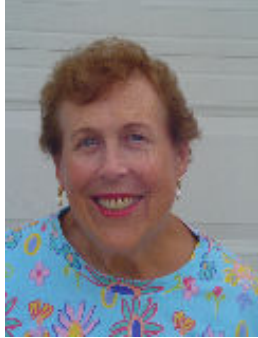




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## ALEX SINK KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CONVENTION!

Carol Napper, President

I'm very happy to announce that Alex Sink will be our keynote speaker at the opening session of our State Convention in Orlando on April 1, 2011. Alex (it seems everyone is on a first name basis with her) is our kind of woman! We know about her recent race for governor, of course, and she almost won—1% difference. But did you know that she was a math major, graduating from Wake Forest University? Her career was in finance; she was former president of Florida Operations of Bank of America and then elected to a 4 year term as Chief Financial Officer of Florida. And AAUW and Alex Sink see eye to eye on most issues.

Our convention will start off with a bang! Prior to the opening session we will have a

buffet dinner, including one free drink per person at the hotel's unique Irish Pub. This convention has a wonderful line-up of speakers and workshops. You will find more details as you read through this issue of *FloriVision* or look at our website, but I do want to point out a few highlights. AAUW-Florida is really lucky!! Washington is sending us three major speakers: Christy Jones, Director of Membership; Jackie Littleton, AAUW Board of Directors Secretary; and LAF Plaintiff Caroline Foltz. We will also be hearing from 3 students who attended the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, and Abby Lemay, a student at Stetson University who is on the AAUW Student Advisory Council. We expect to learn how to get started on our statewide project to connect with colleges and universities which will help grow our membership.

One of the other exciting things about this convention is the lovely Sheraton Orlando Hotel North which is right off I-4 in Maitland, just a little bit north of downtown Orlando. The meeting space is perfect for our needs: very convenient, all rooms close to each other, easy access, and plenty of meeting rooms for all our workshops.

There is a fitness center, business center, lobby bar and restaurant, lovely outdoor heated pool, and Starbucks. Look at the hotel website for more information, [www.sheraton.com/orlandonorth](http://www.sheraton.com/orlandonorth)

Excitement in AAUW reaches beyond our convention! Remember that starting in January each year we can offer membership to new prospects at a discount. National and state dues are half price until March 15. It is up to you if you want to discount the branch dues portion. This is a good time to contact people you have been working on! We still need to keep active and alert and in touch with our Public Policy. Make sure you are all enrolled in Take Action on the Action Network, the Two-Minute Activist. It is going to be more challenging than ever, but we can't give up!

AAUW recently announced the 2010-2011 Campus Action Project Awards, \$50,000 to 11 institutions across the country for projects that target barriers faced by women and girls entering and staying in STEM fields. As you know, AAUW is involved with Title IX. Recently a dozen Title IX complaints were filed against high schools around the country, alleging the schools aren't providing equal opportunities for girls, violating

Title IX. You can get personally involved in this by using the Program in a Box to survey your area.

**MORE GOOD NEWS:** Carol Newnam is running for Director at Large on the AAUW Board. Luckily at our convention we'll learn how to vote for her!

There are so many reasons to attend the Florida State Convention April 1-3, 2011! The above are only a few of the reasons. Come to enjoy sociability with members from all over the state. Come to be stimulated and enlightened. Come to share your AAUW program successes. Come because you are proud to be a member of AAUW!

## **2011 CONVENTION OPENING DOORS TO AAUW'S FUTURE**

Vivian L. Errickson

Director for Program

What will the future hold for AAUW-Florida? What will you as an AAUW member do to create a future in which our organization expands, grows stronger, and reaches out to new and younger women?

Growing our membership can be hard but rewarding work. We hope the convention will inspire and energize you and

send you home with a plan to grow your branch, retain your long-term members, and attract new and younger members. That will be the emphasis of our 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session with Christy Jones, AAUW Director of Membership, where you will have the opportunity to explore ideas and plan activities to strengthen your branch membership.

Branch leaders, we want to hear about your STEM and Pay Equity project and programs this year. You'll have time to discuss your events (and later report to the membership) at the Friday afternoon pre-convention workshop facilitated by Leslie Henderson. More about that in Leslie's article.

