



Synthesis



In view of ongoing cancellations due to the corona virus outbreak, all upcoming dates are subject to change.

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2020

MEETING: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Community Foundation, 2635 Fruitville Road

SPEAKER: Phyllis Vogel, League of Women Voters



The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Our speaker, Phyllis Vogel, will detail how the League of Women Voters grew out of the organizations working for women's suffrage and what has happened since the 19th Amendment was passed.

Phyllis graduated from the University of Cincinnati and received her Master's degree from Miami University of Ohio. While in Ohio, her career included pediatric nursing (while raising 4 children), psychiatric nursing, and teaching developmental psychology at local colleges and universities around Cincinnati. She became a full-time resident of Venice, FL in 2002 and is a member of AAUW Venice.

A member of the League of Women Voters since 1980, she served as a Board member in the Cincinnati area and, since 2003, has actively participated in the Sarasota County League where she now serves as a Board member and Speakers Bureau Chair. Although her main interest is in healthcare, she has researched, written about, and spoken about Women's Suffrage and the history of the League of Women Voters.

Please join us as we learn about and celebrate women's right to vote!

Virginia Waring and Joan Nasser



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

April, 2020

Congratulations to Carol Bernasconi and her wonderful team of Virginia Waring, Anne Salamone, Kathy Oarr, Sue Mc McGowan, Audrey Laue, Louise Oleyourryk, Jackie Zukley, Sue Casey, Janet Mahler, and Joan Nasser, who raised an amazing \$1769.11 from the February Brunch. This money will go to our operating budget so that we can continue our work without raising dues, plus it was a fabulous and fun social event as well. Our thanks to you all, and to all the members who attended and/or donated cash or items for the sale.

The Florida State Convention, originally scheduled for April 18-19 in Daytona Beach has been cancelled because of the coronavirus outbreak. Ellen Roche, who is a state Board member, Jackie Zukley, Sue Casey and I were planning to attend. Anyone can join us! These meetings are always energizing about the AAUW mission, and the members who attend from all over the state get a chance to learn from each other what works or doesn't in their branches. Remember, your registration will be paid if you will be on the Board next year, and we carpool (that's where the best conversations are!). Next year!

And if you are still planning to donate to Tech Trek to match the \$1500 donation of Eloise Malinsky, don't forget to mail a check to AAUW Sarasota, PO Box 3554, Sarasota, 34230 and make it out to AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation. If it isn't made out

correctly, someone will have to contact you to make it right, and she'll be grumpy!

Diana Sells, President



FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 8th dawned a beautiful day at the University Park Country Club. Over 40 branch members and guests attended our 2020 Sarasota Branch Fundraiser Brunch and were treated to an exceptional and worthwhile experience. The Garden Room was filled with tables showcasing beautiful baskets and nearly two hundred White Elephant items. After enjoying the bountiful and delicious brunch, the fun began in earnest. Shopping and bidding on an unbelievable array of items, enjoying an auction of themed baskets, and purchasing 50/50 tickets gave everyone the experience of supporting our Branch initiatives.

Monies raised at the fundraiser that day, as well as donations by our members and an additional Branch meeting sales event, added up to an impressive amount of \$1769.11! So amazing, but so reflective of the generosity of our members, the hard work of our committee ladies (aka.... worker bees), and the support of the Executive Board. All the above were instrumental in making this fundraiser the fabulous success it turned out to be.

A big **thank you** to our committee members and all who stepped up to help: Audrey Laue, Kathy Oarr, Anne Salamone, Virginia Waring, Sue McGowan, Louise Oleyourryk, Jackie Zukley, Sue Casey, Joan Nasser, Janet Mahler.

Carol Bernasconi

EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS:

The Academic Olympics Finals went smoothly and Pine View school wound up winning the trophy back. The All-Star team, which is comprised of all the best students from each school, will compete in Orlando in April. Students from six of the competing schools will practice weekly in preparation for the finals. The number of female students on each team increases every year, and now is almost equal to the number of males. That's great news!

TECH TREK:

4 potential Tech Trek candidates have been selected. The results have been ranked and sent to the coordinators at the state level. They are a very culturally and socio- economically diverse group from Sarasota Middle, Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences, Pine View, and Macintosh schools.

Their interests of study include CO2 emissions and global warming, engineering water and waste management systems, coding and the biology involved in allergies. We should hear from the state by the end of March at the latest.

