

AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes and Whatnots

Wow – we had a blowout fundraiser in February! Naseem Ahmed provided several saris for our models plus fabric for other garments. Combined with the beautiful jewelry she sells, Naseem showed how dramatic the saris can be. We learned that saris are made of silk, cotton, as well as wash and wear fabrics. The tops worn under the sari can be any top in your closet. I've always wondered how the sari stayed over the wearer's shoulder and I noticed Naseem had most of the garments pinned at the shoulder. Although her daughter doesn't wear the sari all the time, Naseem indicated that she wears hers most of the time.

Our Branch was also supported by our North Palm Beach AAUW. We appreciate their generosity and the great energy they brought to our fundraiser!

This month we are having a fun outing at the Norton Museum, the largest museum in Florida! Norton is at 1450 S. Dixie Way, West Palm Beach. We are meeting for lunch in the Norton's restaurant at noon – gather toward the front so we can know how big a table we need. Then at 2:00 p.m. we are meeting in the lobby to tour the collection with our docent. Admission is free on Saturdays. Check out Norton's website for more info.

Reminder that the Leadership Conference is April 6-7. If you are interested in attending, we are offering \$100 scholarship to Branch attendees. This Conference offers information about leadership that can be used in your career/job too.

Notes

Happy Happy March Birthdays!

**Marie Gabrielson
Susan King
Amy Schwed**



**Join Us For
Our March Outing**

Where: Norton Museum,
1450 S. Dixie WPB

When: March 16, 2019

Time: Lunch meet at noon
in the restaurant.

Tour meet at 2 in
lobby.

Directions: Okeechobee
towards the Ocean and then
south onto Dixie. Enter from
Dixie, park across the street.

Please RSVP to:

Vmackk69@gmail.com

Virginia Brooks

as always, we need your
RSVP by Wed.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

On Friday, March 15, the AAUW Book Club will discuss ***The Feminine Mystique*** by Betty Friedan. Adrienne Leaf will lead the discussion. It will take place at the Palm Springs Library at 2:00 PM.

The book that changed the consciousness of a country—and the world.

*Landmark, groundbreaking, classic—these adjectives barely describe the earthshaking and long-lasting effects of Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*. This is the book that defined "the problem that has no name," that launched the Second Wave of the feminist movement, and has been awakening women and men with its insights into social relations, which still remain fresh, ever since. A national bestseller, with over 1 million copies sold.*

How have things changed since the book was originally published in 1963? It was reissued in 2013 as a 50th Anniversary edition and is available in most libraries. Join the group in March, Women's History Month, to give your input into the discussion.

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

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 positions to be elected this year are: Program Director, Finance, Public Policy, and Secretary. In order to make this Branch succeed, **WE NEED YOU!**

February 9th Luncheon
At the Beach Club in Lake Worth



Linda Newton and
Virginia Brooks greeted
us at the door



Nine members modeled Saris lent to us by
Naseem Ahmed



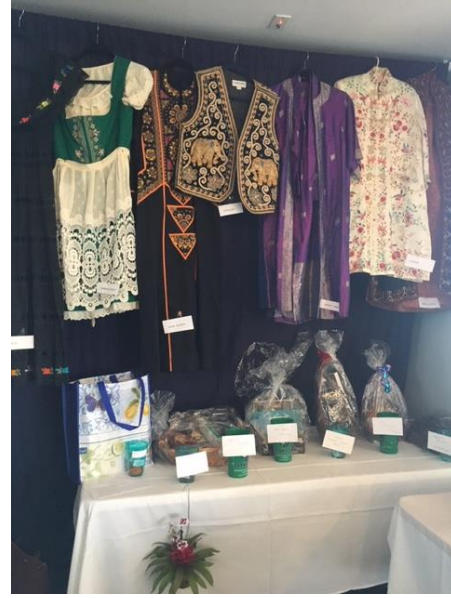
Member and Speaker
Naseem Ahmed



Naseem with Susan Berlin



One of the Basket tables



Various countries traditional dress – lent by Gay Konnigan – displayed above another of the basket tables



Donna Artes, Anne Rimler and Virginia Farace



Becky Mercer with winner of Money Hat, Ernadel Sioson

AAUW Florida Lobby Days 2019

March 12-13, 2019

Be There at the Capitol!