Saturday's keynote speaker, also from AAUW, is Jackie Littleton, AAUW Board of Directors Secretary and liaison for AAUW-Florida. Jackie will walk us through the implementation of "One Member, One Vote" so you may want to re-read the online discussion at AAUW.org! Jackie will also lead an afternoon workshop on AAUW Policy and Issues.

At our Saturday luncheon we will hear from 3 Florida college women, Abby Lemay ( Stetson U), Susie Gilot (Nova S.E. U.) and Barbara Delano (UF) who have attended the National Convention for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, DC. and learn how

this experience has motivated them to give back to AAUW and their community. I predict we will all be thinking "Our branch must support NCCWSL!"

The always popular AAUW Funds Breakfast will be held Sunday morning with awards and a speaker, ably arranged by Eileen Recchia, AAUW-Florida Director for Development. Eileen has made changes for us; NO basket raffle this year. Instead, Eileen has planned---NO, you need to read her article in this *FloriVision*---I don't want to spoil the surprise!

This AAUW convention is more than reports and research; it is about having gal-time get together and FUN! Come to the Saturday Reception and Pay Equity Event prepared to do just that. First, you better check out the Carol-and-Karen preparations for the event, also in this *FloriVision*. There just may be a little "homework" for you.

See what a great convention team we have! Better not miss our open doors in 2011! Send in your registration now.

See you at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, April 1-3, 2011.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Barbara Stevens, Bylaws, Policies, and Resolutions Chair

Branches, Interbranches or individuals who wish to present a resolution at the state convention must submit it to the Florida Bylaws, Policies and Resolutions Committee by March 1, 2011. Each proposed resolution must include:

- A completed resolution form
- Supporting material
- A proposal for implementation
- The estimated cost to AAUW-FL

State officers and branch presidents have a copy of the AAUW-Florida Policy Book which contains information about the resolutions process as well as a copy of the form. The information and form are also available on line at [www.florida-aauw.org/forms](http://www.florida-aauw.org/forms).

Resolutions should be sent to  
Barbara Stevens  
4851 Summertree Rd.  
Venice, FL 34293 or emailed to  
[Bfs1139@verizon.net](mailto:Bfs1139@verizon.net).

## BRANCH PRESIDENTS'

### FORUM

Due to the enthusiastic response from last year's participants, AAUW Florida will hold a sec-

ond pre-convention presidents forum on Friday afternoon, April 1, 2011. The event is open exclusively to branch presidents or their chosen surrogates, and personal invitations will be mailed early in February.

The event will be facilitated by past AAUW-FL state presidents, and will follow up and report on the 2010-2011 branch programming efforts centered around the topics chosen at last year's pre-convention forum: STEM and Pay Equity.

In addition, other areas of interest such as membership recruitment, college/university partnerships, future state and branch programming efforts, and state support for branch projects will also be on the table for discussion.

If you are a branch president and have not received an invitation to this event by the 20th of February, please contact Leslie Henderson at 813-960-7621 or [FLAAUW@aol.com](mailto:FLAAUW@aol.com).

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### EILEEN RECCHIA for President-Elect



Eileen joined the Marco Island Branch of AAUW in 2000 and has served as its president and in other leadership positions. She was elected to the state organization first as Delegate at Large and then as Director for Educational Foundation / Development and has also chaired the Nominations Committee. Eileen has attended all state conventions and four AAAUW conventions. She is a retired school administrator with degrees in Secondary Education –Math / Science (Ed.B, Rhode Island College), Counselor Education (MA, University of Rhode Island) and School Administration (MEd from Providence College). As AAUW-FL President, Eileen's goals will be "to continue to align the state organization with the new national structure and to move Florida forward by making it desirable and meaningful for its membership. I believe our organization should be looking 'outside the box' in order to make it THE organization for women who KNOW education is the key to society's success; who SUPPORT education for all women; and who BELIEVE in equity for all citizens."

