



# HOTLINE

## February 2023

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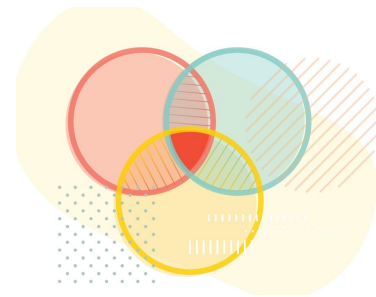
## President's Message



**Intersectionality** — what is it? It's not an easy concept, but here's my take. Discrimination, whether conscious or unconscious, exists in many forms. The white woman vying for a "man's job" experiences discrimination. The woman of color vying for the same job, even more so. The disabled woman of color, still more discrimination.

Intersectionality is the overlap of each type of discrimination.

If we want to combat discrimination and encourage diversity, equity and inclusion, we can start by learning to see things from the viewpoints of people who are different from us. Can we understand what it's like to grow up as a person of color? Can we imagine how a lesbian woman experiences oppression differently from a "cisgender" woman? Or a disabled older person of color? Intersectionality invites us to understand that our point of view is only one of many "lenses" with which to interpret the world. We're hearing many new concepts and terms about gender and identity. Your granddaughter's boyfriend may be "binary" — identifying with more than one gender. He sees the world very differently from a "cisgender" macho man.



Our upcoming fundraiser, **Phenomenal Women**, invites us to peer through the lens of a woman of color as she uses the music of Black culture to tell the story of the women who influenced her growth. It will be an intersectional experience, and we hope many women of all sizes, shapes and colors will participate.

And keep scrolling through this newsletter for information on our state

## February Book Review Breakfast



### Andrew Sorbo

Teacher, Principal, Activist

will review

### ***Colored Seated in the Rear: A Perspective of Two Li'l Children, Black and White, Growing Up in the '60s***

by Nancy Lee McCaskill

**February 6, 9:30am**

Richardson Center, IRSC  
6155 College Lane, Vero Beach

A Southern woman telling the story of growing up from her (White) point of view and from her (Black) best friend's point of view. Lee and Adeline take you back in time to the 1960s South. *Colored Seated in the Rear* weaves back and forth between their perspectives over one of our most tumultuous and divisive decades, not just in their lives but in world history.

Continental Breakfast will be served. Remember to bring children's books for our Little Free Libraries and components for Chemo Kits (see below).

## February Lunch Meeting



*Dr. Jacobs and her granddaughters*

### Dr. Jacqueline Jacobs

Laura (Riding) Jackson  
Foundation

will discuss

### **The Influence of Culture on Perception of Self in Girls and Young Women**

**February 18, 11:30am**

Richardson Center, IRSC, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach

**Cost \$20.** Catered by Wild Thyme Catering, lunch includes a fresh green salad and a selection of savory wraps and sandwiches.

**Registration deadline: February 13.** Register on our website or, mail a check to AAUW Vero Beach Branch, P.O. Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961, AND email [AAUWVeroBeach@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWVeroBeach@gmail.com) to register.

Remember to bring children's books for our Little Free Libraries and components for Chemo Kits (see below)

## Phenomenal Women



### **Great Valentine Gift Idea!**

Valentine's Day is not only for lovers but also for those you love, the people who are important in your life. There's still time to make a Valentine gift of these tickets to one or more of the phenomenal women in your life!



## **Phenomenal Women, a Cabaret**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023, 3pm**

**The Emerson Center  
1590 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach**

We all have phenomenal women in our lives—women who inspired us, paved the way for us, encouraged us. They may be personal. Perhaps they're professional or international leaders. We each have a unique list.

Ami Brabson, a professional actor and singer, has performed on stage and television for 20 years. Now she's paying tribute to the writers, singers, politicians and family members who have motivated her along the way.

**Phenomenal Women** is a celebration of wisdom gained on the winding path to finding the courage to speak your truth.

Ami invites us to take this journey with her, and it couldn't come at a more opportune time in our history, as the country continues to explore issues of equity, access, race, gender and power.

