



# Synthesis



## SPRING LUNCHEON

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017**

**Lunch – Noon, Regis – 11:30 am**

SCF Presidential  
Vocal Ensemble

TPC Prestancia  
Country Club  
4409 TPC Drive  
Sarasota

*The State College of Florida Presidential Vocal Ensemble is part of several “Presidential” ensembles which have been formed at SCF under the support of the SCF Foundation and serve the college under the behest of the SCF President, Carol Probstfeld and SCF Foundation Director, Cassandra Holmes. Money has been raised by donors so that these particular students have a full tuition allowing them to devote a good bit of their time and energy to their music studies. It started with the Presidential String Quartet; then we added the Presidential Jazz Quartet, and then this Spring, the Vocal Ensemble and Pianist. The members had to fill out an application and essay, and audition for two faculty members and one Foundation staff member who chose the 5 singers from the auditions. They have performed in our Choir concert, and at the Foundations Evening Under The Stars at the Venice campus for more than 2,000 people to great acclaim. Each of the students is an excellent soloist as well as group member. The Presidential pianist also plays in the SCF Jazz Band and sings in the Choir, and he was chosen by audition as well.*

*They will sing mostly jazz and musical theatre selections for the May 6 concert. They include solos, duets, and group numbers.*

*The students names and plans:*

**Aliyah Bennett, soprano**- graduates and has been selected to be a Disney College Intern and starts in September. She plans to attend UCF after the internship.

**Delaney Shaff- mezzo-soprano**- will be back at SCF next year. She plans to attend UNF as a vocal performance major.

**Victoria Boltwood, alto**- will be back at SCF in the fall and plans to audition for a musical theatre degree at the university level.

**Jean Rodny Lallemand, tenor**- plans to graduate this summer and is deciding where he will go, post SCF.

**Michael Evans, Bass**- will be back at SCF in the fall to finish his degree and will audition for vocal performance or musical theatre at the university level.

**Jeff Maple, pianist**- plans to finish next fall and then audition at the university level in piano.

*Babe Reger*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2017

President's Letter



### Accomplishments

Whew! It has been a busy year! We have accomplished so many things:

1. Revised our bylaws
2. Re-trained our volunteers to continue our Academic Olympics tradition
3. Improved our management of our endowment funds so we can maximize our philanthropy
4. Selected five bright girls from north Sarasota County Schools to attend Tech Trek
5. Advocated for women and girls with Senator Greg Steube and Rep. Alex Miller
6. Read 16 books in our two book clubs
7. Learned from 6 speakers at our Branch meetings
8. Played bridge, watched films, attended the ballet, explored the art scene and read plays
9. Increased our neighborhood groups to 2 by adding North County to Gulf Gate
10. Supported 3 women to finish their college educations and 2 student to attend NCCWSL
11. Judged experiments at the Sarasota County Science Fair
12. Kept cool with many Summer Sizzlers
13. Donated funds to Tech Trek, the Education Foundation of Sarasota County and the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
14. Educated our members on key public policy issues
15. Welcomed 13 new members and celebrated the lives of two members we lost this year.
16. Published nine issues of the Synthesis keeping our members informed and entertained.
17. Sent books to third-graders for the WRITE-READ-WRITE program.
18. Improved our public face with a Facebook page, a gmail account and business cards.
19. Celebrated women's suffrage with a coalition of progressive women's groups.
20. Attended the AAUW-FL Leadership Conference

Thanks for your hard work, your enthusiasm and your great ideas!

Have a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to lots of fun in the fall.

*Ellen Roche, President*

### Voting

You will have the opportunity over the next month to vote in the national AAUW election and the AAUW Florida election. We fought for and earned our right to vote. Let's use it!

For the national AAUW elections all the information is available to educate yourself on the candidates and the issues. You'll be receiving the AAUW Outlook with all the information. You can also find the information online. (<http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/>). In addition to the candidates, there is a proposal to allow as members people who are not college graduates. If you feel strongly about this issue, you owe it to yourself to vote. Let's not have Brexit in AAUW!

The candidates for Chair of the national AAUW Board and for other Board of Directors candidates have photos, personal statements and some have short videos to explain why you should vote for them. This is the model of a rational political process. You get the information free of charge and no one calls you asking for money!

For the national election, you can vote online now through June 15th. Don't delay. Please stand up and be counted as one of the most important states in the country. We want Florida to have a voice in AAUW and one way we can do this is to participate in the election. If you want a paper ballot, you must request one by May 4th and return the ballot by May 29th. The election results will be announced online and at convention on June 16th.

