



# Synthesis

## MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

**WEDNESDAY**, March 17, 2021



**AAUW SARASOTA BRANCH MEETING via ZOOM: 2:00 pm**

### *Second Chance Last Opportunity*



April Glasco, former Corrections Officer with Manatee County Sheriff's Department and Case Worker for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, watched for years as the local community struggled with big city issues such as violence, narcotics sales, addictions and generational cycles of government dependence. In response, Ms. Glasco was compelled to do something to help the community. With the establishment of **Second Chance Last Opportunity** in 1995, at-risk teens and their families were provided with crisis

prevention, intervention, referral and life skills training. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary Year, SCLO continues as the only agency that is working from within the community to address the problems inherent in an isolated, underserved, and depressed population. SCLO's holistic approach reflects the multiple economic, social, and health challenges its clients experience.

April's story started in New Jersey where she was born to her pastor parents whose travels eventually brought them to Sarasota where she graduated from Sarasota High School in 1976. Married with children, April obtained her Masters in Mental Health Counseling, and at age 31 started Second Chance Last Opportunity. She has also authored two books.

Be sure to be with us on Wednesday, March 17 at 2 p.m. to meet April and have her tell us all about Second Chance Last Opportunity. *-Joan Nasser, Program Director*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2021

I am pleased to announce that Barb Kerwin has volunteered to be branch liaison to the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and that Kathy Oarr and Barb Kerwin have agreed to serve on the scholarship committee. **Thank you** to Barb and Kathy for agreeing to take on these responsibilities.

Posted on the AAUW website:

*This spring AAUW members will vote on proposed changes recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee that would eliminate the degree requirement for membership....AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity, yet the requirement for membership explicitly denies access to membership to those without college degrees. AAUW does not promote equity for all women and girls if the organization maintains exclusionary membership requirements. The membership requirement is not fair, is not right, and is not equity. This is simply the right thing to do.*

I couldn't agree more! If we truly believe that our mission is to advance equity for women and girls, then we *must* change our currently inequitable membership requirement.

The 2021 Leadership Conference & Annual Meeting "Women Together in the Sunshine State" will be offered online April 16-18. Save the date and plan to attend this free event. More information is available at [aauw-fl.net](http://aauw-fl.net).

*Lois Fisch, President*



## Membership / Changes to 2020-2021 Directory

Please update your directory with the following change of address for Ernie Kent:  
1955 N. Honore Ave., #B201  
Sarasota, FL 34234

With sadness we have to report that AAUW Sarasota member Alice McNally passed away recently. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

*Sue McGowan, for the Membership Committee:  
Nancy Brennan, Beverly Prechtel, Susan Ritchey, Anne Salamone, and Elizabeth Smith*

### **AAUW Benefits and Discounts\*:**

Your AAUW membership is also a key to possibly saving money on a variety of purchases. At the same time, those purchases provide AAUW National with a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference and so much more!

A variety of types of **insurance** (long-term care, auto, and pet); **travel discounts** (Colette Tours, TNT, Hotel Engine, Dollar, and Thrifty Car Rental, Cruises Only); and other offers (Office Depot/Office Max, Constant Contact, Prescription Savings Cards, and UPS) are available. Be sure to mention your AAUW membership to get these benefits.

\* AAUW makes no representation or warranties with respect to these products and/or services. Benefits, services and programs are subject to change without notice.

## **Public Policy Report**

AAUW regularly submits letters to Congress, comments to regulating bodies, testifies before Congress, and signs on to legal briefs to help advance equity. Already in 2021 letters outlining our legislative priorities have been sent to all members of Congress and to the Presidential Transition Team, and we have signed on to a coalition of over 200 organizations supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act. All of these letters are available on the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) website (search for Public Policy).

*February 3, 2021*

*Dear Member of Congress:*

*As members of a broad coalition of organizations that promote economic opportunity for women and vigorous enforcement of antidiscrimination laws, we strongly urge you to co-sponsor and push for swift passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act as a top priority of the 117th Congress....*

Our branch has been invited to collaborate with the Women's Resource Center to make the [Work Smart](#) program available to all their clients. This is a wonderful chance to help women returning to the workforce and a great example of how collaboration with another organization makes good use of our resources. The WRC is also using our research on economic insecurity in their efforts to have the Florida legislature pass legislation to phase out benefits as recipients earn more money, rather than facing an abrupt cut-off. Senator Gruters has agreed to co-sponsor this legislation.

[Lobby Day](#) in Florida is being held virtually this year, on **March 17**. All members are encouraged to attend the Pre-Lobby Day Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7pm. More information is forthcoming.

*Diana Sells, Public Policy Director*

## Be a Leader for our Branch!

We are working to keep our branch strong to support our members and advance gender equity for women and girls. This is an opportunity to learn more about the branch and share your skills or learn a new one.

Below are the job descriptions for three of the open board positions. Nominations are due to the Branch soon. Please consider helping!



### Secretary

- Records and distributes the minutes of the Board meetings which take place once a month.
- Records and distributes the minutes of the business meeting portion of each Branch meeting, which take place once a month, excepting the summer months. Branch business meeting minutes are distributed to the entire membership electronically.
- The Secretary presents the completed minutes formally at the next Board or Branch meetings for approval as is or with correction, before minutes are entered into the records of all meetings, maintained by the Secretary.
- The Secretary attends all Board and Branch meetings; if unable on occasion to attend a meeting, the Secretary arranges coverage by another member to take minutes.
- The Secretary also ensures that the Branch PO Box is checked on a regular basis (about every 2 weeks) for any correspondence and routes to the appropriate Board member as necessary.
- The Secretary may also prepare any Branch correspondence at the request of the President.
- Co-signs checks at the request of the Treasurer.

