

floriVision

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE EILEEN L. RECCHIA,



We are all very fortunate to be members of such an outstanding organization as AAUW! We have been a significant part of society since 1881. Our accomplishments of which we should all be proud are many and impressive. This has not happened overnight nor has it happened without passion, understanding of and commitment to mission, and leadership that represents, protects, and carries forth that mission.

What is that mission – *advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research*. AAUW's mission is our mission – every AAUW member in the state of Florida, every branch, every branch leader, every state leader. We are the guardians of what has evolved in our organization, and we are the ones who shall pass the torch of AAUW's cause onto the next generation.

But we must remember that we are a three-tiered organization – AAUW, AAUW-FL, and our local branches. Each is of equal importance, and each requires responsibilities from each of us. Should we not fulfill these responsibilities, we will not have an AAUW.

Our organization has always functioned because we are willing volunteers – to participate, to lead, to support our goals. This means that we do accept responsibilities in running our branches. We support our state organization by making sure that

our branch is represented at state conventions. And most importantly we support all three levels monetarily.

Branches should have local goals and commitments. But we make the biggest impact when we support our national organization. When we support the objectives of AAUW, we speak as a unified voice of many to educate women and girls, to advocate for their rights, to support them legally, to research items of importance to their lives.

That requires a monetary contribution from all who make up our outstanding organization. We must support our AAUW Funds, our statewide programs such as STEM and Tech Trek Camp, and our local endeavors.

We joined AAUW because we believed in it for what it is and what it accomplishes. The most rewarding aspect of being a member of AAUW is being able to celebrate these accomplishments.

I have experienced this feeling of accomplishment as I have travelled the state as your AAUW-Florida president. I've seen you in your branches, at state and national conventions, at Tech Trek 2013, at "Get out the Vote" activities. I've been honored to lead your state Board. I sincerely hope that every Florida AAUW member continues to work to ensure that AAUW remains a strong, vibrant, and successful organization in all its efforts for women and girls at all three levels.

Our AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho said, "I firmly believe that the indomitable will and the spirit of collaboration among us form the backbone of our triumphs." I agree – we in AAUW are truly a remarkable force and will continue to be! Best wishes for an outstanding 2014.

**2014 CONVENTION
HEADED FOR THE FUTURE
KAMALA AMANDAN,
DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM**

“Headed for the Future” is the theme for the 2014 Convention at Sheraton Tampa East on April 4 & 5, 2014. We can’t go back, we can’t stand still, so we head for the future. As Neil Diamond captured the sentiments of heading for the future in his song, we are going to lean on one another, work together, and take one step at a time to build a new dream that will stand tall. We’ll make it right for many more to join with us. We hope that this convention will rejuvenate all of us to forge ahead with a new vision to fulfill our mission of “advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

Our time together at the convention is shortened by one day which will help us to focus on four priorities: business focused on bylaw changes, One Member/One Vote (OMOV) replacing delegate votes; branch program development; leadership development; fundraising for Tech Trek and AAUW. Program development will emphasize the importance of mission-based programming and will engage the audience in discussion. Leadership development is a program developed by AAUW which will be offered on Saturday by AAUW staff members Deepti Gudipati and Chardonnay Singleton. Topics include tackling burnout, designing engaging meetings, and marketing your branch. We’ll be challenged to answer their question “What’s your piece in the AAUW pie?” It will have to be a very big pie as Florida branches will have many pieces to claim.

Friday’s banquet will include a first-time presentation of a “Woman of Distinction” award to three outstanding women. These women are Carolyn Garfein, past president of AAUW; Vicki Bryant Burke, founder of PACE Centers; and Sandy Oestreich, a long-time champion fighter for ERA ratification by Florida legislators. What an honor to have all three of these women in one room! It will be a thrill to interact with them and a special treat for those who know them and have worked with them in the past. Those who attended the 2013 AAUW Convention were enchanted with the

presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt by Robin Gerber; we’ll see a video of Robin’s presentation during the banquet. There may be some surprises also.

Make your plans early and register now. The registration form is included in this issue of *floriVision* as well as on the state website <http://aauw-florida.aauw.net> See you in Tampa!

