



President's Message

Dear All,
From the AAUW BYLAWS –
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PURPOSE

The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

A very important way to 'advance equity for women and girls' is to vote this November. Unless we elect people to support equity for women and girls, we will never achieve our goal.

Ironically women didn't get the right to vote until 1920, after a long, hard fight, and yet many women today don't vote.

If we want to improve our communities, we need to ensure that we elect people who have the interest of the people in mind.

Some food for thought:

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they can do this is by not voting. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

To make a democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers. One who does not vote has no right to complain.

Louis L'Amour

Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.

William E. Simon

Remember to Vote!

Rita Garvey

Is Greenlight Pinellas a Go or No?

WHAT: *Greenlight Pinellas Forum* sponsored by Clearwater American Association of University Women and North Pinellas League of Women Voters

WHEN: Saturday, October 18

TIME: Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. First Presentation

WHERE: The Patio Room of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
705 Michigan Avenue, Dunedin

WHO: Open to public

GUEST SPEAKERS:
Barbara Haselden and Jeff Danner



No Tax for Tracks
Barbara Haselden



Yes on Greenlight
Jeff Danner

Thinking about the future of Pinellas County, people have brought forth ideas about transportation. In November, Pinellas voters will decide whether to fund those ideas or not. If you're a Snowbird or haven't heard much about this initiative or if you want clarification about what has been planned or the effects of decisions made, come to The Patio Room of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 705 Michigan Avenue, Dunedin on Saturday, October 18. Doors are open to the public at 10:00 a.m. and speakers will begin at 10:30. Barbara Haselden representing "No Tax for Tracks" will begin. Jeff Danners representing "Yes on Greenlight" will follow. Each speaker will make a 15 minute presentation followed by questions from the audience.

Barbara Haselden is volunteering as the Campaign Manager and Spokesperson for No Tax for Tracks. She and others have concerns over various aspects of the Greenlight Pinellas Tax Increase Referendum from PSTA which compelled her and others to speak out. Haselden has been owner of an insurance agency in NE St. Petersburg where she has been serving seniors for 25 years, helping with their long-term care planning needs. Haselden holds a real estate Broker's license and was an executive with a major national real estate franchising company during the growth of that industry. She has been a radio talk show host in the Tampa Bay market and recently was a guest on the Neil Cavuto Show.

Jeff Danner is a member of the Yes on Greenlight campaign team. He is a former member of the St. Petersburg City Council and has served on that board since 2005, was re-elected in 2009 and served until January, 2014. During that time, Danner has served as Chair of on PSTA/PSTA Legislative Committee, was an officer of the Metropolitan Organization, and has served other committees that have been involved in Pinellas transit issues for years. Because of this, he is very knowledgeable about the Greenlight Pinellas plan and how it addresses our transportation needs.



AAUW Clearwater Board Meeting September 15, 2014

Meeting was called to order, at 3:00 p.m. by Rita Garvey, President

Programs: The program schedule for the 2014-2015 year was presented by Barbara Perkins. The plans were discussed and approved.

- Saturday, October 18, 2014- Greenlight Pinellas: Pros and Cons. 10:00, A.M. social/meeting with refreshments.
- Saturday, November 15, 2014- Marian Major Cultural Arts Scholarship Fundraiser benefitting Ruth Eckerd Hall's Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute. 10:30, A.M., Doors open/social time. 11:00, A.M., performing arts students. 11:45 A.M., brunch by Ovations.
- December – no meeting. In lieu of luncheon expenses, members and friends are asked to contribute to the Adopt-a-Family program sponsored by St. Petersburg College's Women On The Way (WOW) Program.
- Saturday, January 17, 2015. A joint meeting with the League Of Women Voters is being planned. Place and time to be announced.
- Saturday, February 21, 2015- "Watch Out! It's a Scam!" 10:00 A.M., Doors open/light refreshments. 10:15, A.M., announcements. 10:30, A.M., Guest, Anna Marie Millett, Pinellas County Department of Consumer Services.
- Wednesday, March 11, 2015 – Annual Educational Scholarships Fundraiser, presenting "My Fair Lady." Francis Wilson Playhouse. 7:00, P.M., doors open for free wine and cheese Reception and Basket Fair. 7:45, P.M. Doors open for "My Fair Lady," and presentation of scholarship recipients
- There is a possible March meeting- more planning is needed.
- Saturday, April 18, 2015 – Annual meeting and brunch. 9:00, A.M., social hour. 10:00 A.M. brunch. 11:00, A.M.- meet former Women On the Way scholarship recipients. Discussion, also, of the changing needs of Women On the Way

Membership – Gay Gentry reported that we have thirty-three members and one student member.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Carol Zeph; unanimously accepted.

