



March 2023



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President's Message

Save The Date!! - AAUW Baton Rouge branch will be holding our annual membership meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The meeting will be held in-person this year at the Bluebonnet Library beginning at 3:00 pm. The branch will supply light refreshments.

I hope many of you will plan to attend and take the opportunity to visit with members. We also need members to participate in important discussions and to vote on issues to help manage the branch in the coming years. More details will be provided in the April newsletter.

AAUW of Louisiana is hosting an event this month to honor International Women's Day. IWD is March 8, 2023 and is a global day celebrating the social, economic cultural and political achievements of women. AAUW of Louisiana will celebrate on Sunday, March 12 with high tea and a theater production by our own Aileen Hendricks to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake House Reception Center. More details on this event are in the newsletter. I hope many of you will plan to attend and share in the celebration.

Our interest groups are meeting regularly and details can be found in the newsletter.

Cheers,

June



**Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 15
6:30 p.m. by Zoom
All members are invited.**

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June Klimash
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Reminder:

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The message above appears on **page one of the newsletter, lower left corner.** Some time ago, AAUW Louisiana and AAUW Baton Rouge boards decided that we would no longer post email addresses or telephone numbers of members in lists or stories because anyone can view our newsletter online and obtain private contact information.

If you want to RSVP to an interest group, the newsletter will include the name only. If you need to get in touch with a member for whom you do not have email or telephone number information, first check to see if you saved the member roster that was provided to each of us when this change went into effect. If you do not have access to that list in .pdf format, write to the address above and **Pam Baldwin** will provide you with what you need.

The American Association of University Women of Louisiana (AAUW LA) and Louisiana Voices of Women Theatre (LAVOW) Company Celebrate International Women's Day with a High Tea Theatre Production

"WHAT IS A WOMAN AND WHAT RIGHTS DO AMERICAN WOMEN REALLY HAVE"?



In celebration of International Women's Day, AAUW LA and LAVOW Theatre Company will present a High Tea Theatre production akin to a Dinner Theatre production on Sunday, March 12 at 2 pm at the Lake House Reception Center in Baton Rouge. The play "What Is a Woman and What Rights do American Women Really Have" by Aileen Hendricks is set in heaven with a panel of six, lovable, smart, funny and angelic women.

Come and watch a play while enjoying tea and assorted goodies. Wear a fascinator or your best party hat. Or come hatless! You won't want to miss out on this event to celebrate WOMEN!

[For tickets, click here](#) or use link below manually if the click link does not work.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-is-a-woman-and-what-rights-do-american-women-really-have-tickets-536029347207>

Note that no tickets will be sold at the door.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, March 7 by midnight! There will be no tickets sold at the door.



AAUW National Updating By-Laws
(Notes from Member Pam Baldwin)

The AAUW national organization is in the process of updating by-laws and will hold a vote on the proposed changes. Therefore, you need to be involved – reading the proposed changes and making your decision as to whether to accept them or not.

Please go to [Proposed Changes](#) to read about them.

Then go to the section on [Proposed Public Policy Changes](#)

You may check your account and update your information [here](#).

Voting on these changes will be between April 5 May 15. Details for this will come later.

Book Club

Wednesday, March 8
7:00 p.m.
by Zoom

Take My Hand

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



Reviewer: **June Klimash**
RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet

Grazing Greek Recipes

Saturday, March 11
6:00 p.m.

at the home of

Carolyn and Charles Stutts

with **Ann Sperry**

Get in touch with **Carolyn Stutts** to receive a recipe for preparation and RSVP that you will attend.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, March 21
6:30 p.m.
via Zoom

FPA: The Value of Informed Discourse

Essay by Noel V. Lateef
President and

Chief Executive Officer
Foreign Policy Association

Insights



At noon Thursday, March 23, AAUW Baton Rouge Eleanor Earle Scholarship recipient

Elaine Nkwocha will share her research on Biofilm Regulation and Antibacterial Resistance at **La**



Contea Italian Restaurant at 7979 Jefferson Hwy. Look behind the CC's Coffee House which is next to a Hancock Whitney Bank.

