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**Branching Out**

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## President's Message

Welcome to fall, branch members!

"October is a symphony of permanence and change," according to author, poet and psychologist Bonaro W. Overstreet. I think that describes the state of the Bradenton Branch this October.

Our mission of equity for women and girls supplies the "permanence," while the pandemic challenges create "change" for how we go about our work (and our fun!). As part of AAUW Florida, we are 2,000 women strong in 35 branches

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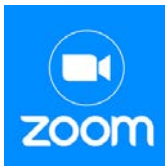
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## ZOOM Meetings

We will continue to meet via ZOOM through the end of 2020. To join the meeting, click on this link between 6:45 and 7:00 on October 20:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6030763851>

Zoom is free and easy to use. You just need a computer, tablet, or smart phone with WiFi access. Click on this link to sign-up for a free Zoom account at <https://zoom.us/signin>.

Topic: AAUW Bradenton Branch Meeting

Time: Oct. 20, 2020 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6030763851>

Meeting ID: 603 076 3851

Please [click here](#) for more information about using ZOOM.



### October Guest

**Speakers:**

**Scholarship  
Recipients**

Social Time at 6:45.

Guest speakers at 7:00.

After our guest speakers, we will have a short business meeting.

## President's Message (cont.)

throughout the state. We share a vision of equal opportunity for all as we focus on gender equity through research, education and advocacy. The pandemic may have changed the way we work, but it can't stop us!

Fortunately, we have the Zoom platform to allow us to continue our mission safely when meeting in person isn't an option. I was happy to welcome back the members who joined us on Zoom for our September branch meeting when the League of Women Voters helped us navigate through the sea of amendments. I look forward to seeing many more of you for our meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. This month we are focusing on philanthropy and education with our scholarship recipients joining us and sharing their stories.

Directions for using Zoom are included in this newsletter. If you are a first-time user, it is easier than you may expect and provides flexibility in how we interact. For instance, you can be an active participant at the meeting even if you are out of the country, as one of our members was for the September meeting. All meetings are open to the public, so please invite friends and neighbors, too.

Your board is still tackling issues related to previously planned events and goals for this year. We will forge ahead with plans for Tech Trek for the summer of 2021—that is a certainty. Other plans are less settled. We welcome ideas you may have. Please contact me or any board member to suggest activities, programs, small group options, special interest groups, etc.

I look forward to being with you in two weeks for our October Zoom!

Stay safe and active!

Marcia Hill, President

### **ZOOM** (continued):

If you are unfamiliar with using ZOOM, there is an excellent tutorial you can watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>.

Test your microphone and speaker when prompted. To mute or unmute your voice, hover over the red microphone icon to . During a busy meeting, it's best to be muted until you need to be heard. Make sure your camera video is enabled. You can also call or text Meg Newsome for additional individual assistance, at 941-704-2707.

## AAUW Bradenton Monthly Meeting

**Date:** October 20, 2020

**Location:** ZOOM

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6030763851>

**Time:** 6:45 PM

**Program: Scholarship Recipients.** Scholarship recipients will share their career goals and plans for the future as well as how their educational programs have been altered this year with Covid.

### **Next Monthly Meeting:**

**Date:** November 17, 2020

**Location:** ZOOM

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6030763851>

**Time:** TBD

**Program:** AAUW State Board - Pat Dewitt, President, KayLee Smith, Director of Public Policy, Pat Hilliard, Diversity Chair

## SAVE THE DATE

**December 15th** – Holiday Celebration

**January 19th** - Jane Plitt, Women's Suffrage

**February 16th** - TBA

**March 16th** - Amy Wich, Pace Center for Girls

## Special Interest Groups

Most Special Interest Groups are not yet meeting regularly.



## Book Group

The Book Group **will meet** Thursday, November 5, at 1:30 pm.

Maggie Carlson will lead the discussion of *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. The location is still to be determined. For information call Ruth Qualich at 941-792-0367.

