



AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes

Happy Happy August Birthdays!

Helen Gilmore
Catherine Nelson

September 19, 2015
Join us for our first meeting of this 2015-2016 season!

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

When:
Saturday, September 19, 2015

Time:
Noon

Direction:
Lantana Rd, East of I95 go south onto Rte.1/N.Dixie – Grumpy Grouper is just south of Lantana on East side of Rte.1/Dixie

Information about TECH TREK and upcoming events will be shared plus meet our 2 local girls who attended camp in June.

Dear Members,

It is important to understand the fight that so many people had to for all of us. And young women need to understand that we're still not there. Even in the U.S., we're still only making 77 cents on the dollar ... and it's absolutely ridiculous."

--- Billie Jean King



AAUW revealed a new initiative at the national convention in San Diego regarding Title IX. Title IX is responsible for ensuring gender equity and extends beyond athletics. The scope of the Title IX includes monitoring violence, sexual harassment and supporting pregnant students as well as monitoring the gender ratio in STEM courses.

Title IX requires that every school designate a Title IX Coordinator who is responsible for monitoring and reporting the school's compliance. The U.S. Department of Education recently published new information to help these Title IX Coordinators better understand their responsibilities and how to execute their duties. AAUW members are being

asked to deliver these materials to area schools, including elementary, middle, high schools, and colleges and universities. Since many of our members are retired educator, this will be a great opportunity to reconnect and help your colleagues. Talking points, the documents to distribute and other helpful information are located on the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/TitleIXDelivery/>

The National Football League has recently begun to hire women in key positions throughout their organization. In April, Sarah Thomas became the first female referee in the NFL. The Cardinals recently hired Dr. Jen Welter, a former linebacker for the Women's Football Alliance, as a coaching intern for the preseason. She is quoted as saying, "I want little girls to grow up knowing that when they put their mind to something, when they work hard, that they can do anything regardless." The NFL also has women working as their chief lobbyist and chief marketing officer. These are very positive signs, but equity can only be achieved if perceptions and attitudes about traditional roles change and appointments such as these become routine.

Please take the Title IX challenge and help our community.

"Title IX is rather simple: don't discriminate on the basis of sex."
--- Birch Bayh

Susan Berlin

Tech Trek

Join us at the Sept. 19th meeting and meet our two local campers, Kaitlynn Adams and Barbara Castro-Schell!

Tech Trek is a wonderful introduction to middle school girls about opportunities in the growing math, engineering, science, and tech fields where women have been underrepresented.

Learn more Sept. 19!!! Hear from our campers and learn how **you** can help girls make their way in the future.

Save the Meeting Dates!!

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 12

January 16

February 20

March 19

April 15-17

May 13

Have You Renewed Your Membership??

You can renew your membership by credit card online at

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>

Or you can send a check payable to "Palm Beach Branch AAUW". Send the check to:

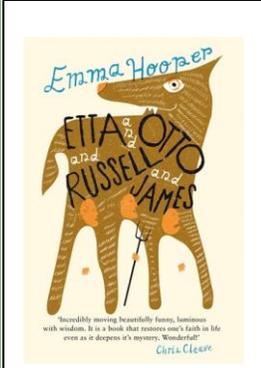
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Be sure to introduce yourself to at least one Branch member or visitor you have never met/spoken to. Get to know at least one new fact about a member's life you don't know now.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

BY Virginia Farace

The AAUW Book Club is starting up its new season and will meet on the third Friday, September 18, at 2:00 pm, at the Palm Springs Library. Lillian Ostiguy will lead the discussion of ***Etta and Otto and Russell and James*** by **Emma Hooper**.



Synopsis according to Goodreads: *Eighty-three-year-old Etta has never seen the ocean. So early one morning she takes a rifle, some chocolate, and her best boots and begins walking the 3,232 kilometers (about 2,000 miles) from rural Saskatchewan, Canada eastward to the sea. As Etta walks further toward the crashing waves, the lines among memory, illusion, and reality blur.*

Otto wakes to a note left on the kitchen table. "I've gone. I've never seen the water, so I've gone there. I will try to remember to come back," Etta writes to her husband. Otto has seen the ocean, having crossed the Atlantic years ago to fight in a far-away war. He understands. But with Etta gone, the memories come crowding in and Otto struggles to keep them at bay by learning to bake and by creating papier-mâché animal sculptures

Meanwhile, their neighbor Russell has spent his whole life trying to keep up with Otto and loving Etta from afar. Russell insists on finding Etta, wherever she's gone. Leaving his own farm will be the first act of defiance in his life. James is a talking, singing coyote, Etta's trusty travel companion and part of her reality at this time.

Etta and Otto and Russell and James moves from the hot and dry present of a quiet Canadian farm to a dusty, burnt past of hunger, war, and passion, from trying to remember to trying to forget.

The October book will be selected at the September meeting. 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.

Your Branch Officers –

Deborah Nesbit and Susan Berlin
– Co-Presidents

Virginia Farace – Secretary

Sharon Trost and Barbara
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Communications

POAST

POAST continues to work with the community and lawmakers to spread the word about sex trafficking in our area. Professional posters are being placed around the community and the Safe Schools Presentation, a 45 min. power point presentation, is available for 6-12th graders.

Visa, Mastercard, and American Express will no longer allow pimps to pay for prostitution ads for underage girls on a website called Backpage.com. Slowly we are spreading the awareness that using underage children as slaves is not cool.

**Seminar on the Status of American Women
with guests from Shanghai Women's Federation
August 28, 2015 1 pm - 5 pm
Room: SC 127
Palm Beach Gardens Campus
Palm Beach State College
3160 PGA Boulevard
Palm Beach Gardens 33410**

Event is Free and open to the public
Translation provided

A delegation from the Shanghai Women's Federation is visiting the U.S. to learn about the status of American women and the promotion of women's rights in our society.

The seminar will feature 10 speakers from Palm Beach State College, the League of Women Voters, Partner Organizations Against Sex Trafficking, and National Organization for Women.

Topics of discussion will include:

Reproductive rights; economic inequality; education; women in the sciences; the media; Title IX; women's health; sex trafficking; and much more.

Sponsored by The Gardens Campus Diversity Committee, The U.S.-China People's Friendship Association of Southeast Florida, and the Library Learning Resource Center

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 1:00: Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Jean Wihbey, Provost and Edward Willey, Dean of Academic
- 1:15: "Steps toward Equality" - Karen Wilkerson, League of Women Voters, PBC
- 1:35: "Reproductive Rights" - Joan Waitkevicz, National Organization for Women, PBC
- 1:55: "Economic Inequality" - Shirley Herman, National Organization for Women, PBC
- 2:15: "Title IX and Sex Discrimination" - Mareta Iosia-Sizemore, Palm Beach State College
- 2:50: "Women and Education" - Eliana Mukherjee, Palm Beach State College
- 3:15: "Women in the Sciences I" – Lilian Jordan, Palm Beach State College
- 3:35: "Women in the Sciences II" – Becky Mercer, Palm Beach State College
- 3:55: "Gender and the Media" – Mary Pernal, Palm Beach State College
- 4:15: "Breast Cancer" – Ann Fonfa, National Organization for Women, PBC
- 4:35: "Sex Trafficking in the US" – Rosalie Alborg, Partner Organizations Against Sex Trafficking