



April 2023



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President's Message

The AAUW Baton Rouge branch annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023. We will be meeting in person this year at the Bluebonnet Library beginning at 2:30 pm. The branch will supply light refreshments and DOOR PRIZES!!

I hope many of you plan to attend and take the opportunity to visit with members. As usual we will vote on issues that decide leadership and how to manage the branch in the coming years. The nominating committee has not yet been able to fill the open positions for the coming year so please consider whether you would accept a nomination from the floor during the meeting.

Within the newsletter you will see information on what the branch needs to vote on during the annual meeting in May. Back in 2016, the AAUW Baton Rouge branch officially became a 501C3 organization, allowing donations to the branch to be tax deductible. In order to maintain 501C3 status, a non-profit organization must have a president, a secretary and a treasurer. If there are no nominations from the floor at the May annual meeting then the Baton Rouge branch will not have a president or a secretary for the coming year. Our branch can continue to operate as we always have but will no longer be a 501C3. Please see the item we must vote on that dissolves the 501C3 status with Louisiana. If you have any questions about this vote, feel free to contact me or any other board member.

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

Cheers,
June



Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19
6:30 p.m. by Zoom
All members are invited.

President
June Klimash
Vice-President
Jan Koellen
Secretary
Margot Kiehfuss
Treasurer
Rebecca Triche
Nominations
JiJi Jonas
Eileen Kennedy
Aileen Hendricks
Newsletter Publisher
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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.

Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 7
In-person at Bluebonnet Branch Library
2:30 p.m.

Wording of what membership needs to vote on at annual meeting:

To approve submission of affidavit to Louisiana Secretary of State's Office to dissolve 501C3 non-profit corporation status and pay associated fees.





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. You will receive information from AAUW National with voting information and credentials specifically for you either by email or snail mail if you do not have a registered email address with National. Please vote! Each vote is important.

Book Club

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. by Zoom

Atchafalaya Houseboat:

by Gwen Roland



Reviewer:

Catherine Roundtree

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

Gourmet

Brunch Favorites

Sunday, April 16

11:00 a.m.

at the home of

Judy and Chuck Nielson

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

Great Decisions



Tuesday, April 18

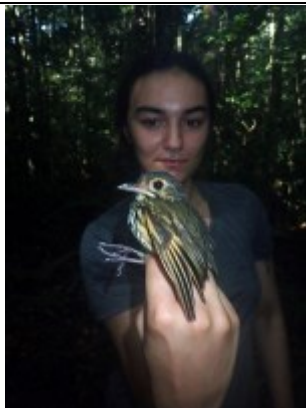
6:30 p.m.

via Zoom

Global Famine

Leader: **June Klimash**

RSVP **Melanie Hanley**



Insights



Thursday, April 27, at noon,

AAUW Baton Rouge Eleanor Earle Scholarship recipient **Patty Rodrigues**

will share her research on Wildlife Ecology

at **La Contea Italian Restaurant** at 7979 Jefferson Hwy.

Look behind 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 **Pam Baldwin** to RSVP your attendance by **Monday, April 24 at 6 p.m.** to ensure our restaurant reservation.

Insights will meet at La Contea on Thursday, April 27, 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 pink vodka sauce.

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

The American Association of University Women of Louisiana (AAUW LA) and Louisiana Voices of Women Theatre (LAVOW) Company Celebrated 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 presented 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 was set in heaven with a panel of six, lovable, smart, funny and angelic women.

Guests watched a play while enjoying tea and assorted goodies. Some wore a fascinator or their best party hat. Others came hatless! It was an event to celebrate WOMEN!



Aileen Hendricks



Susan Simoneaux Anne Woods Stephanie Bartage Talesha Whitener Christina Normand

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High Tea Theatre Production "WHAT IS A WOMAN AND WHAT RIGHTS DO AMERICAN WOMEN REALLY HAVE?"



High Tea and Theatre
Left, playwright and producer **Aileen Hendricks** and cast wearing modern female headpieces.
Near right, **Pam Baldwin & Debbie Freda**..
Photos courtesy of **Don Couvillion**.



Below,
Vivian Guillory



Lower left, members of the Society Supporting the Arts,Avant Garde Branch, BR. l. to r.,
Janifer Peters, President **Eileen Kennedy**, **Aileen Hendricks**, **Elaine Simmons**, and **Joyce O'Rourke**.



Gourmet in March



Gourmet participants met at the home of **Carolyn and Charles Stutts** to enjoy Greek gastronomic goodies. **Ann Sperry** co-hosted and provided the photo above. Seated left to right are **Tom Moore, Margaret Moore, Charles Stutts, and Margot Kiefuss**. Standing left to right are **Carolyn Stutts, Chuck Nielson, Larry Jonas, and JiJi Jonas**.

