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Palm Beach County Branch, AAUW
President, Susan Berlin

September 2012

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

12:00 noon

Atlantis Country Club

**Karen Wilkerson, League of Women Voters
will talk on**

“Issues in the Upcoming Presidential Election”

Cost: to be set, \$15 - 20, includes choice of three entrees

Please bring small-denomination gift card(s) for a girl at PACE School

suggested places: McDonald's, Walgreen's, Publix, Burger King, Target, Walmart

One of our callers, Virginia Brooks, Vivian Fahey, Susan King or Anne Hudnall,
will contact you for a reservation.

If you do not get a call by the September 13 deadline,
please call Virginia Brooks, Chair, 271-5277.

Upcoming General Meetings:

October – General Meeting Sat Oct 20th, noon

Location: Carrabba's – PB Lakes Blvd

Topic: Women's Economic Forum

Collect toys for Haiti

November – General Meeting November 17th, noon NCCWSL Fundraiser

Location: Testa's \$45.00

Topic/Speaker: Eileen Recchia, FL-AAUW president– NCCWSL

Collect for Dress For Success: one gently used and clean garment
larger sizes especially needed

December – General Meeting Sat. December 8th, noon,

Location: Collaro's Steak House (\$19.18 + tax, tip)

Holiday Party – bring an unwrapped white elephant

President's Message September 2012

“Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could.” Abigail Adams’

Dear Members,

Welcome back! We have planned an exciting season of events for you on a variety of topics. Our first meeting will focus on voter education, with a guest speaker from the League of Women Voters discussing ballot issues. Election day is fast approaching but there is still time to become involved in the AAUW Action Fund’s voter education and turnout effort, It’s My Voice, I Will Be Heard. Florida is one of the fifteen states targeted to be a part of this initiative which will register voters, reach out to lapsed voters and hold candidate forums. Palm Beach County AAUW is a member of the Palm Beach County It’s My Vote Coalition, which includes the AAUW Action Fund, the Business and Professional Women’s Foundation and the League of Women Voters.

AAUW of Florida recently secured third-party registration status, which allows us to register voters after receiving training. Only a very few groups have this registration status. The training course can be completed online and only takes a few minutes, but covers the important rules regarding filling out the registration forms and submitting them directly to the Supervisor of Elections office within the mandated time frame. The coalition plans to register voters at several locations, including local libraries. This year’s elections are critical and will directly impact many women’s issues. Please consider participating by contacting me (svberlin@bellsouth.net or 561-642-4720). You are needed to make sure that women’s voices will be heard in November.

I am the NCCWSL Liaison for FL AAUW, and one of my roles is to educate the Florida Branches about NCCWSL. AAUW has assumed a lead role in fostering leadership skills in young women through the NCCWSL (pronounced “nick-whistle”) conference. NCCWSL is the acronym for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, an annual student leadership conference that targets undergraduate and graduate women. The 2012 Conference in June featured a pre-conference Morning on Capitol Hill and over 50 workshops that focus on leadership, advocacy, health and welfare issues and practical life skill sessions, including post-college life survival and financial literacy. The highlight of the Conference was the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, honoring women leaders who have made a significant contribution to their profession or community. The 2012 keynote speaker, Lilly Ledbetter, was a central figure in the fight for equal pay for women and was supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund.

It costs about \$1,000 to send one student to this conference. The goal of Florida AAUW is to increase student participation in Florida by having the branches work together on joint fundraisers. Palm Beach County, Northern Palm Beach County and Boca Raton will be holding our fundraising luncheon on Saturday, November 17th at Testa’s on Palm Beach (and yes, we will have strawberry pie!). The guest speaker will be Florida AAUW President Eileen Recchia. Eileen attended the 2012 conference and will tell us about her time in Washington. There will be a choice of entrees and beverage will be included. Ticket will be \$45.00 and include a \$15.00 donation towards our goal of \$1,000.00.

I would like to acknowledge the generous donation that our branch has received from Lisa Peterfreund through the Merrill G. and Erita E. Hastings Foundation. \$500.00 was donated to the AAUW Funds/Legal Advocacy Foundation and \$500.00 to Palm Beach State College. Many thanks to Lisa for her generosity.

Susan

“Women have been trained to speak softly and carry lipstick. Those days are over.” Bella Abzug

Special Event – Friday October 26, 2012:

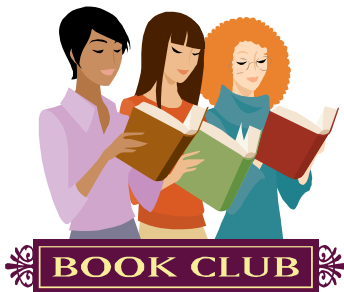
“Cocktails and Convos”

Happy Hour at Morton’s 5:00 – 7:00

Look for details in the October newsletter

BOOK CLUB NEWS

**By
Virginia Farace**



Our AAUW sponsored Third Friday Book Club starts its new season on Sept 21, 2 PM, at the Palm Springs Library. Susan King moderates the discussion of **The Union Quilters** by Jennifer Chiaverini.

This 17th novel in the *Elm Creek Quilts* series delivers a powerful story of a remarkable group of women coping with changing roles and the extraordinary experiences of the Civil War. The story shows the growing independence of the women and their use of quilts in solving problems.

