



President's Message

November is the month when we turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving, both as a holiday featuring massive amounts of food and as a time to give thanks. Now, more than ever, we need to activate our gratitude. Not just for our own benefit but as a way to pay it forward to current and future generations of women and girls. During these uncertain times, in whatever ways you can, please consider how you can express your gratitude in concrete and positive ways. Read a banned book and then share it, take some soup to a sick friend, tell the Publix bagger that you appreciate their help, offer a ride to someone who no longer drives. You get the idea. It doesn't always have to cost money to make someone's day a little brighter, a little easier, a little nicer.

Of course, it's also important that we all support our January fundraiser by inviting friends and family to buy tickets. The income we receive will be used to support our Strategic Plan Initiatives in a way that most of us cannot afford to do alone. The more we make, the more good we can do!

I'm grateful for the end of hurricane season and the beginning of cooler weather, the return of my snowbird friends, the start of our AAUW year and a chance to meet with you all again, and yes, the anticipation of a tasty Thanksgiving meal.

Lois Fisch, President



Abigail Adams

America's Second First Lady



One Woman. Every Voice.
A One-Woman Show to Inspire & Empower
Fundraiser Performance by Sheryl Faye

Monday January 12th, 2026
1:00 PM
Unitarian Universalist Church
3975 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34232

All proceeds support AAUW Sarasota

We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING!
CREDIT CARDS OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

Supporter

Price: \$45.00

Every seat matters. Every voice counts.

Entry to the performance

Open seating

The Voice

Price: \$150.00

A voice raised can echo for a lifetime

Two entries to the performance

Reserved center-section seating

Name listed in programme

The Legacy (2 available)

Price: \$500.00

For those who shape the future — leaving a lasting impact on generations.

Includes:

Four entries to the performance

Front-row center-section reserved seating

Name/logo featured as an event sponsor in full page ad in programme
and on our website

Purpose

Funds raised at the Abigail Adams event will support AAUW Sarasota and its work to support equity for women and girls including programs such as reading programs for elementary students, teacher support

and advocacy for equal pay. Contributions are not tax deductible.

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AAUW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

make it French!

Holidays are upon us and AAUW is ready for a festive luncheon for our members and family and friends!



Date: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025 | Deadline to Register: Wednesday, December 5th, 2025



Time: Seating at 11:30am | Lunch at 12:00pm



Location: Claudie's Restaurant, a French delight!
17 S. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL 34237



Reserve your seat today!

- Choose your meal
- Invite a friend
- Submit your payment

\$40/ person | \$48/ person with wine | Includes tax & gratuity.

In addition to your selected entree, served to all guests will be:

- **First Course Appetizer:** Red Pepper Tapenade, Anchovy Tapenade, Black Olives served with Fresh Sliced Baguette
- **Starter Salad:** Small Mixed Green Salad with Tomatoes and Croutons, Balsamic & Oil Cream Dressing served on the salad
- **Dessert:** Home Made mini Apple Tart with Vanilla Ice Cream, Mini Beignet and Whipped Chocolate Topping

RSVP by completing and mailing the below registration form and send a check to Carol Bernasconi, 5645 Cape Leyte Dr., Sarasota, FL 34242, or visiting our website at <https://aauwsarasota.org>

For questions or more information, please contact:

Kathy Schersten

☎ 941-302-7848

Carol Bernasconi

☎ 941-346-9915

We can't wait to see you there!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM



North County Book Group

Tuesday, November 18th 2025
– 11:00 AM

Location: Betty J. Johnson
North Sarasota Library Meeting

Room

On our next book club meeting, Sue McGowan will lead a discussion of The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick. We look forward to having you joining us on our next great read!



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are saddened to share the passing of our dear member, Kathy Oarr. Kathy was a dedicated member of AAUW whose warmth and kindness touched everyone who knew her. She will be deeply missed by all of us.

A function in her memory has been scheduled at the Amira Choice complex on University Parkway, where she lived for the last year and a half.