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM
– MARCH 5, 2014**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE
CONVENTION – MARCH 17, 2014**

**SUPPORT TECH TREK
CAROL NEWNAM
TECH TREK COMMITTEE**

As you all know, Florida held its first annual Tech Trek camp for eighth grade girls in July of 2013 and it was a big success. This year Tech Trek camp will be at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, and we are busy making plans and raising money.

Speaking of money, when you register for the state convention, you will find a line on the registration form for you to make your own personal contribution to the success of our second annual Tech Trek camp for girls. This contribution is voluntary, of course, but it is an easy way for you to include a contribution in your convention registration check. Remember, Tech Trek changes lives.

Another way we are hoping to raise funds is we are offering chances to win a weekend for two at the Tampa Sheraton East (site of convention). We will be selling tickets at convention, but if you are not going to convention, you can still participate. Simply give your money to your branch at \$5 per chance. Your name will be given to the organizers and your name entered on tickets at convention – on as many tickets as you pay for. We want all Florida members to be able to participate. The winner does not need to be in attendance at convention. Good luck.



ONE MEMBER ONE VOTE VIRGINIA FARACE

At last year's state convention, members approved changes to our bylaws that will give every member a vote on issues that previously had been voted on by delegates at convention. We refer to these changes collectively as "One Member One Vote" (OMOV).

To implement this new way of operating as specified in the Bylaws, a Voting and Elections Committee was appointed. Its members are Sally Bailey, Susan Berlin, Carol Napper, and Chair Virginia Farace. The duties of the committee are spelled out in a Board adopted policy. Some of its responsibilities are to identify all of the steps needed for implementation of OMOV, to establish a timeline for carrying out those steps, and to work with National who will set up the ballot and tally the results.

The first task was to verify that valid email addresses were entered into National's Membership Services Database (MSD) as these addresses will be used by National to send out the balloting information. In January all branch presidents were requested to assure that their members email addresses were entered correctly into the National database.

To check these addresses as well as to receive feedback from members on some items, a test survey was sent out. The results were not available as of the writing of this article but we hope for a strong response. This test also will let us know how many members without email addresses will require paper ballots mailed to their homes.

Another major change required by OMOV is to open the annual meeting at convention and leave it open for at least 30 days until the votes are tallied and results announced. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will read about the officer nominees and the Public Policy proposal. Additional nominations can be made from the floor, but if there is only one candidate per office, the election may be by acclamation. The Public Policy will be discussed at the annual meeting and may be amended and then will be posted on the website before the final vote administered by National.

It is important for as many members as possible to attend the opening of the annual meeting at convention as we need a quorum of 40% of the branches to be represented. At the annual meeting attendees will meet the candidates, edit the public policy program, and participate in other meeting discussions. The final vote, conducted by National, is open to all state members. As OMOV is a whole new way of doing business, we appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

DIANE BOYCE, CHAIR

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates:

Director for Membership: Carol Richardson

Director for Development: Joan Dick

Director for Communications: Carol Napper

Secretary: Patricia De Witt

Secretary: Marge Ostrom

The members of the nominating committee included Kamala Anandam(Board member), Susan Cornehl(Jacksonville), Ellen Granger(Greater Naples), Carol Newnam(past president liaison), Nancy Pura(alternate) and Mary Ann Webel(Fort Lauderdale).

MEET THE CANDIDATES

CAROL D. RICHARDSON CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP



After graduating from the University of Florida with a BS in telecommunication and obtaining her MS in educational computing and technology from Barry University, Carol joined the Miami branch in 2004. She has served her branch as corresponding secretary, vice president for programs and president. Presently



she serves as Director for Membership for AAUW-Florida. She has served as a AAUW-FL Leader-on-Loan and as a NCCWSL workshop presenter for the AAUW. As a teacher/educator, she is a faculty trainer for educators in K-12 and higher education.

As Director for Membership, Carol will continue to expand student membership/affiliates through email and social media and will expand state membership to at-large members.

**JOAN DICK
CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR
FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Joan, a member of the Lake Wales Branch, has a BA, an MA, and a PhD from Florida State University. A member of AAUW since 1996, Joan serves as president of the Lake Wales Branch. As a Career Service Exempt, Joan has experience managing and building academic learning resource centers, doing ad campaigns and public relations for local businesses, owning a business, and teaching at the university level. In addition to AAUW, Joan was a member of the Lake Wales Chorale and a Kiwanis member.