See the next page of this newsletter for the menu of lunch specials so you will be ready to order promptly.

Contact **Mary Francis** or **Pam Baldwin** to RSVP your attendance by **Monday, March 20**, to ensure our restaurant reservation.

Insights will meet at La Contea on Thursday, March 23, 2023

La Contea Lunch Specials

Wraps and Salads
\$ 13.95

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Grilled Chicken, Chopped Romaine, Parmesan Cheese, and Caesar Dressing.
Served with Home Made French Fries

Mediterranean Wrap

Grilled Chicken, Romaine, Avocado, Kalamata Olives, Feta Cheese, and Honey Vinaigrette Dressing.
Served with Home Made French Fries

Fried Chicken Salad

Fried Chicken, Mixed Greens, Sliced Almonds, Carrots, Shredded Cheddar, and Honey Vinaigrette Dressing

La Contea's Summer Salad

Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Feta Cheese, Olives, Tomatoes, Croutons, and Ranch Dressing.

Tour of Italy | \$15.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup

A sampling of chicken parmesan, lasagna, and fettuccine alfredo.

PASTA FARE \$12.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup

Spaghetti - Served in marinara with choice of: meat sauce, meatballs (2), sausage, or mushrooms.

Ravioli- 3 cheese stuffed noodles in creamy alfredo sauce.

Lasagna - Classic lasagna layered with ground beef, ricotta cheese, noodles, and marinara.

Baked Ziti - Penne pasta tossed with marinara, ricotta cheese, and baked to perfection.

Penne Ala Vodka - Penne pasta in a creamy

ITALIAN CHICKEN DISHES \$14.95

Served with choice of - Side House Salad | Side Caesar Salad | Cup of Soup

Chicken Picatta - Sautéed with garlic, capers, lemon, butter, and wine. Served over a bed of noodles.

Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo - Creamy alfredo sauce tossed with fettuccine noodles and grilled chicken.

Chicken Cremora Mushroom - Grilled chicken sautéed with mushrooms in an alfredo sauce.

Chicken Parmigiana - Served with Pasta

Eggplant Parmigiana - Served with Pasta

Prices were taken from the restaurant's website previously and are not guaranteed to still be current.

Elaine Nkwoja posted on LinkedIn in February!



Elaine's Post:

An excellent way to end the week.

I had the opportunity to share findings from my research with the African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) of [Louisiana State University](#) during the [#Africans](#) in [#Research](#) (AIR) Symposium.

Beyond the congratulatory greetings from members of the audience, which I was grateful for, was the reinforced need to communicate science to non-science and science majors and the collaborative ventures that may follow.

I'm grateful for all the opportunities to share and learn from others and to grow as a scientist and educator.

I hope you had a good week. 😊

Have a restful weekend. ❤️

Thank you, AGSA!

Gourmet in February (for January)

This dining opportunity was originally scheduled for January but later postponed to February 5.



The theme was Easy Italian when Gourmet participants met in February to dine at the home of hostess **Margot Kiefuss**. Pictured above are **Charles Stutts**, seated, and standing, left to right: **Carolyn Stutts**, **JiJi Jonas**, **Judy Nielson**, **Larry Jonas**, and **Margot Kiefuss**. Not pictured was **Ann Sperry**.



*Mardi Gras Came
to the Gourmet Group*

Yet again **Jiji Jonas** and her husband **Larry** opened their home on the Southdowns Parade route to all members of AAUW Baton Rouge. Yep, the same Jiji Jonas who in January hosted our Holiday Happening. In addition to the hostess at immediate left, see the bottom of the page for a photo of **Greg Baldwin** (husband of member **Pam Baldwin**), host **Larry Jonas**, and member **Carolyn Stutts**.



