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President's Message by Susan Berlin

Dear Members,

*May you always walk in sunshine. May you never want for more.
May Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door.*

Leopards and Leprechauns? What do they have in common?

A leprechaun is a type of fairy in Irish folklore, usually taking the form of an old man, clad in a red or green coat, who enjoys partaking in mischief. Leprechauns have been linked to the Tuatha Dé Danann of Irish mythology. The Leprechauns spend all their time busily making shoes, and store away all their coins in a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If ever captured by a human, the Leprechaun has the magical power to grant three wishes in exchange for their release

The leopard is the smallest of the four big cats in the genus Panthera. The leopard has relatively short legs and a long body with a large skull. The species' success in the wild is in part due to its opportunistic hunting behavior, its adaptability to habitats, its ability to run at speeds approaching 36 miles per hour, its ability to climb trees and its notorious ability for stealth.

Leprechauns and leopards remind me of AAUW. Like the leopard, we are relentless in our pursuit of equal pay, gender equity, and educational opportunities for women and girls.
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Upcoming Events

March 15

Luncheon and Style Show,
the Chesterfield Hotel
11:00 am

April 26

Branch Meeting: Human
Trafficking,
Atlantis Country Club

AAUW FL Lobby Day

March 24

State Capitol, Tallahassee

AAUW FL Convention

April 4 -5

Sheraton Tampa East

Member News

Ann Hudnall is having surgery on Mar 11 and she asks that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

President's Message continued:

We continue to scale the barriers that keep women from achieving parity with our male counterparts. We do love to stir up our legislators when they appear to forget our cause, and so we are also like the mischievous leprechauns.

Our fundraiser for AAUW Funds and local scholarships is Leopards and Leprechauns. AAUW Funds encompasses:

- Legal Advocacy Fund – Legal case support and Campus Outreach Projects
- Public Policy Fund – Government Relations, Civic Engagement
- Leadership Programs Fund – Campus Action Grants, Elect Her, Tech Trek, and The National Conference for Women Student Leaders
- Eleanor Roosevelt Fund – Groundbreaking Research Reports
- Educational Opportunities Fund – Fellowships and Grants
- Palm Beach County has funded local scholarships for women for over 30 years.

March 15th is our opportunity to show our support for the many important programs we support through AAUW. I encourage everyone to attend and to bring a guest or two. You never know, there may be a pot of gold in the opportunity drawing!

For each petal on the shamrock this brings a wish your way. Good health, good luck, and happiness for today and every day.

Style Show 2014 - Leopards and Leprechauns at the Chesterfield Hotel

Join us on March 15th. Michelle McGovern, Regional Outreach Director for the Treasure Coast for Senator Bill Nelson, is the featured speaker. Her work focuses on education, women's issues and the environment.

Girorgio Armani at Saks Fifth Avenue, Palm Beach, will provide a demonstration of their new products and each attendee will receive a gift bag.

Clothing by Fashion Scoop will be modeled during the luncheon.

There will be a silent auction, opportunity drawings and a money hat.

Tickets are \$50.00 and can be reserved by email (svberlin@bellsouth.net) or telephone (642-4720). The reservation deadline is March 10. Luncheon choice of Chicken Paillard or Lobster Salad Baguette.



Book Club News by Virginia Farace

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER **The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese** by Michael Paterniti is the book to be discussed by the Third Friday Book Club on March 21, 2 pm, at the Palm Springs Library. Donna Artes will lead this discussion of "ONE OF THE TEN BEST NONFICTION BOOKS OF THE YEAR" BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY.



From Goodreads: "In the fall of 1991, while working at a gourmet deli in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Michael Paterniti encountered a piece of cheese. Not just any cheese. This was Paramo de Guzman, a rare Spanish queso reputed to be the finest, and most expensive, in the world. The cheese carried its own legend: Made from an ancient family recipe in the medieval Castilian village of Guzman (pop. 80), the cheese was submerged in olive oil and aged in a cave where it gained magical qualities-if you ate it, some said, you might recover long-lost memories. Too broke to actually buy the cheese, Paterniti made a quixotic vow: that he would meet this cheese again someday. Flash forward ten years, when

Paterniti has finally found his way-family in tow-to that tiny hilltop village to meet the famous cheesemaker himself, a voluble, magnetic, heartbroken genius named Ambrosio. What Paterniti discovers in Guzman is nothing like the idyllic slow-food fable he has imagined. Instead, he wanders into-and eventually becomes deeply implicated in-the heart of an unfolding mystery, in which a village begins to spill its long-held secrets, and nothing is quite what it seems."