Some of Joan's objectives for AAUW-Florida include the support of education and funding of returning women, attention to the plight of abused women by the creation of safe homes and educational opportunities, and acknowledging local community women of influence and their contributions.

**CAROL NAPPER
CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR
FOR COMMUNICATIONS**



Carol joined AAUW in Ohio in 1960. She has been active in branches in Illinois and Florida, holding the office of branch president 1985-87 and 1994-96 in LaGrange, IL and 2003-05 in St. Augustine FL. She also has been a Director for Membership several times as well as Director for

Program. Carol was on the board of AAUW-FL as a Director at Large 2004-05, Director for Program 2005-09, and President 2010-2012. She graduated with a BA from George Washington University.

Other activities in addition to AAUW include the newspaper for the Coquina Crossing community where she lives. She founded the quarterly newspaper called Inside the Gate in 2002 and has continued as editor in chief. The newspaper is 16 pages and similar in format to *floriVision* which gives her the experience for this office.

**PATRICIA A. DEWITT
CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY**

Patricia, a member of the Jacksonville Branch, graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in music and received her MA and PhD in musicology from the University of Michigan and an MA in decision science from Georgia State University. Patricia joined the Rome, GA branch in 1995 and held various offices including president. For AAUW-Georgia she held various state offices including LAF Chair, Membership VP, President, and Public Policy Chair. For the AAUW she served as a member of the Voices project and currently serves on the College-University Relations Committee. As a college administrator responsible in part for communicating with colleagues and administrators, Patricia has extensive experience in keeping records of meetings, keeping records in general, and writing clearly and concisely. Patricia is a member of the Association for Institutions/Research and has served as president of a multi-state data sharing organization of small colleges.

As Secretary of AAUW-FL, Patricia's greatest wish is that AAUW-FL should become a prominent and reasoned voice for equity for women and girls by convincing all members that it is good to advocate for equity. Patricia believes that the secretary position will give her the opportunity to learn more about and influence AAUW-FL.



K. MARGE OSTROM CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY



Marge, a retired research scientist, graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in chemistry and received her MA in biology from the University of Hartford and her PhD in nutritional

sciences from the University of CT. Marge first joined AAUW in Schenectady in 1970 and presently serves as secretary in the Venice Branch. Marge has extensive writing and publishing experience as senior clinical research scientist at Abbott Laboratories where she wrote protocols for research studies, published results in scientific journals, and co-wrote patents for new discoveries. In addition to AAUW Marge is a member of the Sarasota/Manatee Phi Beta Kappa Branch and of the Venice Newcomers.

As Secretary of AAUW-FL Marge would take accurate minutes and fulfill her designated duties. She supports AAUW's goals to promote equity for women and girls.

AAUW FUNDS BASKET FAIR DIANE JACOBSON DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT

This year at the 2014 AAUW-Florida Convention there will be a Funds Basket Fair. At the fair baskets (or items not in baskets) will be on display for members to try and win. The winners will be drawn and prizes picked up at the convention. Tickets will cost one dollar each. Every dollar received from ticket sales will be donated to NCCWSL. The baskets and/or items will be on display at the convention in the Funds Basket Fair room.

Branches are encouraged to pre-sell tickets. Any color two-part ticket will be acceptable; the buyer keeps one part of the ticket and the other part with the money (\$1 per ticket) is brought to the

convention. **Be sure that the member's name and branch is on the ticket to be drawn.**

All the money collected from selling tickets will be sent directly to NCCWSL crediting each branch one dollar for every ticket sold.

If you have any questions and/ or your branch would like to participate in the Fund's Basket Fair, email Diane Jacobson by March 28th at chasanddi@embarqmail.com.

Remember supporting AAUW Funds does make a difference in the lives of all girls and women. At the state, branch and individual levels we all are important to the strength of AAUW and the work we do gives all women a fair chance.

PUBLIC POLICY 2014 DIANE SCHRIER, DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Lobby Day is March 24th. Plan to be in Tallahassee to help support passage of those items important to AAUW-Florida members. We will meet at the capitol building in the downstairs cafeteria and we need your voice. The issues we in AAUW-FL are most concerned with are education, ratification of the ERA and equal pay amendments, voting rights, and women's health.

