



Synthesis



AAUW SARASOTA FALL LUNCHEON

Summer is over and it's time for our AAUW members to get together. Doing so with food is even more fun.

September is designated as **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**. Last year we celebrated with a Cuban meal. This time we will eat Peruvian delicacies.

The restaurant is **MAEMI**, located at 3482 17th Street., Sarasota 34235.

The Registration form for lunch on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12 noon, is on the last page of this **Synthesis**.

Get a group together to come to this very popular Peruvian restaurant in Sarasota. Questions? Call Martha Lindberg at 772-643-0625 or email her at annie.barnewell@outlook.com.

Submitted by Martha Lindberg, Program Director

Keep your calendars out and save these dates!

- *Our annual Holiday Luncheon, Saturday, December 2, at Stonybrook Country Club. There'll be original and traditional holiday music.*
- *Our annual fundraiser, January 16, 2024, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Sarasota. A one-woman show by Sheryl Faye as Ruth Bader Ginsberg.*

President's Message – September 2023



Sue Casey, President

Hoping that everyone enjoyed summer – knowing regardless of where you enjoyed it you were faced with record setting temperatures. Our branch had some terrific summer sizzlers – my thanks to everyone who scheduled an adventure. Our Meet and Eat Sunday dinners continued to be a success and will continue into the future. The heat didn't prevent a few of us from enjoying the breezes (yes, really) and shade of big trees at Benderson Park on Wednesdays – of course, the lunch that followed was always fun to share.

I want to thank those Board of Directors members who served and have “retired.” Carol Bernasconi and Kathy Schersten ensured we had great programs, and Jackie Zukley who served dual roles as Vice President and Director of Education. Unfortunately, while her role as Vice President did not expire until 2024, Jackie has submitted her resignation but will continue as a valued member. While not a BOD member, I want to thank Virginia Waring for her role as Editor of Synthesis – the Editor works very hard “in the background” to ensure each of us receives AAUW news and information monthly.

The new season brings us the addition of some new Board members. Martha Lindberg is our Director of Programs; Lois Wilkins is our Director of Education; and last but certainly not least is Dawn Graber as Director of Communication, replacing Sue McGowan who resigned and has taken on the role of Editor of Synthesis. Without volunteers AAUW Sarasota could not continue to thrive – please know that ALL volunteers are GREATLY appreciated.



Save the Date — mark your calendars now for the Season Kickoff meeting on **September 20!**

Women's Resource Center—340 South Tuttle Ave., Sarasota

Regular meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (September – April) at 2 p.m.

October 18 November 15 December 2 -- Holiday Celebration Luncheon

January 17 February 21 March 20 April 17 May – End of Season Luncheon



Refreshments... they are always enjoyed, nice to “wet our whistle” and have been served at our business meetings in the past. A huge thank you to our volunteers Martha Lindberg and Kathy Oarr who took on this responsibility last year. This year, Martha (who has taken on Programs) needs your help. She can provide all the information needed to make taking on this task very simple. It won’t cost you any money – we have money in the budget for refreshments, and many of us would be REALLY grateful if you would volunteer – if not for all meetings – how about one or two – put a bunch of us AAUW gals together and we’ll get refreshments at every meeting. If you’re willing, please contact Martha at her email address (annie.barnewell@outlook.com) or call her at 772-643-0625. If no one volunteers...

Also-----for the January f16 undraiser, Martha needs volunteers for ticket sales, advertising, ushers, and cleanup.



AAUW Membership Renewal for 2023 - 24

Renew Now!

Your membership has been vital in making AAUW the only organization advancing gender equity from all sides for more than a century. Because of you we’re working with lawmakers to reshape unfair systems; partnering with employers on workplace and economic equity; and investing in women who are creating change from the inside out.

Today, we’re asking you to continue the legacy of moving women forward and renew your membership!

You can pay all of your dues--branch, state, and national--at once. Here’s how:

Renew by check: Write a check for \$105 payable to AAUW Sarasota and mail to:

AAUW Sarasota, PO Box 3554, Sarasota FL 34230

or go to **AAUW.ORG** to renew online.

When you renew your membership, you can take pride in knowing that our work together continues to make a difference. Thank you!

Welcome back, all! We on your Membership Committee hope you had a healthy, peaceful, and for those of you who “escaped” to northern climes, cool summer. As we look forward to another AAUW year of activities, we are pleased to be welcoming new members, Lois Wilkins and Brenda Yanofsky.