### KAMALA ANANDAM for

#### Director for Program

Kamala joined AAUW in 1995. A founding member of the Weston Branch, she has served as its president and before that as chair of Interna-

tional Affairs in the Ft. Lauderdale Branch. She is currently serving as Secretary of AAUW-FL and serves on the Grassroots Liaison Leadership Corps of AAUW. Kamala has attended two national conventions and all state conventions since 2006.



She is retired from her position as Associate Dean of Educational Technology, Miami-Dade College, where for two years she served as IBM Consulting Scholar helping colleges in the US and abroad integrate teaching and technology. Kamala has an Ed. D from the University of Tennessee, Educational Psychology, and an MS from the University of Tennessee, Child Development Home Science Extension. As the president of AAUW Weston and Chair for International Affairs, Ft. Lauderdale Branch, she has coordinated several mission based projects and collaborated with local organizations and universities. As the secretary on the state Board, she has learned, "how conventions are planned and a lot about how the Board interacts with the branches, the useful information it provides through its website and newsletter and its efforts to listen to branches' needs and to help them forge ahead."

### **DIANE BOYCE for Director for Finance**



Diane Boyce joined AAUW in 1971. She was state Treasurer in the New York state organization; here in Florida she served as AAUW-FL Director for Membership and is currently Administrative Assistant to President Carol Napper. She has attended state conventions since 1972 and AAUW conventions since 1981, serving as Hostess Chair for an AAUW convention in Orlando. She has held many branch positions including president and treasurer in NY and in St. Augustine where she is currently branch treasurer. She is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a BS in Office Administration. Diane is active in her community and is employed by the University of St. Augustine for Health Service as Administrative Assistant to Online Education and Occupational Therapy.

### **DIANE SCHRIER for Director for Public Policy**

Diane joined AAUW in 2004. She has served as Public Policy chair in her branch as well as president and secretary. In AAUW-FL, she served as a Director at Large and as Director for International Affairs, attending four state conventions, co-chairing one. Diane has degrees from Syracuse University (Psychology/Fine Arts, BA), New York University (International Business/Finance, MBA), Skidmore University (Computer Certification, MCP) and Western Connecticut State University (Teaching Certification). She has been an active participant in her community's political and social activities and issues. Diane's goals for the Public Policy position: "AAUW must continue to be a major player at governmental discussions involving the role of women in our society. We must continue to fight for equal pay and equal opportunities. We need to be aware of what is happening in Washington, D.C., our country and around the world. In this time of economic hardship for many, we must fight to ensure that women and children do not take the brunt of the economic hardships. Laws and government policies need to be analyzed. In Florida, with its very diverse cultures, we must find a way to inform and educate women about these policies and about

initiatives that could benefit them.”

### **WEBSITE INFORMATION**

Sally Bailey, Web Manager

Are you curious to learn what projects other Florida branches have undertaken this year, what kind of monthly programs they have planned, or what types of successful fundraisers they have? If so, read the newsletters on our state website: [www.floridaauw.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.floridaauw.org/newsletters.htm) If you notice your branch newsletter isn't on the list, ask your newsletter editor to send it as an email attachment to [flwebmgr@comcast.net](mailto:flwebmgr@comcast.net) every month. Anyone with questions about how to do this should contact me by email to [flwebmgr@comcast.net](mailto:flwebmgr@comcast.net).

If you have trouble finding what you want on the AAUW-Florida website or the AAUW website, or need to know how to use the AAUW Member Services Database, plan to come to the computer workshop at the state convention. It's a hands-on workshop using available laptops.

### **WASHINGTON OR BUST**

Carol Newnam

Come celebrate 130 years of AAUW at the 2011 AAUW Convention. The Breaking Through Barriers-Advocating for Change National Conven-

tion will be held June 16-19 at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel. The address is 999 Ninth Street NW, D.C. 20001.

Join members from across the country in advocating for change in a Lobby Day on Capital Hill. Hear nationally known speakers and be inspired to continue AAUW's work in breaking through barriers. Learn new leadership skills and best practices to take back to your branch. Meet the leaders and staff of AAUW as well as candidates for leadership positions.

Every time you click on the convention section of the AAUW webpage, you can read a different statement by AAUW members in answer to the question, "Why do you believe it is important to attend the AAUW Convention?" To me it is always inspiring to interact with members from around the country and learn about the wonderful work that is being done in states and branches. Come to convention and make your own answers.