At February's meeting, Susan Berlin moderated the discussion of *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. Cheryl Lohse presented three titles and *Ladder of Years* by Anne Tyler was selected for April.

All AAUW members are invited to join the book discussion group. If you are interested, please email Virginia at faracevk@bellsouth.net to receive a copy of the Book Club Guidelines and a list of past titles.

READ TOGETHER PALM BEACH COUNTY 2014

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh is this year's selection for Read Together Palm Beach County. *It joins the following books that were read in past years as part of this county event: Fahrenheit 451, Their Eyes Were Watching God, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Memory Keeper's Daughter, The Book Thief, and Last Train to Paradise.*



Program Update

The April 26th meeting will be held at the Atlantis Country Club at a cost of \$20.00. The guest speaker is Becky Dymon, CEO and founder of Hepzibah House, a nonprofit residential facility for women to go to after being freed from trafficking. She will address recovery, restoration and release from the nightmare of human trafficking and we will hear the story of human trafficking from a local survivor.

Educational Highlights from AAUW National by Betty Rigdon

Travel to Tuscany Oct. 16-25

Tour features fine dining, good wines and architecture of Tuscany

More information: www.travelsmartpartners.com/resources/Tuscany2014.html

Or call 1-800-892-9681

AAUW STEM programs to start in Szeged, Hungary and Barberton, Ohio

Both areas need engineers and tech workers

Program funded by \$250,000 grant from Alcoa Foundation

AAUW presence at 24th Global Summit of Women, June 5-7 in Paris

Summit to discuss ways women can re-shape business world, re-engineer communities,

Re-define global leadership, re-create sustainable futures and restore peace worldwide

AAUW to be represented by our national president, Linda Hallman

AAUW to host panel at 50th Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations in March

Panel to focus on AAUW research report "Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success"

Eleven US campuses to receive 2013-2014 Campus Action Project Grants based on report, "Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success"

Projects to work on improving access to childcare, enroll more women in science and math,

Help students make the transfer from two- year to four-year institutions

Florida involvement at Seminole State College titled "Developing Partnerships for Parents"

It will partner with child-care centers and after-school programs

Consider giving to National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarship Fund

NCCWSL to be held June 5-7 at University of Maryland, College Park

https://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index_aauw_donation.cfm?CorpCode=NCCWSL&FundCode=2504

Recommend book for Adelante!: Book of the Month Club by May 15

Form: www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-club-recommendation-form/

AAUW strategic partnership with Clinton Global Initiative University

AAUW group comprised of fellow, grantees and e-student affiliates

Each has a proposed project to present

March 21-23 at Arizona State University

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www.aauw.org/what-we-do/global-connections/international-coalitions/clinton-global-initiative/

Your philanthropy dollars at work- news of former AAUW fellows and grantees

Rory Brosius, Career Development Grantee, works in Office of the First Lady on

Military, veteran and military family initiatives

Layusa Isa-Odidi, Selected Professions Fellow, works in a global management

Consulting firm in Lagos, Nigeria

Carol Gilligan, Career Development Grantee, participated in panel at Shriver Report

On the research "A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink"

Heather Bousley, American Fellow, new executive director and chief economist at

Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, International Fellow and the finance director of Nigeria,

Gave TEDx Talk on danger and reality of corruption

Terarai Trent, International Fellow, wrote guest post on Nicholas Kristof's New York

Times blog about schools she is rebuilding in Zimbabwe

Public Policy Report by Susan King

During his State of the Union message, President Obama said he would raise the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$10.10 / hour. He signed an executive order February 12 to raise the rate. He plans to use executive orders when he legally can since Congress often delays or votes down bill that he wants passed.



The Affordable Care Act enrollment continues until the end of March. The number of enrollees increased by 30 percent in January. The Obama administration announced that 1.1 million people signed up for health insurance through state and federal exchanges in January. This brings the total to 3.3 million enrollees. Young adults were 27 % and women 55% of the total.

The Justice Department said it will give equal recognition to same-sex marriages in every program it administers. These include prison visits, spousal privilege in testimony and compensation to spouses of deceased law enforcement officers.

For the last few years we have seen Congress bring the government to the brink of insolvency by delaying legislation to raise the debt ceiling unless they got cuts in programs. This past week after heated discussion the House and Senate passed legislation to lift the debt ceiling until March 2015. It was sent to President Obama for his signature. They did not ask for cuts in programs this time.

Mark your calendar for Equal Pay Day on April 8th. This is the day that women finally catch up to the amount earned by men in 2013. AAUW groups are planning various activities to remind our legislators to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Janet Yellen was sworn in as head of the Federal Reserve Board last week. She is the first woman to lead the Board. She replaces Ben Bernanke as chairman.