In other business, it was announced that **Millie Latlief** had died. By unanimous vote, it was decided that a donation of \$100.00 for Scholarship Fund will be made in her honor by the Branch.

Future Board meetings will occur the week before our meetings, preferably, on Mondays at 3:00, P.M. Rita will make arrangements to secure meeting room with the Clearwater Library
The meeting was adjourned at 4:27, P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Windon, Secretary



**Margaret Hyde and Lorene Esin
Salome Harasty and Flossie McNally
Marian Major
Thinking of you, AAUW Sisters,
as you recuperate.**

Friday Morning Book Group

Some members will not be available until much later this year, so the book group will not convene until December 12. In the meantime, if you would like to join the book group, the first book shared will be **Windmills and War by Diane Moody.**

More information about when and where to meet will be in our next newsletter. Think about joining.

We miss you, Millie.

Millie Latlief (right) passed away peacefully in June of this year, after our meetings had come to an end. She joined us about 10 years ago.

She had been a life member of AAUW, having joined in 1947 right after she graduated from college. She told us she was "drafted" but liked it and remained a member all her life.

She was always willing to lend a hand; had completed her two-year term as our treasurer just three years ago.

Here she and her good friend, Barb Perkins, were helping set up our basket at our 2012 state convention.



New Member:

New to our branch, but not to AAUW, Meet Becky Webber

(in her own words...)

Coming out of the darkness of the 40's and 50's, I was one of those girls told that college monies were needed for my younger brothers. I should get a job until I got married. Being a mostly obedient girl of her times and not knowing I yet had a voice of my own, I complied. I took a variety of classes whenever I could because I loved school.

At 34 I decided it was time to take drum lessons, a dream that had been squashed as unfeminine and unnecessary by my parents. I was successful. When told by my instructor it was time to join a jazz group, I said sorry, it is time to get really brave and head for college.

At 37 I decided my sons were old enough to be helpful. Scared that I was too old and had no brain left, I enrolled in the local Junior College. 4 years later I graduated with high honors with an Associate Degree

On to the 4-year university I trotted with emotional and financial support from my husband and sons. It took 6 more years of schooling which ended with a BFA-Ceramics as well as a 30-hour minor in Psychology as well as an MS in Family and Child Studies which was really the umbrella for a long 45 hour Masters to end up a certified Marriage and Family Counselor.

I have been accepted in a few art shows over the years and have sold some paintings and porcelain bowls. I was quite active in American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists for the few years that I actually enjoyed the work. I was certified as a divorce mediator by the Chicago Mediator Association. Then I stopped all that to just enjoy teaching as an adjunct at my university. Loved that.

Now I paint, knit like a crazy women because it is art that allows me design, color theory, texture and results that don't just sit on a shelf or hang on a wall.

Kent and I have traveled in all 50 states, 49 of them twice. We did not get the RV to Hawaii. England has become our second home over the years as we share life with another family; two women, myself and Maureen became pen friends at age 10. Now 61 years later we are still close, our families are friends although we do not traipse back and forth across the "pond" every other year as we used to do.

As a young girl I wrote a letter to President Eisenhower asking him to pass a law that girls could join Little League Baseball. That did not happen although I did have a polite response via letter. I swam and worked on a trampoline during the hours I was not at work. I was a runner, played tennis, played adult soccer on a women's league, refereed soccer for AYSO for 8 years. Lifted weights beginning in my 40's to insure strong bones.

I would be a 28- year member of AAUW except that somewhere along the line, Illinois lost my membership while I was in Washington. I had a dual membership, paid for it anyway, but could never contact anyone at State who was helpful. When we left Seattle to live full time in a motor home I lost a few years before I learned about being a member at large. I think now I should officially have 25 years. Here you have the strong points that jumped up to me about my life.

I would like to add I always wanted to be a mother and to have children. I gave birth to two sons, 1968 and 1971. I never had an interest in being a grandmother, was too happy and busy with our married life but then—we met the first granddaughter and it was all over but the shouting. We have 4 grandchildren. No pets. Happily we still have each other and just celebrated 50 years of marriage. Wow! You surely can come up with some sort of an idea about me from all that. My fingers have just flown across the keys!

Editor's Note: Becky will be joining us a little later this year, but this will help you "get acquainted." Our Membership V.P. is pleased to share that there are several women who have shown an interest in joining. If you have a friend who is interested, don't hesitate to bring her along. And Becky, How would you like to help with the newsletter??



Mark your calendars: Plans for second annual REH Marian Major Cultural Arts Scholarship underway: November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Mark your calendar! Tell your friends! Save the date for Saturday morning, November 15! Where? Ruth Eckerd Hall's Murray Studio! Invite friends! Bring spouses! Help raise funds that benefit the boys and girls of the Performing Arts Institute of REH. Try to bring at least 2 or 3 people with you. A prize to the person with the most guests. A \$30 donation will provide a delightful performance by young people who take classes at the Institute, a delicious brunch served by Ovations in the Murray Studio, and raise scholarship funds for youth who would not otherwise be able to afford the classes. The youth are so talented and the food is so good.