A woman's right to choice and contraception access was guaranteed in 1973 by the Roe v. Wade decision. Between 2011 and 2013 over two hundred abortion restriction bills have been introduced nationally. Many clinics for women have been forced to close. Even though the Affordable Health Care Act guarantees women's health care, without available facilities to offer that care women are left helpless.

This is an election year. As was all too evident in 2012 many restrictions on voting created havoc in many places denying people the right to vote. President Obama has stated that no one should have to wait more than 30 minutes to vote. It is important that supervisors of election guarantee the accuracy of their voter rolls, provide for early voting and the drop off of ballots, and for sufficient days for the voters in their areas. We need to continue our "Get out the Vote" activities and guarantee that all eligible citizens are registered to



vote and that every eligible voter has the right to vote.

Forty five (45) states have adopted Common Core standards to prepare students for college or employment in the 21st century. These standards were developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers with input from teachers, parents, and community leaders. The goals are to guarantee that all students meet certain standards in reading, writing, speaking, listening, language and mathematics as they pertain to all subject matter.

Testing for these national standards was set to begin in 2014-2015 with each state developing its own test. Funds were allocated for the development of that test by each state; Florida, however, has chosen not to accept those funds but to continue using the FCAT. This means that much of the time that should be spent on addressing the goals of Common Core is being used to prepare students for FCAT testing as school and teacher evaluations are based on that test.

Florida women still earn \$.82 for each dollar earned by men. And Florida has not ratified the ERA. But there is hope. State Senator Arthenia Joyner has introduced SCR 68 and House Representative Lori Berman has introduced HCR 8001 to support passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Senator President Goetz and Speaker of the House Weatherford are expected to support these bills. Passage would help resolve the fair pay issue.

THE NEW STATE WEBSITE IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL! SALLY BAILEY

Please visit our new website at <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net>. The look is new but all the information from the old site is there. If you attempted to visit the old site on January 14th or after you probably discovered that it no longer exists. This is because we did not renew the contract with our former Internet host since AAUW provides this service and a website at no cost to AAUW state and branch organizations.

The main difference in the new site is that the Member Center is password protected so we can use it for information that we do not wish to share with others: state forms, bylaws, policies, voting on state officers and issues, etc. If your branch president or a recent branch newsletter did not give you the password for the Member Center, please contact one of them to obtain it. The heading "Join" is for membership information as the word Membership is too long for the space available. The calendar is easily located on the right side of every page.

The website is a work in progress as it is updated regularly. If you have suggestions for improvements to it, please send an email to flwebmgr@comcast.net. Some items such as the basic layout and the color scheme cannot be changed. I will respond to all suggestions that I receive from AAUW-Florida members.

BYLAWS TIME CAROL NAPPER

At the state convention last April we voted to make some changes in the state bylaws that impacted our state election process and our convention and meeting plans in the future. We also knew that we would be getting some instructions and copies of mandatory bylaws changes from the AAUW in Washington. Virginia Farace has been working on this for months and it has been quite a task. She has done a wonderful job getting all this ready for us so that the task will not be quite so daunting for you to bring your bylaws into compliance as mandated by AAUW. We have just sent out to all branch presidents by email the instructions and the copies of the bylaws that you will use to get this project done. If you do not receive your bylaws email from me, please let me know. Doing it this way will also help us know that the email addresses we have on file for branch presidents are up to date and accurate which is important for the One Member/One Vote process for elections. Please send you updated bylaws to me at BCNapper@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing your completed bylaws and thank you for your participation.



FROM THE BRANCHES

LAKE / SUMTER AAUW BRANCH MEMBERS SALUTE WOMEN IN THE MILITARY COURTESY OF LINDA CARPENTER

In honor of Veterans Day, Lake / Sumter Branch hosted a program on November 9 entitled *Women in the Military*. Featured speakers were Colonel Patricia Pratt and Corpsman Merilynne Johnson, both currently employed with the Veterans Administration. Pratt and Johnson spoke about their reasons for going into the military, early gender discrimination, examples of harassment, and changes that have led to more equitable opportunities for women in today's armed services.



Col. Pratt chats with guest Marty Simmons and member Nancy Bell.