### **NEWS FROM BRANCHES**

#### **MANATEE COUNTY**

Sylvia Price & Jane Cheatham

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that presents creative problem solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through

college. The program encourages students to analyze a situation, visualize the possibilities, and synthesize the best qualities of their ideas into a workable solution. There are team competitions through tournaments on the local, state, and international level. The competitive element showcases the team's accomplishments, exposes students to the ideas of others and encourages them to reach their full potential.

The Manatee County Branch of AAUW has been involved in the program for five years at Sea Breeze Elementary and one year at Kinnan Elementary. This school year we are fortunate to be sponsoring the following schools: Anna Maria Elementary, BaShaw Elementary, McNeal Elementary, Sea Breeze Elementary and Wake-land Elementary. Increased donations by the branch and individuals for the Odyssey's membership application fees made possible an increase in schools serviced. Our goal is to encourage the schools to enter the team competition.

Students from Southeast High School along with Dr. Sam Micklus, the founder of the Odyssey of the Mind program and a resident of Bradenton, advised Cherrie Birkman's gifted class at Sea Breeze Elementary. In 2009, the Southeast team became World Champions at the Odyssey of the Mind Competition held at Iowa State. These

students discussed their experiences and made suggestions such as listening, feeding off each other's ideas, working as a team, and being able to think and solve problems quickly.

Anna Maria Elementary's two volunteer coaches meet with teams of students who select problems and formulate solutions in order to prepare them to participate in the regional tournament. Wakeland Elementary has five teachers who coach teams that will also participate in the regional tournament.



Pictured with the Odyssey of the Mind World Champion Trophy from left to right in the top row: are Ben Robinson, Luca Erozer, Dr. Sam Micklus, Kate Schaufelberger, & Laith Charles. In the middle row are Alison Ecker, Mandilee Morangee, Kevin Gerry, and Anthony Tyma, and in the bottom row is Megan Johnston

## BRADENTON BRANCH

The Bradenton Branch of the American Association of University Women held its fifth annual Women of Achievement Luncheon at the IMG El Conquistador Country Club on Saturday, November 6. Several Manatee County women were honored for their service to the community.

Ellen J. Campbell began her work with Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee as its Fiscal Director in 1989. She is presently President/CEO of the organization. She also serves on several national, state, and local boards which support aging Americans.

Barbara Harvey is a long-time resident of Manatee County who began a teaching career at several area elementary schools, became an assistant principal, a principal, and then the Manatee County Schools Director of Elementary Education. Currently she serves on the Manatee County School Board and many other community boards.

Barbara La Chapelle, while president of the Manatee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, established the Manatee Memorial Foundation Thrift Shop in 1993. Profits from the Thrift Shop have provided a total benefit to education at The State College of Florida and USF of well over \$1,000,000. One hundred Manatee County nonprof-

its have received grants, and in-kind donations support other Manatee County organizations.

Money raised from the luncheon supports the Bradenton Branch, AAUW Scholarship Foundation, which awards scholarships to non-traditional students who are returning to college to gain degrees. Applications for the scholarships and information about them are available at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) on the Bradenton website.

## VERO BRANCH PLANS STEM SUMMIT

The Public Policy Committee of the Vero Beach Branch is currently coordinating a STEM event for 75 seventh and eighth grade girls from Indian River County junior high schools.

Partnering with Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University, and the Education Foundation of Indian River County, the steering committee is seeking participation from local education and business groups.

A think tank comprised of 15 branch STEM-degreed members will meet in mid-January to work on program design, to select speakers and to develop hands-on activities.

Follow-up strategies will be put in place to insure ongoing communication with students,

parents and teachers as an effort toward long-term sustainability.

While the program is already in the planning stages, it will not be carried out until March 2012 to allow adequate time to complete all of its phases.