More details about performances and menu will be in the next month's newsletter. Save the date and Spread the Word!!



AAUW OF FLORIDA 2014 TECH TREK CAMP By Jacqueline D'Alessio



As a member of the AAUW-FL Board of Directors, I had the opportunity to volunteer as a Dorm Monitor for the 2014 Tech Trek Camp at Eckert College in St. Petersburg from July 13 through July 19. After arriving on campus at 7:30 AM on Sunday and settling into my dorm room, the Director of the Camp Shirley Reid held a Staff Meeting to review the policies and procedures for the camp. After lunch in the college cafeteria, the 14 staff members including the dorm monitors (4), the student counselors (4), and the instructors awaited the arrival of the 40 incoming eighth grade girls selected from middle schools throughout Florida. Each dorm monitor with a student counselor was assigned a group of 10 girls; the dorm monitor served as an instructional assistant in the classes and workshops.

After the families settled their daughters into their dorm rooms, the girls and their families proceeded to Fox Hall for an official welcome. When the families departed, the young women participated in an ice breaker and a pre-assessment survey to determine their perceptions of STEM subjects. After dinner the attendees listened intently to Emilee Barnett, a participant from the first Tech Trek in Florida in 2013, and to the keynote speaker Ms. Lee-En Cheng, an Architectural Engineer, who spoke of her experiences in male-dominated classes in engineering and of her determination to pursue the career she loved. After the keynote, the girls worked with their roommates to create a mural reflecting their perceptions of Tech Trek.

Each morning the girls and staff rose for breakfast at seven followed by a day of classes and workshops: *Bridge Building; It's Getting Hot in Here; Hurricane and Coastal Erosion; Geology in a Bottle; Roller Coasters; Weird Wacky Weather; Robotics; Forensics; Extinction Stinks; Barbie Bungee Jumping; Windpower Cell Phones; and Chemistry of Food.* In the middle of the week, campers visited Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota where in addition to a tour of the facilities, they searched the brackish waters of Sarasota Bay for aquatic creature specimens and identified them. After dinner each night, the girls participated in a group activity culminating in a Professional Women's Night when the attendees heard from a dentist, a research scientist, a STEM coordinator, and a civil engineer followed by an interactive session with the four presenters. The final night of camp, each group presented their interpretation of the week using skits, poetry, song, and dance.

As I attended the classes and workshop with these young women, I was impressed by their mastery of technology, their openness to new concepts, their willingness to participate in the scientific investigations, their critical thinking skills, their collaboration on solving problems, and their joy in discovery. These incoming eighth grade girls foreshadow an equitable future for women in STEM.

(Ed. Note: Clearwater AAUW donated \$500 to the Camp this year. If you would like to know more, talk to Rita.)

Important Dates

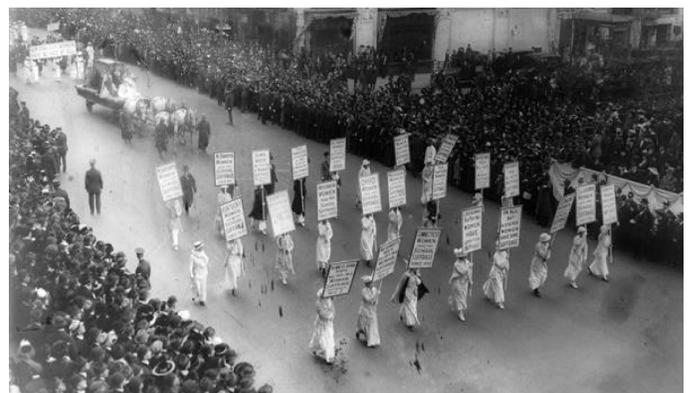
October 6, 3:00 p.m. Board Meeting Clearwater Main Library, 100 Osceola St., Clearwater
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED, ENCOURAGED, CAJOLED, BEGGED TO ATTEND. YOU ARE NEEDED!!!

October 18, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Greenlight Pinellas Go or No?
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church's Patio Room, 705 Michigan Avenue, Dunedin

November 4: VOTE!!!! and remind your friends.

November 10, 3:00 p.m. Board Meeting Clearwater Main Library, 100 Osceola St., Clearwater...ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!!!

November 15, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Marian L. Major Scholarship Fundraiser benefitting students of Ruth Eckerd Hall Performing Arts Institute.
11:00 Students performing and delicious brunch to follow



A suffrage march in New York City in 1913, seven years before the 19th Amendment was ratified.

Photo courtesy of the U.S. Library of Congress.

