

Melbourne (FL) Branch

EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881



### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break.  
*Are you ready for an exciting line-up of speakers and events?*

I was fortunate to have several members (**4 new members!**) work with me to get a jump start this summer. I would like to give a *special thanks* to Fran Baer (also of the LWVSC), Kathy Ebersberger, Enid Naraujo, Franchesca Rosado-Rockwell and Inge Flynn for working with me, along with a wonderful group of women from the League of Women Voters Space Coast (LWVSC), to put together an impactful and timely September General Meeting.

AAUW-Melbourne and the LWVSC will jointly host a hot topic discussion panel looking at how the salaries of Brevard public school teachers impact our community. You will find more information and details about the panelists in this newsletter. This event is open to the public, so please feel free to bring a friend! I am pleased to say that we intend to have coverage of this event by *Hometown News* and *Florida Today*. If you or your friends can't make it, no worries, just tune into FaceBook Live from AAUW's FaceBook page. You can join live or watch on your own time. I have been invited to promote this event on WFIT radio station, so stay tuned! For other upcoming events, please check out our events calendar on our website: <https://melbourne-fl.aauw.net/>. I will be sure to give more details for each meeting in that month's Intercom.

It's never too early to think about gifts for the holiday season. Make sure to support our branch's Holiday Green fundraising event. More details inside.

I really look forward to seeing you at September's meeting. Please know I am always looking for ways to make AAUW-Melbourne fit the needs and interests of our members. Feedback is always welcome!

*Natalie C. Twine*



# Welcome



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

### New Members

Fran Baer

Kathy Ebersberger

Enid Naraujo

Franchesca Rosado-Rockwell

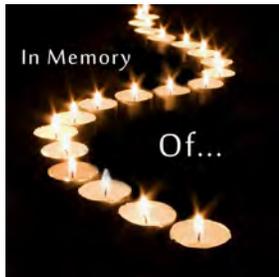
Grace Svitak

Patricia A. McDonough 2

Emily Diane Pearce 14

Marguerite Cotter 15

Eunice D. Grimes 25



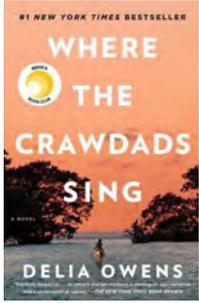
## *Jane Rectenwald Taylor*

Jane Rectenwald Taylor, 97, died August 1, 2019, at William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, she was the daughter of Florence Albright and Edward Rectenwald. She attended Wilson College and Carnegie Mellon University and worked as a physicians' secretary in Michigan before retiring to Melbourne. She was a 75-year member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity and a member of Melbourne Alumnae Panhellenic and AAUW of Melbourne. She was an avid spectator of the performing arts and volunteer for Brevard Symphony Orchestra and Melbourne Civic Theater. She loved travelling, playing bridge, cooking, and hosting delightful dinner parties. She is survived by her daughter, Susan Breen (Farmington Hills, MI), her son Alexander F. Taylor (Redlands, CA), two grandsons and two great-grandsons. She was predeceased by her son Clifford F. Taylor (Ann Arbor, MI).

Published in the Orlando Sentinel from Aug. 10 to Aug. 11, 2019



## AAUW SEPTEMBER'S BOOK SELECTION



For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

### BRIDGE CLUB

First Friday of Every Month

### BOOK CLUB

DATE: September 11

TIME: 9:45 AM

LOCATION: Judy Graham

### VICARIOUS TRAVELERS

DATE September 20

TIME: 11:45 AM

LOCATION: Skewers Mediterranean Grille, 144 5th Ave, Indialantic, FL 32903

### OUT TO DINNER GROUP

No Meeting this month. Will start in October.

## Noteworthy Event

### Save the Date

The 2019 Florida Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 PM at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, FL, in conjunction with the Florida Chamber Foundation's Future of Florida Forum.



