

First Coast Lines

Jacksonville Branch Newsletter – May, 2010

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MAY MEETING

WHEN: Saturday, May 22, 11:30 am
Notice: this is the 4th Saturday of May.

WHERE: Home of Lydia Payne,
1300 Riverbirch Ln.

COST: \$10. (Lunch by Biscotti's. A vegetarian option is available on request with reservation.)

RESERVATIONS: by Wed. May 19, call Jean Zuehls, 287-7139, between 6 and 9 pm.

Program: Make It-Bake It-Sew It-Grow It fund raiser and installation of officers.

Make It-Bake It-Sew It-Grow It

It is that time of the year again. This is your chance to showcase your talent for crafting, baking or gardening. I am pretty certain that no member handcrafted the rooster salt and pepper shakers that have been sitting on my table since last May, so a gently used past treasure is also welcome. We will raffle off the offerings for the benefit of the Legal Advocacy and educational funds.

President's Message

Congratulations to our new officers: Marian Bunch, Director for Membership and Kathy VanderVliet, Director for Finance. All the ballots were cast in favor of the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee. This was an unusual election in that we did not do it at a meeting but rather by phone, email or US mail. I received votes all three ways.

Kathy VanderVliet and I represented the branch at the state AAUW convention in Sarasota on April 23-25. It was a good convention – you can find a report about it elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our April meeting was the Equal Pay Day Luncheon that we co-sponsored with several other women's organizations. See the articles in this newsletter. Thank you to Marjorie Broward for her untiring efforts in planning the luncheon.

We are coming down the home stretch, so slide into a comfortable lawn chair and enjoy the view of the river from Lydia Payne's back yard. She has again graciously consented to hosting our May meeting and picnic. We will install our new officers, have our EF fund raiser and enjoy the fellowship and outdoors. We have moved the meeting to May 22 (the 4th Saturday) this month. So mark your calendars and don't miss it.

Coming up is our summer board/planning meeting. This is a meeting that I invite everyone to attend. Please come with ideas for next year's programs and activities. We will meet on Tuesday, July 13, at 11:15 am for a luncheon meeting at Crab Creek Café on Atlantic Blvd. Their quiet side room is perfect for a meeting. The more input we have the better our branch will be. If you can come for a short time, that is better than not coming at all. I look forward to seeing you all there. Give Sally Kenaston a call so she can let the Crab Creek Café know how many places to set. See you on the 13th.

Happy Summer to All,
Susan Cornehl, President

American Association of University Women, Jacksonville Branch, FL. Report of the Branch meeting, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, Room 210, Advanced Technology Building, downtown campus of Florida State College of Jacksonville.

In place of its usual Saturday April meeting, the Branch met Tues., April 27, with other groups honoring Equal Pay Day. The occasion was also one honoring three women who won The Spirit of Rosie Awards, awards given annually by the Equal Pay Day committee to women who, like the Rosie the Riveters, have broken barriers against women in the workplace and who have helped to expand horizons on the types of work women can do.

The committee organizing the event, planning the luncheon, and choosing the Rosie Awards included the Branch's representation, Public Policy Director Marjorie Broward. Helping her on Equal Pay Day from the Branch: Susan Cornehl (designer and distributor of centerpieces), Eleanor Smith (filling folders with relevant Equal Pay Day material and AAUW brochures), and Carolyn Smith (AAUW brochures).

The agenda following the luncheon was formed by the committee planning Equal Pay Day.

Equal Pay Day Agenda

Welcome: Dr. LaDonna Morris, FSCJ and the Mayor's Commission on Women.

Opening Remarks: 'Pay Inequities' Kathy VanderVliet, Communications Director, AAUW.

Introduction of the Spirit of Rosie Winners (see the Branch's March newsletter for details about the winners).

Shirley Webb, Executive Director, Women's Center: introducing Cynthia Alderson, winner of the Glass Ceiling Award, for her breaking through glass ceilings in the navy.

Karen Green, Editor, Women's Digest: introducing Teresa Myers, winner of the Pioneer Award for her pioneering of women in the field of the manufacturing and sale of industrial water

pumps for dewatering construction sites and moving large bodies of water.

Susan Cornehl, President, AAUW: introducing Mary Tappouni, winner of the Non-Traditional Award, for her establishment in 1997 of a construction company owned entirely by women and aimed at an emphasis on green construction and energy.

Panel Discussion with the Spirit of Rosie Winners
Tribute to Dr. Dorothy Height, Bobbi de Cordova-Hanks, Founder, Bosom Buddies
Closing Remarks, Debra Phillians, Community Education Director, Women's Center of Jacksonville.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:45, pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Smith, Secretary.
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Equal Pay for All? Not Quite Yet!

The Equal Pay Day Luncheon was a very enjoyable occasion with our members joining with women from other organizations to call attention to the fact that women are still earning substantially less than men doing the same jobs. Also at that luncheon, Rosie Awards were given to honor some outstanding women in our community. These women have broken barriers and were honored for their accomplishments. Reading their biographies and listening to them speak was very inspiring. All three were amazing women that had us all saying "Wow." In order to help further the cause of equal pay, everyone in attendance was asked to sign a petition asking our Senators Nelson and LeMieux to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. The bill has already passed the House. If this bill gets passed in the Senate, we can be finished with Equal Payday Luncheons! Wouldn't it be wonderful to see that happen and think that we had a hand in bringing equality to women's pay!