Date: Saturday, November 15

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: Amira Choice, University Parkway, Sarasota

Please join us in welcoming Marlene Yanelli to our branch! Marlene is a dual member with the Bradenton branch, and we're excited to have her join our community.



Congratulations to Dr. Mary Brunkow on being awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine!



Her story is available on the website below and check out the following list of books about science for girls.

A Mighty Girl is the world's largest collection of books, toys, and movies for parents, teachers, and others dedicated to raising smart, confident, and courageous girls. Founded in 2012, visit www.iamightygirl.com

To introduce kids to many of the trailblazing women scientists who have been awarded the Nobel Prize, we highly recommend "Born Curious: 20 Girls Who Grew Up To Be Awesome Scientists" for ages 6 to 10 (<https://www.iamightygirl.com/born-curious>),

"She Can STEM: 50 Trailblazing Women in Science" for ages 7 to 12 (<https://www.iamightygirl.com/she-can-stem>), and

"Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science – And The World" for ages 13 and up (<https://www.iamightygirl.com/headstrong-52-women>)

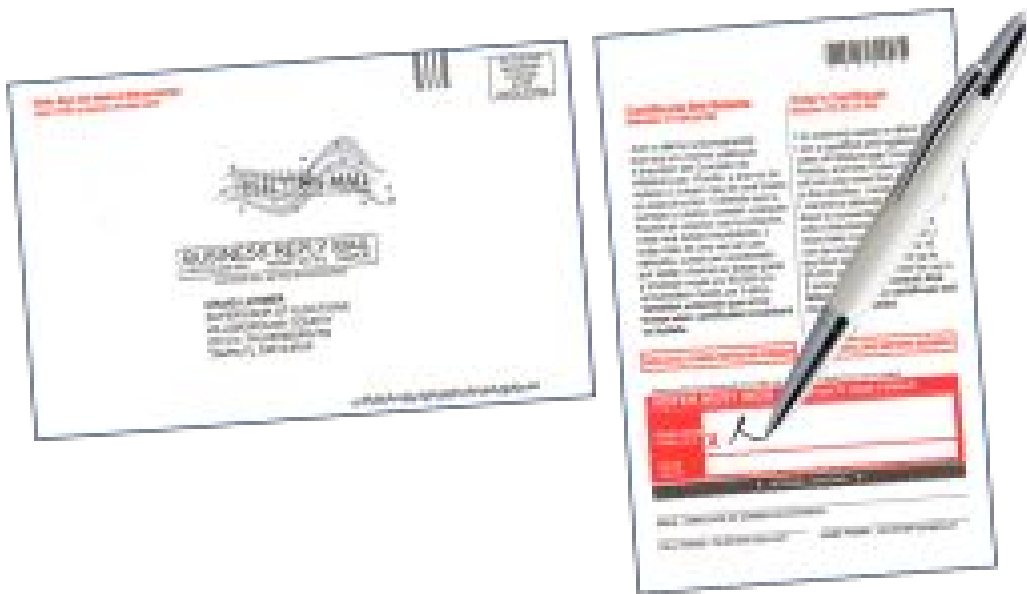
For a picture book about the 2015 Nobel winner Tu Youyou, we recommend "Tu Youyou's Discovery: Finding a Cure for Malaria" for ages 5 and up at <https://www.iamightygirl.com/tu-youyou-s-discovery>

For more books to introduce children and teens to inspiring female scientists from around the world, visit our blog post, "60 Children's Books to Inspire Science-Loving Mighty Girls" at

<https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=13914>

If you'd like to encourage your children's interest in science, you can find many girl-empowering science toys and kits in our post, "Top Science Toys for Mighty Girls" at <https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=10528>

A Changed Signature Can Affect Your Vote-By-Mail



Has your signature changed in the recent past? Whether because of age, illness, or other conditions, your signature today may not look like that when you registered to vote in Florida.

When you return a vote-by-mail ballot, you must sign an affidavit on the envelope. This signature is compared against the one on your voter registration record to verify your identity.