Make sure to say hello at a branch or other SRQ AAUW event. As always, we encourage you to talk about our branch and the national AAUW mission to support women in the areas of education and equity across the country. By all means, share with friends, family, and acquaintances what we are up to locally as well. Check the pages of this issue for this year’s upcoming events, schedule of branch meetings, and of course our variety of interest group activities.

As you know, guests are always welcome, so by all means feel free to invite interested others to a speaker’s presentation at a branch meeting or other SRQ branch event. Contact me to obtain SRQ AAUW brochures and other informative materials, e.g. the Synthesis. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

If anyone knows of a former member of our AAUW branch, even if briefly, who might be curious about what we are up to these days, the Membership Committee would like to reach out to them. As we know, circumstances change, and this may be a good time to give AAUW SRQ another look. Please forward the name and any contact information to Nancy Brennan at aauwsrqbrennan@gmail.com or call 941-924-5951.

We promise not to nag.



Submitted by Nancy Brennan, Membership

Public Policy



Will you be able to vote next year?????

Due to a change in the state law, all Florida residents who vote by mail **MUST** submit a **new** mail ballot request from their county Supervisor of Elections every two years.

To renew a request for a mail-in ballot, or check on the status of your request, go to the Supervisor of Elections site for your county: <https://www.sarasotavotes.gov> or <https://www.votemanatee.com> and click on Vote By Mail.



The AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forums

Wouldn't you like more in-depth information on the important issues facing Florida from a nonpartisan but equity-focused viewpoint? Would you like to be able to ask your own questions of experts regarding these issues? Then be sure to attend as many AAUW Florida Issue Forums this year as you can. All sessions will start at 6:00 PM and last for an hour. The series is open to AAUW members and guests.

TITLE	DATE	SPEAKERS	RSVP
Reproductive Rights	Sept. 14, 2023	Moné Holder, Florida Rising	Click here to register for this session
Title IX and Dress Codes in Schools	Oct. 5, 2023	Nancy Tray, Change the Dress Code Movement, St Johns County	Click here to register for this session
Gender Studies and DEI Initiatives at Colleges	Nov. 2 2023	Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Past President of the United Faculty of Florida, University of North Florida	Click here to register for this session
Florida 2024 Legislative Preview	Nov.16, 2023	Dr. Pat DeWitt, AAUW Co-Public Policy Director and Public Policy Committee Members	Click here to register for this session
Public Education and Book Bans	Jan. 11, 2024	Dr. Marvin Dunn, Professor Emeritus at Florida International University and Miami Center for Racial Justice	Click here to register for this session
Gender Pay Gap and Economic Security	March 7, 2024	Dr. Mary Gatta, AAUW FL Co- Public Policy Director and Director of Research and Public Policy, National Association of Colleges and Employers	Click here to register for this session
Voting Rights	April 18, 2024	Debbie Chandler, Co-President, League of Women's Voters. Florida	Click here to register for this session

You will need to RSVP for each session individually. Once you RSVP you will receive a Zoom link for the session. If you have any questions, contact Mary Gatta, Co-Public Policy Director, AAUW Florida at gatta.mary@gmail.com.

Submitted by Diana Sells, Director for Public Policy

Education Committee

The Education Committee has five areas we work with: **NCCWSL** (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)--an annual conference for college women; **Tech Trek--** a STEM summer camp experience for rising 8th grade girls; **Academic Olympics** – a competition for local area high school students; **Write-Read-Write** – our reading program for a local third grade classroom; **Scholarships** – branch monies helping women complete college or a non-traditional career path.

We have openings on this committee! If you have questions regarding any of these areas or if you would like to join us, please contact Lois Wilkins at cellololoma2@gmail.com or 989-430-0478.

Submitted by Lois Wilkins, Director of Education Programs



Benderson Babes

Every Wednesday at 11:30 am - the absolute best remedy for the mid-week blahs. It's getting a vitamin shot from like-minded women – just what the doctor ordered.

We bring our folding chairs and meet under the shade of the trees at Benderson Park, enjoying gentle breezes. We spend about an hour sharing everything from current topics to “problem solving” (amazing what a group of females can do together). The conversation is as varied as the ladies who join us. After we've chatted, we head off for lunch— where we go for lunch varies each week and is decided by majority vote. Come join us and give us your opinion of where we should dine.

For details on where we meet, send an email to aauwflcasey@gmail.com or call (941)735-8324. Hope to see you next Wednesday.

Submitted by Sue Casey

Meet and Eat Sundays

Dates and Locations will be sent separately.

