

Calendar

Now thru June 9 – Online voting. National bylaws proposals. (See page 3.)

Saturday, May 5 – 5:30 p.m. Dinner Club End-of-Year Kentucky Derby Party.

Monday, May 7 – 6 p.m. Branch board meeting. Palm Beach Gardens library.

Wednesday, May 9 – Deadline for treasurer Deb Nelson to get checks for installation dinner.

Thursday, May 10 – 1 p.m. Book Club. At Beverly Agee's.

Monday, May 14 – 6:30 p.m., Installation of officers. Brio Tuscan Grille, Palm Beach Gardens.

May 15 to June 15 – Online voting. AAUW-FL public policies, resolution. (See page 3.)

Monday, June 4 – 6 p.m. Palm Beach Gardens Library. Meeting for new, current board members.

Tuesday, June 5 – 7 p.m. Bridge Group. Gloria Kaplan's.

Sunday-Saturday, June 11 - 17 Florida Tech Trek. Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton.

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Annual Installation of Officers' Dinner

Monday, 6 p.m. May 14

Brio Tuscan Grille

Gardens Mall, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Join us for our annual installation of officers' dinner, May 14, where you and your guests will also meet winners of our Doris Karlik Local Scholarships.

Susan Berlin, a former co-president of AAUW Florida and a dual member of our branch and the Palm Beach County branch, will induct three officers to fill openings for the 2018-2020 term: Jane Wattick, Vice President for Program; Sally Bailey, treasurer; and Chari Kelley, secretary. Also, Jacquie Balaschak and Diane Karlik Lynch will return to our Charitable Foundation board.

Scholarship winners include Kimberly Gordon, Jameesha Rock, and Laura Angelie Diaz, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, and Pamela Gores who will receive a \$500 scholarship.

There's still time to make reservations. Just make sure treasurer Deb Nelson gets your check by **Wednesday, May 9**.

Cost is \$35 per person. You'll select your choice of entrees at the restaurant: Pasta Brio with grilled chicken; Shrimp Mediterranean; or Chicken Milanese with pasta. Soup of the day or salad, and non-alcoholic beverages are included. There will be also be a cash bar for other drinks. ♦

Pay dues the easy way – online

Dues for next year are due by July 1. You can send a check to our treasurer, but it's easier for you and her if you pay online. (Of the \$86 total, \$59 goes to AAUW National. \$12 to the state, and \$15 to our branch.)

Go to the Membership page on our branch website – <https://northernpalmbeach-fl.aauw.net> – where you'll see *Renew Membership Today*–

CLICK HERE. That takes you to the log in page on the national website.

Use your AAUW member id and password to access the Member Services Database and your contact information. Click on *Renew my membership* on the left. Follow the instructions to pay securely by credit card.

There's a phone number on the page if you need help. ♦

Students, Tech Trek benefit from fund raising

It's been a good year. Our Charitable Foundation board will distribute almost \$6,000 from this year's fund raising as well as the \$2,500 scholarship donated by Friends of the Northern Palm Beach Library. Here's a summary:

- **Local Doris Karlik Scholarships.** We had enough to award three \$1,000 scholarships this year. In addition, a \$500 grant was made from scholarship money reserved from prior years. (*See page 1 for the names of the winners.*)

- **Tech Trek.** Florida Tech Trek will receive \$1,500 from this year's fund raising.

- **Honoree.** The board reserved \$500 for our annual Educational Fund Honoree, which recognizes a member for outstanding contributions to the branch. A \$500 donation will be made in her name to one of the national AAUW Funds. The specific fund is still to be determined.

- **NCWWSL.** An additional \$155 was designated to reimburse Paulina Oporto Cespedes for airfare to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, May 30 to June 9, at the University of Maryland.

- **AAUW Fund.** \$500 will go to the national AAUW Fund as designated by attendees at our benefit luncheon. An additional \$206 will go to the AAUW Fund's Legal Advocacy Fund, which offers case support funding for those challenging gender discrimination or harassment in the workplace or in education.

- **Friends of Northern Palm Beach Library.** We've selected a winner for this scholarship, which we administer, and will coordinate the award to the recipient with the library.

Other distributions

In addition, last year, the foundation donated \$2,100 to Florida Tech Trek through the AAUW Fund before national required states to take over management of the program. This January, we made another donation of \$900 to Tech Trek, comprising members' donations, but not from our fund raiser.