**Tickets** are \$43 (includes \$3 service fee) or \$22 for students (includes \$2 service fee) online. Or, send a check for \$40 (\$20 students) to AAUW, PO Box 2143, Vero Beach, FL 32961, and email [AAUWverobeach@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWverobeach@gmail.com) to register. **Both email and check are necessary.** You will receive a confirmation email, and your tickets will be available at the Emerson Center by 2pm March 19.

This fundraising event is sponsored by the Vero Beach American Association of University Women, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Proceeds go to scholarships, continuing scholarships, grants and programs for women and girls in Indian River County.



## Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation Phenomenal Women Poetry Competition

**Honor and celebrate the phenomenal women in *your* life.**

Area residents age 18 and over are invited to submit up to three poems about phenomenal women.

First-place poet will receive \$250; first-, second-, and third-place poets will read their poems at the Phenomenal Women event on March 19. Their poems (as well as all honorable mention poems) will be published in a Chap Book by Seizen Press Vero © (an imprint of the Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation).

**Important Update:** The submission date for the Phenomenal Women Competition is extended to midnight on February 13. Entries should be submitted with \$10 entry fee to:  
<https://lauraridingjackson.org/special-events/writing-competitions/>

Sponsored by The Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation and AAUW Vero Beach and Stuart branches.

## Become a Chemo Friend

You may know that our board meets regularly in the office space of Friends After Diagnosis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of women who have had a cancer diagnosis.

AAUW Vero Beach is now in collaboration with Friends to help supply items needed for “chemo kits,” which hold lots of good things that a chemo patient might want during her infusion time, such as:

- Travel-size handwipes, tissues, hand lotion, hand sanitizer
- Lip balm
- Sudoku, crossword, word-find or other puzzle books
- Decks of playing cards
- Containers of individually wrapped small hard candies
- Scarves, bandanas, light-weight turbans
- Non-skid short socks
- Mechanical pencils
- Fancy pen (in the discount stores, often decorated with feathers, sayings, etc)
- Small journals
- Gum

If you'll provide any of these items, Friends will assemble the kits. Drop off your items at any AAUW meeting, or at the Friends office, 3404 Aviation Boulevard (call 772-770-9700 for appointment). If you prefer to donate money, make a check out to Friends After Diagnosis, put “Chemo Kits” in the memo line, and send it to the address above.

## Welcome, New Members!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members who have joined AAUW Vero Beach since the publication of our last Hotline. You'll recognize new members by the green ribbons on their name badges when you see them at events. Please introduce yourself to them at our next event!

- Marie (Connie) Dehetre
- Carla Flournoy (rejoined after a 2+ year hiatus)
- Susan Hanerfeld
- Deena Wynne

***Did you know?***

The *Member Only* section\* of our website now has the most current information on these and all our members in the updated [online Member Directory](#). There is also a printable [Directory Addendum](#) that lists member information that was not available when the Handbook was published in September 2022.

*\*Access the Member Only section using the password found on the inside front cover of your green handbook.*



*You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.*  
– Les Brown

Happy Birthday wishes to members celebrating in January and February:

- Carla Flournoy Jan 8
- Julie Watson Jan 17
- Kathy Martin Jan 23
- Nancy Stiefel Jan 31
- Debbie Clemens Feb 1
- Christine Ryall Feb 20
- Kathleen (Kyp) Wasiuk Feb 22

If you're not sure if we have your birthday month/day on record, please email it to Kathy Martin at [aauwvb.kmartin@gmail.com](mailto:aauwvb.kmartin@gmail.com)

## DEI State Dialogues

As AAUW members, we have access to resources beyond our own community. Among these resources are DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Dialogues, sponsored by AAUW-Florida.

The dialogues aim to help you become more comfortable sharing your perspectives or having those difficult conversations – and to inspire you to consider diversity, equity and inclusion in all aspects of your life.

