



# AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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## Non-Meeting Luncheon

We had a really great lunch at Duffy's on August 30. Not only was the food and company great, but Beverly Agee gave an informative talk about the judicial election process aided by MJ Range and Sharon Trost. I took lots of notes and used them when I filled out my ballot.



*Bev Agee answering one of the crowd's questions.*

Everyone needs to remember to vote – as one person said it is not just your right to vote, it's the right thing to do. AAUW has a great link to voter issues: [www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-voter-issue-guide](http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-voter-issue-guide). Check it out.

Your Branch's next meeting is Saturday, September 24 at Grumpy Grouper. Our member, MJ Range, is also active in the League of Women Voters, and will be discussing the Florida State ammendment appearing on the ballot. Not sure what the ammendment is about?? Then be sure to join us at Grumpy Grouper to learn about it and ask questions. Plus you get to eat too.

Some fun and frivolous outings are being planned for your enjoyment this coming season. The first one will be **Wednesday, September 28** at the Lakeside Anchor Inn meeting there at 6:00p.m. Anchor Inn is between I95 and Congress just off Hypoluxo. Hypoluxo turn north onto Lakeview to east/right onto Floral Rd. I think it is visible from Hypoluxo. Good parking. Please **call Susan Berlin, 561-642-4720 work** if you are going to join us. Remember if you don't RSVP it puts us in an awkward situation if the attending number is largely different from the reserved number.

NOW invites us all to join Sat., September 17, 10:30-12 noon at the Delray Beach Library learning about Equal Pay & Saving Social Security.

## Notes

Happy Happy Summer and  
September Birthdays!

Beverly Agee  
Donna Artes  
Susan Berlin  
Faith Campbell  
Claire Carney  
Virginia Farace  
Helen Gilmore  
Deborah Nesbit  
Maurcy Selko  
Mary Swieskowski  
Suzann Turner  
Barbara Wagner  
Joyce Waters

## September 24, 2016

Join us for our First Meeting  
of the 2016-2017 Season

**Where:** Jack's Grumpy  
Grouper, 308 N Dixie  
Highway, Lantana FL 33462

**When:** Saturday,  
September 24, 12:00noon

**Directions:** I95 to Exit 61 –  
Lantana Rd –go East(toward  
the Ocean) on Lantana to  
Route 1/N Dixie – turn right  
onto N Dixie and Grumpy will  
be on your left. Or take Route  
1 to North of W Ocean and  
South of Lantana  
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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace



The next meeting of the Friday Book Club is the third Friday, September 16, at the Palm Springs Library from 2 to 4 pm. Mary Swieskowski will moderate the discussion of **Vinegar Girl** by Anne Tyler.

**“Pulitzer Prize winner and American master Anne Tyler brings us an inspired, witty and irresistible contemporary take on one of Shakespeare’s most beloved comedies: *The Taming of the Shrew*.**

Kate Battista feels stuck. How did she end up running house and home for her eccentric scientist father and uppity, pretty younger sister Bunny? Plus, she’s always in trouble at work – her pre-school charges adore her, but their parents don’t always appreciate her unusual opinions and forthright manner.

Dr. Battista has other problems. After years out in the academic wilderness, he is on the verge of a breakthrough. His research could help millions. There’s only one problem: his brilliant young lab assistant, Pyotr, is about to be deported. And without Pyotr, all would be lost.

When Dr. Battista cooks up an outrageous plan that will enable Pyotr to stay in the country, he’s relying – as usual – on Kate to help him. Kate is furious: this time he’s really asking too much. But will she be able to resist the two men’s touchingly ludicrous campaign to bring her around?”

Book club members may want to refresh their memories of the original by rereading Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*.

In October, the club will discuss **The House Girl** by [Tara Conklin](#) led by Susan Berlin. As always, new members are welcome. If you are interested, please email Virginia at [faracevk@bellsouth.net](mailto:faracevk@bellsouth.net) to receive a copy of the Book Club Guidelines and a list of past titles.

## Now is The Time

*Time to: Pay Annual Dues*

*Dues Amount: \$75.00*

*Payment Made To:*

Palm Beach County  
AAUW

*Send Payment to:*

Susan King

731 S. Lakeside Drive

Lake Worth, FL 33460

You can also renew  
online

## In Memoriam

Lila May Flounders

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Do you know what a  
**Two Minute Activist** is??

**Request** – If you know of fundraising that is quite effective will you please contact one of the Board members? We are looking for new ways to add to our donations!!

## Prez Message

"I believe that the rights of women and girls is the unfinished business of the 21st century."

Hillary Clinton

Dear Members,

Welcome back to a new season of AAUW. Your support of me while I was Florida co-president was amazing and both Virginia Farace and I can't thank you enough. Your generous contributions to AAUW Funds, including Tech Trek and StartSmart, allowed us to directly impact young women and girls in our community.