Gourmet is the most consistent special interest group for meeting in-person and providing photographs to improve the monthly newsletter. Thanks to those participants for sharing and cheering the rest of us! Special thanks to Gourmet chairwoman **JiJi Jonas**.

Great Decisions in March



The **Great Decisions** group met in-person for the first time in a long time Tuesday, March 21, at Bistro Byronz Mid City location for dinner and discussion. Seated left to right at **Julie Sukkar**, **Suzanne Besse**, and **Margaret Moore**. Standing are **Mary Francis**, **Anne Campbell**, and **Melanie Hanley**.



Pam Baldwin, Insights Co-Chair
and speaker/scholarship recipient
Elaine Nkwocha

Insights In-Person In March



Nkwocha, Faye Ferdinand & Rebecca Triche



Jiji Jonas & Eileen Kennedy



**Vivian Guillory, Caroline Sukkar
& Julie Sukkar**



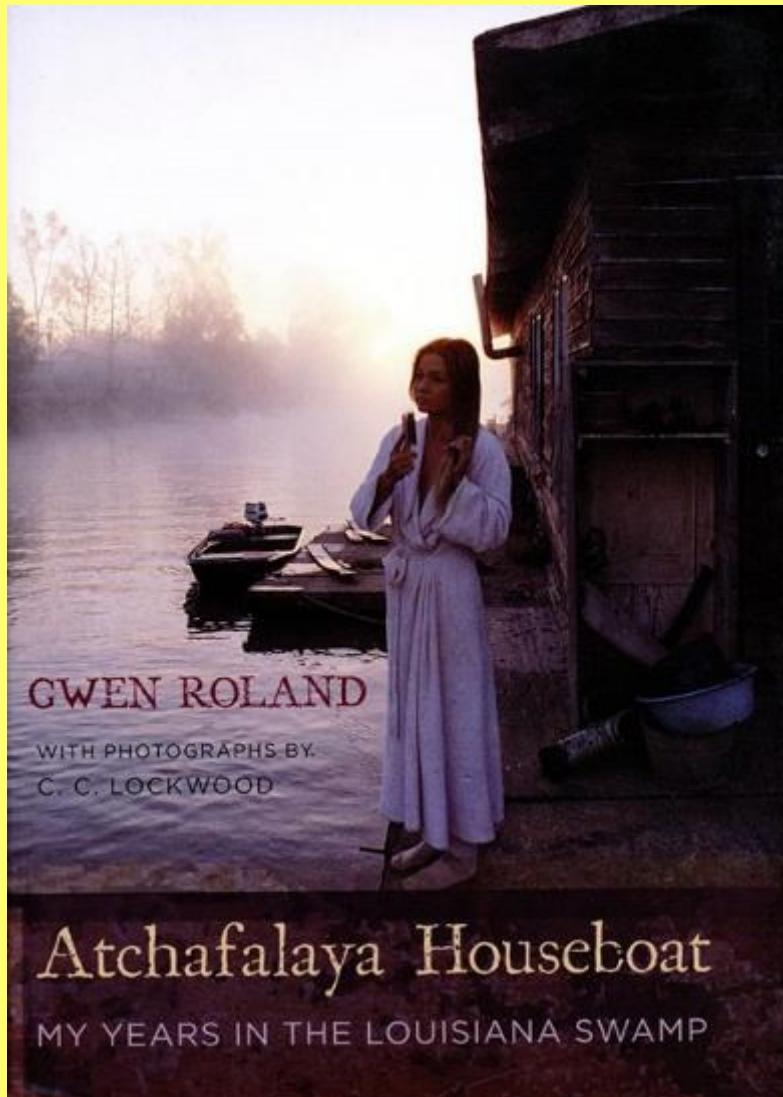
Guest Rene Singleton & Carolyn Stutts

**Margot Kiefhuss, Aileen Hendricks
& Pat James**



In 2023

Won't you review a book with me?



Catherine Roundtree will review *Atchafalaya Houseboat: My Years in the Louisiana Swamp* by Gwen Roland Wednesday, April 12. This will be the last of 2022-2023 offerings. The book group will meet in May to receive suggestions for 2023-2024 and make choices. Participants will announce after that meeting when book reviews will resume.

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 was Tuesday, February 21, when Anne Campbell led a discussion about Politics in Latin America via Zoom.

The first in-person gathering since covid began was dinner at Bistro Byronz Mid City venue including a discussion of an essay, The Value of Informed Discourse.

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 Tuesday, April 18.

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/

Happy belated birthday and apology for omitting last month to Valerie Jackson-Jones on 3/23 and Eileen Kennedy on 03/26

Book Group Wednesday, April 12

Gourmet Sunday, April 16

Great Decisions Tuesday, April 18

6 p.m. Monday, April 24 Deadline to RSVP for *Insights*

Thursday, April 27 *Insights*

Coming in May

Sunday, May 7 Annual Meeting

April 2023

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