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What Happened On 2/23/15?

We met at E.R. Bradley's Beach Club and had a good lunch (ordered off the menu) and two very good speakers.

Chardonnay Singleton, from AAUW State led us in an interactive experience to help us determine and define what AAUW activities really interest our branch. The Board is looking to build our membership as well as keep you, our valued members, as we move forward. We will be sharing our ideas with you as we plan our future activities. Chardonnay is committed to helping our branch grow.

Of course, the key to any growth we have is you, our members. So please, start sending us alerts letting us know what you want to do, and especially, how you are willing to help. If you have difficulty getting out, or don't have email, then call us or drop us a note with your suggestions. As we hear at election time, "your vote counts", well in AAUW your presence and ideas count.

Our other speaker was our own Feneé Russ. Wow, is she dynamic! Feneé talked to us about Tech Trek Camp and

Notes

HAPPY HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!

Mary Asencio
Susan King
Amy Schwed

General Meetings

March 21
Prime Catch
700 E. Woolbright Rd.
Boynton Beach
\$23.00
Plan to valet park – nearby
businesses' parking clearly
states NO Prime Catch
Parking

what her vision is for it going forward. This year Feneé is in charge of fundraising but next year she will be in charge of the Camp for the entire state. California has the most Camps now, but Feneé wants to change that to FL!. She also provided us with breakdown information showing what our contributions buy: For instance a \$25 contribution pays for one Lab Notebook and Flash Drive, \$50 covers lab supplies for one Camper, \$150 Affords a full day at camp for one girl, \$300 Sponsors a STEM teacher, and \$850 Awards a full scholarship for one girl.

This is how you can send a contribution:

Make your check out to AAUW, and be sure to write on the "For" line in the lower left corner of your check "Tech Trek Camp Florida". If this is not done then Florida doesn't get credit for the check and it goes into general funds. Then mail the check to:

Carol Newnam
906 Golden Beach Blvd.
Venice, FL 34285

Educational and Legal News from AAUW National
Compiled by Betty Rigdon
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Understand information on your legal rights in LAF section of AAUW website
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www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-at-work/
Know Your Rights on Campus
www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-on-campus/
Where to Go for Legal Assistance (how to file a

Save the Date

April 14, 2015

Unhappy Hour

This is being planned by Chardonney Singleton and information will be coming. So, save the date!!

March 26, 2015

2:30-3:30 p.m.

There will be an AAUW Watch Party. This will be a live streamed program featuring the latest research results from Cathy Hill Executive Researcher for AAUW. The program will focus on latest results discussing why women are still underrepresented in the STEM fields. It follows up "Why So Few" the publication that explored the STEM underrepresentation. More information will be sent soon.

Condolences

Lorraine Newby lost her husband recently.

discrimination complaint)

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/legal-referral-network/

Attorneys-Earn 3 hours of CLE credits at AAUW National Convention, June 18, San Diego

Updates on Title IX and Title VII, campus sexual assault under Title IX and sexual harassment

Under Title VII

\$150 for private practitioners/ \$80 for nonprofit or government practitioners

Launch of "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing"

Live-stream, March 25, 2:00-3:30 pm

Learn why women are underrepresented in these fields and what can be done to change it

Register: www.aauw.org/event/2015/03/stream-the-solving-the-equation-launch-live/

Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony at NCCWSL, May 28

Awardees will share advice, inspiration and experience

This year's awardees are Elizabeth Acevedo, poet, and Debbie Sterling, CEO and founder of GoldieBox

GoldieBox offers construction toys and stories to girls interested in engineering and technology

April Meeting will be at the South Florida Water Management.

Sharon Trost will be hosting.

More information coming soon.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT – MARCH, 2015

Susan D. King

The Florida Legislature opens on Monday, March 3 and ends on May 1, 2015. Many of Palm Beach County's representatives and senators have prefiled bills ranging from Sober House regulation to texting while driving. Of interest to AAUW members is a bill by Sen. Jeff Clemens for a constitutional amendment to automatically restore voting rights to certain felons who have served their sentences.

Teacher's salaries, Bright Futures Scholarships, and mandatory testing are also among the bills filed locally. Keep up with your news source to see what progress is being made on these bills.

In Washington, the Senate passed a bill to continue funding the Department of Homeland Security through September. However the House was only able to pass a bill to extend funding for one week. Speaker Boehner was unable to get his party to pass a bill for a longer period without added amendments about the President's recent immigration orders. The following Tuesday, the House voted on a clean funding bill of Homeland Security which passed.