Colonel Pratt, an Adult Nurse Practitioner, was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve in 1985. She was called to active duty for Desert Storm in 1991 and again from 2004 to 2006 where she served as Head Nurse of the medical clinic at Fort Hood, Texas. She has been with the Department of Veterans Affairs for over 25 years, and is currently working in rheumatology, urology and endocrinology.

Merilynne Johnson received her R.N. degree through the G.I. Bill in 1984. She was in the Air Force Reserve from 1977-1986 and was called to active duty as a Corpsman. Merilynne worked at one time with Dr. Oz. She is a cardiac nurse at The

Villages Veterans Administration and occasionally shares her wealth of knowledge about the importance of cardiac care with local organizations.

Among the attendees at the November branch meeting were three World War II veterans. Kitty Daegele was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Astoria, Oregon. Margaret Golding worked in communications in the WAVES division of the U.S. Navy, and Marty Simmons served in the Cadet Nurse Corps. All three women are residents of Steeplechase retirement community in Oxford.



Standing left to right Corpsman Merilynne Johnson and Colonel Patricia Pratt were the featured speakers. Seated left to right were guests WWII veterans Marty Simmons, Margaret Golding, and Kitty Daegele.

MANATEE COUNTY BRANCH CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF SPECTACULAR WOMEN! COURTESY OF KATHLEEN DODGE



Naomi Vaught (center) at the celebration



On Saturday, February 1, the members of the Manatee County Branch celebrated their sixtieth birthday. Among the attendees was Naomi Vaught who served as president of the branch from 1957-1959. Using the branch archives, Marcia Cannon created a power point presentation, "60 Years of Spectacular Women," celebrating the impact of branch members on life in Manatee County. Jane Cheatham narrated the power point.



Slide of Marjorie Kinnan, first president of Manatee County

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BRANCH ACTIVITIES
COURTESY OF SUSAN BERLIN**



Left to right: Mayor Muoio, Barbara Wagner, Co-Director for Program, and Betty Rigdon, Director for AAUW Funds

The mayor of West Palm Beach, Jerry Muoio, issued an official proclamation on behalf of AAUW Palm Beach County declaring the week of

December 9, 2013 "Computer Science education Week."

The Palm Beach County Branch held a fundraiser, Jazz in the Garden, to raise funds for their upcoming STEM program. Member and their guest walked along the numerous paths of the beautifully landscaped gardens as musician Victor Jimenez played soulful jazz. Proceeds benefited the February 8th hands-on STEM workshop for middle school girls, "Girls+STEM=Future Success." Dr. Fenece Russ, assistant principal of Eagles Landing Middle School, developed an interactive program featuring computer, robotics and a panel discussion of women scientists. Branches from Northern Palm Beach, Port St. Lucie and Stuart participated in the event.

**ST. AUGUSTINE HOSTS AUTHOR
LUNCHEON
COURTESY OF KAREN ZALKIN**

Ever wonder who is brave and creative enough to start work programs around the world for survivors of human trafficking? When St. Augustine Branch heard about Sarah Symons, the CEO and co-founder of Made By Survivors, an international nonprofit, we knew we had to have her as a speaker at our author luncheon. Symons' new book, This Is No Ordinary Joy, relates how she was inspired to change her career, her life and her family's lives after learning of the extent of the human trafficking problem in the world. After she returns from trips to international and domestic destinations, Symons is just an ordinary St. Augustine resident but one doing extraordinary things to bring a life to survivors of human trafficking who face extreme stigmatization. MadeBySurvivors.com tells more



Sarah Symons modeling Made By Survivors jewelry

of the story and offers jewelry, including silver jewelry, bags and gifts.



Laura Lee Smith, St. Augustine resident and author of *Heart of Palm*, spoke about her novel set in a fictional town very near to St. Augustine. Her debut novel, a loving portrait of a family and an "old Florida" town - both in transition, was named as one of O Magazine's *Ten Books to Pick Up Now*.

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES COURTESY OF KATHY BLACK

Our energetic branch, now more than 200 strong, has enjoyed several recent events.