Thank you to Anne Salamone, Sue McGowan, and Arlene Leven for conducting the interviews.

START SMART/ WORK SMART:

The workshop was held on February 4 @ USFSM. There was a great turnout of 49 attendees: 42 students attended from the USF Strategic Management and Decision Making course and 7 women were registered from the Women's Resource Center.

WRITE/READ/WRITE:

Judy Cottone collected the books and notes to students from the membership at the February general meeting and they were distributed to the 24 fourth grade students. They had a book party with the children when distributing the books! Thanks to everyone who participated to make this a successful program!

NCCWSL:

June Benowitz and Joan Nasser met with the 4 NCCWSL candidates on Saturday, February 15th. This was an opportunity to meet the girls and answer any questions they had.

Mary Stephenson, Education Program Chairman
(stephensonmary9@gmail.com)

ACADEMIC OLYMPICS



The county Academic Olympic Finals were held in the Pine View Auditorium on Saturday, February 22. The top six scoring schools participated, and Pine View won the competition and will have the trophy for the year.

If you are new to Sarasota, you may find it interesting that the Academic Olympic trophy was designed by sculptor Frank Eliscu, designer of the Heisman Trophy.

The number of females on the teams continues to be essentially equal to the number of males. There is no longer any hesitation in females competing. I remember when I was coaching, having the first female in the county competing, and that was 28 years ago!

The photos show the students from several schools hard at work figuring out answers to questions.

Eloise Malinsky

SARASOTA TROLLEY PUBLIC ART TOUR

CHANGE IN DATE for the Sarasota Trolley Public Art Tour (it's enclosed and air-conditioned), now scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020, departing at 1pm sharp from 1826 4th St. in Sarasota, where there is ample parking. WE MUST be at the trolley by 12:50pm. Suggested Registration for this tour is online at the company's website: discoversarasotatours.com. The price, with snowbird discount (request that) is \$32.60 incl tax and handling. Gratuity(ies) are welcome, but optional; suggested tip is \$2 each to driver and narrator. If you prefer to call and make a reservation, the phone # is 941-260-9818.

The trolley holds 35 passengers and first paid, first served. Once you register and pay for this trip with the trolley co., please notify Marlene Kitchell, at 941 359-9067 or mmkjap@aol.com. Deadline is Tuesday, March 31. In addition, (optional and with separate checks provided,) a late breakfast or early lunch is available at the Breakfast House (right in front of the trolley co.). Please contact Marlene by March 31 to expedite a reservation which will be at 11AM.

Barb Kerwin, coordinator NCNG

AAUW SARASOTA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020 - 2021

From a Co-Treasurer:

At the monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, the membership will be asked to approve the annual budget for the Branch for 2020-2021 and the spending priorities for the available balances of the endowment funds held at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County for 2020-2021. The Board has approved for recommendation to the membership the **Philanthropy Plan** and **Proposed Budget** set forth below. These materials will be discussed at the annual meeting. If you have questions you would like to have addressed before then, please feel free to contact me by email at sserling@verizon.net or by phone at 941-377-4728.

Susan Serling

2020- 21 AAUW Sarasota Endowment Funds Philanthropy Plan – Proposed

Spendable Balances 6/30/20 (est)*	\$12,000
Assumed c/o from 2019-2020 plan**	\$326
Total spendable balance (est)	\$12,326
College Scholarships – 2 @ \$2,500 each	-\$5,000
NCCWSL	-\$3,000
Tech Trek	-\$2,500
AAUW Greatest Needs Fund	-\$1,500
Community Foundation	-\$300
Balance	\$26

* Estimated spendable balance is based on spendable balance (excluding carryover) for 2019-2020 (\$12,073).