## October Birthdays

Marianne Harrison PA  
Sandra Stone IL



**mark  
your  
calendar!**

### *2020-2021 Monthly Meetings Dates, Times, and Locations*

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -- 6:45 p.m. on ZOOM**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -- 11:30 a.m. on ZOOM**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 -- 11:30 a.m. TBA**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 -- 11:30 a.m. at Peridia Golf & Country Club**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 -- 11:30 a.m. at Peridia Golf & Country Club**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 -- 5:30 p.m. at IMG Academy Golf Club**

**April 2021 -- Women of Achievement Luncheon – Details TBD**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 -- 5:30 p.m. at IMG Academy Golf Club**

By N. Alice Newlon  
[anewlon@yahoo.com](mailto:anewlon@yahoo.com)

## The League of Women Voters of Manatee County Voter's Guides are out!

There are three different ways to get your candidate information:



1. **Vote411.org** – Is a national LWV system where you can enter your home address, and it gives you your specific ballot and the responses to LWV questions by those candidates.

2. **2020 General Election Voters Guides** at <https://lwvmanatee.org/election-information/>

1. Manatee County 2020 General Election Voter's Guide

To get a full picture of candidates, you also need to see Judicial Elections (2) and Fire and Mosquito (2) and the Amendment Guide (4)

2. Voters' Guide for Judicial Elections

3. Voters' Guide for Fire and Mosquito District Commissions,

4. The League of Women Voters of Florida Guide to Constitutional

Amendments. There is also a link to the guide in Spanish. If you want to see the half hour LWV of Florida amendment presentation, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPBz6B2V7dE>.

5. Information on the Manatee County Land Acquisition Referendum, which the League of Women Voters of Manatee County supports

6. And, if you want to see candidates in action, go

to <https://lwvmanatee.org/videos/>. This link will take you to videos of candidate forums. There you will find both LWVMC videos as well as forums sponsored by other nonpartisan organizations.

**3. Printed Versions are available at libraries, government buildings and many senior communities. There are two guides:**

1. Manatee County 2020 General Election Voter's Guide

2. The League of Women Voters of Florida Guide to Constitutional Amendments. It is available both in English and in Spanish.

**Please direct questions or request for printed guides to [info@lwvmanatee.org](mailto:info@lwvmanatee.org).**



## BRADENTON BRANCH AAUW MEMBERSHIP

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

### NEW BRANCH MEMBER

*Note: Information you provide is printed in the Branch Membership Directory unless otherwise indicated.*

#### Member Type and Dues

Membership Type \_\_\_\_\_ Annual \_\_\_\_\_ Life \_\_\_\_\_ Dual (name primary branch) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues for Annual Members: \$83 (\$59 National + \$12 State + \$12 Bradenton Branch)

***(\$46 of National dues plus \$12 Branch Dues are Tax Deductible)***

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues for Life Members: \$24 (\$12 State + \$12 Bradenton Branch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dues for Dual Members: \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the branch newsletter emailed to me monthly @ no charge

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like the branch newsletter delivered by mail. I am adding \$10 for postage.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The branch sends invitations for monthly meeting reservations by e-mail. If you do not have email, enter NONE. *Those without email will be contacted by phone.*

Summer Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following information for the branch directory:**

Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_ BA \_\_\_ BS

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current Profession or Retired: \_\_\_\_\_

**BRANCH INTEREST** -- Check any of the following that you might enjoy.

\_\_\_ Evening Book Club

\_\_\_ Friday Friendly Bridge Group

\_\_\_ Evening Gourmet Group

\_\_\_ Publicity

\_\_\_ Communications

\_\_\_ Public Policy

\_\_\_ Scholarship Selection

\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_ Greeting at Monthly Meetings

\_\_\_ Membership Directory Update

\_\_\_ Website/Social Media Updates

\_\_\_ Women of Achievement Luncheon

\_\_\_ Trivia Night Event

\_\_\_ Tech Savvy Event

\_\_\_ Work Smart/Start Smart Event

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO "BRADENTON BRANCH AAUW"**

**MAIL TO: Mickie McElroy, 10437 48<sup>th</sup> Court E., Parrish FL 34219**

512-917-6768, [mickiemc@utexas.edu](mailto:mickiemc@utexas.edu)



Women's Resource Center & BMO Harris Bank introduce

## WONDER WOMEN COLLECTIVE

Join us Virtually on October 29th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Our first Wonder Women Collective event: "The Wonder of Women" sponsored by the  
Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust

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The Wonder Women Collective was created in a time when connection to one another has become imperative. In a world where we seem to be divided, the Collective provides a platform to share ideas, connect, and learn from each other.

