



Help needed for Feb. 17 Candidates Night

Let [Judy Pierman](#) know if you can volunteer to help at Meet the Candidates Night in North Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 17.

Our branch is hosting the event as it has done for years. Volunteers needed for tasks like signing in attendees. ■

Calendar

Wednesday, February 16 – 1:15 p.m. Book Group. Via Zoom. “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah.

Tuesday, March 1 – 7 p.m. Bridge Group. Via Zoom. First-time players, email Shirley Koo, tceny12@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 12 – 11 a.m. AAUW FL Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Dialogue. Via Zoom. Contact [Jonnie Mae Perry](#).

Thursday, March 17 – 1:15 p.m. Book Club. Via Zoom. “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez.

Saturday, March 19 – 10 a.m. Branch meeting. Via Zoom. Women’s History Month panel.

Friday, March 25 – Deadline, Doris Karlik Scholarship applications.

Thursday, March 31 - Suggested deadline for No-Lunch Luncheon benefit donations.

April 1-3 – AAUW FL Convention. Via Zoom. Details March *floriVision*.

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No-Lunch Luncheon Virtual Fundraiser

It’s February – and that means it’s time for our annual fundraising event. This year we’re staying safe again with a virtual No-Lunch Luncheon – and you and your friends are invited!

The invitation is from our branch’s Charitable Foundation, which means your donations are tax-deductible. We hope you’ll consider a gift by March 31 that adds up to what you might have spent at an in-person gala for lunch, the silent auction, the money-hat, and sponsorships.

You can stipulate that your donations be applied to our local Doris Karlik Scholarships for Women; the Tech Trek camp for middle-school girls; AAUW’s National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; and National AAUW. If your donation is undesignated, our foundation board will determine how to allocate it.

Make checks payable to the NPBC AAUW Charitable Foundation, Inc., PO Box 32043, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420. Contact [Cheryll Plotkin](#) to make a credit card donation.

For other questions or invitations, email [Diane Cochran](#). ■



From left: Doris Karlik, Gloria Kaplan, Diane Cochran addressing fundraiser invitations. Photographer: Judy Pierman. ■

March branch meeting set for Saturday morning

Help us celebrate Women’s History Month at our next branch meeting – 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19.

It will be via Zoom, so grab your coffee or tea, and join in your pj’s, if you want.

This year we’ll feature a panel of branch members who will share some of the opportunities, obstacles, and successes

they have experienced along the way.

Gloria Kaplan, branch president, will be on the panel and said we’ll discover how much things have changed for women in the workplace. In 1950, for example, pregnancy meant a teacher would have to stop working.

Other panelists and meeting details will be in next month’s newsletter and on our website. ■

Lobby your lawmakers about AAUW priorities

Every year, AAUW Florida schedules a Lobby Day for branch members to meet with legislators while they're in session. The idea is to let lawmakers know about and understand AAUW public policy priorities.

This year's Lobby Day was a virtual event, held Jan. 18 at the beginning of the session. But you still have until March 11 to do your own lobbying while the session is ongoing.

By contacting legislators during the session or other times, you'll give AAUW FL a strong display of support and help to advance policies that make a difference in the lives of women and their families.

Legislative priorities

Your support is needed on AAUW Florida's 2022 legislative priorities. Read the [full policy agenda](#) on AAUW Florida's website. Highlights are below:

- Support fair pay for all.
- Ensure diversity in state government programs and activities.

- Support the effort to stop human trafficking.
- Support reproductive rights.
- Establish the commissioner of education as an elected role.
- Oppose the removal of the critical race theory in public institutions.
- Oppose the disenfranchisement of no-party affiliation voters in school board elections.

Tune in

You can watch your legislators in action and tune in to legislative committee meetings during this legislative session. Listed on our legislative priorities are the committees to which our bills are referred.

Meetings are available for viewing on The [Florida Channel's website](#). Also check the broadcast schedule at [The Florida Senate Video Broadcast Schedule](#) and [Florida House Broadcast Schedule](#). [Click here](#) to see a recording of Virtual Lobby Day on YouTube. ■

—By Kay Lee-Smith, AAUW FL
Director of Public Policy

Power of Story is convention theme

Join AAUW Florida for this year's biennial convention and annual meeting, The Power of Story, held virtually April 1-3.

Michael Butler, Ph.D., the Kenan Distinguished Professor of History at Flagler College in St. Augustine, kicks off the convention at 5 p.m. Friday, April 1, with "Myth, Memory, and the Power of Story," about the Lost Cause myth of the Confederacy and how it has been perpetuated.