### **Venice Branch Contributes \$1900 to the Legal Advocacy Fund**

Barbara Harris, LAF Chair

Several years ago the Venice Branch decided to have a special money raising function devoted to LAF. This fund raiser contributed exclusively to LAF endeavors. We organized a November "Silent Auction". Members brought in their treasures to our November meeting. Tables were filled with over 300 articles. We netted a goodly amount and sent in a considerable contribution to LAF. This year our auction grew; we added a "Live Auction" with John Novotny (a volunteer) acting as our auctioneer. Baskets, dinners, boat rides, golf clubs, etc. were among the eighteen auctioned items, and the participants had a marvelous time. Personal contributions from our members enhanced our contribution to LAF. Our grand total from this one fun function netted \$1900.

To comply with the AAUW-FL Strategic Plan suggested state-

wide effort, the Venice Branch will launch a STEM Olympics for 5th Grade Girls on February 26.

February is also the month of our main fundraiser, the Home-Tour. It will be on Friday, the 4th, and many of the members will be hostesses at the five homes. Come say hello. Details can be found in the branch newsletter available on the state website, florida-aaaw.org.

Pictured below are Barbara Harris and John Novotny.



### **FORT MYERS/LEE CO.**

The Lee County Branch voted in the fall to change its name to the Fort Myers/Lee County Branch.

This should better enable AAUW members relocating to our area and prospective members to contact us, especially through the national and state

web sites and our own local site.

The Fort Myers/Lee County Branch once again adopted a precinct during the August primary and November 2010 elections to raise funds for its scholarship programs. The branch members (9 for the primary and 11 for November) underwent 3 hours of training and then committed for the 14-hour day at the polling place. Although a long day, the camaraderie among the AAUW team made it go quickly. They donated the stipends earned to the branch scholarship fund.

In December our branch held its annual fashion show/luncheon scholarship fundraiser. It was a colorful affair and made even more grand with the presence of key representatives of the PACE Center for Girls. Two girls from the PACE program were among our models. During the meeting, our branch presented the executive director of PACE with a \$1000 Award.

### **FROM THE EDITOR**

I appreciate the many branches who sent pictures for publication in this issue of *FloriVision*. Unfortunately with the number of articles I needed to include for the Convention, I was not able to use many of the pictures.

**OCALA**  
**STEM Project March 2011**  
 Jan Johnston

“GO (Girls Only)” is a Science Olympics designed for 5th grade girls that was jointly developed by the local AAUW branch and the Marion County school district science curriculum specialists. The school staff has identified 10 schools that were among the lowest performing schools on their 5th grade science FCAT in 2010. They will select the student participants and will purchase resource materials for team science projects. The local Educational Foundation will provide grant money to the school for these materials.

Vivian Errickson and Donna Hernandez are the branch coordinators for this project. AAUW members will greet the students and provide a morning snack for the girls and their families. Branch members will assist the team leaders and work with the girls on challenging science activities and we will provide certificates, medals and team awards.

The school personnel hope to see improvement in the student achievement of these girls on the 2011

FCAT. In addition branch members hope these girls will participate in the district science fair (to be held in May); this would be an indication of an interest in science.

**TREASURE COAST**

Doris Martin

For several years branches in the Treasure Coast area have joined to meet in January. These branches include Melbourne, Port St. Lucie, Stuart and Vero Beach. Each branch has taken its turn as host and planned the meeting site, luncheon and program. Our speakers have been AAUW-Florida officers or directors who have brought us state-wide ideas.

These meetings have been very successful and enjoyable. They have given us the opportunity to meet AAUW members from nearby communities. We have exchanged ideas and enlarged our friendships. State officers and directors have had the opportunity to meet and talk with members from a number of branches at the same time.

This January the Vero Beach Branch was host at the Vero Beach Yacht Club, and Vicki Waters, State Public Policy Director, was the speaker. With STEM as the important and current program for all branches, we were eager to hear from

Vicki about what was happening across the state.

If you have nearby branches, we highly recommend these joint meetings.

**WEST PASCO COUNTY**

Flossie McNally  
 Branch President

The branch held a successful Candidates' Forum in October with all School Board and County Commissioner candidates in attendance. Allison Crumbley was one of the elected School Board members.

We are looking forward to our annual scholarship program fund raiser in February, along with a speaker on nutrition at the Fox Hollow Country Club.

Dr. Kamala Anandam, from AAUW-FL, will be participating in International Women's Week at the Pasco Hernando Community College and will be presenting her program on March 16th. This event is co-sponsored by the branch and PHCC.

