



AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes

Happy Happy December Birthdays!

**Barbara Bailey
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December 12, 2015

Join us for our fourth meeting of this 2015-2016 season!

Where: Callaro's Steak House – 717 Lake Ave., Lake Worth FL

When: Saturday, December 12

Time: Noon

Directions: S Dixie Highway/Route 1 to east on Lake Ave (one way east). Located at corner of No J St. and Lake (J is one way south). Street parking.

BOYNTON BEACH

Dentist honored for helping homeless

Steve Mazza's life was changed thanks to Dr. Susan Berlin. Mazza had severe decay on his top and bottom teeth and ended up with only two teeth. He couldn't get dentures through Medicaid. But then he was referred to Berlin and his life changed. She gave him full top and bottom dentures. Berlin, a Palm Springs doctor, will be honored by The Lord's Place on today at its Ending Homeless Breakfast at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center. The doctor has donated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours in providing free dental work to The Lord's Place's clients, according to a news release. The Lord's Place, which has a campus for men in Boynton Beach, works to end homelessness in the county.



Berlin

— ALEXANDRA SELTZER

Dr. Susan Berlin Makes the News!!

Congratulations Susan!!!!

Holiday Party

Looking forward to seeing all members at our lunch at Callaro's Steak House Saturday, December 12. If you want to participate in the gift exchange it's new gifts with a maximum \$10.00 cost. Extensive \$10.00 menu.

November 21, 2015

AAUW Palm Beach Branch had its November meeting at Palm Beach State in Boca Raton with a fine presentation by Linda Geller-Schwartz, Chair of POAST and one of the prime movers behind Palm Beach County and Florida's awareness of human trafficking and how it can be combated. We saw a film called "Chosen" that showed how any child, even one who is a good student and active in community affairs, is vulnerable to the professional manipulators who seduce them into the sex traffic stream. That Florida is one of the three top states in trafficked humans is an awful statistic. However, along with drug trafficking and gun running, human trafficking is tremendously lucrative and is professionally organized just like its sister trafficking organizations.

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention month and POAST is holding a symposium at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, FL on January 7, 2016. This day-long symposium is to encourage awareness of the new anti-trafficking laws in effect; to push for their full implementation across the state; and to highlight further actions and legislation that may be needed to end sex trafficking in Florida.

Our AAUW branch is an organizational member of POAST and branch members are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$35 and includes an Atlantis Club lunch. You can register at: www.tinyurl.com/2016-symposium.

Looking Forward

Our fundraiser on January 16 will be taking tea at the Leopard Lounge in the Chesterfield Hotel. We need you to provide items for our auction. A form letter that you can present to local businesses will be provided. Theme is "Modern Day Suffragettes". Each member will receive tickets to sell so bring guests too!!



Did you know.....

AAUW was started with only 17 women....

AAUW has awarded \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants to support 278 women in their professional and academic careers

AAUW has 170,000 members and supporters

AAUW has 1,000 local branches

AAUW has 800 college and university partners

Amazing what 17 women can accomplish.



Introduce yourself to one member you don't know.

Make sure you greet each member at your table.

Look around the room and think about what an amazing group of women are gathered for lunch.

Dear AAUW members,



Are you looking to showcase your artistic talents? The upcoming AAUW Art Contest <http://www.aauw.org/contests/> is a terrific opportunity to display your work! Join us for our eighth annual contest by entering your artwork and then voting for your favorite entries.

Don't have any new artwork? Don't worry! You can re-enter any artwork that did not win in previous years.

Throughout January, submit an electronic version of your design through the [AAUW Art Contest web page](#). Submissions can be photography or a digital photo of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or other form of artwork. AAUW members will then vote for six of their favorite entries beginning in February. The winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members in the spring and will include the artist's biography and branch name on the back.

For more information, to submit artwork, or to see last year's art gallery, please visit the AAUW Art Contest page.

Please consider participating in this year's contest and encourage your AAUW friends to do the same by forwarding this e-mail and spreading the word through your branch and state communications!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

To give more time for holiday preparations, the book club will not meet in December. The next session will be on the third Friday of January, the 15th, at 2:00 pm, at the Palm Springs Library. At that meeting Donna Artes will lead the discussion of **The Power of One** by Bryce Courtenay.

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.

Happy Holidays to everyone from the AAUW Book Club!



Public Policy Report

By Maurcy Selko

*Suffragette, the movie, selected AAUW as a charity of choice! See the movie, and check out our list of things that suffragettes would be fighting for today.

*New study by the ECPI examined costs of children care across the US finding the fees exceed the cost of rent in 80% of communities.

*US Supreme court agreed to hear a case determining whether religiously affiliated organizations should be exempt from providing contraceptive coverage to employees.

*Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), longtime friend of AAUW, will receive the Presidential Medal of freedom, being the longest-serving woman in Congress. Accomplishments include passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, championing the Paycheck fairness Act and adding language to the Affordable Care Act to ensure preventive care of women is covered free of charge.

*Justin Trudeau, incoming Prime Minister of Canada, a self-proclaimed feminist, appointed half of his cabinet positions to women; President Obama's cabinet is 25% female.

*AAUW is deeply engaged in the conversation in Washington about the way to end sexual violence on campus. by passing new provisions in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act effective in July.

*Congress recently passed the Bipartisan Budget Act that ends sequestration to ensure communities are healthy safe and secure. yet Congress still need to pass a funding bill by Dec 11 to keep govt open.

*AAUW'S STAND strongly opposes cuts to the Pell Grant programs: urges protection of Violence Against Women Act and Victims of Crime: supports funding for the Family Planning program.

*AAUW gives THANKS!! *FOR the passage of equal pay laws in many states; a woman will be featured on the ten dollar bill in 2020.

*Many women FIRST IN SPORTS; FIRST IN THE MEDIA AND ARTS; FIRST IN THE MILITARY!!

*U.S.Women's Soccer Team Wins World Cup.

*Record number of women serving in Congress.

*First African American Female Attorney General confirmed: Loretta Lynch

*Cecille Richards, Planned Parenthood, and Health care Advocate who defended PP.

*First woman in America to captain a mega ship this year;

*First supercar with female design lead to Premier;



Palm Beach County Branch

Dear Members,

AAUW Palm Beach County’s *Modern Day Suffragettes* Tea will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2016, with Registration beginning at 1:30 pm and the Program at 2:00 pm 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 Monday, January 10.** Please reserve as soon as possible.

The Traditional English Afternoon Tea includes an assortment of Finger Sandwiches, freshly baked homemade Scones served with strawberry preserve and clotted cream, a selection of Seasonal Pastries, and various Teas. A cash bar will be available.

Member Name

Guest(s) Name(s) _____

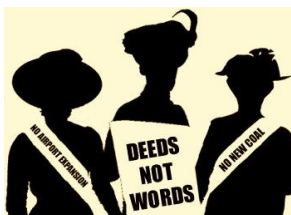
Total # of guests _____ X \$50.00 per ticket= total amount enclosed \$ _____

I would like to be seated with:

Make check payable to AAUW Palm Beach County

If you are unable to attend, please return your unused tickets to Susan Berlin. A monetary contribution is entirely tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated.

Return to Susan Berlin, 1734 South Congress Avenue, Palm Springs, FL 33461
For additional tickets or further information: (561)642-4720 or svberlin@bellsouth.net





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Save These Dates

December 12 – Holiday Party

**January 16 – Tea at the
Chesterfield**

February 20 – Title IX

March 19 – Dimensions of Diversity

April 14 -17 – State Convention

May 13 - Officer Installation