For the AAUW Florida elections, online voting begins May 4th and ends June 2nd. Paper ballots must be sent by May 30th. We have a contested election for the Florida president-elect. Bios for the two candidates - Patricia Ross and Diane Schrier - were included in the February 2017 Florivision. You can view or download this issue at <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net/files/2013/11/Vision-Feb-2017-AAUW-Florida.pdf> or by going on the AAUW-FL website and searching for Florivision. This person will be our President in 2018-2020. Please take a few moments and register your voice on this important decision.

## Sponsors

### Spotlight on Services

We can all use some help sometime and our members have used these firms to take care of their personal health and our homes. If you are looking for some help, please consider one of these trusted professionals who support AAUW Sarasota.

Take care of your teeth and they will take care of you! We have three dentists that we recommend and they are in different neighborhoods, so one is likely to be convenient for you. There is more detail on each of these dentists at the back of the Yearbook:

**Deborah Simpkins**, DMD on Gulf Gate Drive  
**Timothy Herring**, DMD, FAGD on South Osprey Avenue  
**Meadows/Laurel Ridge Dental Associates**  
 on Bee Ridge Road

Good health includes good financial health. If you need help with your taxes or other financial matters, **Lori-Nan Mihaley** is a CPA and will take care of you.

Need some help around the house? We can recommend people we have worked with to help you. **Barefoot Contessa's** of Sarasota Cleaning. With more than 15 years of experience, you will be guaranteed good service. We have also had good luck with **Professional Plumbing**. The Yearbook has a coupon for \$20 off services. Please consider them for your next plumbing service.

When everything is taken care of, you can enjoy yourself at **Casting Kayaks**. Eric Henson can arrange a fishing charter for you! See his ad in our Yearbook.

We can thank our sponsors by patronizing their businesses and mentioning that you are from AAUW. We have AAUW Sarasota cards you

can leave with the business when you visit, so they remember your visit when it comes time to renew their sponsorship.

If you have another favorite local business, feel free to leave an AAUW card and let us know the name of the business (Sarasota.AAUW@gmail.com). We'll add them to the list of potential sponsors for our yearbook.

Good luck!

*Ellen Roche*

## ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

The 2017 Academic Olympic season ended on Saturday, April 1, with Venice High School taking home the trophy this year.

Our volunteers handled the new rules, new equipment and new schedule with ease. I want to thank each of you for once again showing your interest in the school system by giving of your time. Those members participating this year were

Betty Albers  
 Fay Donaldson  
 Polly Gregory  
 Jean Henry  
 Judy Leader  
 Eloise Malinsky

Janet Mahler  
 Mary Muller  
 Bev Prechtel  
 Babe Reger  
 Diana Sells  
 Kathy Schersten

*Eloise Malinsky*

## Membership Renewal

It's time to renew our AAUW memberships. Membership is still \$75 for regular members. Renewals must be completed by June 15 for inclusion in the Yearbook. You can renew by mail or online. Details will be sent to all members in an email.

Your membership committee appreciates your prompt response. If you have any questions or problems, please contact **Polly Gregory** or **Diana Sells**.



## SUMMER SIZZLERS

### May Kick Off Luncheon

Sizzlers are back! Please contact the coordinator of Sizzlers ([lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com)) if you are interested in attending and receiving dates and further information. If you are on the sizzler email list you will receive updates as they become available. *Remember, that each participant pays her own costs and is responsible for letting the coordinator know that they are attending.* I have included coordinator information but please consult your Directory for the Branch for clarification if needed.

Enjoy and have a 'sizzlin' summer'!

*Kristi*

## Summer 2017

### May 2017

May 17, 2017

RSVP required to [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com)

Sizzler Final Planning Luncheon And

Get together for Sizzler Participants to learn more about sizzlers, add new Sizzlers. 11:30 am: Lunch Place: University Park Country Club Contact: [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com)

### June 2017

June 20, 11:00 am

Where: North Sarasota Library, Conference room Lois Fitch Mark Billingham "Rush of Blood" Place TBA: Contact Lois for location [lfisch@utica.edu](mailto:lfisch@utica.edu)

June or July TBA

Emma Carvin Lunch at UPCC, date TBA Book discussion. Participants will discuss mansions that they have visited.

Contact: Emma ([carvin.emmalaura@gmail.com](mailto:carvin.emmalaura@gmail.com))

June TBA possibly June 12, 19, or 26

Beading at Knot Awl Beads Location: Knot AWL Beads, 8111 Lakewood Main Street, Lakewood Ranch Phone: 907 - 8335

I have paid the reservation fee to reserve the instructor and the 2-hour time slot: \$25.00. This fee will be split between those of us who attend the class - payable to Gen. Each of us will also be charged \$5 for assistance in jewelry closings, design, etc.