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Training session on Monday evening, March 11 at the hotel

- Visit and advocate with your own legislators and team up with others
- Information on committee meetings and sessions to attend
- You will be provided with a concise list of bills to support or oppose that have been vetted by the national office, with talking points. We will also have AAUW materials for you to leave with the legislators' offices.
- Dinner together Tuesday evening TBA
- Rally, Information Table on Wednesday
- Stipend: graduated scale (\$50-\$80) depending on your driving distance plus \$50 to help with lodging. This is to help with expenses, not cover them.

What to Do Now

- Contact Pat DeWitt, aauwflde Witt@gmail.com, to be put on the email list for updates. No obligation! (I will help match up roommates if desired)

- Make an appointment with your senator or representative NOW. Call and ask for the person who does the scheduling for them (warning: events may conspire to cause the legislator to cancel)
- Build a team from your branch!
- Register at the hotel, Country Inn and Suites, Midway, FL (10 miles from the

Capitol): check in 3/11 and check out 3/13. Register at the hotel by Monday, Feb. 18. Call

(800) 456-4000 or use the website www.countryinn.com and the promotional code 1903AAUW under More Search Options. Reserved rooms have two queen beds. Rate is \$99 single, \$108 double plus 9.5% tax, or \$108.41 single and \$118.26 double.

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!

Update on this year's Tech Trek

There will be two camps this summer. A total of 96 girls will have this superior experience! We will know by the end of March who will be attending. The interviews have been done and they are being evaluated as we type.

AAUW Florida Leadership Conference – All Roads Lead to Equity

April 6-7, 2019

Where: Holiday Inn & Suites, Ocala Conference Center 3600 SW 38th Ave, Ocala FL (877)-622-5211

How: To book room at special rate call the Holiday Inn and request AAUW Florida rate or

book online and use Group Code AU4 at:

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/ocala/ocfl/hoteldetail>

The CONFERENCE REGISTRATION form is a separate attachment following the newsletter. This is a good way to be informed about the current issues, as defined by AAUW, confronting women in Florida as well as the country as a whole. Also, please be prepared to write a short paragraph about for Poste Haste about your experience at the conference.

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 just 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

Kim Churches, AAUW's CEO, attended State of the Union address as guest of Rep. Lois Frankel
Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA) was introduced to both Houses of Congress on Jan. 30

PFA would update Equal Pay Act of 1963 and complement Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009

Proposed changes to Title IX suggested by US Department of Education

AAUW opposes proposed rule as it reduces schools' obligation to respond to sexual harassment on campuses

New project introduced called #AAUWAsks

Each week a new question is posed- previous question dealt with Black History Month

Members can respond via social media or email at : aauwasks@aauw.org

AAUW sings onto 2 new Amicus Briefs:

Jane Doe, et al v. Howard University

Case involves 6 Jane Does who allege sexual assaults by male employees and students at Howard University

Students allege that university acted with deliberate indifference toward their complaints

Moussouris v Microsoft- this case will clarify in 9th Circuit Law Rule 23 standards for certifying class action law suits

Plaintiffs, Katherine Moussouris and Holly Muenchow, allege Microsoft undervalued female employees in their evaluation process and have ongoing sex discrimination against female employees

Plaintiffs want to certify approximately 8,000 current and former Microsoft employees

US District Court for the Western District of Washington denied class certification- this decision is being appealed in Ninth Circuit Court

Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

March 16, 2019	Norton Museum	Meet in Lobby Noon for lunch 2:00 pm for guided tour
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

Program: Marlene Block and Melissa Sackl

Co-Membership: Barbara Wagner and Donna Artes

Finance: Linda Newton

Communications: Virginia Brooks

Development: Betty Rigdon and Maribel Valdez

Public Policy: Open