AAUW Florida State Convention

Kathy VanderVliet and I attended the AAUW state convention on May 23-25. It was held in Sarasota on Lido Key, a beautiful location. Much of the convention was devoted to furthering STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education for girls. We heard about various programs for encouraging and assisting girls to pursue these fields. There is a lot of interesting work going on around the state. The recent release of "Why So Few" by AAUW was highlighted and all branches are encouraged to obtain a free copy of this study on the net. We also heard about the Shriver Report, women in the workplace, and equal pay for women from Dr. Jamie Ladge, a professor at Northeastern University in Boston. She brought us up-to-date on what the younger generation thinks about their place in the workplace. According to Dr. Ladge, many young women today feel there is no discrimination and assume they will be paid equally and have as many opportunities as men. The life balance issues are more important now to young women who plan to have it all.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a great banquet with the installation of the new state officers and awards followed by entertainment from the hosting Venice Branch. We were treated to "Women Invent", a presentation celebrating women inventors through the years and the part AAUW has played in some of these inventions. Do you know what these women invented: Madame Curie, Phyllis Shonk, Gertrude Elion, Hazelle Rollins, Bette Graham, Rose Totino, Madam C. J. Walker, Laura Robinson? We learned about them.

Sunday we listened to an inspiring talk by Juddy Karei, an AAUW International Fellow from Kenya. She is attending a seminary in Orlando with plans of going back to Kenya to minister to young women by starting a home for runaway girls. She has quite a story herself. Sunday's session concluded by drawing winners of the baskets donated to the EF Raffle. Our basket looked great and was one of 19 baskets raffled off for EF funds. In all, the convention raised \$1243 to send to EF.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at the convention. We made some good connections and got some good ideas.

Submitted by Susan Cornehl

I attend the state convention and agree with Susan that it was a good convention. In addition to the activities she reported, I also represented the branch at the workshop held on Friday afternoon. The purpose (I think) of this was for all branches to agree on a common theme. After some good discussion, we agreed that 1) that all branches will do 'something' in the next year related to STEM, and 2) branches with activities relative to STEM would report them to be posted on the state's website.

Next year's convention will be held north of Orlando, the first weekend in April.

Submitted by Kathy VanderVliet

~~~~ Passing ~~~~

SCHREIBER Minnie Schreiber, 91, passed peacefully on April 27, 2010, in Jacksonville, FL. She was a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree and the University of Kentucky with a Master's Degree in Microbiology. Minnie was a Senior Microbiologist for the State of Florida. Minnie was a pioneer in laboratory research and had served at Johns Hopkins University in development of new techniques for isolating and identifying bacteria.

She was the first female President of River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged and River Garden Holding Company. She served as a trustee for both until her passing. Minnie was the past President and Board member of the Pilot Club of Jacksonville and also Jacksonville section of American Association of University Women. In addition, she served in numerous volunteer positions.

She was the recipient of National Council of Jewish Women's "Women in Power" award; Jacksonville Jewish Center's "Woman of Valor" award, and Joe P. Safer Community Service Award.

Her life was devoted to serving others to ensure health and safety of all Floridians and her immense love for Judaism. Her memory will be a blessing to all who knew her

Services were held on Friday, April 30th at 1 p.m. at Palmetto Cemetery in Brunswick, GA

(Adapted from the Florida Times Union)

~~~~~ Gleanings ~~~~~

AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, issued the following statement on President Barack Obama's nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court:

"With his nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan, the president has selected a woman who has been a trailblazer throughout her distinguished legal career, holding such positions as the first woman dean of Harvard Law School and first woman solicitor general of the United States. AAUW is pleased to note that, if confirmed, the Supreme Court will have three

women justices serving concurrently for the first time in history-breaking through yet another barrier for women and girls.

AAUW will carefully consider the totality of Solicitor General Kagan's record over the coming weeks. We look forward to the upcoming confirmation hearings and the candid answers of the nominee."

AAUW monitors the judicial nominations process because so many of our fundamental rights and liberties have been established and are protected by the federal courts. As such, AAUW supports moderate, fair-minded judges who are committed to upholding our constitutional values.

CALENDAR

May 22 11:30

Picnic and Officer Installation

The Book Discussion Group will not have a May meeting. Members will continue reading and searching for suggestions of titles of interest for this AAUW group.

JUNE 11 11:30

Civic Round Table Award luncheon.. Cost: \$17. Kathy VanderVliet for reservations by Tuesday, June 8.

July 13 11:15

Summer planning/board meeting at Crab Creek Café, 7404 Atlantic Blvd. (Crab Creek Café is just west of Arlington Rd. on the south side of Atlantic. RSVP to Sally Kenaston, 725-6686

Bridge Groups – For information about bridge groups, call Sally Kenaston, 725-6686.

AAUW – Breaking Through Barriers

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

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

First-Coast-Lines is the monthly newsletter of the Jacksonville, Florida Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) established locally in 1926.

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