

**AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH**

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Notes and Whatnots

Last month's meeting at Mandel Palm Beach Library was very interesting and informative. The three panelists, Lori Berman, Bobby Powell, and Lois Frankel, addressed the challenges of passing laws and stressed the necessity of hearing from their constituents regarding issues. You can use the websites from last month's Poste Haste to help locate your elected officials and follow their positions. Also, we had quite a few walk-ins, which made the audience lively.

Will you please go to <https://Legiscan.com/FL> and look over the bills being consider in Florida? Then pick one bill that you think is really valuable, or one that is insanely dumb and deleterious to our state as a whole. Then send me an email, [vmackk69@gmail.com](mailto:vmackk69@gmail.com), with two sentences regarding the bill you chose – including why you think it's beneficial or not. I'm looking forward to what you send me. You will be encouraging your fellow Branchers to look for themselves.

Example: State bill S0560 Renames Criminal Punishment Code as the Public Safety Code – regarding punishment of offenders to public safety. This seems to be “politically correct speak” – not sure if it should take up legislators' time.

Betty Rigdon suggested a book by John Kasich called It's Up to Us: Ten Little Ways We Can Bring About Big Change. This is described as a handbook and is not political. This seems a good thing for us to read.

Also, register to receive the AAUW Two-minute Activist:

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

**Notes**

**Happy Happy November Birthdays!**

**Sandy Fischer  
Gay Konnagan  
MJ Range  
Betty Rigdon**



**This Month's Meeting**

**Where:** Duffy's Delray Beach, 1750 S Federal Highway, Delray Beach FL 561-276-7633

**When:** November 9, 2019  
**Time:** 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.

**Directions:** I95 to Linton-exit towards the water.

Northwest corner of Linton and S Federal Highway. Shopping Center – so park in lot, no valet parking

**Please RSVP to:**  
[Vmackk69@gmail.com](mailto:Vmackk69@gmail.com)  
**Virginia Brooks**

Educational and Legal News from AAUW National  
Compiled by Betty Rigdon

Work Smart Salary Negotiation Program

Over 102,600 women have registered in past year to participate in training Partnerships now established with NYC Economic Development League, Starbucks, Global Academy, the Junior League of Wichita, the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, and many more

Program has engaged over 500 professional organizations and state and local commissions

US Senate in bipartisan move has passed the AAUW supported Building Blocks of STEM Act to invest in early childhood STEM education and break down barriers for girls in computer science

Act now being sent to US House of Representatives

Florida Gender Pay Gap statistics

Florida ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in nation

Florida women earn 85 cents per \$1 men earn

Women of Tomorrow founded by AAUW Community Action Grantee Collen Lockwood

Non-profit organization that pairs professional women with at-risk girls selected by partner public schools

Program will partner with the following AAUW chapters in Florida: Ft. Lauderdale, NOVA Southeastern University, Pompano Beach, and Weston

AAUW joins amicus brief in Freyd v. University of Oregon

Case challenges pay discrimination against Freyd

Freyd was paid less than colleagues with the same position, are junior to her and no more accomplished

Case will establish whether retention raises are "a factor other than sex"

## Book Club News

by Virginia Farace

The AAUW Book Club will meet at the Palm Springs Library at 2 pm on November 15. The library is now open after its renovation and the conference room has beautiful new furniture!

The book to be discussed is this year's Read Together Palm Beach County selection: **The One-in-a-Million Boy** by Monica Wood.

*The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school?*

*So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. As he refills the bird feeders and tidies the garden shed, Ona tells him about her long life, from first love to second chances. Soon she's confessing secrets she has kept hidden for decades.*

*One Saturday, the boy doesn't show up. Ona starts to think he's not so special after all, but then his father arrives on her doorstep, determined to finish his son's good deed. The boy's mother is not so far behind. Ona is set to discover that the world can surprise us at any age, and that sometimes sharing a loss is the only way to find ourselves again.*

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.

**Please renew your membership and send to Finance Director Linda Newton at her new address:**

**4801 Linton Blvd, Suite 11A-401**

**Delray Beach, FL 33445**

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Log in with your user name and go to pick your own charitable organization. Type in "AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation, Inc." If you don not have an Amazon account, sign up for one and then choose the AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of each eligible item you buy to the foundation. Items eligible for donations are plainly marked on the Amazon Website. Sales Tax, gift wrap, rebates, shipping, etc. are NOT part of the purchase price and are not included in the donation amount.

The next time you shop on Amazon be sure to begin by logging into your account through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). When you log in each time after you register the AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation will appear as your charity of choice. 0.5% doesn't sound like much but if lots of us regularly shop through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) the donation amount the foundation receives will be substantial. Amazon sends donation checks to the registered charities on a quarterly basis. Ask family and friends who shop on Amazon to visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and register the AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation as their charity of choice. The more shoppers that have chosen our foundation as their charity, the more money the Foundation will receive.

Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

**November 9, 2109** 11:30am Duffy's Delray Beach Gender Pay Gap – Economic Security Women

**December 14, 2019** Noon Croquet Club Holiday Party

**January 18, 2020** 2:00-4:00pm Tealicious Delray Beach T(ea) Is for Tech Trek

**January 20-22, 2020** Lobby Days in Tallahassee

More next Poste Haste

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