AAUW e-advocacy network and other education and civil rights advocates were able to stop two voucher amendments to the House education bill before they even went to the floor. As of Feb. 27, the House Republicans have canceled a scheduled vote on the education bill amid opposition within their own party. AAUW opposes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act because it would open the door for private school voucher, virtually eliminate federal efforts to narrow the achievement gap and remove mechanisms that hold the state accountable for billions of federal education dollars.

A bipartisan group of four women senators testified at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on human trafficking. The meeting was scheduled after all 20 women senators requested such a hearing.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the confirmation of US Attorney General nominee Loretta Lynch by a 12-8 vote. The full Senate is expected to confirm her nomination as well.

UPDATE A bill filed by state Rep. Dave Kerner that would require the Human Trafficking Hotline Number to be posted in certain places throughout the state such as strip clubs, truck stops, emergency room and other places where victims and concerned citizens will see them has been watered down in the first sub-committee hearing. Instead of requiring the posting of the Hotline Number, the bill that was passed out of committee made the posting voluntary. It now goes to three other committees.

National Trafficking Hotline Number 1-888-373-7888

2015 AAUW-Florida Leadership Conference

Come find out more about your AAUW. Register early, by April 1, 2015 and save \$10.00

Find registration information in your last FloriVision or on the AAUW Florida website at:

<http://aauw-fl.aauw.net/activities/state-convention/>

Meeting will be in Melbourne, FL.

Hotel deadline: Wed. 3/18/15

Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place

If you are still having a difficult time accepting that sex trafficking is big business, have children or grandchildren, there is a fine documentary coming to our area that will explain the situation and will include options to combat it. Each screening will be followed by a panel discussion that will let you ask questions.

The film is named **“Tricked”** and will be shown twice.

Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30a.m. at Movies at Delray

Thursday, March 19 at 7:00p.m. at Movies of Lake Worth

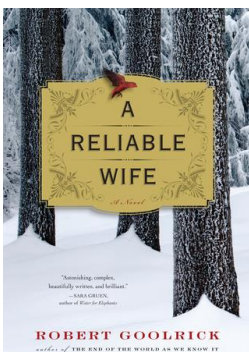
There is a suggested donation of \$10.00 at the door.

So, please, grab a friend or three and go to this movie – it may not have cars exploding or zombies or vampires, but it is very important that people understand the seriousness of this issue.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

by Virginia Farace

The Third Friday Book Club will meet on Friday, March 20, at 2 pm, at the Palm Springs Library. Donna Artes will lead the discussion of **A Reliable Wife** by Robert Goolrick.



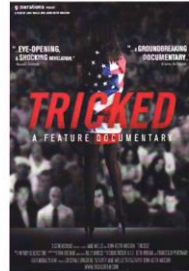
According to Goodreads: “It is rural Wisconsin, 1909. In the bitter cold, Ralph Truitt, a successful businessman, stands alone on a train platform waiting for the woman who answered his newspaper advertisement for “a reliable wife.” But when Catherine Land steps off the train from Chicago, she's not the

“simple, honest woman” that Ralph is expecting. She is both complex and devious, haunted by a terrible past and motivated by greed. Her plan is simple: she will win this man's devotion, and then, ever so slowly, she will

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For questions,
email us at:
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We are proud to present
A special screening of **TRICKED**,
an unflinching view of child sex trafficking in the United States,
followed by a panel discussion.



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Movies of Delray

Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm
Movies of Lake Worth

Suggested Donation: \$10 at the door.

AAUW BOOK CLUB

Friday, March 20

2:00 PM

Palm Springs Library

A Reliable Wife

By

Robert Goolrick

poison him and leave Wisconsin a wealthy widow. What she has not counted on, though, is that Truitt a passionate man with his own dark secrets has plans of his own for his new wife. Isolated on a remote estate and imprisoned by relentless snow, the story of Ralph and Catherine unfolds in unimaginable ways.

With echoes of "Wuthering Heights" and "Rebecca," Robert Goolrick's intoxicating debut novel delivers a classic tale of suspenseful seduction, set in a world that seems to have gone temporarily off its axis."

The Washington Post called it "A gothic tale of...smoldering desire..." The Miami Herald said: "Suspenseful...Jam-packed with delicious twists, turns and surprises..." NPR's Morning Edition labeled it a "...must read...engrossing and addictive novel will leave you both chilled and satisfied."

At February's meeting, Amy Schwed led the discussion of **Paranoia** by Joseph Finder. The April book is **Sycamore Row** by John Grisham led by Susan King. At April's meeting, Donna DiSesa will present three titles for the selection of the May 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.





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