## INTEREST GROUPS



### BRIDGE GROUP

**Coordinator:** Margaret Marcotte

**Contact:** (321) 848-2181



### BOOK GROUP

**Coordinator:** Janet Peller

**Contact:** [jpelle004@yahoo.com](mailto:jpelle004@yahoo.com)



### VICARIOUS TRAVELERS

**Coordinator:** Kathy Ebersberger

**Contact:** [kathyebbersberger@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyebbersberger@yahoo.com)



### OUT TO DINNER GROUP

**Coordinator:** Andrea Shannin

**Contact:** [shanninaj@gmail.com](mailto:shanninaj@gmail.com)



# How Teachers' Salaries Impact Brevard County

## Special AAUW-Melbourne General Meeting

*Hosted jointly with League of Women Voters Space Coast*

### DATE & TIME

*Saturday, September 21, 2019*

**SOCIAL:** 11:30 AM

**LUNCH SERVED:** 12 PM

**PANEL DISCUSSION:** 12:30 PM—2 PM



### VENUE

Crowne Plaza Melbourne

2605 North A1A, Indialantic, FL



### Special Event Luncheon Cost

\$ 28 per person

**Cards for written questions for  
panelists will be provided.**

### PLATED LUNCH SELECTION

Herb Roasted Chicken Piccata

*or*

Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce

*Or*

Portabella Mushroom with Ravioli  
and Herbed Cream Cheese Sauce

### INCLUDED:

Mixed Green Salad

Herb Roasted Potatoes

Roasted Vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Coffee and Tea

***Open to the Public***

***Please let callers know if you are bringing a guest.***

# HOT TOPIC DISCUSSION

Brevard  
Retaining  
Attracting Teachers  
Investment Property  
Teacher Real-Estate Salary  
Benefit Engagement  
Student Vacancies Florida  
Effective Policy  
Values Morale

## Meet the Panelists

Shannon Kraeling,

Brevard Teacher of the Year 2019

Anthony Colucci

President, Brevard Federation of Teachers

Sadaf Knight

CEO, Florida Policy Institute



Cindy Forstall

Luis Maldonado

Dr. Maggie Skeldon

Founder and CEO of

A Voice For Children, Inc.

Dale Sorensen Real Estate INC

SGA President from Cocoa High



*Moderated by Anselmo Baldonado,  
host of "On the Latin Side" on WFIT*



## INTERCOM WRITERS NEEDED

The Intercom is looking for new writers! I am always looking for new content, new ideas and important topics for our members. If you have a flair for writing, please consider sharing your talent with us. Your written contribution does not need to be length. Any where from 100-500 words would be great! Any related topics to the AAUW mission are welcome.

### Topics to consider:

- ⇒ Current Local Legislation and Policy
- ⇒ Advocacy Opportunities
- ⇒ Hot Topics in the News

Send me an email if you are interested:

**nctwine@gmail.com**



# 2020 Women's Vote Centennial initiative

By Kathy Ebersberger

"It is as if women had always been educated, always voted, always had the right to expect equality in the labor force, always had the right to expect equality in their family lives. But the truth is that each of these rights was fought for long and hard and by many generations of women that came before us."

The centennial of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment on August 26, 2020, promises to be an exciting time and we are gearing up now. Preliminary research on women's suffrage in Brevard County has revealed that women could vote in municipal elections in Aurantia (now a part of Mims) as of 1918, while the women of Cocoa were unsuccessful in their bids for suffrage from 1917-1919 and could not vote until the Nineteenth Amendment became law on August 26, 1920.

A total of 912 women voted in Brevard County in the November 2, 1920, election: 658 white women and 254 African-American women. A total of 2061 men voted: 1676 white men and 385 African-American men. In Melbourne, 106 white women and 29 African-American women voted, while in Eau Gallie, 44 white women and 6 African-American women voted.

Please help us celebrate women's suffrage! We'd like to get in touch with the descendants of these first women voters to share in any stories of the women's suffrage movement in Brevard County they might have heard. Perhaps you have a memory of a story from a suffragist in your life you'd like to share. Would you like to add a review to the women's suffrage reading list on Melbourne AAUW's website? How about watching some films on women's suffrage?

We've posted a list of ideas of ways we might celebrate on our group's website.