The board also reserved funds to pay for our scholarship winners' dinners at the May 14 installation of officers, as is our practice.

In addition, reserves of at least \$500 have been set aside to make a deposit for the venue for next year's fund raiser. ♦

50-year members honored at convention

Five members of our branch were among those recognized at the recent state convention for 50 years of service to AAUW. Thanks

and congratulations to Marion Knapp, Mary Katherine Flucke, Doris Karlik, Carol Whalen, and Jacquie Balaschak. ♦

Directory updates needed

Is your contact information in our directory correct? Did you join after the directory was printed last year?

Sally Bailey will soon be updating the directory for next year, and it's crucial that listings are correct, so let her know changes needed.

The list is our go-to for members and includes name, address, email, phone (work, home, and/or mobile), and degree and college attended.

Questions? Email Sally at sbailey.140@aol.com. ♦

Dine with members

Dinner Club is a great way to meet new people and get to know other AAUW members.

We have four dinners during the year, each for eight people. Members are singles and couples. Regular members host one dinner and are guests at the other three. Substitute members fill in when a regular can't attend another hostess's dinner.

Specific dates, within the time period assigned, are decided by the hostess and her guests. An end-of-year party is open to all branch members and guests.

Questions? Email Ann Hutchins ashutch@umich.edu. ♦

Book Club and Bridge Group

- Book Club will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Beverly Agee's to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* and to plan the reading list for next year. No meetings in summer.

- Bridge group meets the first Tuesday of the month and continues throughout the summer. The June meeting will be at Gloria Kaplan's. Contact Judy Pierman for information. ♦

Don't miss deadlines for state, national bylaws votes

As a branch member, you're also a member of both the state and national AAUW organizations and have a say in their operations and activities. Both organizations are proposing changes that you can weigh in on. And both use the email and postal addresses recorded in national's Membership Services Database to contact you about voting. It's a good idea to check your profile at www.aauw.org/login to make sure it's correct. Information on issues and deadlines for each ballot follows.

Vote on dropping degree requirement ends June 9

The national board of directors is proposing three changes to the bylaws that they believe are needed to make AAUW more effective:

Should AAUW membership be open to those who don't have a degree but who support the organization's mission?

Should the national board of directors include those who are not members of AAUW?

Should three-year staggered terms be created for service on the national board of directors?

Voting opened April 25 and will close June 9 at 9 p.m. ET. You're encouraged to vote online using your member ID and PIN (which

you can find emailed to you with the digital version of *Outlook* magazine or on the mailing label of the print edition).

A paper ballot and envelope were included in the print version of *Outlook*, or you can request one by calling by 800.326.2289 by May 7.

Paper ballots, must be mailed and postmarked by May 21 at 11:59 ET. Voting results will be announced online June 10.

The board sent an email explanation to all members – www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/. It also provided its rationale along with the exact wording of the bylaws' changes at

<https://svc.aauw.org/recore/docu/aauw-bylaws-2017.pdf>.

The two proposals about board service are seen as best practices bringing AAUW in line with other nonprofits.

The more wide-reaching proposal to drop the degree requirement has come up for a vote before and did not pass. So members must again decide on what would be a major shift in AAUW.

The board believes dropping the degree requirement would align better with our mission; bring in more members; increase our impact; enhance diversity; and make it easier to get grants. ♦

State public policies' vote starts May 15, ends June 15

The AAUW Florida board is asking for approval of two proposals:

Public policy priorities. Florida's public policy priorities are due for approval this year, and, again, you're asked to adopt the public policy priorities that national has identified to inform advocacy efforts for the next two years.

Broadly, the priorities:

- Support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversities.
- Achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women.

• Guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society

You can get details on the national priorities at <https://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities>.

Pay equity resolution. You're also asked to approve the sending of an official thanks to legislator Lori Berman and her assistant Abby Ross for work on legislation aimed at pay equity for women.

Dates, deadlines. You're eligible to vote if you've been a member of AAUW Florida as of March 15, 2018. You'll get instruc-

tions and ballots by email based on your contact information in the Member Services Database. If you don't have email, you'll receive a paper ballot.

Online voting begins May 15 and ends June 15 at 9 p.m. EDT. Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m., EDT, June 13. Voting results will be announced in an email to branch presidents and on our state website.

Details on state voting are on the state website, <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/>. Email Virginia Farace, aauwflfarace@gmail.com for more information. ♦