** Assumed c/o from 2019-2020 plan consists of remaining unallocated spendable balance (\$326).

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

	2019-2020 Budget	2020-2021 Proposed
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Administrative (Officers)		
Appreciation gifts (coffee mugs)	\$ 300	\$ 0
Community Outreach	0	100
Conventions/State meeting	1000	1000
Copying	25	25
Insurance	530	530
PO Box	85	95
Postage	40	40
Remembrance	100	100
Yearbook	<u>100</u>	<u>175</u>
Total Administrative	\$ 2180	\$ 2065
Communications		
Synthesis	\$ 100	\$ 100
Web design & maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Communications	\$ 100	\$ 100
Education	\$ 250	\$ 250
Membership		
Brochures	\$ 225	\$ 225
New member packets	50	50
Member longevity/new member recognition	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Membership	\$ 375	\$ 375
Programs		
Hospitality	\$ 100	\$ 75
Speaker gifts	<u>150</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Programs	\$ 250	\$ 125
Public Policy	<u>50</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$3205	\$ 2965
<u>INCOME</u>		
Dues	\$1400	\$ 1400
Fundraising	1500	1435
Luncheons	300	125
Name badges	5	5
Needed Carryover	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	\$3205	\$ 2965

**AAUW Sarasota Branch
Officers and Directors 2019 - 2020**

Officers

President	Diana Sells
Vice President	Lois Fisch
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(Florida branch)

or

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Deadline

April 10th is the deadline for the May issue of the Synthesis. Please submit either an email or attached Word document to me, Roz Lurie. Photos are appreciated. I cannot edit a PDF file.

Roz Lurie, roz.lurie@gmail.com

C A L E N D A R - APRIL 2020

To place items in the Calendar, get in touch with Diana Sells by the 10th of April for the May newsletter:

dsells55@yahoo.ca.

First Wednesday Bridge

Apr 1 -- Wednesday at 12:45 pm. Social bridge on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet at the In-Between Bridge Club at 4414 Bee Ridge Rd. We welcome new members at all levels of play. Contact Maureen Firth at 941-358-6451 or firthent@yahoo.com.

North County Neighborhood Group

Apr 2 – Thursday at 1 pm. A daytrip is planned with a 90-minute Sarasota trolley tour: “*Public Art of Sarasota*.” Tour begins at 1pm from 1826 4th St. (just behind the Breakfast House on Fruitville.) Breakfast/lunch will precede the tour at 11 am at The Breakfast House. Contact: Marlene Kitchell, 941-359-9067 or mmkjp@aol.com. by March 31. See complete details on page 4 of this Synthesis.

AAUW Board Meeting

Apr 7 – Tuesday at 10 am. The AAUW Sarasota Board will meet at the Community Foundation at 2635 Fruitville Rd. All members are welcome! Plan to join us for lunch afterwards

Play Reading

Apr 8 -- Wednesday at 1 pm. Our playreaders will be doing *Enchanted April* based on the book by Elizabeth Van Arnim. Join us for a reading of this wonderful comedy drama. Contact Nancy Brennan at nbrennan617@gmail.com or call 924-5951.

Branch Meeting and pre-meeting Lunch

Apr 15 – Wednesday. Branch meeting at the Community Foundation, 2635 Fruitville Road. Join us to hear our speaker, Phyllis Vogel. Optional lunch before the meeting at 11:45 at Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 5440 Fruitville Rd. Parking is plentiful adjacent to the restaurant. If you plan on attending lunch, please make a reservation with Nancy Brennan, at nbrennan617@gmail.com or 941-924-5951, by Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Film Group

Apr 16 – Thurs at 11 am.

The Film Group will meet at Selby Library, second floor conference room (3rd Thursday this month). Members will be notified of the selected film by email a week prior to the meeting. New members are welcome to join in the discussion and enjoy an optional lunch after the meeting at a nearby restaurant. For information call or email Sylvia Rosenfeld (924-8603, sylros10@yahoo.com) or Kathy Schoenhals (346-8161, katevrs@gmail.com).

North County Book Group

Apr 21 – Tuesday at 11 am. The North County Book Group will meet at the North Sarasota Library. All are welcome to attend. Ellen Roche will lead the discussion of *How Democracies Die* by Daniel Ziblatt. We meet from 11:00 to 12:00 with optional lunch afterwards. Contact Lois Fisch, 941-735-0378 or lfisch@utica.edu

Gulf Gate Book Group

Apr 28 – Tuesday at 11:30 am. The Gulf Gate Book Group will meet at the Gulf Gate Library in the second floor meeting room. Kathy Schoenhals will lead the discussion of *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright. All AAUW members are invited to join the discussion and then enjoy an optional lunch after the meeting at a local restaurant. For more information contact Sylvia Rosenfeld at sylros10@yahoo.com or (924-8603), Audrey Laue, sarafen@fastmail.us (or 922-1778) or Jocelyn Baskey, baskey0@gmail.com or (419-559-6319).