Beads must be purchased at Knot AWL Beads. They have quite an impressive selection of all types of beads: Swarovski crystals, semi-precious gemstones, pearls, natural elements, Czech glass, etc. The proprietor of the store, Renee, is very pleasant, and you will find Renee and her staff eager to assist and give guidance should you need their input for bead selection, design, and the actual creation of your jewelry.

Lunch will follow: Location TBA

I am sure you will find this sizzler get-together a creative, enjoyable event! Please respond to this email (at the address listed below) and confirm whether you plan to attend. My phone number is 378-1460

Contact: GenDiscount [gadbuggy@lake sidemews.com](mailto:gadbuggy@lakesidemews.com) for more information.

### July 2017

July Date TBA

Gen Discount Asolo Conservatory Play

"Relatively Speaking" will run from July 11 - 30. There will be matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Gen will select a date and participants will purchase their tickets. The group will meet at the Asolo and participants may elect to dine before or after the play, dependent on scheduling.

Contact: GenDiscount [gadbuggy@lakesidemews.com](mailto:gadbuggy@lakesidemews.com) f or more information.

**August 2017****SUMMER SIZZLERS (continued)****July 24**

Kathy Oarr You will tour an exhibit at the Ringling Museum. Meet at 10:30 in the Visitor's center and then lunch at Muse afterward. Remember, Monday is free admission day at Ringling. Contact: Kathy Oarr 351-7467 or, [dkoarr@gmail.com](mailto:dkoarr@gmail.com)

**July 25 Book Club:** Betty Schattschneider The book : TBA The book group will meet at Bay Village at 11:30 .Lunch will follow at Bay Village ( \$12.00 cash or check, no credit cards). Bay Village is a retirement facility on Vamo Rd. off 41 (South Trail) opposite Sarasota Square Mall. Contact: [bettyandal@comcast.net](mailto:bettyandal@comcast.net)

**August Date TBA**

Gen Discount Asolo Conservatory Play

"Double Indemnity" will run from August 8 - 27, also with matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Gen will select a date and participants will purchase their tickets. The group will meet at the Asolo and participants may elect to dine before or after the play, dependent on scheduling.

Contact Gen Discount [gadbuggy@lakesidemews.com](mailto:gadbuggy@lakesidemews.com) for more information.

**August 15, 2017 11:00am**

Virginia Waring - Alan Bennett "The Uncommon Reader: A Novella" Selby Library (please remember 2-hour parking)

Contact: Virginia [Virginia.Waring@gmail.com](mailto:Virginia.Waring@gmail.com)

**NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome the following new members to our Sarasota Branch.

**Mitzi Seith** grew up in New York City and graduated from Russell Sage College in Troy, NY. Her major was Psychology and did some graduate work at Case Western in Cleveland, OH where she and her husband raised their family.

With four young children at home she decided the best career would be Real Estate, a job that certainly needed a lot of psychology, with most people buying and selling being very stressed! She did that for forty years and just recently retired. She enjoyed it thoroughly and helped a lot of people.

Mitzi is so delighted to be a member of AAUW. She attended a number of meetings as a guest of Rona and found them to be most interesting and informative. She enjoyed the fellowship of the women in attendance very much. A snowbird in Cleveland right now, she is looking forward to being actively involved in the fall and winter.

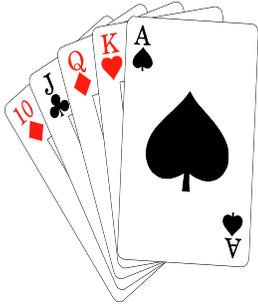
**Nancy Hoigne** was born in Massachusetts and spent her childhood there, then later moved to Florida where she graduated from Sarasota High School in 1944. She attended Boston University and met her future husband, a Swiss, at MIT. They lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina where she set up the first American Book Club which is still in existence today. They moved to Venezuela where she studied and received a degree in Agronomy from the Central University of Venezuela. While there she translated "The Double Helix" for the University and Nelson Rockefeller's "The Green Revolution" for the Venezuelan government. Nancy was VP of the Damas Bolivianas for the state of Carabobo, VP for the Children's Service League in Caracas, plus VP of VAAUW there.

She worked as Executive Secretary for the VP of Ray-O-Vac International Corp. in charge of South America. Boating has always been her passion and she served seven years as an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Aux., Flotilla 84, here in Sarasota. But her biggest passion is her family, two married daughters, five grandchildren and three "greats" all living in Florida.

