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## The Communicator January 2020



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

Continuing the theme of scholarship from our December meeting, in January we will hear about Gannon University from two graduate students. Following their presentation and a shortened business meeting, everyone interested will drive or carpool over to the Gannon location for a short tour. No need to worry about accessibility since everything is on one floor and there are not that many classrooms. The gate to the parking lot behind Bob Evans is usually locked, but will be unlocked for us. Handicapped parking and 10 regular parking spaces are by the front door. Decide during our meeting whether you want to drive on your own or be driven by several of us who can fit extra riders in our cars and, of course, will return people back to the Atrium. It should be a fairly short tour so door-to-door-to-door should be no more than an hour.



**Diane Waronka,  
President**

February 8 will be our second fundraiser of the year, and entertainment will be the premier performance anywhere of the Pelican (Comedy) Players! It will consist of several timely skits and several songs—actually parodies. It should really be fun, so plan on bringing many friends—including men! Come to the January meeting prepared to buy your tickets - or a table's worth - from Patsie Ginley. \$30 per ticket. Event at Community Hall.

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### January Meeting Reservations

**Happy  
New Year!**

**Arrive at 9:30 a.m. for socializing.  
Assorted pastries, bagels, coffee, tea will be available.**

**Note: cost for this meeting is only \$5.**

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

**As our meeting is again a *Shape the Future* event, first time guests are free.  
Reservations (with guest number) and payments (\$5) are due to  
Margi Castiglia by Friday, January 3, 2020.**

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The gift baskets that were raffled in November really did make us quite a bit of money - people didn't mind giving \$20 bills to get their tickets. So, the Board decided to again have gift baskets in February, but hopefully more than we had in November. Please reply to Carolyn Wight if you are willing to make a gift basket to donate. Make sure to include an easy-to-read card listing all items included.

Another change decided at the most recent Board meeting was to simply have 'light breakfast food ' plus coffee and tea at our January meeting. Two of our Board members are donating pastries and bagels. (The first time meeting my husband's extended family many years ago when we got engaged, it seemed everyone would say "come over for some coffeann". At least that's what it sounded like to me. It's either a New Haven area or Connecticut or all-of-New England saying that is heard all the time, and it was great..."Come over to see us, and I will serve whatever I have in the house fun to eat along with coffee or tea, over talk." I never heard it anywhere else but I adopted it.)

Anyway, come to our January meeting for "some coffeann." Since our light food offering will be donated by members, the cost will now be \$5 instead of \$10. First time people will still be free (a *Shape the Future* event). Needless to say, anyone with food restrictions should eat something ahead of time.

See you January 11<sup>th</sup> and **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Diane Waronka*

## JANUARY PROGRAM: About Gannon University



Two Gannon students, *Shaylynn McGrath* and *Taylor Dake*, will present Gannon to our AAUW and showcase all the ways Gannon University is moving in the community!

A guided tour of the campus will be offered immediately following our meeting.

### BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

At our April meeting, our speaker will be author, Enid Shomer.

We still have a few copies of her book, *Tourist Season*, available.

You can pick up a copy at our January meeting. *Tourist Season* is a book of short stories - all about women making life-changing decisions.



Get Your Tickets Soon  
For Our February 8th  
Fundraiser:

## *MAKE 'EM LAUGH*

*Skits and Songs Performed By The Pelican Players*

Bring your husbands and bring your friends to this  
enjoyable performance at Community Hall!

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch catered by Banquet Masters

Ticket cost: \$30

BYOB

**Tickets will be available at our  
January Meeting**



### Is Your Directory Information Correct and Complete?

Several members have noticed that their address, email or phone number is incomplete or incorrect on our website and the listing that was emailed out to members.

Since we did not publish a directory this year, we are using the member database at AAUW National for our directory. So, any missing or incorrect address, email, or phone number information needs to be updated with them.

There are instructions on our website in the members only section to easily update it on the AAUW.org website. Alternatively, if you're not comfortable doing the update that way, you can email AAUW at:

[connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or  
call them at 800-326-2289.

#### STILL NEEDED:

A Branch Historian who additionally has room to store our scrapbooks.

We will establish a small committee to help decide what of our scrapbooks should be digitized and what should be discarded.

Contact President Diane Waronka if you're able and willing to fill this position.



Please Check Out Our Wonderful Website  
<https://sccsouthshore-fl.aauw.net/>

AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING

The Gift  
Of  
Education



Above: Ann Menchen (Director of HCC Foundation), Diane Waronka, Beverly Fletchall, Charity Ativalu (HCC student scholarship recipient)



Two mothers give a heartfelt 'thank you' for the opportunities given their daughters at Tech Trek.



Right: Our Tech Trek campers:  
Alicia Bass  
Jenedith Segura  
Madison McKeefter



Left: From American Samoa, Charity Ativalu shared her interesting biography and thanked AAUW for her scholarship.



Right: Beth Shields Middle School Counselor, Rena Egan, expressed appreciation of AAUW and Tech Trek.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Marsha Katz (dual membership)
- Arlene Latimour
- Sheri Villaverde