



## AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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### Notes and Whatnot

The Branch Annual Meeting was held on May 19 at Callaro's Steakhouse when new officers were elected and installed. The new officers elected for two-year terms are: Co-Presidents - Susan Berlin and Virginia Farace; Co-Directors for Membership: Barbara Wagner and Donna Artes; Co-Directors for Communications: Virginia Brooks and Faith Campbell; Director for Development: Betty Rigdon. Elected for one-year term to fill Secretary position is Carol Watson. Marlene Block was elected to one-year term to join Melissa Sackl as Co-Directors for Program. Continuing board members for another year are: Director for Finance: Linda Newton; and Director for Public Policy: Maurcy Selko. Please congratulate them and let them know you appreciate their service!

Then on May 24 we met at the Beach Club at Lake Worth Country Club for a "buy one get one dinner". A grand time was had by all and some frolicking was even glimpsed throughout the evening.

Next up we have a fun after work get together planned for Rosalita's in the shopping center at the northwest corner of Congress and Lantana - across from the Lantana airport. Menu is online should you choose to stay for dinner. Good chocolatier a few spaces to the right of Rosalita's. Come on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and bring friends, spouse, someone who has caught your eye, and be ready to enjoy, and otherwise throw off the cares of the week. Have a Happy Hump Day with good company!

Also, **remember to vote!** The National vote on dropping the degree requirement ends June 9, and the State public policies' vote ends June 15. You can read Virginia Farace's summary of the issues addressed in the voting elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Happy Happy June Birthdays!**

**Claire Carney  
Anita O'Donnell  
Barbara Wagner**



**Join Us  
For Fun and Happy Hour**

**Where: Rosalita's 5949 S  
Congress, Lake Worth 33462  
561-964-5747**

**When: June 27, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

**Directions: Congress to  
Lantana Rd. Turn west onto  
Lantana and into the shopping  
center. Rosalita's is on the far  
west end of the shopping  
center. Parking in the lot.**

**Please RSVP to:**

Virginia B  
[vmackk69@gmail.com](mailto:vmackk69@gmail.com) or  
561-271-5277

as always, we need your  
RSVP

## Educational and Legal News from AAUW

Compiled by Betty Rigdon

### Students Seeking Solutions Conference at United Nations

Organized by Veronica Mckinny, AAUW Youth Representative to UN.

This conference was made up of college students from around the world. Conference was held to discuss socioeconomic impact and solutions to one of UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

This year the topic was ensuring universal access to clean water and sanitation. Globally 1 in 9 people lack access to safe water and 1 in 3 lack access to a toilet. Women are greatly affected by lack of water- on average they walk 2-3 hours daily to transport water to their homes and thus do not have time to engage in education. Youth inclusion in conferences needed as youth will conduct research, develop innovative solutions and become leaders in the future.

Enough is Enough - a summit meeting on sexual harassment and violence hosted by National Organization for Women.

Deborah J. Vagins and Anne Hedgepeth from AAUW addressed conference. Vagins spoke on federal sexual harassment laws that need to be strengthened and why US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should be fully funded. Hedgepeth addressed campus sexual violence and the protection and strengthening Title IX.

Currently AAUW is not a partner of Enough is Enough.

LAF continues to support Spencer in Spencer v Virginia State University.

Spencer alleges wage discrimination and retaliation under Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of The Civil Rights Act of 1964.

US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia granted a summary judgment in favor of the university.

Spencer has now filed an appeal with US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Without comprehensive federal equal pay law or a strong state pay equity law in Virginia, litigation is primary remedy in such cases.



# *Installation of 2018-2019 Branch Officers*



Development  
Betty Rigdon



Co-Presidents  
Virginia Farace  
and Susan Berlin



Co-Program  
Marlene Bloch



Secretary  
Carol Watson



Co-Communications  
Virginia Brooks and  
Faith Campbell



Co-Membership  
Barbara Wagner  
and Donna Artes

## Don't miss deadlines for state, national bylaws votes

As a branch member, you're also a member of both the state and national AAUW organizations and have a say in their operations and activities. Both organizations are proposing changes that you can weigh in on. And both use the email and postal addresses recorded in national's Membership Services Database to contact you about voting. It's a good idea to check your profile at [www.aauw.org/login](http://www.aauw.org/login) to make sure it's correct. Information on issues and deadlines for each ballot follows.