**MARCO ISLAND**

The AAUW-Marco Island Branch is sponsoring a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day on March 8. The keynote speaker,

Dr. Aesgul Timur from Hodge University, will focus her presentation on Empowering Women in the 21st Century. The cost of the luncheon is \$45. For further information, contact Anne Batte at [annebatte@marcoislandemail.com](mailto:annebatte@marcoislandemail.com).

## 2011 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The AAUW-Florida Creative Writing Contest offers an opportunity for your creative voice to shine. Participation in the contest is a way to lend your voice towards the support of the creativity within us all. The traditional categories of Short Fiction, Nonfiction, Stories for Children, and Poetry are joined this year by additional categories for traditional and experimental Sonnets, Haiku, Nature Writing, Dramatic Monologue, and Flash Fiction. Please see the state website or your local branch newsletter for further details and specific submission instructions. The deadline for the 2011 AAUW-Florida Creative Writing Contest is March 4th, 2011. All questions and/or concerns may be directed to Ms. Kate Ann Heidelbach at [heidelba@nova.edu](mailto:heidelba@nova.edu).

### COME TO ORLANDO

Carol Ancona & Karen Zalkin  
Convention Co-Chairs

Need some inspiration and fun in your life? April 1-3 in Orlando will make you a new

woman. Florida AAUW is delighted to bring excellent speakers and relevant workshops to the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland. Make a convention reservation (form in *FloriVision*) and a hotel reservation. Gather your friends for an exciting AAUW-Florida convention.

Art, shopping, relaxation, excitement and adventure, Orlando's got it all. The Orlando Museum of Art, the Maitland Art Center, the Morse Gallery/Tiffany Museum, the Cornell Art Museum and the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Garden are within a 4 or 5-mile radius. The hotel offers a free shuttle ride to downtown Winter Park. Winter Park Village has many stores including Talbots and Coldwater Creek. Winter Park Center on Park Avenue, a famous upscale area, has galleries, shopping and dining around a beautiful park. For more adventures and fabulous shopping, check the hotel's website.

You can shop right at the convention! Vendors supporting AAUW have amazing items right in the hotel. Bring your hats decorated to celebrate Pay Equity at the Equal Pay Day Rally during the Saturday reception. The hats will provide some great photo ops, and someone may win a prize.

## Convention Workshops Saturday 8:30-9:30 am Session I

- A. National Girls Collaborative Project/Florida Panel:** NGCP/FL Leadership Team Members: Amy Foster, EdLab Group; Dr. Leslie Lieberman, UCF; Jennifer McDaniel, AAUW liaison to Florida Girls Collaborative Project, **Moderator:** Betty Martin, Lake Wales Branch  
Discover the NGCP wealth of resources and support for STEM projects!
- B. Computer/AAUW website Training:** Sally Bailey, AAUW-FL Web Manager--- you will have hands-on experience with the Florida and AAUW websites and using AAUW membership data.
- C. AAUW-Florida Programming Resources-included in your membership:** **Speakers:** Janet Johnston, Leader on Loan Coordinator, Ocala Branch and Georgianna Pentinen, Mini Grants Coordinator, Lake Wales Branch.  
Make best use of these resources in your branch
- D. Book Discussion: *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave** **Leaders:** Jacqueline D'Alessio and Virginia Farace

### 3:30-4:30pm Session II

#### E. **Why So Few? -the AAUW Research** Speaker:

Jackie Littleton, AAUW Board of Directors Secretary

F. **Growing our Membership:** Speaker: Christy Jones, AAUW Director of Membership. Ask your questions; plan your strategy

#### G. **Recruitment Strategies for C/U Partners and Student Affiliates:** Leader:

Leslie Henderson, AAUW-Florida C/U Liaison; **Panel:** Ruth Georges, USF ; Susie Gilot, AAUW Student Club President, NOVA SE U; Abby Lemay, AAUW Student Advisory Council Member, Stetson U; Barbara Delano, UF.