"Girls, Gadgetry, and Galvanizing Genius" is the name of the Venice Branch STEM event for girls ages 9-12. It got started by talking with a local librarian and developed into a fun fast-paced morning of 20-minute STEM projects co-partnered between our AAUW branch and different branches of the library system. In twelve months our event was presented at three libraries, and we were invited to participate in the STEM Summit held at the University of South Florida. Members do not need to have a STEM background or be an expert, just be enthusiastic about giving girls an opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and math in a fun way.



Member Kay Novotny lent her laptop for girls to explore the science project using Zoomy electronic microscopes at Venice's STEM event.

If your branch would like an easy way to offer a STEM event for girls, please visit our webpage at:

<http://venice-fl.aauw.net/files/2012/09/AAUW-20-Minute-STEM-Projects-Event.pdf>

This is a "how-to" manual that includes the projects we created and everything you need to get started.

In December we celebrated our traditional holiday luncheon with a raffle of several wonderful baskets, raising money for our re-entry scholarships. The Home Tour, our biggest fundraiser, will be held on February 14. More information on this may be found on our website at venice-fl.aauw.net.

Along with all of our many other activities, we are also collecting unwanted hearing aids for the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota to recycle for deaf children. It is indeed a very busy time in Venice.

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Get tickets at convention or in your branch



Tampa Sheraton East

From the Director for Communications

Connie Davis, thank you for your twelve years editing the articles for *floriVision*.



FROM THE ARCHIVES AAUW MEMBERS AND PUBLIC POLICY COURTESY OF SUSAN CORNEHL

In a recent issue of the Jacksonville newsletter *First Coast Line*, the editor Susan Cornehl published the following information about AAUW members who had served in Congress.

- ❖ Rep. Jeanette Rankin (R-MT), 1917-1919 and 1941-1943, was the first woman in Congress.
- ❖ Rep. Willa McCord Blake Eslick (D-TN), 1932-1933, filled out the term of her deceased husband. She helped pass a bill lowering farm foreclosures.
- ❖ Rep. Chase Going Woodhouse(D-CT) had been a Secretary of State in Connecticut in 1941-1942 and was the first in Congress to introduce pay equity legislation in 1945.
- ❖ Rep. Martha Griffiths (D-MI), 1955-1974) is known as the mother of the Equal Rights Amendment. She was also the first woman to serve on the House Committee on Ways and Means. In 1974,, she became Lieutenant Governor of Michigan.
- ❖ Rep. Edith Green (D-OR), 1955-1974, is known as the mother of Title IX with another AAUW member Patsy Mink

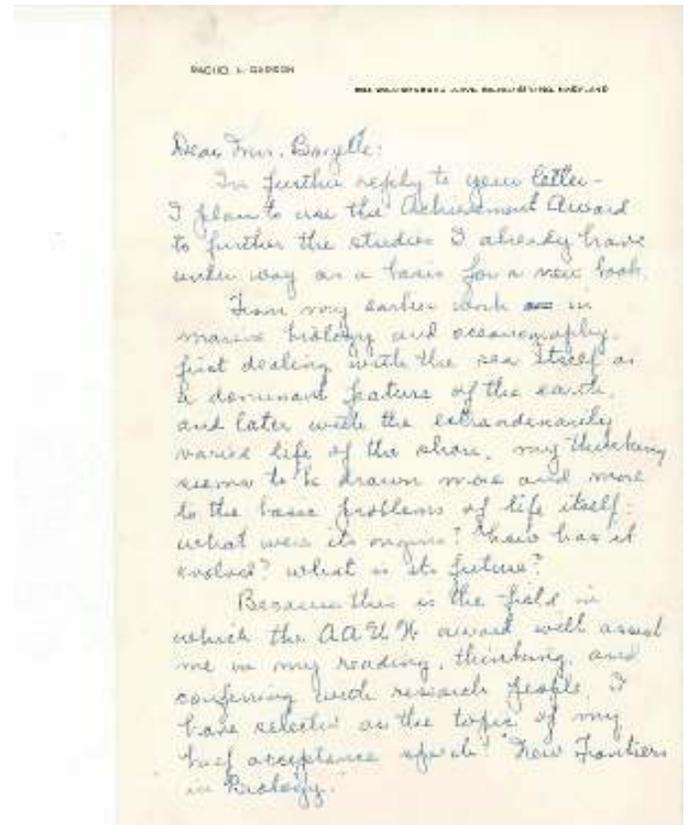
AAUW ARCHIVES COURTESY OF JACQUELINE D'ALESSIO DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS

As a member of the Association Archives Task Force, I was able to see first hand many of the historical documents preserved in the AAUW Archives. I encourage the members of AAUW-FL to visit the AAUW website www.aauw.org, click on Resources, search for Archives, and click on one of the many entries. In the Archives of AAUW members can find old newsletters, photos and other documents including part of the letter from Rachel Carson. .