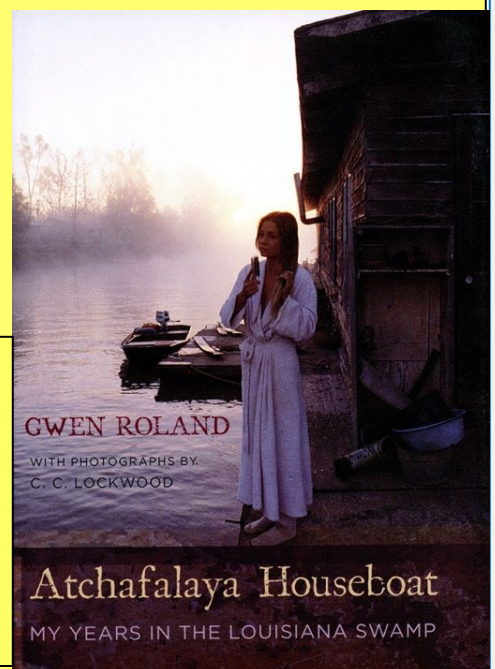
In 2023

Won't you review a book with me?



June Klimash will review *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Catherine Roundtree will review *Atchafalaya Houseboat* on April at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.



Great Decisions

Global Current Events Discussion

Informed by the Foreign Policy Association

Great Decisions is a group to discuss global current events. Our first meeting addressing a 2023 topic will be Tuesday, February 21, when Anne Campbell will lead a discussion about Politics in Latin America via Zoom.

There are seven more topics for which the briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association will provide information and inspiration.

Energy Geopolitics

War Crimes

China and the U.S.

Economic Warfare

Global Famine - June Klimash will lead the discussion but the date is to be determined.

Iran at a Crossroads

Climate Migration



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Do you know a woman who is doing advanced graduate studies? AAUW, the American Association of University Women, made 320 financial awards worth \$6 million in 2022-2023. Applications for 2023-2024 opened August 1. The application period will close at staggered times in November.

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research. Awards range from **\$8,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education; health and medical sciences; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); or social sciences. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2015. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation and dependent care. Awards range from **\$2,000 to \$20,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

Community Action Grants provide funding to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofits for innovative programs that promote education and equity for women and girls. Since 1972, AAUW has provided support to hundreds of communities across the United States. Awards range from **\$3,000 to \$10,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

International Fellowships provide support for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career. A limited number of awards are available for study outside of the U.S. (excluding the applicant's home country) to women who are members of Graduate Women International. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited U.S. institutions are supported. Applicants must have earned the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree by the application deadline and must have applied to their proposed institutions of study by the time of the application. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to women and girls. Awards range from **\$20,000 to \$50,000**. Application period closes **November 15**.

International Project Grants: To create lasting support around the globe, AAUW awards grants to International Fellowship alumnae who have returned home after successfully completing the course of study for which they received funding. These grants allow alumnae to build on their academic work and implement community-based projects that will improve the lives of women and girls. Awards range from **\$5,000 to \$7,000**. Application period closes **November 1**.

Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine, and Science are open to women scholars conducting basic research in engineering, medicine or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee must publish their research in a scholarly publication and be listed as a primary author. Awards range from **\$10,000 to \$35,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs: **Architecture, Computer/Information Services, Engineering, and Mathematics/Statistics**. Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields: **Master's in Business Administration, Law, and Doctorate in Medicine**. Award amount is **\$20,000**. Application period closes **December 1**.

Details at: aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/

Monday, March 6 6:30 a.m. deadline to Buy Tickets for High Tea on 3/12

Wednesday, March 8 Book Group

Saturday, March 11 Gourmet

Sunday, March 12 High Tea for International Women’s Day

Wednesday, March 15 Board Meeting

Monday, March 20 Last Day to RSVP for Insights 3/23


Friday, March 17 St. Patrick’s Day

Tuesday, March 21 Great Decisions

Thursday, March 23 Insights Luncheon in Person



March 2023

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