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AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes and Whatnots

This month we will be having our Annual Meeting and Election at the Hacienda Restaurant in Delray Beach. You can nominate Branchers for Board positions. You can also nominate yourself!

The success of our Branch is dependent on your participation – not your neighbor's but your participation. If you do not feel you can manage a Board position, but can volunteer for specific interests, please consider what you will be willing to do, and contact Susan Berlin or Virginia Farace and let one of them know what you feel you can do.

Also, please, feel free to email Board members if you have a topic you want the Branch to explore, or have a venue that we need to consider for our meetings.

This month's meeting is at the Hacienda – in the shopping Center on the southwest corner of the intersection of Atlantic and Military Trail – parking is free in the lot but there is no valet service. Look at Hacienda's web site for the menu – it is extensive so you might want to figure out what you want prior to arrival.

It is important that you RSVP as early as possible, but no later than Tuesday, April 9.

The State Leadership Conference is April 6-7. Three of our members are attending, Donna Artes, Virginia Farace and Carol Watson. They will give a report at the April meeting.

Notes

Happy Happy April Birthdays!

Bernadette Russell



Join Us For Our April Meeting

Where: Hacienda in Delray Beach, 14820 S Military Trail, Delray Beach FL 33445

When: April 13, 2019

Time: Lunch meet at noon in the restaurant.

Directions: Military Trail to East on Atlantic (toward the Ocean) – just past the intersection turn into the Shopping Center on south side of Atlantic.

If coming via I95, exit onto Atlantic going west – make a Uturn at Military. There is a new CVS on the corner of the shopping Center.

Please RSVP to:

Vmackk69@gmail.com

Virginia Brooks

as always, we need your RSVP by Tuesday.



BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

The Book Club will NOT meet in the month of April. We will resume on Friday, May 17, at the Palm Springs Library at 2 pm. The May book is ***This Is How It Always Is*** by Laurie Frankel and the discussion will be led by Beverly Agee.

Please enjoy this spring break and any holidays you may be observing.

It's Getting To Be That Time of Year Again!!

Your AAUW Palm Beach Branch will be electing the members to fill Board positions in April. We need your ideas, energy, experience on the Board to make this Branch the most interesting, exciting, fast growing, Branch that it can be.

We want to lead with thoughtful programs, options, interest groups, into the future. You can co-chair positions too. Contact Susan Berlin aauwflberlin@gmail.com or 561-642-4720, or Virginia Farace aauwflfarace@gmail.com 561-965-9426 with nominations (remember you can nominate yourself).

The open elected positions this coming year are Program, Finance, Public Policy, and Secretary. Or you can join one of the committees or lead an interest group. You can be of help with suggestions, other opinions, etc. In order to make this Branch succeed, **WE NEED YOU!**

Did You Know?

It costs \$1,100 to send a camper to Trek Trek camp for a week? That is why fund raising is so important. We made a profit of \$2,067 on this year's Fashion Internationale. Thank you all!



TECH TREK UPDATE

Our branch is pleased to announce that 10 out of the 15 candidates we interviewed have been selected to attend Tech Trek camps this June.

Their names in alphabetical order and their Middle Schools are listed below under the camp they will be attending:

Florida Atlantic Univ at Jupiter Camp

Hailey Garcia, Woodlands

Mackena Gerard, Woodlands

Anjali Maddukuri, Emerald Cove

Jazmin Morris, Hidden Oaks

Sofia Serrano, Pahokee

Emma Nihoff, St Juliana

Kelly Solares, Village Academy

Stetson Univ Camp

Emily Arron, Crestwood

Sydney Bachert, St Juliana

Erika Copp, Tradewinds

Thanks to the committee who gave of their time to interview all the girls: Donna Artes, Marlene Block, Betty Rigdon, Amy Schwed, Maribel Valdez, and Carol Watson. The parents were interviewed by Virginia Farace.

It costs about \$1100 per girl per week to attend the camp and the girls pay only a \$50 registration fee. All the rest is raised by AAUW branches.

Please be generous in supporting our girls by writing a check to: AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation and put Tech Trek on the memo line as well as our branch identifier, PBC. Mail the check to: Tech Trek, P.O. Box 2938, Jupiter, FL 33468. Or if you prefer, you can give your check to Susan Berlin or Virginia Farace at one of our meetings and they will send it for you. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization so your full donation is tax deductible.

SUPPORT TECH TREK WHILE YOU SHOP!!

Amazon has a charitable foundation that donates funds to registered 501(c)(3) charities if shoppers make their purchases through smile.amazon.com. We have registered the AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation, Inc., the sponsor of Florida Tech Trek Camps, with smile.amazon.com. Anyone who shops at Amazon can designate the Supporting Foundation as their Amazon charity whether or not they now have an Amazon account. This is how it works:

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to 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 do 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. 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 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 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.

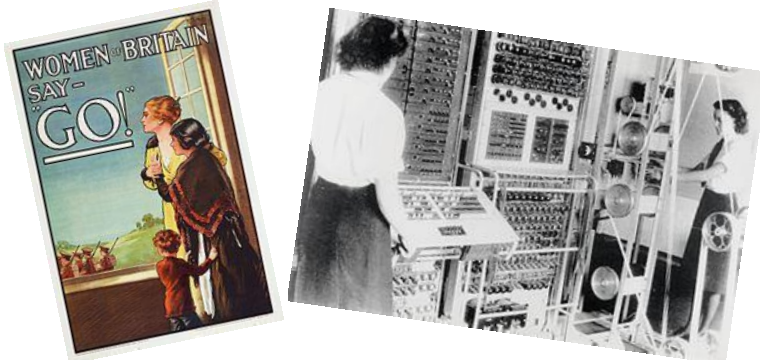
Educational and Legal News from AAUW National Compiled by Betty Rigdon

- Gender Pay Gap in Florida is currently at a 87% ratio- women earn 87 cents as opposed to every dollar a man earns
 - Florida's rank as to pay gap is 4th in nation
 - Florida's equal pay laws are weak
 - California ranks 1st in nation with pay gap ratio at 89%
- Supreme Court addressed Aileen Rizo case about equal pay
 - Fresno County Superintendent of Schools had asked for an appeal
 - Supreme Court sent case back to US Court of Appeals in Ninth Circuit due to a flawed decision based upon the fact that the judge who had written the decision had died before the decision had been formally issued
 - Rizo case advocates for pay equity and fairness in compensation by not allowing prior salary history alone to justify a pay difference
 - AAUW continues to stand behind Rizo
- Paycheck Fairness Act currently is before Congress
 - If passed, this legislation would prohibit reliance on salary history alone for determination of pay
 - Act would require employers to articulate a necessary job-related justification for pay differential
- AAUW participated at UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held March 11-12 at UN's NY headquarters
 - AAUW presented a panel of AAUW Fellowship alumnae who spoke on "Economic Security, Women and Work: Global Solutions for Equity"

Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

April 13, 2019	Hacienda	Annual Meeting and Election
May 4, 2019	Cornell Museum	Installation and museum tour 5:00p.m. dinner at Dada Delray Beach



2018-2019 Officers

Co-President: Susan Berlin and Virginia Farace

Secretary: Carol Watson

Co-Program: Marlene Block and Melissa Sackl

Co-Membership: Barbara Wagner and Donna Artes

Finance: Linda Newton

Communications: Virginia Brooks

Co-Development: Betty Rigdon and Maribel Valdez

