

**AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH**

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Notes and Whatnot

Wow, what a fun Meet and Greet at the Beach Club! Yummy snax and great company looking out on placid waters. It was a lovely respite from all the debris stacked around the county courtesy of Irma.

This month we are starting a hidden word contest. What is a hidden word contest? you ask – hidden somewhere in the content of this Poste Haste you will find a word that makes no sense in the context of the article. Those who attended the Meet and Greet know what the word is. The first person who finds the word and sends me an email identifying the word and its context will win a marvelous, stupendous, prize at the October meeting. Plus the admiration of your fellow Palm Beach Branchers. Good luck!

Your Branch Needs Your Help!!

Facebook and Web Site – Susan B has been maintaining these sites, but she no longer has the time to devote to updating these sites. So, if you have any experience maintaining a Facebook page and/or updating an existing web site, please contact Susan Berlin at 561-642-4720 or [svberlin@bellsouth.net](mailto:svberlin@bellsouth.net). Susan will be more than happy to show you how to manage the sites. You need not be responsible for both sites – if you can take the responsibility for one site, this would be a tremendous help!

Melissa Sackl needs some leads for speakers!! Please contact her – 561-578-1725, [sacklmd@gmail.com](mailto:sacklmd@gmail.com).

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**Notes**

**Happy Happy October Birthdays!**

**Carol Ann Khawly  
Melissa Sackl  
Sharon Trost**



**Join Us for Our Monthly Meeting Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**Where: Hacienda Restaurant, 14820 Military Trail, Delray Beach FL 33445**

**When: Noon**

**Directions: Located at southeast corner of Military and Atlantic Ave. Easiest to enter from Atlantic just east of closed gas station. I95 to exit West on Atlantic-U-turn at Military-right turn into shopping center. Or Military to left turn onto Atlantic right into center – Bed Bath & Beyond.**

**Please RSVP to:**

Virginia  
[vmackk69@gmail.com](mailto:vmackk69@gmail.com) or  
561-271-5277- as always, we need your RSVP  
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## **Educational and Legal News from AAUW National Compiled by Betty Rigdon**

### AAUW report- "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap"

Explains pay gap, how it affects all women and what you can do to close it

Updated to include information on disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity

Pay gap is 80% nationally- women earn 80% of what men earn

Gap varies by locality- best is NY at 89%, Florida is third best at 87%

Gap increases with age of worker

Education does not erase gap

Pay gap makes it harder to repay student loans; women hold 2/3 of student debt in U.S.

### Changes that can close pay gap

AAUW urges companies to conduct salary audits to monitor and address differences

Attend an AAUW Smart Start workshop to learn salary and benefit negotiation strategies

Ask Congress to take action on The Paycheck Fairness Act that would improve the 1963

Equal Pay Act

It would enhance federal enforcement efforts and prohibit retaliation against

workers asking about wage practices

### Become a Start Smart Facilitator in 2 easy steps : Watch video at <https://salary.aauw.org/facilitate>

Register for a upcoming training webinar- free of charge to AAUW members

Upcoming webinars: Oct. 18, Oct 26, Nov. 8, Nov. 28, Dec. 13

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-start-smart-and-work-smart-facilitator-training/>

### Remember deadlines for AAUW Fellowships and Grants are coming up soon starting in November

More information at : [www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/)

### Case update – Burhans v Yale was settled favorably

Susan Landino (formerly Burhans) worked for Yale University as a communications specialist and a security coordinator

Landino claimed she had been discriminated against and terminated after years of trying to help victims of sexual assault on campus and alert Yale to potential Title IX violations.

Case was filed in federal court in Connecticut and supported by AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

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Dear Members,

The first branch event at the Lake Worth Golf Club had a wonderful turnout with a great mixture of old and new members present. Program Director Melissa Sackl has prepared a wonderful season of activities, from lunches, happy hours, and excursions to book club meetings.

The October meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and our special guest will be United States Congresswoman Lois Frankel. She will be talking about Washington, women's issues and what we need to know to reduce the wage gap and improve the lives of women and girls. Representative Frankel is a great friend and champion of AAUW and our issues. I hope that you will join us and bring a friend to the luncheon.

"Nothing good ever comes of violence." Martin Luther

We discussed gun violence at our September board meeting. Since then, our nation experienced the mass shootings in Las Vegas. I have had several inquiries regarding AAUW's policy on gun violence and wanted to explain our stance.

#### Public Policy Principles for Action

Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals.

AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis.

I hope and pray that our branch and our members will continue to work together to create a better environment in our communities so that all woman and girls can live safely, free from the biases and prejudices which promote violence.

"Imagine all the people living life in peace..." John Lennon

Peace,

Susan

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

The first meeting of the fall season of the AAUW Book Club is on the third Friday, October 20, at the Palm Springs Library from 2 to 4 pm. Jackie will moderate the discussion of **The Miniaturist** by Jessie Burton.

Set in seventeenth century Amsterdam--a city ruled by glittering wealth and oppressive religion--a masterful debut steeped in atmosphere and shimmering with mystery, in the tradition of Emma Donoghue, Sarah Waters, and Sarah Dunant.

"There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed . . ."

On a brisk autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman arrives in Amsterdam to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant trader Johannes Brandt. But her new home, while splendid, is not welcoming. Johannes is kind yet distant, always locked in his study or at his warehouse office--leaving Nella alone with his sister, the sharp-tongued and forbidding Marin.