***Please contact Kathy Ebersberger, [kathyebbersberger@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyebbersberger@yahoo.com), 303-817-8314 if you have any comments or would like to get involved.***

Ellen Carol DuBois, "A Friendship Through History," [Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony](#), Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns, Alfred A. Knopf, New York 1999, p. 217.

## FAMOUS TEACHER: J.K. ROWLING

J.K. Rowling is the author of the bestselling Harry Potter series of seven books, published between 1997 and 2007, which have sold over 500 million copies worldwide, are distributed in more than 200 territories and translated into 80 languages, and have been turned into eight blockbuster films. Rowling earned a BA in French and Classics at the University of Exeter. She then moved to Porto, Portugal, to teach English as a foreign language.

Throughout the Harry Potter series, the reader is introduced to diverse bunch of teachers. She has revealed that one of the book's Hogwarts teachers was based on a teacher who she extremely disliked.

Her award winning Harry Potter series now offers unique classroom opportunities. Encouraging students to read and touches many childhood, everyday challenges presented in a way children can understand.

To read more about J.K. Rowling visit [www.jkrowling.com](http://www.jkrowling.com)



*“We teachers are rather good at magic, you know.”  
– J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*



Florida will soon prepare a proper celebration for a century of women's suffrage.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law a bill (SB 1306) creating a Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee.

State Sen. Lauren Book, a Plantation Democrat and the bill sponsor, said the group will ensure a suitable statewide observance. Next year marks the

100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The essential right to vote gives Americans a voice and a choice in the way our government is run and the way we live our lives," says Senator Book.

"I am proud of our Legislature and Governor DeSantis for recognizing this watershed moment in the civil rights movement and the ongoing fight for women's equality."

<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/298313-new-law-celebrates-century-of-womens-suffrage>





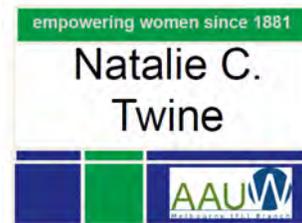
## New 2019-2020 Directory Available

You should have received the new 2019-2020 AAUW Melbourne directory in your August mail. Please contact Natalie Twine at [nctwine@gmail.com](mailto:nctwine@gmail.com) with any corrections or if you did not receive yours.

## New Name Tags

Check out our new name tags!

Please contact Joy Cook at (772) 388-5648 if your name is missing or the name tag is incorrect.



## AAUW-Melbourne Website Redesign

We have made it easier for you to get the most up-to-date information about our branch!

### Did you meet a potential new member?

*Direct them to the site to download our membership form.*

### Are you missing the latest Intercom?

*It's easy to retrieve with a few clicks.*

### Having some trouble navigating around?

Catch-up with Natalie Twine at the October General Meeting. She will be happy to walk you thru!

New content will be added often, so be sure to check back.

<https://melbourne-fl.aauw.net/>



## HELP SUPPORT AAUW MELBOURNE AND

### JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

Contact Joann Jacobs (410) 961-7269 for more information and ordering.

Catalogs will be available at the September meeting or download it from our website: <https://melbourne-fl.aauw.net/fundraiser/>



Starting at October's general meeting, don't forget to bring your used books to share with our members. Available for purchase with a donation.



Matted Photos taken by Natalie Twine will be available for sale at all general meetings. All proceeds will go to supporting AAUW FL Tech Trek Program.

From building model bridges, designing computer applications, programming robotic cars, being a marine biologist for a day and exploring wind power, what do these girls have in common? They all are experiencing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)! You too can participate in STEM.

Directors, Sue Slone and Shawrece Campbell will be at our October General Meeting to update us on Tech Trek and how we can participate.



**11X14**

**\$20**

**8X10**

**\$10**

**5X7**

**\$5**



girl scouts  
of citrus



## EARN YOUR LAB COAT PROGRAM SERIES

I am thrilled to announce that I will be teaching a DNA class to 40 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girl scouts this coming March. This is the first time the girl scouts will be including a program like this in their annual "Earn Your Lab Coat" series. The girl scouts have agreed, that in return, they will come and teach our members about cybersecurity! The date for the cybersecurity program is yet to be determined. I will make sure to let you know as soon as I find out, so you can mark your calendars!