In January, the President hosted the second annual state of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at the White House. AAUW was invited to bring student to the event. Guests included astronauts, top White House officials, and a past winner of the White House Science Fair.

March 11 is Election Day for many municipalities. They will elect city commissioners, mayors, etc. Some of the cities have cancelled their election since there was no opposition to the incumbents. Don't forget to vote if your city is holding an election.

Not all the government news took place in Washington. The Florida legislature will meet March through April. Legislators are busy filing bills they wish to become laws. Watch your local news sources for the most current information on this.

AAUW-FL Lobby Day 2014 has been scheduled for **MONDAY, MARCH 24**, at the State Capital in Tallahassee. We have not had this activity in some time and are excited to see it back on our AAUW-FL calendar. Lobby Day is important and the presence of Branch Representation is very significant in sending the message to our State legislators.

Therefore, at the AAUW-FL Winter Board Meeting authorization was passed to reimburse mileage (30 cents/mile) and parking fees for one car per Branch plus the Branch will be given \$50.00 for having attendance at Lobby Day.

Lobby Day will begin with group instructions at 9:30 AM and should end by 3:00 PM. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Tallahassee Capital Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) at a \$99.00 + tax rate for Sunday, March 23.

Please let Susan Berlin (svberlin@bellsouth.net) know if you plan on attending by Thurs., March 13.

In addition to Lobby Day, Carol Richardson, Director for Membership, has been working with AAUW National to organize a Membership event on Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 PM. Details for the "meet-up" will be forthcoming as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Convention News

The AAUW Florida convention will be held April 4 and 5 at the Sheraton Tampa East. Registration begins on Friday from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The festivities kick off with meetings starting at 3:30 pm. The highlight of Friday is the Women of Distinction Awards banquet at 7:30 pm. Saturday features a Leadership Development Program presented by AAUW National that commences at 8:45 am, followed by luncheon. The convention ends at 2:00 pm. Early registration ends March 17 and the cost of registration, including the Friday banquet and Saturday luncheon, is \$150.00 (\$165.00 after 3/17/14). The hotel rate is \$89.00 per night and can be booked at <https://starwoodmeeting.com/Biik/AAUWFL> or by calling 800-325-3535.

Tech Trek Florida 2014



Even if you are unable to attend this year's convention in Tampa on April 4 and 5, you can still support your branch, make a tax-deductible donation for the Tech trek FL camp and enter a contest to win a hotel stay at the Sheraton Tampa East! Each \$5.00 increment gives you one chance to win the grand prize. Please contact Virginia Farace or Susan Berlin to participate.

Girls + STEM = Future Success

Our branch's inaugural STEM event for middle school girls was held on February 8th at Eagles Landing Middle School under the direction of Dr. Fenee Russ. 25 girls participated in the event.



The keynote speaker was county commissioner, Paulette Burdick, a former school board member who urged the girls to pursue study in the area of STEM. A group panel followed that included member Sharon Trost, an engineer major with the South Florida Water

Management District; new member Mary Pagana, a dental hygienist who has worked in the public health arena; Susan Berlin, a dentist; and Pamela Barlow, a

mathematician employed by NCCI.



The girls experienced three hands on workshops in which they assembled marshmallow catapults, placed fillings and took impressions and made pictures using computer programming.

There was also a

demonstration of robotics and a luncheon of pizza that was shared by all.

It was a wonderful day of empowerment for the girls and our branch members. The branch plans to expand the program in the upcoming year.



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GIRLS + STEM = SUCCESS
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Dear Merchant,

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

Our annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the The Chesterfield Hotel in Palm Beach. Proceeds benefit AAUW Funds and AAUW- Palm Beach County's STEM event for middle school girls, **Girls + STEM = Future Success**. This program allows participants to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math and encourages girls to pursue a career in STEM. Each year, AAUW awards \$4 million in scholarships and grants to women pursuing higher education and implementing community programs.

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

Dear Members,

AAUW Palm Beach County's Style Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Leopard Lounge of the Chesterfield Hotel. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Please prepay your reservation.

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. **The deadline for reservations is March 7, 2014.** Please reserve as soon as possible.

The luncheon includes a choice of soup or garden chopped salad, a choice of Grilled Chicken Paillard or Fresh Lobster Salad on a Crispy Baguette and Warm Apple Tart with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream and Bourbon Sauce. Coffee, tea and iced tea are included and a cash bar will be available.

Member Name _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

Total # of guests _____ X \$50.00 per ticket total amount enclosed\$ _____

Make check payable to AAUW Palm Beach County

I would like to be seated with _____

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

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