They're scheduled on Zoom and are live the second Saturday of the month, through March 2023. Each dialogue features a presentation and has time for Q&A. Each session is recorded, so you can check them out any time.

February 11, 10-11am

## Intersectionality 2

To join the Zoom meeting,  
click: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83922369551?  
pwd=cS9NcnVjRjArYlRRcDcrY3d5N0ZKQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83922369551?pwd=cS9NcnVjRjArYlRRcDcrY3d5N0ZKQT09)

Meeting ID: 839 2236 9551

Passcode: 778732

### Upcoming 2023 DEI Dialogues

- DEI Dialog #4 – March 11 – **Appearance and Age**
- DEI Dialog #5 – April 8 – **Hispanic, Latino and Haitian Culture**
- DEI Dialog #6 – May 13 – **Reflections and Observations**



To see previous DEI Dialogues, [click here](#).

## Volunteer Opportunity



As you may know, we no longer host Senior Expo. We've given it to the Senior Collaborative, as it suits their mission better than ours. This year, it's going to be bigger and better than

ever. It will be at the County Fairgrounds on **Thursday, March 23**, with 70 vendor booths (yes, 70!), many speakers, and food trucks, so you can easily spend time there.

They would love for us to volunteer. If you're interested in helping one of our collaborative organizations, please sign up at: <https://volunteer.unitedwayirc.org/opportunities/4BSbtDFJ3p>. And if you've volunteered before, wear your gold AAUW T-shirt!

### Getting a little help from a friend

AAUW member Chris Ryall's husband Alan



replaces the first Little Free Library we ever set up, at Indian River Academy. The new box is weather proof! It's one of four that we now sponsor: Help us keep them filled by bringing new or gently used children's books to any or all of our events.

## 'Women Who Rock' Awards

**weVENTURE Women's Business Center** in the Florida Tech Bisk College of Business strives to be the leading voice and resource for professional women on the Space and Treasure Coasts. Since 2012, we have hosted the **Women Who Rock** Awards in Brevard County as a way to elevate the profile of local women doing amazing work and leading through action. This year, we are excited to partner with the SBDCs at Indian River State College to include the Treasure Coast, sponsored by PNC.

Plato once said, "What is *honored* in a community will be *cultivated* there." It is important that we take the time to recognize, thank and celebrate female leaders in business and our community—and inspire the next generation of young women to follow in their footsteps.

### **Nomination Process**

The IRSC SBDC team of business advisors will select recipients for this inaugural Treasure Coast event. Nominations for the Treasure Coast awards will be accepted through January 27. Nominate a woman via [this online form](#), or a blank nomination form at [weventure@fit.edu](mailto:weventure@fit.edu). A detailed description of each category criteria is available at [2023 WWR Award Categories](#).

### **Women Who Rock Awards Luncheon**

Tuesday, March 28

11am - 1pm

IRSC Chastain Campus

2400 SE Salerno Road

Stuart, FL 34997

[Tickets](#), \$50 general admission, \$40 early-bird discount.

## The Learning Alliance

**Did you know that volunteering your time for one hour a week can change a kid's life forever?**

Volunteer to become a reading captain, Bookmobile helper, and much



more. Contact Shanti Sanches, [shantisanches@gmail.com](mailto:shantisanches@gmail.com) for information. All materials and training are provided by [The Learning Alliance](#) (Click the name to learn more.)



## Big Brothers, Big Sisters.



Tutors (Bigs) work with elementary students (Littles). If you are interested, call Christine Ryall at 772-231-2591 or email [drcryall@gmail.com](mailto:drcryall@gmail.com)

## Got News?

**HOTLINE Submissions for March**  
**Due before February 5 to**  
**[aauwverobeach@gmail.com](mailto:aauwverobeach@gmail.com)**  
**Subject: **HOTLINE****

**(Articles in Word.doc; photos in .jpeg)**

--Hotline Editor, Becki Manning  
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