



A Panel Discussion on Student Loan Debt

**Hosted by AAUW Daytona Beach and
The League of Women Voters of Volusia County**

Featuring:

The Honorable Dorothy Hukill

Professor Valrie Chambers, Stetson University

*Michelle Goldys, Daytona State Assistant Director for Student
Enrollment Services*

Tera Lyons, Young Professional

Trinity Johnson, Graduate Student

**Saturday, October 14, 2017
11:15**

Peach Valley Cafe - Port Orange

3813 S. Nova, Port Orange FL 321270

\$20 Entree, drink, tax and gratuity (Selected menu):

**Chicken Wrap
Club Croissant
Char-Grilled Burger**

**Cobb Salad
Veggie Wrap**

RSVP:By October 7

Please send your \$20.00 check made out to

AAUW Daytona

To

Pat Race, 20 Lazy Eight Dr., Port Orange, FL 32128

386-788-0074

Prospective Members Welcome!

President's Message

AAUW and the LWV-VC are once again collaborating. In October, we are jointly hosting a panel discussion - Women - Deeper in Student Loan Debt [than men] - Implications. We look forward to see you.

We will hear from two young female working professionals about their student loan debt, decisions, and tradeoffs. We also have three experts that will discuss the issue: the Honorable Dorothy Hukill, Stetson Professor Valrie Chambers, and Daytona State Assistant Director for Student Enrollment Services Michelle Goldys.

Although student loan debt is an important issue for both women and men, the purpose of this panel discussion is to highlight the impact on the economic security of women, especially women of color and to lean in for Volusia!

--Women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the US (44 million female and male borrowers with \$1.3 trillion in outstanding student loans)

--Women take on larger debt than do men

--Women's average accrued student debt is about \$1,500 greater than men's and black women take on more student debt on average than do members of any other group

--Gender wage gap means, less disposable income, which requires more time to pay off loans

Source: AAUW report "Deeper in Debt," 2017. (Link: <http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/>)

I hope to see you at this important discussion. I have arranged to have the panel discussion videotaped for educational and advocacy purposes. This is an important topic for parents, grandparents or



2017-18 Daytona Beach Executive Board

At the May branch meeting, at Riptides, the new Executive Board was installed.

Pictured left to right:

Pat Race - Treasurer

Carol Buckels - Co-VP, Program

Synthia Fletcher - Co-VP, Program

Laura Adolfie - President

Cindy Adolfie - VP Membership

Joanne Meder - Secretary

We need EVERYONE's talents to help build a strong branch!

Contact Laura at

aauidaytonafl@gmail.com to discuss how YOU can help!



"Big Shoes to Fill"

At the May meeting, Pat Race presents outgoing President Patricia Ross with a token of thanks for her service as AAUW Daytona President for the past four years. She commented that she leaves "big shoes to fill" and presented Pat with a chocolate filled shoe.

Laura Adolfie is the new branch President.

Patricia Ross was elected AAUW Florida President-Elect in June.

Tech Trek

The young women who attended Tech Trek 2017 were recommended by their teachers, completed the application, and were interviewed by our members. This information was sent to the Director and the state committee who sifted through the many young women recommended by AAUW Branches throughout the State. At the September meeting, we heard from two of the three young women who attended from our area.

Austria Merritt, from Heritage Middle School

in Deltona, shared that for her the best part was seeing peers loving science and mathematics and meeting women in STEM Careers.

Indhira Wade, from Campbell Middle School in Daytona, shared her excitement with leaving home, leaning about the DNA Necklace, and participating in Women's Night. Other highlights were her exposure to engineering, interacting with peers, and learning to code.

These young women were among the 64 students chosen from the entire state to have the privilege to attend the June 11 through June 17 Tech Trek held on the Palm Beach College Campus.

Tech Trek Camp will continue only with our financial support. The cost this year was \$1,000 per student. The family's responsibility is \$50.00. Please help to keep this experience available to all young women entering 8th grade.