But Nella's world changes when Johannes presents her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. To furnish her gift, Nella engages the services of a miniaturist--an elusive and enigmatic artist whose tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways . . .

Johannes' gift helps Nella to pierce the closed world of the Brandt household. But as she uncovers its unusual secrets, she begins to understand--and fear--the escalating dangers that await them all. In this repressively pious society where gold is worshipped second only to God, to be different is a threat to the moral fabric of society, and not even a man as rich as Johannes is safe. Only one person seems to see the fate that awaits them. Is the miniaturist the key to their salvation . . . or the architect of their destruction?

Enchanting, beautiful, and exquisitely suspenseful, **The Miniaturist** is a magnificent story of love and obsession, betrayal and retribution, appearance and truth.

As always, new members are welcome. If you are interested, please email Virginia at [AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com) to receive a copy of the Book Club Guidelines and a list of past titles.

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AAUW Suggests You Contact Your Lawmakers to Praise or Suggest

**Palm Beach County** – go to [discover.pbcgov.org](http://discover.pbcgov.org) - check out the commissioner, county map of districts, possible gerrymandering, etc.

**Florida State** – go to [myflorida.com](http://myflorida.com) - there are blue tabs in the upper left corner – check “government “ and go to “Contact Elected Officials” - then go to “Find Your Representative”

Enter your address and click that you are not a robot. Find your elected Representatives and you will get:

Florida State House District Number with your State Representative;

Florida State Senator with your District Number and State Senator;

Congressional District number and Representative plus the

Congressional Senators.

There is information about contacting them all.

**U.S. House of Representatives** - [House.gov](http://House.gov) - Click on Florida District 21 which sends you to Lois Frankel's home page – across the top is a “contact” button with information about contacting her. You can get information about bills, votes, etc.

**U.S. Senate** - [Senate.gov](http://Senate.gov) - shows a map of the U.S. - click on Florida and the names our Senators appear. Click on their names and get information showing you how to contact them.

[WhiteHouse.gov/contact](http://WhiteHouse.gov/contact) - gives you information about how to email or call the White House.

Of course, you can contact lawmakers outside your district or state. You can also sign up for legislative updates. Let us all start keeping an eye on what is being done in our names.

In Memoriam

Freda Brehm passed away September 16 of this year. She was a long-time AAUW member and active supporter of AAUW's programs. She will be missed. Freda's funeral will be Saturday 10/7 at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 211 Trinity Pl., West Palm Beach 333401.

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**Save the Dates!**

October 28 – Luncheon Meeting Hacienda Restaurant – Speaker will either be U.S. Representative Lois Frankel or Felicia Goldstein – “Women, Washington and Worries”

**BRING A FRIEND TO THE FIRST MEETING IN THE FALL-**

November 18 - Activity at the S. FL Science Center – 2 p.m.

December 9 – Holiday Extravaganza at National Croquet Club - Noon

January 20 – Luncheon Meeting – Callaro's Steak House - Embracing Other Cultures

February 17 – Fundraiser T(ea) Is For Tech Trek – Chesterfield – 2 p.m.

March 17 – Annual Meeting – Atlantis Grille

April 21 – Activity at the Norton 2 p.m. – Lunch optional noon place tbd

May 19 – Installation of New Officers – Lunch and Program at Callaro's

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2017-2018 Officers

President: Susan Berlin

Secretary: Virginia Farace

Program: Melissa Sackl

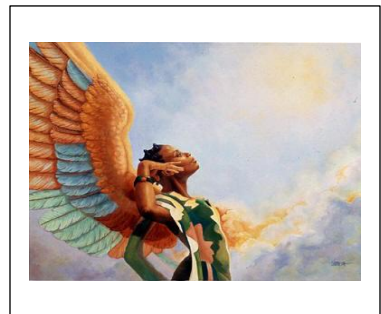
Membership: Barbara Wagner

Finance: Linda Newton

Communications: Virginia Brooks and Sharon Trost

Development: Betty Rigdon

Public Policy: Maurcy Selko



**Did You Know?**

The Federal minimum wage is \$7.25

## We Need Your Help –

The Board has been brainstorming some activities that are just plain, old fashioned FUN, but we need your input regarding the activities you would like to do, as well as volunteers to take some leadership planning and executing the plans. Let us know what interests you and how you will help organize the activity!!

### FUN!!

- Theater: Duncan or Eissey Theater, Maltz Theater (Jupiter), Crest (National Geographic Speakers)
- Norton Museum
- Society Four Arts
- Gift baskets at Holiday party – use has presents
- Tea: Serenity, Flagler, Chesterfield, Breakers (harpist) – invite Northern Palm Beaches
- Day trips: Mounts (Box Lunch), Morikami, Zoo, Science Museum, Vizcaya (bus?)
- Salt Station
- Cocktails and Convos – Jardin, Blind Monk, Brio, Rendezvous
- Fundraisers:
  - Artisans on the Avenue (Betty Wilson) Wine and Cheese
  - Zoo – has restaurant
  - Tea
  - Luncheon
  - No event – just pay money
  - Pay \$5.00 extra per event towards fundraiser
  - Scavenger Hunt
- Speaker: Lori Berman, Lois Frankel(561-998-9045 – Felicia Goldstein), Linda Geller Schwartz

Miscellaneous -Most members thought \$60.00 was an acceptable amount to pay for a fundraiser luncheon

Luncheon Locations: Callaro's, Hacienda, Croquet Club, Zoo, Duffy's