In 1862 Water's Ford, Pennsylvania, abolitionism is prevalent, even passionate, so the local men rally to answer Mr. Lincoln's call to arms. Thus the women of Elm Creek Valley's quilting bee are propelled into the unknown. Together with the other members of the circle, the women support one another through loneliness and fear, and devise an ingenious business plan to keep Water's Ford functioning. That plan may forever alter the patchwork of town life in ways that transcend even the ultimate sacrifices of war.

The Book Club did not meet in August and Susan Berlin moderated the July discussion of **The Thirteenth Tale** by Diane Setterfield. A volunteer is needed to present three titles for selection of the October book. 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.

**If you have not yet paid your 2012 - 13 dues (\$73),
Please do so today so that you may continue to
Enjoy full membership privileges.
A renewal form is enclosed for your convenience.**

Public Policy Report September 2012

by
Susan King

At the end of June the Supreme Court ruled that the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, was constitutional. This cleared the way for the provisions of the law to take effect. Women have recently benefited from this law according to AAUW.

As of August 1, 2012, all new health plans must cover eight women's preventative services, including birth control, without cost sharing.

Preventative services are crucial to a woman's health and cost has remained a burden. Now the following services will be available without copays.

1. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling
2. Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence
3. Screening for gestational diabetes
4. DNA testing for high-risk strains of HPV
5. Counseling regarding sexually transmitted infections , including HIV
6. Screening for HIV
7. Contraceptive methods and counseling and
8. Well woman visits.

Congress has been on recess during August. The Republican Convention is being held in Tampa August 27 -30. The Democrats will have their convention in Charlotte, NC on September 3-6. There are a little over two months until the election. AAUW urges all members to be sure they are properly registered to vote. You can check your voting status on AAUW Action Fund's website.

Florida had its primary election on August 14, 2012. The Florida Democratic Party reports that seven new Democrats were elected to the State House, including the first openly gay state legislator. Allen West won the Republican nomination in his newly formed district. Bill Nelson will face Connie Mack IV for the Senate seat.

Some candidates were unopposed and thus were elected in the primary. The others will go on to the November election

Governor Scott has been trying to purge the voter rolls of illegal voters. The ACLU and others brought suit to prevent him from doing this since the Florida Constitution does not allow it so close to the primary election. The supervisors of election in the various counties also felt that the lists they had been given were not accurate. The court prevented the clearing of the rolls until after the election. Other states are also facing law suits because of new restrictive registration and voter ID rules. Keep up with the developing election news thru the various media and support your candidates with donations and volunteer work.

Educational News from AAUW National

by
Betty Rigdon

Applications for CAP (Campus Action Projects) are now online at the national site, www.aauw.org. The topics for the 2012-2013 year are student debt and the gender pay gap. In addition, the various fellowships and grants awarded annually by AAUW currently have their guidelines and applications on the website as well.

AAUW is currently seeking experienced experts in academia or the professional world to help analyze the thousands of applications it receives for its various fellowships and grants. Information may be found on the website under "Fellowship and Grant Selection Panels."

Nominations for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award will be open until Nov. 15, 2012. Candidates should have made strong contributions in the fields of women's equity and education. Guidelines may be found on the national website.

AAUW will collaborate with Half the Sky Movement and Women & Girls Lead in developing a public media campaign to celebrate, educate and activate females throughout the world in addressing the many challenges of the 21st century. Programming materials, discussion guides and other materials for local use may be found at www.halftheskymovement.org.

Videos and other resources developed by Dakota State University to address sexual harassment with 8th graders are now online at www.stophurtstarthere.com for use. This program used drama and digital storytelling to relate its message and was developed as a Campus Action Program through funding by AAUW.

Two types of student memberships are now available. Students at AAUW College and University Member institutions are eligible for a free e-student affiliation. Check the directory of member institutions on the national website to see if your alma mater is a member. If not, please encourage them to join. There is a special rate of \$130 in effect until Nov. 30, 2012 for institutions. Graduate students at any institution may join AAUW at a special 130th anniversary rate of \$18.81. This rate will be in effect until Nov. 30, 2012.

Member News

Welcome to new members:

Dr. Christine Jax

Sandi Green (returning member)

Catherine Nelson (formerly NPB)

Cathy Einhorn

Sandy Cohen (dual - NY)

Please reach out and welcome them to Palm Beach County AAUW

Happy September Birthdays:

Katie Zanartu on the 6th

Sandy Cohen on the 9th

Donna Artes on the 27th

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Dates for Board meetings (all are Saturdays):

September 29, November 3, December 1. Later dates to be announced

Meetings are at Friendly's in Palm Springs at 9 a.m.

All members are welcome.



Board Meeting
Sat. September 29, 2012
9:00 a.m. at
Friendly's in
Palm Springs.

All members welcome.
Please let Susan Berlin,
642 – 4720, know
if you plan to attend so
a place will be set up
for you.

Palm Beach County AAUW
Membership Renewal Form

Monthly meetings are held from September through May on the second or third Saturday of the month at local restaurants.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Work # _____

E-mail _____

College/University Attended _____

Degree(s) Earned _____

Birthday Month and Day _____

Can you receive the monthly newsletter by e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

(We encourage those with a computer to read the newsletter online to save postage)

National Dues \$49.00
State Dues \$12.00
Branch Dues \$12.00
Total Remittance \$73.00

Please make your check payable to Palm Beach County AAUW and send to
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