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AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes and Whatnots

Duffy's was a good venue for last month's meeting. Food was good, and Carol Watson's presentation was terrific and informative. We enjoyed our time together, plus learned a lot about women's place in the workplace.

This month we are having our yearly Fundraiser, **Fashion Internationale**, to support the middle school girls' Tech Trek Camp as well as NCCWSL for college students. We don't really get to see the impact that the Tech Trek Camp has on the girls that experience it, but it is a unique experience the girls most likely won't have again until they are working or in college. Your participation in this fundraiser is making a difference in young women's lives!

Fashion Internationale is being presented at the Beach Club, the restaurant located in the Lake Worth Golf Club. The parking lot begins where 7th Ave. N ends. Parking is free. Bring as many people as you can – friends, co-workers, family, mothers, fathers, husbands, significant others, whomever. Cost is \$50 per person, payable, by check, at the door. Make checks payable to: AAUWPBC.

Naseem Ahmed, one of our members, will be presenting the fashions along with an entertaining and informative look at working women internationally.

Notes

Happy Happy February Birthdays!

Linda Casale
Lisa Peterfreund
Jackie Winchester



**Join Us For
Our February Meeting**

Where: Lake Worth Golf Club, One 7th Ave. N, Lake Worth

When: Saturday, 2/9/19

Time: Noon, 12 p.m.

Directions: Congress to east onto 10th Ave., south onto Federal Hwy, left onto 7th

Please RSVP to:

Vmackk69@gmail.com

Virginia Brooks

as always, we need your RSVP by Wed.

Who Is: Naseem Ahmed?

Naseem was born in Bangladesh, and spent time in Malaysia and Libya where her father was a diplomat. In 1975 Naseem came to the U.S. in pursuit of her higher education after completing her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Dhaka University, Bangladesh. She is a first generation immigrant and a proud citizen of the USA, her adopted country. Naseem received her MPA from the University of Pittsburgh where she did her post-graduate studies. Her career in international education included 23 years at Southern Illinois University where she taught public policy and gender studies, administered overseas grants and projects, plus being the Coordinator of Women and International Development. An AAUW member for over 30 years, Naseem has served as International Chair at branch, state, and national boards.

Currently Naseem had founded and is executive director of a charitable foundation that supports women's education in the medical and technical fields. Additionally Naseem's foundation is developing holistic living environments for the elderly in Bangladesh.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

On Friday, February 15, the AAUW Book Club will discuss ***In the Midst of Winter*** by Isabel Allende led by Virginia. It will take place at the Palm Springs Library at 2:00 PM.

According to Goodreads: ***In the Midst of Winter*** begins with a minor traffic accident—which becomes the catalyst for an unexpected and moving love story between two people who thought they were deep into the winter of their lives. Richard Bowmaster—a 60-year-old human rights scholar—hits the car of Evelyn Ortega—a young, undocumented immigrant from Guatemala—in the middle of a snowstorm in Brooklyn. What at first seems just a small inconvenience takes an unforeseen and far more serious turn when Evelyn turns up at the professor's house seeking help. At a loss, the professor asks his tenant Lucia Maraz—a 62-year-old lecturer from Chile—for her advice. These three very different people are brought together in a mesmerizing story that moves from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil, sparking the beginning of a long overdue love story between Richard and Lucia.

Exploring the timely issues of human rights and the plight of immigrants and refugees, the book recalls Allende's landmark novel *The House of the Spirits* in the way it embraces the cause of "humanity, and it does so with passion, humor, and wisdom that transcend politics" (Jonathan Yardley, *The Washington Post*). *In the Midst of Winter* will stay with you long after you turn the final page.

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.

Educational and Legal News from AAUW National
Compiled by Betty Rigdon

Empower Workshops beginning now in Boston

For aspiring female leaders

New content aimed at career development and to provide networking that increases skills and advance personal and professional goals

Increases participants' confidence levels and understanding of how to advance their potential

Work Smart Workshop is part of this endeavor

AAUW signed onto 2 amicus briefs that challenge the Trump administration's contraceptive rules

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Donald J. Trump, et. al

In U.S. District Court for Eastern District of PA

State of California v. Health and Human Services, et. al

In U.S. District Court for the Northern District of CA

Trump administration issued final versions of 2 proposed Interim Final Rules (IFR's)- these rolled back Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act contraception mandate

These IFR's now exempt organizations with religious or moral objections

PA and CA have previously challenged these- now they are looking for preliminary injunctions

This affects women employed or associated with religiously-affiliated nonprofits like hospitals, colleges and universities as well as nonprofits and private non-religious employers

AAUW joined amicus brief in **Kassman v. KPMG**

In U.S. court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Case seeks to clarify Rule 23 class certification standards

Courts have been weakening class certification standards which then limits women's ability to pursue joint action that challenges systematic discrimination

In this case the 9 plaintiffs are bringing a sex discrimination class action on behalf of 10,000 female KPMG employees nation-wide

Ask your congressional member to co-sponsor and pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

It will be introduced in Congress soon

Fashion Internationale

Come see the amazing models (do you recognize any of them?) and learn about saris, fabrics, how to wear them, etc. Who are those models????

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, aauwfldewitt@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.

Consider going to AAUW Florida Lobby Days this year! This is a great opportunity to meet legislators and explain AAUW's positions as well as noting the legislators' responses, ideas, etc. This can be fun (pajama party??) as well as educational. Be prepared to write a paragraph for Poste Haste to share your impressions.

Support our Northern Palm Beach County Branch

Saturday, February 23, 2019, they are having their Annual Benefit Gala Luncheon and Auction, from 11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Gala will be held at Sandhill Crane Golf Club, 11401 Northlake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Cost is \$70.00. Contact Ann Hutchins, ashutch@umich.edu for more info.

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.

Our branch is offering four \$100 scholarships to attend the conference. Apply to Linda Newton, branch Finance Director.

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.

Women's Economic Security Conference Call

AAUW-FL Women's Income Security for Hispanics (WISH) Research Project

Mary Gatta, Ph.D. & her colleague, Jessica Honing, will provide a brief overview and update on AAUW-FL Women's Income Security for Hispanics (WISH) Research Project, which investigates the experiences of Hispanic women across the life span. The WISH project was launched as a result of findings from Dr. Gatta's 2018 report "Women, Economic Insecurity and Aging in the Florida Sunshine" in which Hispanic older women in Florida face significant economic security gaps relative to other groups. Although Equal Pay for Latina women is not until November 20, 2019, AAUW-FL can, with the final report, shine the light on this important injustice for Florida women.

When: Tuesday, Feb. 12, @ 4:3 PM

How to join the call: Dial the no-cost conference phone number: **712-432-3000**. When prompted enter the conference access code: **596285#**

Moderator: Laura aauwdaytonafl@gmail.com

Laura Adolfie AAUW Florida Women's Economic Security Chair

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Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

February 9, 2019	Lake Worth Golf Club	Fashion Internationale
March 9, 2019	TBA	Self Defense and Personal Protection
March 16, 2019	Norton Museum	Meet in Lobby
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

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