For further information contact Sue Casey at aauwflcasey@gmail.com

A Celebration for one of our AAUW Sarasota Scholarship winners!

Members Sue McGowan, Joan Nasser, and Kathy Schersten were on hand at Rocco's UTC restaurant to wish AAUW Sarasota's heartiest congratulations to TIERA CHARLES upon her graduation with Bachelor of Science and nursing degrees. Tiera was also the inspirational guest speaker at our Marina Jack Gala last year. Tiera, we are so very proud of you!





Tech Trek 2023 – Florida Virtual STEM Summer Camp for rising 8th graders

Sarasota AAUW was able to send 11 of the 14 applicants to this year's in-person TechTrek! For those of you who had the opportunity to interview these young ladies, you already know how amazing, smart, poised, and talented they are. Here is the list of everyone who was interviewed and those who were selected. All of them represent the best of our future.

Evangeline Ida Delao	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences	Sarasota
Calliope Kauffman	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	No	Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences	Sarasota
Ella Cardell	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Sarasota School of Arts and Science	Sarasota
Hillary Pattison Caceres Pineda	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Brookside Middle School	Sarasota
Kadence Elaine Stuart	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Brookside Middle School	Sarasota
Mariia Afanasieva	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Brookside Middle School	Sarasota
Emory Frandsen	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	Yes	Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences	Sarasota
Lila Grace Bornik	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	Yes	Sarasota Military Academy Prep	Sarasota
Sabrina Shaheen	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	Yes	Brookside Middle School	Sarasota
Ailyn Melissa Cruz-Alvarez	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	No	Incarnation Catholic School	Sarasota
Anna Brodowska	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	Yes	Incarnation Catholic School, Sarasota	Sarasota
Antonia Fout	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	Yes	Sarasota Military Academy Prep	Sarasota
Nora Vivian Phillips	Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL June 18-24, 2023	Yes	Brookside Middle School	Sarasota
Aubrey Bland	Stetson University, DeLand, FL June 11-17, 2023	No	Incarnation Catholic School	Sarasota



Submitted by Leiland Theriot, Sarasota Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)



Dahlia Martine (USFSM), C'erra Tubbs and Hannah Barker (New College of Florida) Gabrielle Carroll (USFSM)

The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was held May 31 to June 3 at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md. Two students from New College of Florida and two students from University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee attended, sponsored by our AAUW Sarasota Branch. (see photo).,

Following is a report from student Hannah Barker who details her NCCWSL experience. Please note her last statement: *It was definitely a life changing experience!*

I had the honor to attend the American Association of University Women (AAUW) National Conference of College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland. After an application and interview I was selected due to my leadership experiences to attend this conference on a full scholarship, all from the flight to conference fees. Over the last few days I have gained so much knowledge on how I can be a leader and advocate for other women, as well as develop myself as a young professional.

Some of the topics that I learned about was ---

--- *How to advocate for myself as a female professional and how I can encourage other people in my network to advocate to me (session from Dr. Ronicka Briscoe)*

---*How to navigate and combat the gender pay gap and other financial hardships females face (session from FNRA Investor Education Foundation and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC))*

---*Ways I can be a support and uplift fellow women co-workers, especially those being disrespected, and keep others accountable in a professional setting (Keynote from Minda Harts)*

--- *and so much more!*

I also want to also thank New College of Florida, specifically the Center for New College Career Engagement & Opportunity (CEO) for making this opportunity accessible for students to apply and interview for. I also want to thank the AAUW Sarasota Chapter for funding this opportunity and connecting me with other local college women from USF Sarasota; it was definitely a life changing experience!

*Submitted by Joan Nasser and June Benowitz,
NCCWSL Coordinators*



BALLET ENTHUSIASTS: With Sarasota Ballet Company’s seven ballets to choose from, it is always a challenge to select a few to share with our fellow ballet enthusiasts. Anyone interested in joining us for one or more should purchase her own tickets. To be added to the Ballet Enthusiasts list, send me an email at suemcg4802@gmail.com. I will send a reminder about three weeks before to let everyone know what restaurant we have selected. It’s important to let me know as soon as possible if you will be sharing dinner with us after the ballet. Reservations are increasingly difficult during “season.” These are the ballets we have selected; for specific program information, please check the Sarasota Ballet website at sarasotaballet.org. All ballet performances are Saturday matinees at 2 p.m.

