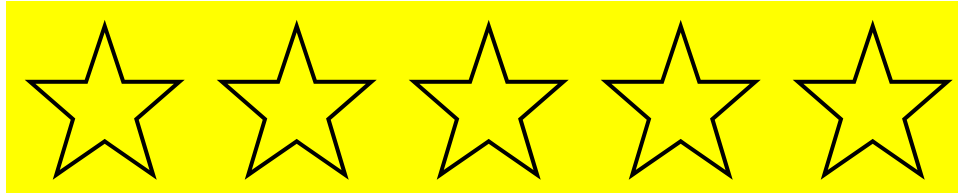


Summer President's Letter

WE DID IT!!! We reached for the stars and we were successful.
Five STARS have been awarded to the Greater Naples Branch AAUW!!!



Recently we received the following message:

Congratulations! We're pleased to share that your branch FL3037-Greater Naples is now a 5 star branch. FL3037-Greater Naples has earned a star for each of these Focus Areas of the Five Star National Recognition Program: Programs, Advancement, Communications and External Relations, Public Policy and Research Governance and Sustainability In addition to this notification, your branch will be recognized in Membership Matters and on the AAUW National Website. Also, the branch will receive a Five Star Certificate of Achievement and will be featured in a Five Star success story in Membership Matters. Finally, your branch FL3037-Greater Naples will receive a Five Star Leadership Briefing. Thank you for your participation and all you do on behalf of women and girls. We look forward to your continued Five Star success.

Five Star National Recognition Program Advancement & Partnerships AAUW 1310 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4113

This recognition is a credit to your hard work and loyalty to the Greater Naples Branch and to the generosity and legacy of our present and past members. Special thanks to our very dedicated and hard-working Board Members whose efforts led us to this distinction.

It's hard to believe we are in the "dog days" of Summer.....which begs us to plan for the upcoming season in AAUW. Your Board of Directors have been hard at work, planning a comprehensive year of programs, events and initiatives to guide our agenda. Special Board Meetings were held in June and July to focus on our theme for the year: Womens' Health...with an emphasis on Senior Women, Womens' Reproductive Rights, and Engaging the younger members of our Branch.

With the Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs vs Jackson, the President of the National Organization of AAUW has stated:

The Supreme Court [decision to overturn Roe v. Wade](#)—and reverse nearly half a century of legal precedent—was shocking in its disregard for women’s health, privacy, and reproductive rights. I hope you’re giving yourself grace to process this setback in our work towards equity.

I use the word “setback” not to minimize the blow, which is enormous, but to indicate that we’re in this fight for the long haul. Reproductive freedom has been an AAUW policy principle since 1977, and that’s not changing anytime soon.

We must work together in the days ahead to:

- ï Demand that state legislators preserve reproductive rights.*
- ï Support the Women’s Health Protection Act, which would provide federal protections to reproductive health services.*
- ï Make our voices heard as individuals and communities.*

The AAUW Greater Naples Branch Board has carefully considered how we will address this issue and agree that the topic is most appropriate to the context of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. A Committee chaired by Karen Dempsey, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer and Carol Light, Public Policy Co-Chair, with Foundation representation of Catherine Hackney will plan the programs, events, and fundraising opportunities that are intended to educate and address this most important issue.

*****A REMINDER*****

**AAUW Greater Naples 2021-2022 Dues Expire July 1, 2022.
It is time to renew your dues for 2022-2023. The dues are \$67 national, \$12 for AAUW Florida, and \$38 for Greater Naples for a total of \$117. The preferred payment method is by credit card through your Personal Snapshot in the Community Hub.**

This is what you should do as soon as possible:

1. Log in to the Community Hub by going to <https://www.aauw.org/>. Click Log In, located in top right corner of the home page. Put in your email address. If you have not previously set up your personal information, you will need to reset your password.

You are then on your way to following the directions to pay your dues.

2. If you wish, you may pay your dues by check. Send to AAUW Greater Naples Branch, P.O. Box 9742, Naples, FL 34101.

December Third, 2022, Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction

We know that its only August, but October will be here before you know it with the holidays close behind. Susan Becker, Laura Candris, and Jacky Territo are already at work on this year's Holiday Luncheon to be held on December 3. Once again, we plan a silent auction to raise money for the Branch. And, once again, Judith MacGregor will donate one of her magnificent necklaces of semi-precious stones!

We need more auction items so please consider soliciting a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant, store, or salon. Or donate tickets for an event you will be unable to attend. Did someone give you a lovely gift you are unable to use? Donate that! If you have a talent or skill, consider donating lessons!

Please contact Laura Candris if you'd like to help and with questions about donations.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer, stay safe, happy and well!!!

Jacky Territo, President
Greater Naples Branch AAUW