

AAUW PALM BEACH COUNTY BRANCH

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Notes and Whatnots

Our Holiday Party was a really enjoyable event – good food, lovely environment, but the best part was the sharing fun with fellow branchers. We had carefully crafted questions that everyone answered with (mostly) good cheer and got a chance to know a bit about each other. Virginia Farace bought gifts for everyone, some of which were fiercely fought over (one could claim a previously claimed gift if it was desired more than the gift one picked). Almost had a rowdy group – almost.

This month we are going to TeaLicious for a fund raiser - T(ea) is for Tech Trek. If you are not sure why Tech Trek Camp is so very important, go to AAUW's web site, or call a Board Member. This camp experience will open the eyes of these middle school girls to opportunities and possibilities that many will have never encountered before, and might not ever, if not for this camp experience. This is a pay it forward sort of fund raiser. We are holding it for our girls' futures.

So, come join us at TeaLicious, 4995 West Atlantic in Delray Beach, FL. TeaLicious is located in the shopping center on the northeast side of West Atlantic. It's in the shopping center across Atlantic from Hacienda Restaurant just east of Military and west of I95 and Congress. There is no valet parking, park in the shopping center lot. T(ea) is For Tech Trek starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2020. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Pay either by check or cash at the door. There is **no** charge card possibility. Bring friends, family, co-workers, enemies, etc. All are welcome and this can be a way to grow our Branch.

We absolutely must have an accurate head count for this event. So, please, please RSVP to vmackk69@gmail.com - even if you are not able to attend. You can send a donation if you are unable to attend. Donations go to AAUW FL Supporting Foundation and can be mailed to Linda Newton 4801 Linton Blvd, Suite 11A-401, Delray Beach, FL 33445

Notes**Happy Happy January Birthdays!****Marlene Block
Francesca Huneeus****This Month's Meeting****Where:** TeaLicious Delray Beach. 4995 W Atlantic, Delray Beach FL 33445**When:** January 18, 2020**Time:** 11:00 a.m.**Directions:** I95 to Atlantic Ave Delray Beach (Atlantic Blvd is in Ft. Lauderdale – too far). Go west toward Military Trail. TeaLicious is in the shopping center at the northeast corner of Atlantic and Military. Turn into the shopping center and park in the lot.**Please RSVP to:**vmackk69@gmail.com**Virginia Brooks**

BOOK CLUB NEWS

By Virginia Farace

Our AAUW Book Club had a wonderful holiday luncheon at Atlantis Grill on December 20. Eight of our members shared information about themselves and described their favorite book of the year. Wrapped new books were exchanged with great titles received.

Adrienne Leaf was welcomed back for this season and presented four titles for selection of our January book. It will be **The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** by Lisa See and will be discussed on the third Friday, January 17. As usual we will meet at the Palm Springs Library at 2:00 PM.

Summary: "A thrilling new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Lisa See explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who has been adopted by an American couple. Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for generations. Then one day a jeep appears at the village gate--the first automobile any of them have seen--and a stranger arrives. In this remote Yunnan village, the stranger finds the rare tea he has been seeking and a reticent Akha people. In her biggest seller, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, See introduced the Yao people to her readers. Here she shares the customs of another Chinese ethnic minority, the Akha, whose world will soon change. Li-yan, one of the few educated girls on her mountain, translates for the stranger and is among the first to reject the rules that have shaped her existence. When she has a baby outside of wedlock, rather than stand by tradition, she wraps her daughter in a blanket, with a tea cake hidden in her swaddling, and abandons her in the nearest city. After mother and daughter have gone their separate ways, Li-yan slowly emerges from the security and insularity of her village to encounter modern life while Haley grows up a privileged and well-loved California girl. Despite Haley's happy home life, she wonders about her origins; and Li-yan longs for her lost daughter. They both search for and find answers in the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations. A powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane paints an unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters" -- Provided by publisher.

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

"Limiting Our Livelihood: The Cumulative Impact of Harassment on Women's Careers"

Latest research from AAUW found that harassment affects women in these ways:
Negatively affects women's physical and mental health including depression,
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other long-term health problems
Limits job choices
38% from survey responded that it contributed to decision to leave a job early
37% from survey responded that it hindered their career advancement
Overall effect was to reduce lifetime earnings

AAUW updated its research report "The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap"

Update based on newly released data from U.S. Census Bureau
Women collect in Social Security only 80% of what men receive from Social Security
Women's pension income is 76% of men's pension income
Women's overall retirement income is 70% of men's overall retirement income
Wage gap is narrower in job sections where wages are transparent, for example:
Wages in government are transparent so the pay gap in federal government
jobs is 13%
And pay gap in state government is 18%
In private for-profit sector where wages are not transparent the pay gap is
29%

AAUW Art Contest will start to accept entries starting Jan. 7

Special preference will be given to artwork which reflects AAUW's mission and values
Contest is held annually to help promote women artists
Currently only 30% of artists exhibited in commercial galleries are women
Women working in art professions are currently paid nearly \$20,00 per year
compared to men artists

Save the Date: January 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Why?: Tea is For Tech Trek – fundraiser for the future

Where: TeaLicious in Delray Beach, FL

**Bring as many people, homonids, friends, etc. as you can
push into your car**



Let's make this the best fundraiser ever!



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

4801 Linton Blvd, Suite 11A-401

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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.

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Save the Dates!

BRING A FRIEND TO THE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

December 14, 2019 Noon Croquet Club Holiday Party

January 18, 2020 11:00 a.m. TeaLicious Delray Beach T(ea) Is for Tech Trek

January 20-22, 2020 Lobby Days in Tallahassee

February 15, 2020 Susan B Anthony day Hacienda Dress in period costume, Hear the Declaration that started it all

March 14, 2020 Fashion Show Lake Worth Golf Club

April 18-19, 2010 State Convention Daytona Beach

April 25, 2020 Annual Meeting

May 15, 2020 Installation

2019-2020 Officers

Co-President: Susan Berlin and Virginia Farace

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