Program 1: October 21 FSU Center for the Performing Arts

Program 3: December 15 Sarasota Opera House

Program 4: January 27 FSU Center for the Performing Arts

Program 6: April 5 Sarasota Opera House

Submitted by Sue McGowan



PLAY READING GROUP: We generally start our play reading year in October. All the plays are sight-read, so you get a chance to emote and have a great time with friends. Due to some medical issues, I won't be able to coordinate our activities until January 2024. However, if any member of the group would like to coordinate play reading prior to then, that would be terrific. This can mean taking the steps related to selection and reading of the play that has been selected. It can also mean planning an event in a month for the group, such as attending a play presented by entities such as the Asolo Conservatory Company or any local live performance theater. Some of you may remember that we attended Shakespeare's *Love's Labours Lost* last year. Think this over and give me a call if you're interested and want some more information. Also, let me know if you would like to be added to the group by calling me at 941-924-5951.

Submitted by Nancy Brennan

American Association of University Women

The mission of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy..




Nashville Suffragettes Statue



SEPTEMBER 2023

To place items in the Calendar, contact Sue Casey
by the 10th of September for the October 2023 newsletter:
aauwflcasey@gmail.com

Date	Time	Event	Location / Contact	Notes
Tuesday, September 5	10:30 a.m.	AAUW Sarasota BOARD MEETING	Meet at Women's Resource Center. An invitation will be sent a day or two before the meeting. Contact: Sue Casey at aauwflcasey@gmail.com	All members welcome.
Sunday, September 10		DEADLINE for submission of articles for the October Synthesis.	Susan McGowan Suemcg4802@gmail.com	
Tuesday, September 19	11:00 a.m.	North County Book Group Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.	Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library Dr. Edward James II Meeting Room 2801 Newtown Blvd, Sarasota	Discussion Leader: <i>Ellen Roche</i> All are welcome.
Wednesday, September 20	2:00 p.m.	AAUW September BUSINESS MEETING	Women's Resource Center 340 S Tuttle Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237	All members and guests are welcome.
Wednesday, September 27	11:30	Fall Luncheon  Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with friends.	Meet at 11:30; lunch served at noon. Location: Maemi Peruvian Restaurant 3482 17 th St., -- just west of Lockwood Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34235	All members and guests welcome. Contact: Martha Lindberg, annie.barnewell@outlook.com or 772-643-0625

**AAUW Sarasota Branch
Elected Officers and Directors 2022-2024**

OFFICERS

President (2022-2024)	Susan Casey
Vice President (2022-2024)	Vacant
Secretary (2021-2023)	Estephanie Herrera
Treasurer (2021-2023)	Ellen Roche

DIRECTORS

Program (2023-2025)	Martha Lindberg
Membership (2022-2024)	Nancy Brennan
Public Policy (2022-2024)	Diana Sells
Communications (2022-2024)	Dawn Graber
Education Programs (2023-2025)	Lois Wilkins
Nominations (2023-2025)	Lois Fisch
Past President, (ex-officio, non-voting)	Lois Fisch
Synthesis Editor	Sue McGowan



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email us at: Sarasota.AAUW@gmail.com



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Deadline

September 10th is the deadline for the October issue of the **Synthesis**. Please submit either an email or attached Word document to me, Sue McGowan. Photos are appreciated. I cannot edit a PDF file. Thank you.
Sue McGowan, 781-264-2450 or 941-752-2340
suemcg4802@gmail.com.



AAUW SARASOTA FALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

In Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Maemi Peruvian Restaurant

3482 17th St., Sarasota, FL 34235

11:30 WELCOME

12:00 LUNCHEON served

MENU CHOICES *Seco de Carne (beef stew) or Saltado Chicken (Chicken Stew)*

Sides: Choose two: Salad, Rice, Beans, Yucca, or Plantain

Drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite

Deadline for receiving checks is September 13, 2023.

✂----- **DETACH & MAIL BELOW** -----✂

NAME _____ PHONE _____

	Seco de Carne	Please note any food allergy or dietary restriction:
	Saltado Chicken	

\$30 Per Person

Charge amount \$ _____ Visa Mastercard Amex Discover

Name on Card: _____ Exp: _____ CVV _____

Card #: _____ Billing Zip _____

OR

Check amount \$ _____ Payable to **Sarasota Branch AAUW**

Please send payment with reservation. **DEADLINE: September 13, 2023**

Send to: Martha Lindberg, 700 Cocoanut Ave., #427, Sarasota, FL 34236

Information: call 772-643-0625 or email annie.barnewell@outlook.com