EARTH DAY, AAUW, AND RACHEL CARSON: AN ARCHIVES DISCOVERY

While diligently working in a box filled with scattered correspondence, newspaper articles, and other materials, AAUW Archives Corps member Caroline Pickens stumbled upon a letter. It could have ended up as one of many, but this one caught her keen eye. Written in beautiful cursive, the letter was written to Mary Boyette, AAUW public information officer, from none other than marine biologist and author Rachel Carson.

Carson, about to receive the AAUW Achievement Award, was writing to Boyette on June 12, 1956. In the four-page, handwritten letter, Carson explains what she will do with the award money; it will further her studies which she already has underway as a basis for a new book. She also states that her acceptance speech for the award will be on the new frontiers in biology.



2014 AAUW-Florida Convention Registration

Friday April 4 and Saturday April 5, 2014

Please print or type clearly. Complete one form per attendee.

A check for registration and meals must be sent with this form.

Hotel reservation must be made directly with the hotel **before 3/5/14**. Call 800 325 3535/813 623 6363 or

Go on line: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AAUWFL>

The convention rate of **\$89.00/night plus 12 % tax for single or double room.**

Attendee's Information

Last Name First Name

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Email Address or Phone Number

---- Check if you are a past State President

---- Check if you are a first time attendee

Type of Membership or Guest (Check one.)

---- Branch Member

---- National Member

---- Guest at Friday Banquet

Branch Name Current Branch Position

Current State Position Current National Position

Preferred Name for Badge

Hotel Information

Sheraton Tampa East
10221 Princess Palm Avenue, Tampa, FL33610
Reserve by **3/5/14** to get convention rate
800 325 3535/813 623 6363
Mention code AAUW

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----Check ----Date entry

Registration

	Rate	Your Cost
1. Member registration (post marked 3/17/14)		
a. including Banquet dinner on Friday	\$125.00	-----
b. including Banquet Dinner on Friday & Luncheon on Saturday	\$150.00	-----
2. Member late registration fee (after 3/17/14)	\$15.00	-----
3. Student		
a. Registration	\$25.00	-----
b. Friday Banquet Dinner	\$75.00	-----
c. Saturday Luncheon	\$25.00	-----
4. Donation for 2014 Tech Trek summer camp		-----
Total		-----
Friday Banquet		
Open to the public: Number of Guests -----	\$75.00	-----

Meal Choices

Friday Banquet: Choose one

- Sesame seared Chicken with blood orange balsamic
- Pan seared Salmon with lemon beurre blanc
- Sliced NY Strip Loin
- Chef's vegetarian choice

Saturday Luncheon: Choose one.

- Pecan roasted Tilapia with lemon beurre blanc
- Grilled breast of Chicken with boursin cream sauce
- Sliced herbal crusted Pork Loin with wild mushroom sherry wine sauce
- Wild mushroom ravioli with roasted pepper cream sauce

All meals include 22% Service Charge and 7% Tax.

No meal refund after contract is signed on 3/26/14

Meal selection cannot be guaranteed with on-site registration.

Payment

Mail this form and your check payable to **AAUW-Florida Convention** by **3/17/14** to: Mr. John Chaplick, 19425 Melody Fair Place, Lutz, FL 33558.

Hotel reservation deadline: Wednesday 3/5/14

Early registration deadline: Post marked Monday 3/17/14

Members, please take note

- ✓ You have only one night's hotel cost. If you wish, stay an extra night before or after the convention at the same rate.
- ✓ You have wonderful opportunities to learn about leadership at branch level.
- ✓ You get to meet three Women of Distinction – Carolyn Garfein, past president of AAUW; Vickie Bryan Burke, Founder, PACE Centers; and Sandy Oestreich, founder-president National Equal Rights Amendment Alliance Inc. and ERA Education Inc.



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