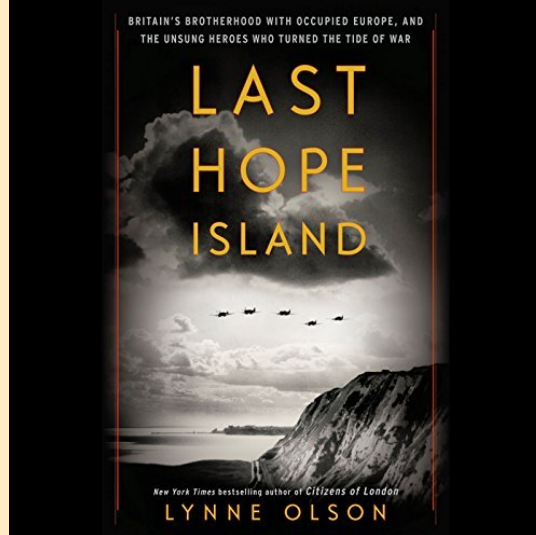
October 9th, 10:30 am ---

"Last Hope Island: Britain, Occupied Europe, and the Brotherhood That Helped Turn the Tide of War" by Lynne Olson.

Olson recounts how European royalty, spies, and scientists exiled in Great Britain during World War II helped defeat Hitler.

Due to the hurricane damage at City Island Library the group will meet in the social room at the Sandcastle Condominium: 4435 S. Atlantic Ave, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127

**For more info call Susan Jano
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Branch dues are \$72.

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**Pat Race,
20 Lazy Eight Drive
Port Orange, FL 32128**

As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like. We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates.

Give a minute to sign up; gain a new community of AAUW leaders.

Visit the AAUW website:

www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-give-a-grad-a-gift



Miriam Thiems (1924-2017)

Miriam Thiems, a long-time member of AAUW Daytona passed away on April 14, 2017 at the age of 92 in Ormond Beach. Miriam, a native Floridian, was born May 31, 1924 in West Palm Beach, FL She was the first born child of Gladys Wallace Grovenstein and Warren D. Grovenstein, of Guyton, Georgia, where their ancestors settled before the Revolutionary War. They moved to Florida in 1922.

In 1946 Miriam graduated magna cum laude from Shorter College in Rome, Ga. where she majored in Spanish. Miriam married Edward Thiems on February 2, 1948, after Edward served in the Army Air

Force during World War II, and after Edward graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Ed had a position with General Electric in Syracuse, N. Y.; they lived there for 15 years where their three daughters Suzanne, Cindy and Sherry were born. The family moved to Ormond Beach in 1963 when GE opened the Apollo Support Group. Their daughters, Suzi, Cindy and Sherry, grew up in Ormond Beach,. Family was the most important part of Miriam's life.

In 1965, Miriam was asked to substitute teach Spanish classes at Mainland Senior High School for a "couple weeks". She stayed 32 years. Miriam retired in 1997.

She was an active member of the American Association of Univesity Women, the General Electric Wives Club, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was an avid reader. However, Miriam was, first of all, a loving wife and mother. There was no memorial service for Miriam, but she was truly loved and will be greatly missed by family and friends. A donation has been made to AAUW Funds in honor of Miriam.

AAUW Daytona Beach Author's Luncheon November 18 at LPGA Golf Club Restaurant

Author, Martha Lemasters will share her book, *The Step: One Woman's Journey to Finding her Own Happiness and Success During the Apollo Space Program*. The book is an insider's look at the real dream team who made this extraordinary achievement, of landing a man on the moon, possible. We get to know many of the main players, (extending well beyond the astronaut crews), who made up what was perhaps the most powerful scientific and engineering team in history.

The author's luncheon is a benefit for our AAUW Daytona Beach Scholarships. Tickets to this exciting event are \$30. Contact Elviria Labarre for more information: **386-310-4176** Elabarre1@cfl.rr.com

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