



AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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What the Heck is Tech Trek??

(and why should I care?)

Tech Trek is a camp organized by your AAUW to introduce Middle School girls to the opportunities in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math fields. Women, historically, are underrepresented in these fields. Across our country Science and Math are the two most poorly taught subjects, so being able to excite these girls' interests will urge them to seek out opportunities to learn and experience more in the STEM fields.

Tech Trek uses both paid and volunteer help to provide a challenging and fun week for the girls. This year a camp will be held locally and our Fenee Russ will be giving us an update on plans for the camp. There will be opportunities for all of us to help out in large and small ways.

In addition to learning about the upcoming camp, two campers, Kaitlynn Adams and Barbara Castor-Schell, who attended the last camp, will share their experiences.

Why should we all care – because AAUW is helping our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren prepare to function and lead into the future. It is in our own self-interests to have women prepared to develop themselves to the greatest extent possible.

So join us on September 19 to participate in the future!

Notes

Happy Happy September Birthdays!

**Donna Artes
Joyce Waters**

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 195 go south onto Rte.1/N.Dixie – Grumpy Grouper is just south of Lantana on East side of Rte.1/Dixie

Individual meal checks will be issued, so you order from the menu and control your expenditure.

Bring money for a 50/50 raffle

Your Branch Board Members

Please keep this information handy in case you want to contact one of your Board.

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Challenge to You!

Susan Berlin has issued a challenge to our Branch to grow our membership! Remember anyone, regardless of sex, orientation, race, creed, color can join us. Yes, this means your husbands, brothers, sons too. What is needed is an AA or greater degree – and if someone has taken professional certification this can be appealed to AAUW National for a dispensation. So, scout around you for people who are not familiar with all the things AAUW can offer, and bring them along to the September 19th meeting at Grumpy Grouper!! Also, be sure to introduce your guests to the members at your table.

Networking Table

Use the Sept. 19th time to display your professional information at the Networking Table. Give us a chance to know you professionally and to spread the word to others about your skills, services, etc.

Branch Meetings

As you know, we have our Branch meetings the third Saturday of the month, so save the dates for these Saturdays :

September 19 – noon- Grumpy Grouper details page 1 – in addition we will be collecting toys for Proje Timoun the orphanage and school in - Haiti

October 17 – noon - Grumpy Grouper – Speaker from League of Women Voters – plus bring toys for Proje – 50/50 raffle

November 21 – 11:00a.m. Palm Beach College, FAU campus to hear a presentation from POAST – we will car pool with information next PH – this is the last chance we have to collect toys for Haiti – 50/50 raffle

December 12 (second Saturday) – Holiday Party Callaros – gift exchange (\$10 limit new item) – voluntary participation

January 16, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. - High Tea at the Chesterfield – Suffragette Honor – Fundraiser –

February 20 – Grumpy Grouper

March 19 – PB State College – U.N. Women

April 15-17 AAUW Florida Convention – Marriott Palm Beach Garden

May – TBA, officer installation

Social Activities –

October 28 – 6:00 p.m. - Dining - location TBA

February 24 – 6:00 p.m. – Tapas and Talk – The Couch (Boynton Beach)

March 23 – 6:00 p.m. Dining – location TBA

April 8 – 5:30 p.m. – Unequal Pay Day Event – The Blind Monk

Membership Renewal

If you haven't renewed your membership, you can renew online at:

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

or

Your can send a check payable to “Palm Beach Branch AAUW” . Send the check to:

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Interested in a Good Read?

Please email Virginia Farace at faracevk@bellsouth.net

to receive a copy of the Book Club Guidelines and list of past titles



Do You Know These Girls?

Their names are Kaitlynn Adams and Barbara Castro-Schell and they are two girls who went to this year's Tech Trek Camp and they will join us on Sept. 19 to share their excitement.

Both girls are in eighth grade at Conniston Middle School. Kaitlyn lives in West Palm Beach and her favorite subjects are Science and Language Arts. Barbara Lives in Palm Springs and her favorite subjects are Science and Math.

Proje Timoun

Proje Timoun is an orphanage/school in Haiti that we have traditionally donated toys to for Christmas. The toys are personally collected and delivered by local women so we know the kids receive them. Needed and appreciated items: hair ties/barrettes, coloring books, felt tip markers in colors, small cars, rattles, etc. The kids' ages range from infants to 14. We will be collecting items at the Sept., Oct., and Nov., meetings.

Book Club News

The AAUW Book Club is starting up its new season and will meet on the third Friday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the Palm Springs Library. *Etta and Otto* and *Russell and James* will be discussed. The October selection will be chosen at the Sept. meeting. All members are invited to join us!

Did You Know??

That AAUW has given fellowships to more than 3,000 women in 134 countries and that we regularly speak out on behalf of women and girls at the United Nations and in critical global coalitions.

Our international outreach became a priority immediately following World War I, when AAUW member Virginia Giledersleeve and two British women, Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sedgwick, established the International Federation of University Women to promote peace and understanding among women in different countries.

Check out AAUW's national website for information about AAUW's many outreaches.

Remember - Sept. 19

Introduce yourself to anyone you don't know and to bring a guest to introduce to your table!