*Elizabeth Smith*

## INTEREST GROUPS

Our Branch owes a big THANK YOU to the chairs of the various Interest Groups who make all the fun things happen. Their names are in each Synthesis so make note of them!



**The First Wednesday Bridge Group** will meet for lunch at 11:30 and social bridge at 12:30 on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sahib Shrine, 600 N. Beneva Rd (at Fruitville Rd). New players at all levels of play always welcome. To add your name to the group or if you have signed up and can't make it, Contact: Maureen Firth at 941-358-6451 or [firthent@yahoo.com](mailto:firthent@yahoo.com).



**The North County Interest Subgroup** is a newly formed Neighborhood Group that meets the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday October 4, 2017. This will be our Welcome Back meeting. At this meeting, we will set the agenda for the year dependent upon interests of members. On November 1, 2017, we will meet at 11 am on Anna Maria Island. More information will follow in the Fall, 2017. Mark the dates on your calendar. We have organized and met during this year, exploring Old Florida and the South Florida Museum. If you wish to be added to the mailing list please advise me at [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com).

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**The Art Appreciation Group** went to the Dali Museum in St. Peterburg, first, following the tour guide through the permanent exhibits, and then on our own through the temporary Frida Kahlo exhibit. We then went to the Museum of Fine Arts for lunch and touring on our own through the exhibits there. On the drive home, we stopped at Mazzaro's Italian Market for a tour of another kind - pastas, pastries, wine, cheese, etc.!

Our next outing will be Friday evening, May 5, when we will meet at Classico Restaurant on the corner of Main St. and Palm Avenue for an early dinner, then participate in the First Friday Gallery Walk along Palm Ave. Anyone is welcome to join us.

*'Enjoy gallery openings, dining, antiques, specialty shops and live performances as members of the Palm Avenue Arts Alliance sing, dance, stroll and serenade the community and its guests.'*

*Parking is available along the streets or in the Palm Avenue parking garage.*

Please let me know if you plan to attend, and also if you cannot, so I will know that you received this email. Thanks!

Thanks to Shirley Foss for leading the group and making the arrangements for the tours.

*Diana Sells* [dsells55@yahoo.ca](mailto:dsells55@yahoo.ca).



**The Film Group**, which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11am in the second floor conference room at the Selby Library. Members are emailed the name of the chosen movie one week prior to the meeting. Lively discussions make for an interesting session and an optional lunch

after the meeting often finds us continuing the discussion. All branch members are encouraged to join the group.

Kathy Schoenhals ([katevrs@gmail.com](mailto:katevrs@gmail.com)) or

Sylvia Rosenfeld ([sylros10@yahoo.com](mailto:sylros10@yahoo.com))

*Kathy and Sylvia, Film Group Chairs*



### North County Book Group

North County Book Group meets at the Fruitville Library at 11 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We will then discuss the book for about an hour and those interested will go to lunch. For further information, contact [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com)

**NOTE:** Change in presenter to Open Discussion.

**May 16, 2017:** *The Summer before the War* by Helen Simonson. Open Discussion

**June 20, 2017** Lois F

*"Rush of blood"* by Mark Billingham

Where: North County Library, Conference Room

**August 15, 2017** Virginia

Alan Bennett

*"The Uncommon Reader: A Novella"*

Where: Selby Library (please remember 2 hour parking)

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### North County Book Club List

**Summer, 2017**

Please note locations. *We can't reserve at Fruitville Library as our dates have been taken by Summer Camp!* Lunch will follow for interested participants.

From **September to May** we typically meet at *Fruitville Library* at 11 am. Participants often go to lunch afterward. The group decides the location for lunch. Exceptions to time and place may occur so watch your email and the Synthesis.

Interested participants may attend lunch after book club!

## North County Book List (continued)

### Sept 19, 2017

“*The Boys in the Boat*” by Daniel James Brown  
Kristi

### Oct 17, 2017

“*Hillbilly Elegy*” by J. D. Vance  
Gen

### November 21, 2017

“*The Big Burn*” by Tim Egan  
Bev and Lois

### December 19, 2017

Book selection  
Holiday luncheon

### January through June 2018

#### Jan 16, 2018

“*Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*” by Linda Hirshman  
Ellen

#### Feb 20, 2018

“*Homegoing*”  
By Yaa Gyasi  
Lois and Bev

#### March 20, 2018

“*The Marriage of Opposites*”  
by Alice Hoffman.  
Phyllis

#### April 17, 2018

*The Book of Joy* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams combined with Voltaire's *Candide*  
Virginia

