

**AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH**

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Notes and Whatnots

On January 21, 2017 we had our monthly meeting and luncheon at Hacienda in Delray Beach. Our speaker was Christina Romelus, a Commissioner for District 3 in Boynton Beach. She is a dynamic woman from Haiti to Miami to Boynton Beach. She has her BA as well as a Masters, is married and a mother. We learned a lot about the political process, even that she was pregnant when she was tapped to run for Commissioner. Her energy and commitment to her constituents indicates she is becoming a significant force for her community.

**Saturday, February 21: Will be in two places – come to one or both**

Part 1 – Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge: Meet at 11:00a.m. \$5.00 donation at the gate. There will be a 20 minute power point presentation (it will be good) and then you have a choice of a walk. Length of the walk depends upon your choice – ground is level. There is also a tram at noon with 4 spaces – I need reservation notice if you want the tram.

*Directions:* Boynton Beach Blvd west (away from the Ocean) to Route 441. Turn south (left) at the traffic light, onto Route 441. Go about 3 miles on 441 and there will be a brown sign on your right indicating the Wildlife Refuge. Make a right turn at the fee booth, park, and come into the visitor center.

Car pooling is encouraged - parking should be adequate.

**Notes**

**Happy Happy February Birthdays!**

**Karen Lippe**

**Jean Matula**

**Lisa Peterfreund**

**Linda Schrader**

**Jackie Winchester**



**Join Us for Our Monthly Meeting Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**Where:** Loxahatchee Refuge and Alabama Joe's  
**When:** See Notes and Whatnots  
**Directions:** See Notes and Whatnots

**Please RSVP to:**  
[Vmackk69@gmail.com](mailto:Vmackk69@gmail.com) or Virginia (the Other)  
**561-271-5277** We must have an accurate head count to have adequate seating

Part 2 – Alabama Joe's Restaurant : Meet at 1:00p.m. Order from the menu. It's located in a shopping center so parking is generous.

*Directions:* The address of Joe's is 8794 Boynton Beach Blvd, Suite 101, From Loxahatchee Wildlife turn left onto Route 441 and go north to Boynton Beach Blvd. Turn right onto Boynton Beach Blvd. and then turn right onto Lyons Road and turn left onto Canyon Lakes Drive. Even though the address is Boynton Beach Blvd (this is the shopping center's address) Alabama Joe's is at the south end of the shopping center.

We need RSVPs for both venues, since some members might not be able to make both venues. Especially we need RSVP if you want the tram due to limited space.

### **2017 AAUW National Election --- One Member, One Vote**

AAUW members will receive their voter information in early April by e-mail and mail with the Spring AAUW *Outlook!* Candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions will be published in the Spring issue of AAUW *Outlook*. And don't forget to check for the latest updates on the [AAUW National Election web page](#).

**What Can I Do Locally?** How about contacting local governances and sending an email suggesting porta pottys around town? Since we have decided homelessness is acceptable, and since many are immigrants without vaccinations, this becomes a potential health issue for all of us. There is a reason we have sewage system with treatment. So it seems common sense dictates we have these facilities available. And sure, maybe some will be misused, but the positive far outweighs the negative on this issue.

### **Did You Know?**

Florida State Leadership Conference is March 31- April 2, 2017. Keep an eye out for your February 'FloriVision' – it will contain all the details.

### **Our Annual Branch Fundraiser will be March**

**18.** We will be raising funds for the Tech Trek Camp – this is a very important way to introduce middle school girls to the tech field. So start thinking about who you will invite to this critical event!

### **Dining Out Social**

**February 24, 2017**

Meet at **Eathai** 1:00p.m.  
Eathia is located at 1832 S Federal Hwy, South of Linton and across from Trader Joe's. In addition to traditional Thai food you can order custom ice cream and watch while it is made. Order from the menu.

## Prez Message

"For the times, they are a-changin."

Bob Dylan, Nobel Laureate, 1964

"What kind of father would take his own daughter's rights away? And what kind of father might hate his own daughter if she were gay"

Pink, "Mr. President", 2006

"Who's gonna stand up and save the earth? Who's gonna stand up and say she's had enough? Who's gonna take on the big machine? Who's gonna stand up and save the earth? This all starts with you and me."

Neil Young, 2014

Musicians have used their music as a platform for political activism. I find it intriguing that the topics from decades past are still relevant and in the crosshairs of politicians. Personal freedoms and environmental protection are still hot topics and need our attention. AAUW is our platform – let's use its strength and message to reach across political divides to preserve our rights.

I also came across this insightful quote from one of our famed women's suffragette.

"I distrust these people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires."

Susan B. Anthony

I believe that it also applies to social media and politicians, and offers a cautionary warning to us all to be independent thinkers.

Finally, lest you despair in these unsettle times, keep in mind the following:

"I have cried too long. No more sorrow. Got to carry on."

Dan Fogelberg, "Phoenix", 1979

Susan

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

The next meeting of the AAUW Book Club is the third Friday, February 17, at the Palm Springs Library from 2 to 4 pm. Amy Schwed will moderate the discussion of **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult.



*Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?*

*Ruth hesitates before performing CPR and, as a result, is charged with a serious crime. Kennedy McQuarrie, a white public defender, takes her case but gives unexpected advice: Kennedy insists that mentioning race in the courtroom is not a winning strategy. Conflicted by Kennedy's counsel, Ruth tries to keep life as normal as possible for her family—especially her teenage son—as the case becomes a media sensation. As the trial moves forward, Ruth and Kennedy must gain each other's trust, and come to see that what they've been taught their whole lives about others—and themselves—might be wrong.*

*With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers. Small Great Things is a remarkable achievement from a writer at the top of her game. -- Goodreads*

At this meeting, Donna DeSesa will present titles for the March selection and Maurcy Selko will present titles for the April selection. As always, new members are welcome. If you are interested, please email Virginia at [AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com) to receive a copy of the Book Club Guidelines and a list of past titles.

Naseem Ahmed invites you all to a **Bangladesh Gala** Sunday, February 19, 2017 starting at 3:00p.m. until 5:00p.m. The Gala will be held at Aberdeen East Clubhouse Ballroom, 5700 Le Chalet Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33472. An unforgettable journey to Bangladesh – experience the country and its people, fabrics and craft, food and music. You will see sari-draping demonstration with a sari fashion show; an International Bazaar with fabrics, jewelry and artifacts mad by Bangladeshi artisans for sale; as well as have a chance to interact with Bangladeshi community members while you enjoy coffee, chai and desserts; watch Bangladeshi dancers and learn about Sisters International.

Tickets \$10 and must be purchased by Feb. 10. Contact Naseem 561-563-9445



Our Own Women's March in Delray Beach after January 21 Luncheon

### **Bylaw Amendments to be Voted on at Annual Meeting**

**The Amendments change the number of mandatory meetings from seven to five and the annual meeting date from the month of April to the Spring. These changes give more flexibility to the branch.**

#### *ARTICLE XI. BRANCH MEETINGS*

*Branch Meetings. There shall be at least ~~seven (7)~~ five (5) meetings of Branch members each year.*

*Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Branch shall be held during the ~~month of April~~ Spring, the exact time and place determined by the board. The annual meeting shall elect officers, fix dues, amend bylaws if necessary, receive reports of officers, committees and task forces, and conduct such other business as may properly arise.*

*Quorum. Fifteen percent (15%) of the members of the Branch shall constitute a quorum.*

#### **Palm Beach Branch Annual Fundraiser**

##### ***Fashion/Food/Fantasy***

The Fundraiser is being held March 18, 2017 at Paradiso Restaurant, 625 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth, starting at 11:00 a.m. This is very important for our Branch to enable support of Tech Trek and NCCWSL. We will not have another fundraising opportunity. We are not using tickets this year, instead relying on reservations. The charge is \$50 per person and includes a choice of entrée, tea or coffee plus desert. We need reservations as soon as possible – you will find a Reservation Form accompanying Poste Haste. Additionally there is a letter to give to merchants when soliciting a donation. Come out and enjoy good food, latest fashions, and fantasy of your choice!



**AAUW Palm Beach County  
Empowering women and girls since 1936**

Dear Merchant,

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a powerful community that empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Our annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Paradiso Ristorante in Lake Worth. Proceeds benefit AAUW Funds, a 501(c)(3) entity and support:

- Tech Trek Florida, a week-long STEM camp for eighth grade girls. This interactive program allows participants to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math and encourages girls to pursue a career in STEM.
- Scholarships for college and university student leaders to attend the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C. This conference fosters leadership skills and encourages community involvement.

Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating a gift certificate or item for our auction. The success of our fundraiser depends upon the generosity of our community and people like you.

Thank you for your consideration

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Palm Beach County Branch Fundraiser

Dear Members,

AAUW Palm Beach County's fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at 11:00 am at Paradiso Restaurant. Cost is \$50.00 each. Please prepay your reservation to expedite check-in.

Return this reservation form, listing your guests' names, along with the name of any other member with whom you would like to be seated. Everything possible will be done to accommodate your requests. Please reserve as soon as possible.

Luncheon includes a choice of entrees, coffee or tea, and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Total # of guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 per person = total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be seated with:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to AAUW Palm Beach County**

If you are unable to attend, please tell Susan Berlin. A monetary contribution is entirely tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated. The check should be made payable to "AAUW."

Return to Susan Berlin, 1734 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, FL 33461

For further information: (561)642-4720 or [svberlin@bellsouth.net](mailto:svberlin@bellsouth.net)

**Save the Dates!**

February 18 11:00 am -- Field trip at Loxahatchee Refuge \$5.00 donation at the gate.  
1:00 pm lunch at Alabama Joe's in the Canyon Town Center on  
Boynton Beach Blvd and Lyon's Road

February 24 Friday Dining Out at Eathai – Delray Beach

March 18 Noon -- Fundraising luncheon at Paradiso Ristorante, Lake Worth

April 22 Noon – Hacienda -- Annual Meeting

May 20 Noon – Callaro's, Lake Worth -- Installation of Officers

Much more information will be forthcoming. Keep your eye on Poste Haste for the latest

2016-17 Officers

President: Susan Berlin

Program: Donna Artes and Beverly Agee

Membership: Barbara Wagner and Deborah Nesbit

Finance: Susan King

Communications: Virginia Brooks and Sharon Trost

Development: Betty Rigdon

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