



AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes

HAPPY HAPPY SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!!

Mary Swieskowski – July
Suzanne Turner – July
Barbara Wagner – June
Susan Berlin – July
Faith Campbell – August
Beverly Agee – July
Claire Carney – June
Virginia Farace – July
Helen Gilmore – August
Catherine Nelson – August
Deborah Nesbit – July

Roses for All!!

On May 16 AAUW Palm Beach Branch had its last meeting for the season. We ate yummy food at Callaros's Steak House and then we listened while the new officers committed to the duties of their respective offices, and were inducted into office. Roses were given to all the members present and the meeting was adjourned.

Report for Our State Convention!! – Deborah Nesbit

The 2015 AAUW Florida convention was held at the Rialto Hilton Hotel in Melbourne FL on April 17 and 18. We had 70 members who attended. I have to tell you, I was disappointed that so few of our members attended this wonderful conference. On Saturday, our co-Presidents introduced our speakers. Malinda Gaul, Erica Stout, and Mollie Lam. We all watched "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way", narrated by Robin Gerber. I can only tell you, that you missed a wonderful program. I recently attended a conference in Tampa, FL and I can tell you that this conference did not have the interesting workshops that AAUW had, nor did it have meaningful issues that are important to women all over the world. But what it did have was participation of its members. Over 400 women attended. I am not sure you know how much time and energy our state presidents put into this conference, but they did a great job. One of the comments that was made at the Tampa conference several times, was "we are volunteers and we are doing the best we can" let us not forget that we do this because we believe in equal pay and equal treatment of all women. We want to make a difference, so please let us support our 2016 conference with our attendance!!

General Meeting

September 19

Noon

Location To Be Announced

So be sure to check your email frequently as September approaches



Remember to Renew Your Membership!

There are two ways to renew your membership – (1) You can renew your membership with a credit card online at connect@aauw.org and click on “membership”; or (2) You can send a check payable to Palm Beach Branch AAUW to Susan Berlin, 1734 S. Congress Ave., Palm Springs, FL 33461. Dues renewal is \$75.00.

Our Branch Officers:

Co-Directors for Membership: Sharon Trost and Barbara Wagner

Director for Finance: Susan King

Director for Public Policy: Maurcy Selko

Secretary: Virginia Farace

Co-Presidents: Deborah Nesbit and Susan Berlin

Co-Directors for Program: Donna Artes and Betty Rigdon

Director for Development: Maria Asencio



Wondering How To Help?

- Phone calling
- Hostess for an event – Check people in; Take tickets; Sell 50/50 tickets
- New Member mentor – greet them, make them feel welcome
- Be the Happy Hour Queen
- Volunteer to pick members up who don't drive

Contact Deborah Nesbit to
volunteer

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Some Branch Meetings to Put in Your Datebook –

September 9/19/15 Location to Be Announced

October 10/17/15 Luncheon at Duffy's Hypoluxo - League of Women Voters

November 11/21/15 Palm Beach State College, Boca Raton - Human Trafficking, POAST
and Rep. Dave Kerner

BOOK CLUB NEWS

BY Virginia Farace

The AAUW Book Club will meet on the fourth Friday, June 26, at 2 pm, at the Palm Springs Library. This is a change from the usual third Friday meeting day. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Jackie Winchester will lead the discussion of *The Paris Winter* by Imogen Robertson.

This break-out novel of Imogen Robertson's is "a deep, dark and opulent tale of Belle Époque Paris, and the secrets and dangers hidden beneath its luxurious facade. Maud Heighton came to Lafond's famous Academie to paint, and to flee the constraints of her small English town. It took all her courage to escape, but Paris eats money.

While her fellow students enjoy the dazzling joys of the Belle Époque, Maud slips into poverty. Quietly starving, and dreading another cold Paris winter, Maud takes a job as companion to young, beautiful Sylvie Morel. But Sylvie has a secret: an addiction to opium. As Maud is drawn into the Morels' world of elegant luxury, their secrets become hers. Before the New Year arrives, a greater deception will plunge her into the darkness that waits beneath this glittering city of light."

At the May meeting, Donna DiSesa led a great discussion of *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

The group decided not to meet during July or August. Lillian Ostiguy presented three titles for the September book and the group selected *Etta and Otto* and *Russell and James* by Emma Hooper.

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.



Future Planning:

April 2016 – The State Convention will be held locally at the Marriott Palm Beach Gardens and it will be our General Meeting for the month of April. Plan to attend since everyone who has attended in the past feels they have learned so much about AAUW!

Tech Trek Camp for Girls June 2016:

This will be at FAU and we are looking for volunteers to help in all sorts of ways. It is a terrific investment in our country's future!

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