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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think you will all agree the November Fundraiser was rather fun and unique...totally different from anything we've had in the past. I think the unexpected speeches from the two WWII female veterans were the highlight of the event.

Take a look at page two of this newsletter for details on our December meeting – note we'll be meeting at Community Hall this month. For January, our speaker will be a representative from Gannon University. We'd like to have a field trip there the following week where we'll be given a tour of the beautiful new building we pass by every day. Sign-up sheets for the tour will be at the December meeting, as will the yearly envelopes collecting cash for the girls at PACE. Remember that for many of the girls, the little presents bought with this money we donate every year are the only presents they receive.

For February, we're hoping that the Fundraiser will be a brand new play by Pelican Players, written by Mary Winters who's directed all the shows we've sponsored.

I know you have been receiving requests from AAUW National to donate towards the national agenda and charities. This is totally up to you. In the last week you likely received a letter from AAUW-FL requesting donations to help run next summer's Tech Trek camps, once again in two different campus locations. Remember they now get no money at all from National. If you are able to help out in any way, the checks must be made out to AAUW-FL Supporting Foundation, Inc. and mailed to Tech Trek camp, PO Box 2938, Jupiter FL 33468.

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**Diane
Waronka,
President**

DECEMBER MEETING RESERVATIONS

**Please Note: Because of the golf cart parade, our meeting will be held at
COMMUNITY HALL**

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. for socializing and Brunch (fruit, quiche, coffee, tea).

Program is at 10:00 a.m., with business meeting to follow.

This will be **BOGO** meeting.

All members are encouraged to bring a guest to the meeting.

While members pay \$10 for brunch as always, guests will be free at this meeting.

Reservations (with guest number) and payments are due to

Margi Castiglia by Friday, December 6, 2019.

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Before I close, I wanted to give you an update on some of our members. I hope some of you have been able to visit Judy Voorhees at Palm Garden. Her son had indicated each day was a gift, even after all the procedures she's had since her heart attack in August. But, when I went on Sunday she seemed very strong and determined that soon she would be back to her old self - even though not in her old house. Also we understand that after all the delays, Edith Rice is very soon having her stent procedure. Vivian Boyd has had some setbacks after her operation, but is recuperating.

Lastly, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please have a Merry Christmas or a Happy Hanukkah!
Diane Waronka

AAUW *SHAPE THE FUTURE*

We are making every regular meeting, a **SHAPE THE FUTURE** event. This concept comes from AAUW National. Any guest who joins AAUW **that day** will only pay half of the national dues along with regular state and local dues. So remind guests to bring their checkbooks if they want to get in on this great deal. Remember that renewal memberships don't count.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

The Gift of Education

9:30 a.m. at Community Hall

Come to meet our 2019 Tech Trek Campers and 2019 Hillsborough Community College – SouthShore Campus Scholarship winners: 3 Tech Trek Girls, teachers and principal from their school; and students getting current HCC scholarships. A representative of the HCC Foundation will tell us how recipients are chosen.



Additionally, as we do each December, we will be collecting for PACE. For 10+ years, it has been our practice to give a small donation at this time of year to the girls at the PACE School. **PACE** stands for **Practical, Academic & Cultural Education**.

There will be an envelope on each table to receive these donations.



Please Check Out Our Wonderful Website

<https://sccsouthshore-fl.aauw.net/>

On our website, you can:

Find our members' contact info - Check on Special Events - See info on General Meetings
Review Special Interest Events (Bridge, Mah Jongg, etc.) - Learn What's New



Wanted: Four Members to Serve on Our Nominating Committee

More than any year in our recent past, we are in urgent need of members to step forward to serve on our Nominating Committee.

This committee will nominate members to serve as our branch President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These current terms expire in May.

If you wish our AAUW Branch to continue, we desperately need members to step forward and serve.

Please help us. Contact President Diane Waronka if you can.

From AAUW Florida
Kay Lee-Smith
AAUW Florida Director for Public Policy

AAUW Florida Lobby Days

January 21-22, 2020

Join Us at the Capitol!

- Training session on Monday evening, January 20th at the hotel.
- Visit and advocate with your own legislators and team up with others.
- Information on committee meetings and sessions to attend.
- You will be provided with a concise list of bills to support or oppose that have been vetted by the national office, with talking points. We will also have AAUW materials for you to leave with the legislators' offices.
- Dinner together Tuesday evening TBA.
- Rally, Information Table on Wednesday.
- Stipend: graduated scale (\$50-\$80) depending on your driving distance plus \$50 to help with lodging TBA. This is to help with expenses, not cover all of them.

What to Do Now

- Email Kay Smith, aauwflksmith@gmail.com to be put on the email list for updates. No obligation!
- Make an appointment with your senator or representative NOW for a Jan 21 visit. Call and ask for the person who does the scheduling for them (warning: events may happen to cause the legislator to cancel).
- Register at the hotel, **Country Inns and Suites**, 3096 N. Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303 @ \$149 per night plus tax --check in 1/20 and check out 1/22. Please contact the hotel directly to reserve your room with two queen beds and breakfast included at **850-701-2850**, under AAUW Lobby Days, before the cutoff date of **Monday, December 16, 2019**.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US FOR
THE AAUW
FUNDRAISER CRUISE

ON HOLLAND AMERICA'S
NEWEST SHIP
NIEUW STATENDAM
FEBRUARY 16-23, 2020

7 night cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to
Half Moon Cay, Grand Turk,
Amber Cove, and Key West.

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