achieved, and within a thirty-day period, the map will be reviewed by the State Supreme Court. State District Amendment No 5 requires contiguous districts, yet the proposed map(s) could raise some questions: Ex: Changes to the boundary in the Pasco – Hillsborough area that could upset the existing balance of coastal interests. [See www.floridaredistricting.org for maps.]

Other points made by Assistant State Attorney Sprowls include:

- **Privatizing Prisons:** As a Prosecutor, he feels that most of the good evidence is received in jails, including information on gangs and in some cases, on planned or potential violence. If the prisons are run by private contractors, the question of access as well as who owns the information revealed there, could complicate the Prosecutor's job. Thus, he opposed the measure to achieve budget reductions by privatizing the Southern FL prisons.
- **Bank Regulation:** Will be the responsibility of the State Attorney General, complaints will not be heard at the circuit level. The State AG is now speaking for the Madoff victims here in Florida.
- **Gangs:** The Attorney General has a Task Force called the Gang Partnership Program consisting of Pinellas County, State and Federal authorities collaborating and information sharing. In Florida we currently have representation of most known gangs in our correctional facility: Ex: Sovereign Citizens, an extremist group who stand in opposition to US law enforcement. The various gangs also recruit young men of high school age with obvious impacts on the drop-out rate. 20 states currently have laws requiring their students to remain in school to age 18 years (as was recently proposed for the Federal level in the President's State of the Union Address). Is this an option for solving the gang and truancy problem? The street drug trade remains a big lure to young people in these hard economic times.

HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY, WEST PASCO AAUW !!!

A small group of stalwart women, under the leadership of Dorothy Shronk, decided to explore the possibilities of establishing a branch of AAUW in the New Port Richey area. The necessary steps were taken to organize a branch, monthly meetings were held and on May 7, 1977 an "Installation Luncheon" was held at Seven Springs Country Club to formalize the Charter process. The 54 Charter members included many who had been members of other branches.

Our Celebration will be held Saturday, March 10th 2012

SPARTAN MANOR: 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey

11:00am Social; 11:30am Welcome and Intros

Noon Luncheon 1:00pm Silver Follies Review

*MENU: Chicken Marsala or Sliced Roast Beef, preceded by a Caesar Salad
Potato, vegetable, fresh bread, coffee & tea, Chocolate Mousse dessert*

\$ 24.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

Ample Parking: Spartan Manor phone: 727-849-6464

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Reservations must be in by March 6th, with checks made out to:

AAUW- West Pasco branch and sent to Treasurer Nancy Pura,

11645 Bayonet Lane; New Port Richey, FL 34654-1601

Name_____Phone number:_____

Menu Choice: Chicken Marsala_____ Beef_____ @\$ 24.00
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FYI: We have invited the State AAUW President Carol Napper, Clearwater AAUW, former West Pasco AAUW members and Past Presidents and several Pasco County "women-of-note. We encourage you to bring guests and prospective members.

SUBJECT: WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE....

SO EASY TO FORGET WHY WE HAVE THIS RIGHT.

THIS IS THE STORY OF OUR GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS WHO LIVED ONLY 90 YEARS AGO.

REMEMBER, IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.



The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed, nonetheless, for picketing the White House, carrying signs, asking for the vote. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. Forty prison guards, wielding clubs, with their warden's blessing, went on a rampage against the 33 women, wrongly convicted of 'obstructing sidewalk traffic'. They beat Lucy Burns, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air.

They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack.

Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the 'NIGHT OF TERROR' ON NOV. 15, 1917, WHEN THE WARDEN AT THE OCCOQUAN WORKHOUSE IN VIRGINIA ORDERED HIS GUARDS TO TEACH A LESSON TO THE SUFFRAGISTS IMPRISONED THERE BECAUSE THEY DARED TO PICKET WOODROW WILSON'S WHITE HOUSE FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms.

When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.



The day after the police announce that future pickets would be given limit of 6 mos. in prison, Alice Paul led picket line with banner reading ***"The time has come to conquer or submit for there is but one choice - we have made it."*** She is followed by Mrs. Lawrence Lewis [Dora Lewis]. They received 6 mos. in prison.



Dora Lewis (center) of Philadelphia [with Clara Louise Rowe (left) and Abby Scott Baker (right)] on release from jail after days of hunger strike. August 1918.



Lucy Burns

SO, REFRESH MY MEMORY.

SOME WOMEN WON'T VOTE THIS YEAR BECAUSE - WHY, EXACTLY?

WE HAVE CARPOOL DUTIES?

WE HAVE TO GET TO WORK?

OUR VOTE DOESN'T MATTER?

IT'S RAINING?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's new movie *'Iron Jawed Angels.'* It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more rote. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes it was inconvenient.

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was--with herself.

"One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie," she said. 'What would those women think of the way I use, or don't use, my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn.'

"The right to vote," she said, "had become valuable to her all over again."

HBO released the movie on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum I want it shown on Bunco night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men: 'Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity.'

Please, if you are so inclined pass this on to all the women you know. We need to get out and vote and use this right that was fought so hard for by these very courageous women. Whether you vote democratic, republican or independent party, remember to vote.



AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Breaking through Barriers

for

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Years

AAUW Clearwater Branch 2012-2013 Membership Form

Please complete this form. We will use the information to update our directory.

National, state, and local dues this year total

-**\$70** for Members of Branch (MOB),

-**\$21** for Dual (two state) and Paid Life Members (MBL) members

-**\$ 9** for dual (two towns in Florida members)

No dues are required from Honorary Life Members (MBHL) of over 50 years.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City/_____ FL _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ other phone: _____

Email address: _____

Summer address, if applicable: _____

College(s) attended and degrees:

Birthday (Month and date only if you wish) _____

I joined AAUW (year, month and date if possible) _____

I have been a part of Clearwater Branch since _____

My favorite part of AAUW is _____

I would be willing to assist one of the following officers: (You need not do all that is included in the descriptions of these offices. ANY help will be appreciated.)

_____ 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, trips)

_____ Fundraiser

Suggestion(s) for our branch: _____

Please complete and send to **Carol Zeph, 1000 Mac Farland Street, Dunedin, FL 34698** with your check made payable to **Clearwater AAUW**. Prompt payment enables us to give information to headquarters in Washington, so you will receive your mailings from them promptly. Also, we will be able to update our yearbook and directory in a timely manner