I have done a similar program in MA for about 160 student. I will be talking about comparing DNA from dogs to human and helping the girls perform a simple experiment with household items that will allow them to extract DNA from a banana!

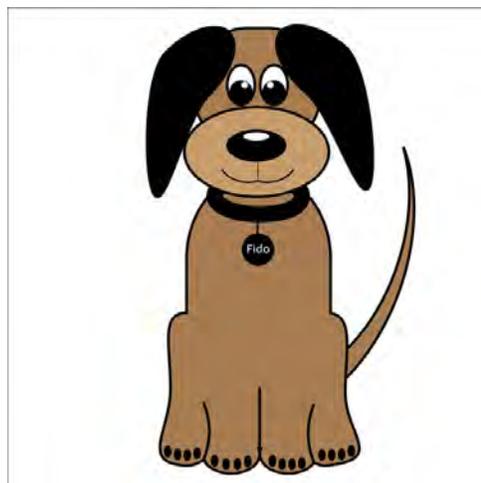
**But**, I could really use your help! It would be great if I could have at least 1-2 lab assistants to help with the experiment portion of the class. *No prior experience required*, but you will need to be prepared to deal with mashed bananas! There is *ALWAYS* a few spills, no matter how hard I try to warn them. The girl scouts will be supplying all the necessary materials.

The event is tentatively planned for March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM –12 PM, location to be determined. It will either be at their lodge at Camp MahKahWee in Chuluota or at their Council Offices in Downtown Orlando.

I really hope that you will volunteer to help with this event. It would be wonderful if our branch could make this an annual collaboration with the Girls Scouts of Citrus.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am happy to carpool!

-Natalie C Twine





# Shape The Future Membership Campaign



## BRING A FRIEND!

New members pay just 50 % of the national dues rate, plus a special \$5 off branch dues, when they join AAUW at our September 21st Meeting! Total cost for a new member AAUW membership, **ONLY \$50.50**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

AAUW membership is open to anyone with an associate (or equivalent) degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. A “**new member**” is someone entirely new to AAUW or an individual who rejoins after two or more years. A national member who joins a branch is not a new member. “New members” are the only members eligible for membership discounts through this campaign.

***New members must join at the September meeting to be eligible for this discount.***

National Dues would be 50% ~~\$59~~ off \$29.50. For this campaign only, we will also offer \$5 off our local branch dues. ~~\$14~~-\$9. Total cost for a new AAUW membership, **ONLY \$50.50**, compared to \$85 (\$59 National. \$12 State/ \$14 Branch– Includes \$1 for LAF

AAUW national dues for FY19 are \$59, of which \$56 is tax deductible by the individual member. Three dollars of the national dues payment are not tax deductible because they will be used to support the AAUW Action Fund’s section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and election-related activities.

Join our fantastic AAUW branch so you can enjoy the many upcoming planned events!



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# BOARD MEMBERS

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2019-2020

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

### Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

### Vision

Equity for all.

### Values

Nonpartisan.  
Fact-based.  
Integrity.  
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

<b>President</b>	Natalie C. Twine
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<b>Vice President-Membership</b>	Joann Jacobs
<b>Vice President-Finance</b>	Margaret Marcotte
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<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Patricia McDonough
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<b>Directors By-Laws &amp; Policies</b>	Kyle Lieneck
<b>Public Policy</b>	Inge Flynn
<b>AAUW Fellowships, Grants, &amp; Research</b>	Diane Baccus Horsley
<b>Research &amp; Projects</b>	Diane Baccus Horsley

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# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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2019-2020

<b>Membership</b>	Joann Jacobs
<b>Membership Roster</b>	Natalie C Twine
<b>Greens Sale</b>	Joann Jacobs, Joy Cook
<b>Hospitality</b>	Terry Smith
<b>Name Tags</b>	Joy Cook
<b>Reservations &amp; Phones Chair</b>	Janet Pellar
<b>Science Fair</b>	Kyle Lieneck
<b>Web Master and Intercom</b>	Natalie C. Twine
<b>Publicity</b>	VACANT

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