Join us virtually on October 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to honor the legacy of Gloria Milstein Flanzer and our 2020 Wonder Women: Rae Dowling, Lisa Krouse, Victoria Stultz and Marilyn Thompson.

*Our Virtual Event includes:*

- A panel discussion with the 2020 Wonder Women with 2018 Wonder Women Emily Walsh of the Observer Media Group moderating
- Breakout Sessions led by our 2020 Wonder Women:
  - Caregiving – The Great Balancing Act
  - Career Development – Breaking Down Barriers
  - Community Involvement - What do you get out of giving?
  - Keys to Success - Performance, Image, Exposure
- A chance to learn about and impact your community

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## MEET OUR 2020 WONDER WOMEN



**RAE DOWLING**



**LISA KROUSE**



**VICTORIA STULTZ**



**MARILYN THOMPSON**

## REGISTER & MAKE AN IMPACT

We believe the Wonder Women Collective should be accessible for all, which is why there is no charge to attend this event. However, if you're in a position to make a donation, we encourage you to donate upon registration. The funds raised from our events play a key role in supporting the mission of the Women's Resource Center.

A donation of any size is appreciated. We are thrilled to share The Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust will match donations up to \$500 doubling the impact of your gift!

If you make a donation of \$100 or more, you will receive a gift-bag to enhance your virtual experience!



**FREE  
REGISTRATION**

**FREE**

- 1 Wonder Women Collective Button

**FREE REGISTRATION**  
[REGISTER HERE >](#)

**WONDER  
WOMAN**

**\$500**

- Social Media Shoutout
- 6 Raffle Tickets
- 5 Wonder Women Collective T-Shirts
- 5 Wonder Women Collective Buttons
- 5 Bottles of Champagne Courtesy of Total Wine
- 1 Custom Bottle of Champagne
- 1 Snarky Tea Set

**Wonder Woman Gift Bag**  
[DONATE & REGISTER HERE >](#)

**LEADING  
LADY**

**\$250**

- 3 Raffle Tickets
- 3 Wonder Women Collective T-Shirts
- 3 Wonder Women Collective Buttons
- 1 Bottle of Champagne Courtesy of Total Wine
- 1 Snarky Tea Set

**Leading Lady Gift Bag**  
[DONATE & REGISTER HERE](#)

# FEARLESS FEMALE

# \$100

- 1 Raffle Ticket
- 1 Wonder Women Collective T-Shirt
- 1 Wonder Women Collective Button
- 1 Snarky Tea Set

**Fearless Female Gift Bag**  
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AAUW Florida has a long tradition of strong state leaders. The AAUW-FL Nominating Committee is looking for talented and enthusiastic members interested in running for the following state officer positions to be elected in April 2021.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT  
DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM  
DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE  
DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC POLICY**

Position descriptions and the Candidate Vita Form 2020 can be downloaded from the AAUW-FL Website: <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net>.

To access the Vita Form and the position descriptions:

1. Click on [Branch Resources-Forms](#).
2. Click on **Forms**.
3. Under **Nominating Committee Forms and Documents**, click on Vita-form-2020.
4. Go to **Officers elected in odd-numbered years** and click on desired positions *Descriptions and Duties*.

Please consider offering your knowledge and experience to the State Board of AAUW-FL. The [Vita Form](#) must be received by the committee chair no later than **NOVEMBER 15, 2020**.

If you have questions, please contact our branch member and Chair of the Nominating Committee Jacqueline D'Alessio ([jqline@verizon.net](mailto:jqline@verizon.net)).

[National AAUW](http://www.aauw.org/) <http://www.aauw.org/>  
[Florida AAUW](http://aauw-fl.aauw.net/) <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net/>

**Bradenton Branch**

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Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-Bradenton-Branch-103388217778483>

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Just for Girls: [deeisnice@gmail.com](mailto:deeisnice@gmail.com)

**Important to  
Know**

*AAUW promotes equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. Founded in 1881, membership is open to all graduates who hold an Associate or equivalent or higher degree.*