### CONVENTION WKSHP D

J. D'Alessio & V. Farace

Like to read? Discuss what you read? Belong to a book club? Thought about starting a reading group? These are all good reasons to attend the convention Saturday morning workshop on book discussion groups. *New York Times* bestseller *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave will be the book discussed. It is described as “immensely readable and moving...a haunting novel about the tenuous friendship that blooms between two disparate strangers—a British woman and a Nigerian girl who meet on a lonely African beach and become inextricably bound...” Read *Little Bee* prior to convention and take part in the discus-

sion led by Jacqueline D'Alessio and Virginia Farace. In addition to the discussion, the leaders will share information about starting and running a book club. They will present suggestions for different ways to select titles, pose questions, encourage participation, and lead a group. If you are an ex-

perienced book clubber or have never been to one, this is a stimulating way to start the day.

#### Convention Schedule April 1-3, 2011

##### Friday, 1 April 2011

11:30 am -8:00 pm  
TBA  
2:00-4:00 pm  
5:30-7:00 pm  
7:15-9:15 pm

Registration  
Pre-convention Workshop(by invitation)  
AAUW Florida Board Meeting  
Cash Bar and Buffet Dinner  
Opening Session  
Keynote Speaker: Alex Sink  
Introduction of Candidates  
Election of Officers

##### Saturday, 2 April 2011

8:00 am-3:00 pm Registration  
8:30-9:30 am

Workshop Session I  
Branch Presidents' Meeting: Carol Napper

9:45-11:45 am

2<sup>nd</sup> General Session: Growing Our Membership  
Keynote Speaker: Christy Jones,  
AAUW Director of Membership

12:00-1:30 pm

Luncheon Speakers from National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

1:45-3:15 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> General Session: One Member, One Vote  
Speaker: Jackie Littleton,  
Secretary, AAUW Board of Directors  
Report from Pre-convention Workshop

3:30-4:30 pm

Workshop Session II

6:00-7:00 pm

Reception and Pay Equity Event

7:00-9:00 pm

Banquet, Awards, and Entertainment  
Actress Margaret Kaler will portray Harriet Beecher Stowe.

##### Sunday, 3 April 2011

8:00-9:45 am

AAUW Funds Breakfast and Awards  
LAF Speaker: Caroline Foltz,  
Delaware State University

10:00a:m-12 noon

4<sup>th</sup> General Session  
Public Policy Report  
Financial Report;  
Membership Report;

12:15-2:00 pm

AAUW-Florida Board Meeting  
Incoming and Outgoing Officers

**AAUW Florida State Convention April 1-3, 2011**  
**Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake Destiny Dr Maitland FL 32751**  
**(Main hotel # 407-660-9000 – Reserv: 1-866-837-5175)**

**Convention Reservation Form Only**

First Name	Last Name
Street Address/Apartment #	City & Zip Code
Home Telephone	Work or Cell Phone
E-mail Address	Nickname for Badge
Local Branch	Branch Position
State Position	Past State President?      Yes    No
For <b>institutional</b> AAUW memberships <u>only</u> , indicate University/College represented	Member-at-Large? Yes    No

**REGISTRATION FEE**

		<i>COST</i>
Early registration - <i>postmarked by (3/15/2011)</i>	\$50.00	\$ _____
Late or on-site registration	\$65.00	\$ _____
Student Affiliate	\$25.00	\$ _____

**MEALS (*CIRCLE CHOICE and include non member guests*):**

**Friday Evening Buffet** (includes a ticket for a glass of wine or beer) # \_\_\_\_\_ @30.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday FL AAUW College/University Partner Luncheon**.....

Blackened Chicken Sandwich    Chef's Salad

Roasted Turkey breast with Gouda Cheese on Foccacia Roll      # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 18.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Banquet**..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 36.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sliced Sirloin    Tilapia Fish    Vegetarian: Pasta with vegetables  
(meal served with salad, roasted potatoes, vegetables, and dessert )

**Saturday AAUW Funds Breakfast Buffet** ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ 15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Dietary Restrictions (list):

**This section for voting delegates only:**

Branch Delegates: If you have been named a delegate or alternate for your branch, have your Branch President sign below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch President's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Branch President's Name

You must circle one of the listed voting classifications:

Branch President    Branch Delegation Chair    Branch Delegate    Branch Alternate

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