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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Diane Waronka,
President



Greetings!

Make sure to get your reservation into Margi by Friday so you can attend the Woman of Distinction brunch meeting on March 14. It should be pretty decent because already after the great exposure given by the Observer for Robin Watt many of her colleagues have called Margie wanting to make a reservation.

Also at our meeting, a sheet will be passed around for people to volunteer at Fun Fest for two-hour shifts. It is a simple and fun job accepting money from people who want to buy used books.

Then on the last Saturday in March, Susan Nasrani will host a New Member Coffee. I hope many of the new members will be able to come because it is such a good way to meet your officers and get to know each other as well. It will also be the last chance to order AAUW name badges; the cost is \$12 and they will be picked up so members will get them by the last meeting of the year.

See you on March 14!

Diane Waronka



March 14th Meeting Reservations

Arrive at 9:30 a.m. for socializing.

Quiche, fruit, pastries, coffee, and tea will be available.

Cost for this meeting is \$10.

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

Reservations and payments (\$10) are due to

Margi Castiglia by Friday, March 6, 2020.



Our March Program

A Woman of Distinction : Robin Watt

Robin has served as a volunteer with the Sun City Center Emergency Squad for over 15 years. She is currently the Asst. Chief of Public Relations, a position she previously held from 2014 thru 2017. She has also served as a member of the Board. She has a passion for fall prevention education; since 2007, Robin has given over 250 fall prevention presentations, primarily in Sun City Center, but also throughout the county.

Robin's passion for volunteering began early working with multiply- disabled boys through one of the country's first boy scout troops for handicapped boys, for the Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts. When she moved to Los Angeles, the Greater LA Council of Boy Scouts tracked her down and recruited her to manage a special district of Boy Scout troops that provided the scouting experience to boys with limited abilities in 8 scout troops.

Most of Robin's career was spent in marketing and public relations in the architecture and construction industry, focusing on the design and construction of jails, juvenile facilities, prisons and courthouses. She has served on various board of directors, including the Sacramento Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Greater Los Angeles Council of Boy Scouts. She has worked as a technical writer, and for fun and pleasure she has authored 5 books. She and her husband enjoy camping, canoeing and traveling, most often by motorcycle.

AAUW-FL CONVENTION



APRIL 18-19, 2020
Dayton Beach Resort and Conference Center
2700 N. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Register by March 18

For more information about costs and registration, go to: <https://aauf-fl.aauw.net/>

**If you are interested in going, please let
Diane Waronka and Susan Nasrani know.**

HELPFUL HINT?

Emails are a great way to communicate, but most of us get so many it's often hard to sort the important ones from the 'not so much.'

Here's a hint when emailing others about AAUW business: Put 'AAUW' in the subject line, and hopefully you'll get a quicker response to your email.

Please Check Out Our Website

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

?? We Want Questions ??



For our April meeting, we have scheduled Tampa author Enid Shomer to discuss her book *Tourist Season*.

To customize her presentation to what we want to hear, she has requested that we submit questions to her about the book. At the March meeting, we will collect any questions you have prepared for her. In addition, you can also provide them to Mary Ellen Skinkle directly if you are unable to attend the March meeting.

Tourist Season is a book of short stories about women at decision points in their journey through life. It is available at online booksellers, and can be reserved through the Hillsborough County Library system. The book won the Gold Medal in fiction from the state of Florida and was chosen for Barnes and Noble's "Discover Great New Writers" series.

Many of Ms. Shomer's writings have a theme of female empowerment. The April meeting should be a great discussion – even better with our input!

Looking for Volunteers to Work at Fun Fest on March 21st

We're having our Used Book booth again this year at Fun Fest, and we're looking for some volunteers to help us wo'man' the booth. The shifts available are 8-10am, 10-12noon, and 12-2pm.

If you're available to help, please contact President Diane Waronka.



New Member 'Coffee' Scheduled

This reception is open to all **new members** and **prospective members**.

It will be held at the home of Membership Chair Susan Nasrani

on **Saturday, March 28th at 10am.**

Please RSVP to Susan at suenas1@outlook.com.



Thanks to all who donated the gift baskets for our February Fundraiser *Make 'Em Laugh*.

Money raised from the baskets made the event a success and enables us to continue our mission of Tech Trek and HCC scholarships.