

AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes and Whatnots

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Public Policy: Still open waiting for you Not too
demanding and really helpful to your fellow Branchers. Contact
Betty Rigdon to volunteer.

Notes

Happy Happy September Birthdays!

**Donna Artes
Joyce Waters**



**No Meeting this Month, But We
Are Having a Get To Know
YOU!**

Where: Lake Worth
Municipal Golf Club – The
Beach Club Restaurant
When: Friday, Sept. 6, 2019
Time: 5:00 p.m. until....
Directions: One 7th Ave –
North Federal to 7th Ave,
turn east(toward the water)
onto 7th Ave – 7th deadends
at the Golf Beach Club. No
Valet parking, park in the
lot.

Please RSVP to:
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Virginia Brooks

Educational and Legal News from AAUW National
Compiled by Betty Rigdon

AAUW is calling on lawmakers to help with student debt crisis

Women hold nearly 2/3 (\$929 billion) of country's \$1.46 trillion student debt

Ways to address debt include:

- safeguard and expand Pell Grants and other aid
- support efforts toward tuition and debt-free options
- help students' academic and financial needs, one example would be affordable child care
- narrow pay gap

Federal District Court judge in D.C. ruled that government acted illegally when it stopped Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from collecting pay data by gender, race and ethnicity from employers with 100+ employees

Judge ruled that these employers must submit 2 years' worth of such data by 9/30/19

U.S. Dept. of Justice has appealed

Case now before D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals

AAUW signs onto Amicus Brief in case to support contraceptive coverage State of California, et.al v. Health and Human Services, et. al is currently in US District Court for Northern District of California

Case calls for summary judgment to permanently invalidate the Final Exemption Rules that allow organizations with religious or moral objections to be exempt from the contraceptive mandate in Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

AAUW has signed onto several Amicus Briefs challenging rollbacks of ACA's contraceptive coverage

These cases are at the district and appellate court levels

In Pennsylvania v. President of the United States, et. al - Pennsylvania filed a civil action in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania stated that interim rules violated several constitutional guarantees

Court granted preliminary injunction and federal government appealed

In January a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking contraceptive rules from taking effect nationwide- once again the government appealed to Third Circuit

AAUW and other amici organizations are now trying to persuade Third Circuit to uphold nationwide preliminary injunction

AAUW signs onto Amicus Brief in case to appeal narrow view of Title IX

Jane Doe v. University of Kentucky involves "Doe" who was sexually assaulted while enrolled in a dual enrollment partnership between Bluegrass Community and Technical College and U. of KY

She sued U of KY to carry out its Title IX responsibilities

Court ruled that she didn't have standing with U of KY even though she was raped in university-owned dorm where she lived

Case appealed to US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit as it was felt that the previous court had a too narrow reading of Title IX

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund has updated 2 resources- "Know Your Rights at Work" and "Know Your Rights on Campus"

See aauw.org for further details

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.

Summer Thoughts

While you are lazing away the days of summer, take a few moments to think of activities, speakers, venues you would like us to incorporate in next season's programs. You can't complain if you are unwilling to help your Board to fine tune its programs.

Also, I would really appreciate some short paragraphs, items, information, about how you spent your summer time. I want to include some in the upcoming Poste Hastes. You don't need a ten page report – just a quick summary of experiences, places you visit, observations etc. Thank you in advance for these contributions. For example; in Sea-Tac airport ladies' rooms there are signs with contact info for someone who feels they may be trafficked or knows someone who is. Again, you can't complain if you are unwilling to help.

Is anyone interested in attending Delray Beach or Boynton Beach government meetings as a group – with a short report about what goes on? Check in with Marlene Block or Melissa Sakl – we can organize a group.

Does anyone have good fundraising ideas or experience? Check in with Susan Berlin or Virginia Farace. Does anyone have some time to keep the Branch's website updated – Susan Berlin will show you how. This can be done from home and would be a humongous (technical term) help. You cannot complain if you are unwilling to help.

Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

September 6, 2019 Palm Beach Golf Club Getting to Know You Happy Hour 5:00pm
October 5, 2019 2:00-5:00pm North Palm Beach Library Life Planning Strategies NPB Branch
October 12, 2019 10:30am-12:30pm WPB Library-Clematis Room Women's Legislative Issues
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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