#### May 15, 2018

“*Commonwealth*” By Anne Patchett  
Jo-An and Bev

### Gulf Gate Book Group

The Gulf Gate Book Group meets at the Gulf Gate Library at 11:30 am – 1 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 23 at 11:30 am to discuss *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant* by Anne Tyler, Contact Betty at [bettyandal@comcast.net](mailto:bettyandal@comcast.net) or 966-8363

### New Members information

Nancy Hoigne

4799 Oak Forest Dr W

Sarasota, FL 34231

941-921-6701

[Nancy6@comcast.net](mailto:Nancy6@comcast.net)

Marjorie (Mitzi) Seith

4713 Oak Hill Court

Sarasota, FL 34232

440-221-0063

[mitziseith@gmail.com](mailto:mitziseith@gmail.com)

*AAUW Sarasota Branch  
Officers and Directors 2017 – 2018*

**Officers**

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Secretary	Nancy Brennan
Financial Officer	Susan Serling

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Program	Carol Bernasconi
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Education	(vacant)
Nominations	Anne Salamone Delores Forsyth

**Non-Voting Board****Members**

Past President	Sandra Cullen
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## Care Committee

If you know anyone who is ill or has a spouse who is ill or has a death in the family, or just need encouragement for some reason and could use a card, please email: [Sarasota.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:Sarasota.aauw@gmail.com).

We like to share good news also!



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### Deadline

**August 10th** is the deadline for the September 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](mailto:roz.lurie@gmail.com)

## M A Y 2017

To place items in the Calendar, get in touch with Ellen Roche by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August for the September newsletter: [eroche9425@aol.com](mailto:eroche9425@aol.com) or 922-5737

**AAUW Board Meeting** **May 2 – 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.



## Bridge



**May 3 – Wednesday at 11:30 am.** The First Wednesday Bridge group meets at the Sahib Shrine, 600 N. Beneva Road (at Fruitville Road) for lunch at 11:30 am followed by social bridge at 12:30 pm. We welcome new members at all levels of play. Contact Maureen Firth at 941-358-6451 or [firthent@yahoo.com](mailto:firthent@yahoo.com).

**May 5 –Friday Evening** Meet at Classico Restaurant for an early dinner and take the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Gallery Walk along Palm Ave. Please contact Shirley Foss for details.

## Spring Luncheon



**May 6 –Saturday at 11:30 am** All Branch members are invited to the Spring Luncheon at TPC Prestancia Country Club at 4409 TPC Drive, Sarasota. We will have entertainment from the SCR Presidential Vocal Ensemble. Several of our Tech Trek girls will join us for lunch as well. See the reservation form on the last page of the Synthesis for details and directions. Register by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Film Group



**May 11 – Thursday at 11 am.** The Film group will meet in the second floor conference room at the Selby Library. Contact Sylvia Rosenfeld [sylros10@yahoo.com](mailto:sylros10@yahoo.com) or Kathy Schoenhals [katevs2@yahoo.com](mailto:katevs2@yahoo.com) to learn the name of the film for discussion. We encourage all members to join us to discuss a current film.

## North County Book Group



**May 16 – Tuesday at 11 am.** The North County Book Group will meet at the Fruitville Library to discuss *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson. . Open Discussion. Lunch afterwards for those interested. For information contact [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com).

**May 17 – Wednesday at 11:30 am** The Sizzler Planning luncheon at University Park Country Club is a nice way to learn more about Sizzlers. Contact [lanesch@aol.com](mailto:lanesch@aol.com).

## Gulf Gate Book Group

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# SPRING LUNCHEON



**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

Registration – 11:30    Lunch - Noon

## TPC Prestancia Country Club

4409 TPC Drive – Sarasota

(Directions:- From Clark and Beneva Roads go south on Beneva. Turn left onto Sarasota Square Blvd. Turn left onto Prestancia Blvd. (Gate access required) Turn left onto Tournament Players Club Drive to arrive at the Country Club.)

### PROGRAM

*SCF Presidential Vocal Ensemble*

Make check in amount of **\$35 per person** payable to **AAUW Sarasota** and mail with reservation form by **April 28, 2017**

to: Barbara Kerwin - 7724 Drayton Circle - University Park, FL 34201

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I need a ride

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

#### Meal Selections:

\_\_\_\_ Tropical Salmon - Grilled with orange beurre blanc and tropical fruit salsa

\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu - Breast of chicken with ham and Swiss cheese w/light cream sauce

\_\_\_\_ Broccoli Cheddar Quiche - Served with mixed greens in Italian vinaigrette dressing

Special dietary requests may be available.