### National Vote on dropping degree requirement ends June 9

The national board of directors is proposing three changes to the bylaws that they believe are needed to make AAUW more effective:

1. Should AAUW membership be open to those who don't have a degree but who support the organization's mission?
2. Should the national board of directors include those who are not members of AAUW?
3. Should three-year staggered terms be created for service on the national board of directors?

Voting opened April 25 and will close June 9 at 9 p.m. ET. You're encouraged to vote online using your member ID and Pin which was emailed to you. Voting results will be announced online June 10.

The board sent an email explanation to all members – [www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection/).

It also provided its rationale along with the exact wording of the bylaws' changes at <https://svc.aauw.org/recore/docu/aauw-bylaws-2017.pdf>.

The two proposals about board service are seen as best practices bringing AAUW in line with other nonprofits.

The more wide-reaching proposal to drop the degree requirement has come up for a vote before and did not pass. So members must again decide on what would be a major shift in AAUW.

The board believes dropping the degree requirement would align better with our mission; bring in more members; increase our impact; enhance diversity; and make it easier to get grants. ♦

### State public policies' vote starts May 15, ends June 15

The AAUW Florida board is asking for approval of two proposals:

**1. Public policy priorities.** Florida's public policy priorities are due for approval this year, and, again, you're asked to adopt the public policy priorities that national has identified to inform advocacy efforts for the next two years.

You can get details on the national priorities at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities>.

**2. Pay equity resolution.** You're also asked to approve the sending of an official thanks to legislator Lori Berman and her assistant Abby Ross for work on legislation aimed at pay equity for women.

**Dates, deadlines.** You're eligible to vote if you've been a member of AAUW Florida as of March 15, 2018.

You'll get instructions and ballots by Email based on your contact information in Member Services Database. If you don't have email, you'll receive a paper ballot.

Online voting begins May 15 and ends June 15 at 9 p.m. EDT.

Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m., EDT, June 13

Voting results will be announced in an email to branch presidents and on our state website.

Details on state voting are on the state website, <https://aauwfl.aauw.net/>.

Email Virginia Farace at [aauwffarace@gmail.com](mailto:aauwffarace@gmail.com) for more information. ♦

## PUBLIC POLICY

Here are a few links for public policy resources from national. We encourage every member to sign up to keep current on issues important to AAUW.

Subscribe to AAUW Action Alerts:

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Sign up for Washington Update:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/>

and AAUW in the Statehouse:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse/>

## 2018-2019 DUES

AAUW is a leading voice in advancing equity for women and girls. Through your membership you are supporting education, leadership training and economic security programs for all women. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 thru June 30 so we are counting on you to continue your membership by promptly submitting your dues.

The **Total is \$85**. (National: \$59; State: \$12; Branch: \$14)

There are two ways to renew your membership.

1. Log into Member Services Database (MSD) on the AAUW website <https://www.aauw.org/membership/> and scroll down to Renew Branch Membership. You will need your membership number to log in. (Check our RED branch directory for those numbers we know.) This will bring up your branch and click on Renew My Membership in left hand column. Enter your payment info . (While in the MSD, make any corrections to your address etc.)  
OR
2. Make our your \$85 check to AAUW Palm Beach County and mail to our branch  
Director for Finance: Linda Newton, 2975 SW 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33445

Either way be sure also to send your contact information for the Directory to Virginia Farace, 1841 Caribbean Rd W, Lake Clarke Shores, Fl 33406. That form is an attachment to this newsletter.



July

Beverly Agee, Susan Berlin, Virginia Farace, Deborah Nesbit, Daniela Ileana, Maurcy Selko. Mary Swieskowski

August

Faith Campbell, Hellen Gilmore, Rosalie Mendel,

#### 2018-2019 Officers

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