In Florida, ***if your signature has changed***, it can affect your vote-by-mail ballot, which is rejected if the signature on the envelope does not match the one on file with the Supervisor of Elections. To prevent this, you should update your signature by submitting a new [Florida Voter Registration Application](#). In Florida, your voter signature is a confidential part of your voter record that cannot be viewed online or copied by the public. To view or verify the signature on file, you must contact or visit your local county Supervisor of Elections office directly.

Here is the process for updating your signature.

Obtain a Florida Voter Registration Application

- **Online:** Download the form from the Florida Division of Elections website or your county's Supervisor of Elections website.
- **In Person:** Pick up a form at a Supervisor of Elections office, public library, or other voter registration agency.
- **By Phone:** Call your county Supervisor of Elections to have an application mailed to you.

Submit the completed application

- **Fill out the form:** Complete the application with your new, updated signature.
- **Submit online:** Use the state's online portal at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov. This pulls your signature from your Florida-issued driver's license or ID card.
- **Mail or hand-deliver:** Send the signed paper application to your county Supervisor of Elections office.
- **Timeline:** For the updated signature to be used for your vote-by-mail ballot, it must be received by the elections office *before* they receive your ballot.

Thank you, Sue McGowan

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The AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forums

Wouldn't you like more in-depth information on the important issues facing Florida from an equity-focused, nonpartisan viewpoint? Then be sure to attend as many **AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forums** this year as you can. All sessions start at 6:00 PM on Tuesday evenings. They are open to AAUW members and guests. All sessions require pre-registration.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Gatta, AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forum Organizer at gatta.mary@gmail.com

You will need to RSVP for each session individually (links below). Once you RSVP you will receive a Zoom link for the session via email.

[Florida Legislative Preview 11/18/25](#)

[Women in STEM 1/20/26](#)

[Women's Economic Security 3/31/26](#)



AAUW Sarasota Ballet Enthusiasts



Hi, Ballet Enthusiasts

We are quickly coming upon the 2025-2026 season of the Sarasota Ballet. Sue McGowan is taking a much deserved break from several years of coordination of the group, and a BIG thank you to her from all the Ballet Enthusiasts for her service to us over the years. Nancy Brennan will be taking on coordination duties this year for the Ballet Enthusiasts group.

Please see below the programs selected to share this season as members of the Ballet Enthusiasts of Sarasota AAUW. Also, please let Nancy know if you would like to know her seat numbers before you make your ballet reservations, so you will at least know where one of us is!

For a more complete description of each performance, visit SarasotaBallet.org. For tickets, contact the Sarasota Ballet Box Office at 941.359.0099.

This year, we will meet for lunch at a nearby restaurant prior to each performance. To be on our mailing list for reminders and lunch reservations, please send an email to nbrennan617@gmail.com.

If you haven't participated before with us, give us a try and welcome!

PROGRAMS		
PROGRAM 2 Written Motion	Sarasota Opera House	November 22nd 2:00pm
PROGRAM 4 Notes Unspoken	FSU Performing Arts Center	January 31st 2:00pm
PROGRAM 7 Foundations of Royalty	Sarasota Opera House	May 2nd 2:00pm

Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
11/04/2025	11:00am	Board Meeting	Women's Resource Center
11/18/2025	11:00am	North County Reading Book Club	Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library Meeting Room
11/19/2025	2:00pm	General Meeting	Women's Resource Center
11/22/2025	2:00pm	Ballet Performance Program 4 "Notes Unspoken"	Sarasota Opera House

Meeting Dates

Board Meetings

November 4 - 11:00-1:00

December 2 - 11:00-1:00

January 6 - 11:00-1:00

February 3 - 11:00-1:00

March 3 - 11:00-1:00

April 7 - 11:00-1:00

May 5 - 11:00-1:00

June 2 - 11:00-1:00

Branch Meetings

November 19 - 2:00-4:30

January 21 - 2:00-4:30

February 18 - 2:00-4:30

March 18 - 2:00-4:30

April 15 - 2:00-4:30



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