### Director of Programs

- Schedules informational speakers from a diverse community of education, arts, civic/public policy, philanthropy and advocacy-support leaders to educate our membership and support AAUW initiatives.
- Confirms the availability of the Community Foundation for the Branch meeting in cooperation with the President and coordinates with the Community Foundation regarding the physical and electronic set-up of the room.
- Chairs the Program Committee that provides refreshments for the Branch meeting, arrangements for the Fall, Holiday and Spring Luncheons, and other special events.

### Director of Nominations

- Brings new leadership and energy in helping to identify and determine, along with the Nominating Committee, the officers and directors of the Branch for the next fiscal year.
- Coordinates the Nomination Process which includes:
  - Establishing and organizing the meetings of the Nominating Committee
  - Creating and presenting a slate of candidates to the Board and Branch
  - The Election Process.

*Ellen Roche, Nominations Director*



## Academic Olympics

The first two Academic Olympic matches have taken place, and have gone quite well under the unusual playing circumstances. Thanks to Buzz-In and Zoom, we have been able to play remotely. Teams are playing from a combination of students at the school sites and students playing from home who are either in quarantine or learning remotely. Sarasota High's entire team was in quarantine for the second match. The coordinator, Blake Wiley, operates the computer system and score board from his office, and I am moderating from my home. Somehow it all works, with only occasional small glitches. Here's what the scoring looks like on the computer:

Match 2 - February 9, 2021 Join Code 293958								
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There will be matches on Feb. 16th and 23rd, with the finals on March 2. The matches start as close to 2:30 as possible. If you want to tune in to watch, email me at [emchemfl@aol.com](mailto:emchemfl@aol.com) and I will send you the Zoom link.

*Submitted by Eloise Malinsky*

## Amazing Women....Did You Know?



### Eunice Hunton Carter, prosecutor, 1899-1970

Carter was the first African American woman in New York state to serve as assistant district attorney. She was part of the legal team that brought down notorious mob boss Charles “Lucky” Luciano, and her painstaking investigative skills led to his conviction. Later in her life, Carter chaired a committee at the United Nations.

### The Ice Cream Maker



The ice cream maker was invented by a woman named Nancy Johnson in 1843. Her patented design is still used today!

Thanks to [Sue Casey](#)



## MARCH 2021

To place items in the Calendar,  
get in touch with Lois Fisch  
by the 10th of March for the April newsletter:

[lfisch@utica.edu](mailto:lfisch@utica.edu)

Date	Time	Event	Location / Contact	Notes
Tuesday, March 2	11:00 am	<b>AAUW Sarasota BOARD MEETING</b> via ZOOM	Sign in on your computer or phone via Zoom. An invitation will be sent a day or two before the meeting. <b>Contact:</b> Lois Fisch <a href="mailto:lfisch@utica.edu">lfisch@utica.edu</a>	All members welcome.
Tuesday, March 16	11:00 a.m.	<b>North County Book Group</b> via ZOOM  <i>Book selection!</i>	Sign in on your computer or phone via Zoom. An invitation will be sent a day or two before the meeting.  <b>Contact:</b> Lois Fisch <a href="mailto:lfisch@utica.edu">lfisch@utica.edu</a>	<i>We will devote this meeting to our book selection for the 2021- 2022 season. Please come prepared with information about book(s) you wish to recommend (title, author, number of pages, and a brief synopsis).</i>  If you are not currently a member of this group and would like to attend, please contact Lois Fisch <a href="mailto:lfisch@utica.edu">lfisch@utica.edu</a> All members welcome.
Wednesday, March 17	2:00 p.m.	<b>AAUW Sarasota BRANCH MEETING</b> via ZOOM	Sign in on your computer or phone via Zoom. An invitation will be sent a day or two before the meeting.  <b>Contact:</b> Lois Fisch, <a href="mailto:lfisch@utica.edu">lfisch@utica.edu</a>	<b>April Glasgow, founder of Last Chance Second Opportunity, will present.</b> <i>Please join us.</i>
Tuesday, March 23	11:30 a.m.	<b>Gulf Gate Read and Discuss Book Group</b> via ZOOM  <i>Books will be selected for next season.</i>	Sign in on your computer or phone via Zoom. An invitation will be sent a day or two before the meeting. <b>Contact:</b> Sylvia Rosenfeld <a href="mailto:sylros10@yahoo.com">sylros10@yahoo.com</a>	All AAUW members welcome to join the group regardless of whether or not they live in the Gulf Gate area.

**AUW Sarasota Branch**  
**Elected Officers and Directors 2020-2021**

**Officers**

President (2020-2022)	Lois Fisch
Vice President (2020-2022)	Susan Casey
Secretary (2019-2021)	Susan Teel
Treasurer (2019-2021)	Louise Oleyourryk Susan Serling

**Directors**

Program (2019-2021)	Joan Nasser
Membership (2020-2022)	Sue McGowan
Public Policy (2020-2022)	Diana Sells
Communications (2020-2022)	Sue Casey
Education Programs (2019-2021)	Jackie Zukley
Nominations (2019-2021)	Ellen Roche
Past President, (ex-officio, non-voting)	Ellen Roche Diana Sells
Parliamentarian <i>Synthesis</i> Editor	Mimi Welch Virginia Waring



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**Deadline**

**March 10th** is the deadline for the April issue of the *Synthesis*. Please submit either an email or attached Word document to me, Virginia Waring. Photos are appreciated. I cannot edit a PDF file. Thank you.

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