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### Book Group

Wednesday, April 10  
via Zoom  
7:00 p.m.

*They Called Me a Lioness:  
a Palestinian Girl's Fight  
for Freedom*  
by Ahed Tamimi  
and Dena Takruri



Reviewer: **Julie Sukkar**  
RSVP **Melanie Hanley**

### Gourmet

Saturday, April 13  
12:00 noon  
at the new home of  
**Margot Kiehfuss**



RSVP to **Margot** to receive a  
recipe to prepare to share.

### Great Decisions



Great Decisions will not meet  
in 2024 for lack of  
participation. Note that OLLI  
at LSU offers a Great  
Decisions program which  
meets at Broadmoor Methodist  
Church.

## Annual Meeting Notice

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**2:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Goodwood Library Room**

**Conference Room B, 2nd Floor**

Part of this meeting will be to secure officers for the upcoming year. Please send any nominations for President/Administrator (for 1 year only) and Treasurer (for a 2 year term).to **Pam Baldwin**, current Administrator. Also please let her know if you'll be able to make it. Agenda will be emailed in advance. Bring refreshments if you would like.

**Important : RSVP Pam Baldwin, Branch Administrator**

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**Reminder...Reminder...Reminder...Reminder**



**Coming...Book Group**

**May**

*Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning*

by Liz Cheney



Reviewer:

**Anne Campbell**

**Coming...Gourmet**

**May**

Dinner at the home of **Lorraine and Donal Day**

Note: Participants who attend dinner in a private home will request a recipe from the hostess to prepare and bring to contribute to the meal.

All members are invited but you must RSVP in advance, either to the hostess or the designee who will make the restaurant reservation if the meal is at a restaurant.

**Coming...Great Decisions 2024**

**Mideast Realignment  
Climate Technology and Competition  
Science across Borders  
U.S. and China Trade Rivalry  
NATO's Future  
Understanding Indonesia  
High Seas Treaty / Biodiversity beyond  
National Jurisdiction Treaty  
Pandemic Preparedness**

**Great Decisions will not meet on 2024 for lack of participation.**

**OLLI at LSU offers a Great Decisions program, but registration may be close by now.**

**You may order the briefing book from the Foreign Policy Association if you are interested in the printed information.**

**Please review this  
before April 13 annual  
meeting**



## Receipt of a Letter Sent to Each Member

Each of you received a letter dated January 8 from AAUW LA.

It was written to advise each member of the problem across the state of declining membership.

One of the proposed changes to AAUW by-laws is to remove the degree requirement for membership. The branch and state boards are in favor of this change. While we know that many of the members do not want to see this happen, we also know that we must face the reality that our membership restrictions are leading to the declining membership.

This letter was sent to explain the situations we are facing. At this point, we are making changes to attempt to keep a state presence in AAUW open for us in Louisiana. Nothing is certain but it will require changes to remain in operation. There will be more on this as time passes.

**Please feel free to voice your opinions.**



This is for   
**AAUW  
NATIONAL  
VOTING**



## Upcoming AAUW Voting

AAUW will have another round of voting for by-law changes. One change is to **remove the requirement of a degree to be a member**. Please follow this link for details. Note that the opportunity to make comments passed (Jan 26) before this newsletter was published.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2023-aauw-bylaws-proposed-changes/>

But as part of this, **please review your email address details**. AAUW will send your personal voting details to your email of record so if it is not up to date, or missing, they will send you a paper ballot. The obvious reason to receive an email ballot is money. Mailing paper ballots is very expensive.

To vote, you will need the information in this communication, regardless of whether it comes in email or snail mail. It will contain **your member number** and a **PIN**. You'll need both of these numbers to vote. **Note that neither our administrator Pam Baldwin nor anyone else in this branch has access to your PIN.**

Last time the vote to remove the degree requirement for membership, our state had a great turnout – we were very proud of that and would like to continue it so please remember to vote.

**The state and branch boards support this change and ask that you vote for it when voting.**

**Voting begins April 3 and ends May 15. Vote early!**

Pam Baldwin  
Administrator, AAUW Baton Rouge



You are invited to attend **WOMEN on WEDNESDAY**  
at the Louisiana Legislature

sponsored by Lift Louisiana

([liftlouisiana.org](http://liftlouisiana.org))

and 10.000Women

([10000women.org](http://10000women.org))

April 3, 10

8:30 a.m.



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## ERA Zoom Event and Follow-up

On January 11, AAUW LA held a Zoom event in conjunction with 10,000 Women LA to send information, promote awareness of the status of the ERA. Many of you joined us but for those who didn't, here are ways to catch up on what went on.

### Link for video from ERA coalition

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLPLGEZ5cRs>

Note that during the video as shown in the presentation, the complete name and association were not visible. Please watch the short video again to see just who everyone is.

### Link for video of presentation itself

<https://youtu.be/u6VZZduk5VE>

Link for petition signature – if you are in doubt whether you already signed, just sign again!

<https://www.sign4era.org/?ERA-Coalition>

Here is the direct link to the ERA Petition Signers map that shows how many have already signed. <https://secure.radlib.com/SIGN4ERA/sign4.png>

It is located in the “**Sign4ERA.org**” website under the tab “ERA Petition Map”. This link points to the results so far on how many have signed the petition.

Call President Biden to publish the ERA as he promised in his campaign for President as did VP Harris.

Sign the petition to President Biden-

<https://www.eracoalition.org/take-action/white-house-direct-the-archivist-to-publish-the-era/>

Talk to your Senators and Representatives and ask them to sign onto the bills to remove the deadline

SJ Res 4 to remove the deadline - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/4?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22sjres4%22%7D&s=2&r=1>

HJ Res 25 to remove the deadline - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-joint-resolution/25?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22hres25%22%7D&s=3&r=1>

With a Senate bill waiting at the desk (S.J. Res. 4), action for now is on the companion bill H.J. Res. 25 and its Discharge Petition (Affirms ratification of the ERA and removes the time limit) and adding cosponsors to H.J. Res. 82 and its companion S.J. Res. 39

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S.J. Res.39 - A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the article of amendment commonly known as the "Equal Rights Amendment" has been validly ratified and is enforceable as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and the Archivist of the United States must certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment without delay. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/39#:~:text=39%20%2D%20A%20joint%20resolution%20expressing,certify%20and%20publish%20the%20Equal>

H.J. Res.82 - Expressing the sense of Congress that the article of amendment commonly known as the "Equal Rights Amendment" has been validly ratified and is enforceable as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the Archivist of the United States must certify and publish the Equal Rights Amendment as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment without delay.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-joint-resolution/82?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22hj+res+82%22%7D&s=1&r=1>

Contact Ashley Bradey about their action (info attached) at the White House all during the month of March.

Email: [thefeministuprising@gmail.com](mailto:thefeministuprising@gmail.com) Website: [thefeministuprising.com](http://thefeministuprising.com)

**Pam Baldwin**

**Administrator, AAUW Baton Rouge**



Belated Happy Birthday to  
 March 23 Valerie Jackson-Jones  
 March 26 Eileen Kennedy  
 March 31 Eunice Augustus-  
 Phillips



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