I was able to attend a lot of events at the Tech Trek camp at Palm Beach State College, and I want to share a few of my most precious memories. Due to our fundraising efforts, we were able to send seven girls from Palm Beach County to the camp. One young girl from Riviera Beach showed up at registration with her mother and appeared to be one of the "Tough Kids" – aloof, too bored to be engaged, and I worried about how she would fit in. I watched her blossom throughout the week as she relaxed and interacted with her peers.

Virginia and I were also present when the parents came to pick up their children. One mother, a physician who had adopted her daughter, approached us as everyone was departing. They lived in a more rural community in northern Florida and her daughter was very tiny in stature and extremely shy. Her mother said that she had grave reservations about sending her daughter to camp because she had few friends and was content to stay home on her computer. Her Mom had tears in her eyes as she told us how during the nightly calls home her daughter talked about all her new friends and the fun they were having and she thanked us for this life-changing experience.

The Tech Trek campers blew me away with their intelligence and aspirations. One young girl was looking forward to starting college classes in the fall (mind you, these were girls about to enter eight grade!) and planned to get her Masters and Doctorate degrees by the age of eighteen. One wanted to be a pilot and an astronaut, another an engineer, a third a research scientist. I was humbled by their goals and in awe of their enthusiasm and hunger for knowledge.

The StartSmart workshop at Palm Beach State College was another mind blowing experience. Betty Rigdon and I attended the event. The workshop is a practical guide for college students to determine what salary to seek when applying for their first job. Research show that women tend to fall behind their male counterparts in earnings from the get-go, and the differential in salaries accelerates throughout the years. The student feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we were asked to continue our efforts with StartSmart in the future. Several of our branch members attended the facilitator training at the state convention in April, and these women will be able to run workshops at local universities in the coming years.

At the branch level, we are planning a variety of activities that should be of interest. The League of Women voters will discuss the amendment that will be on the November ballot and answer any questions you may have about voting. AAUW voter guides for both presidential and vice-presidential races will be available at the Sept meeting. We plan to take advantage of the free admission at the Norton Art Museum and host a variety of speakers at our luncheons who will explore women's issues and community involvement. Our annual fundraiser will be in March at Paradiso Ristorante in downtown Lake Worth.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Susan

"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."  
Margaret Thatcher

Our Branch Is Invited:

Delray Beach Library  
100 West Atlantic Ave.  
Delray Beach, FL

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**10:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

***Presentation Equal Pay &  
Saving Social Security***

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

**10:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

***Presentation Elect Feminists  
For Change***

These promise to be information packed presentations, so join us on the Saturdays!

Brogues Downunder  
621 Lake Avenue  
Lake Worth, FL

**Monday, September 26, 2016**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

***"Appetizers and Advocacy"***

Join together and learn how to take brave action for a future without Hyde!

The Hyde Amendment is used to deny abortion coverage for those struggling to get by. There is a new urgency in FL as we face an outbreak of the Zika virus.

Tickets: \$15.00 general; \$5 students

**RSVP:**

<http://tinyurl.com/926-Ap-Adv>

Profits to benefit Emergency Medical Assistance, Inc.

Say "Hello" to These New Branch Members If You Haven't Yet Done So

Naseem Ahmed [naseem.shipra@gmail.com](mailto:naseem.shipra@gmail.com) Naseem lives at 5655 ParkwalkCircle E, Boynton Beach FL 33472. Her phone is 561-563-9445

Ashley Jackson [Jackson@fau.edu](mailto:Jackson@fau.edu) Ashley lives at 520 NE 45<sup>th</sup> St., Apt 5, Boca Raton FL 33431

Naseem will be in Bangladesh for a time caring for her mother. She can receive emails so take a moment to introduce yourself to her – [naseem.shipra@gmail.com](mailto:naseem.shipra@gmail.com)

**Save the Dates!**

- September 24 Noon – lunch at Grumpy Grouper, Lantana  
Program: Mary Jane Range presenting League of Women Voters  
November ballot information
- October 15 Noon -- lunch at Callaro's, Lake Worth  
Program: Diana Stanley from the Lord's Place
- November 12 11:30 am – lunch at Grato, West Palm Beach  
2:00 pm tour of the renovated and expanded Norton Museum with  
Carol Ann Khawley
- December 10 Noon – location TBA -- Holiday Party and gift exchange
- January 21 To Be Announced
- February 18 11:00 am -- Field trip at Loxahatchee Refuge  
1:00 pm lunch at Alabama Joe's in the Canyon Town Center on  
Boynton Beach Blvd and Lyon's Road
- March 18 Noon -- Fundraising luncheon at Paradiso Ristorante, Lake Worth
- April 22 Noon – location TBA -- Annual Meeting
- May 20 Noon – Callaro's, Lake Worth -- Installation of Officers

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

Public Policy: Maurcy Selko

Secretary: Virginia Farace