Speakers Saturday morning include Mary Hickey, AAUW Senior Director of Communications, on "Telling the AAUW Story" at 10 a.m., and



Natalie Underberg-Goode, Ph.D., communication and media professor, University of Central Florida on "The Stories We Tell: Personal Narratives, Organizational Tales, Digital Storytelling."

At 10 a.m. Sunday, Mary Gatta, Ph.D., research director for the National Association of Colleges and Employers, describes "The Power of Story in Qualitative Research."

The annual meeting and election are at 11 a.m. A town hall with Mary Hickey follows.

More information and the link to register is in the March AAUW FL newsletter, *floriVision*, which you'll receive soon. ■

Scholarship applications due by March 25

High school seniors as well as women already enrolled in college are now eligible to apply for our Doris Karlik Scholarships for Women.

Applications can be downloaded from our website and must be completed and received by March 25.

If you want to spread the word in your neighborhood, download the flyer on page 3, which was also distributed at our holiday party. ■

Book group changes meeting start time

Our book group will start meetings 15 minutes later for the rest of the year – 1:15 p.m. instead of 1 p.m.

This month, the group will meet a day earlier on Zoom, on Wednesday, Feb. 16, to discuss "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah.

In March, the group will meet on Thursday, the 17th to discuss "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez. The book for April 21 is "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The book for May has not yet been chosen. ■

NCCWSL attendee selected

Drew Burgess from the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College at Florida Atlantic University has been selected to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The virtual conference takes place May 24-26. ■

AAUW FL board openings

AAUW Florida has openings for director for communications and for director for development for the 2022-24 term. If you're interested, contact [Shirley Koo](#), state nominations committee chair. ■

Editor's note: Thanks to Wendy Plotkin, who took the photos of our holiday party that added so much to the January newsletter. ■



Northern Palm Beach County (FL) Branch

***DORIS KARLIK SCHOLARSHIP
FOR WOMEN
RANGES FROM \$500 TO \$1,500***

DEADLINE MARCH 25, 2022

Requirements:

1. Resident of Palm Beach County, FL
2. US Citizen, by birth or naturalization
3. Attending or planning to attend an accredited Florida college, university, or trade school.
4. 3.0 grade point average or higher (For high school seniors your high school GPA. For college students, your college GPA only)
5. A completed application form including personal statements
6. An unofficial college (or high school if you are a high school senior) transcript

<http://northernpalmbeach-fl.aauw.net>

AAUW Mission

**To advance gender equity for women and girls through research,
education, and advocacy.**

Fundraiser invitations are in the mail

Invitations to our No-Lunch Luncheon have been sent to all members. If you didn't get one, or need extras, contact [Diane Cochran](#), benefit chair.

A graphic for a fundraiser invitation. It features a stylized tree with a thick trunk on the left and several branches with leaves extending across the top. The text is centered within the branches. The text is in various colors: red for the main title, brown for the organization name, green for the event title, and brown for the details and contact information.

Our Virtual Fundraiser!
*Charitable Foundation Inc. of Northern
Palm Beach County American
Association Of University Women*

No Lunch Luncheon

Please consider a tax deductible gift by March
31, 2022 in lieu of sponsorships, lunch, raffle,
money hat drawing, and basket raffle.
Covid might have stopped us meeting in person
but the need remains!

Make Checks Payable to:
Charitable Foundation Inc. NPBCAAUW
PO Box 32043
Palm Beach Gardens FL 33420

For credit card donations, contact Cheryll
Plotkin at crplotkin@gmail.com



Northern Palm Beach County Branch: 2021-2022 Calendar

Our regular monthly meetings are usually held in the Obert Room at the North Palm Beach Library, 303 Anchorage Dr., North Palm Beach, at 6:30 pm, on the third Monday of the month, except for our February fundraiser, our December holiday party, and our May installation dinner, which have different venues.

This year we're also holding two regular branch meetings on Saturday mornings in response to suggestions in a survey sent to members over the summer.

Because of the pandemic, we've been holding meetings via Zoom. As conditions improve, we'll move to in-person meetings. But masks and social distancing will still be required. We'll keep you posted in the branch newsletter and website, as we respond to a changing situation.

2021

Monday, September 20, 6:30 pm – Season Kickoff via Zoom. Introducing the upcoming season's programs and activities for branch and state. Patricia Ross, past president of AAUW Florida and current co-director for communications, will discuss state activities. Also joining us, Aubrie Gibbons, our NCCWSL attendee, and Ella Pierman, The Benjamin School Junior Woman Award winner. **Via Zoom**

Saturday, October 16, 10 am – Palm Beach County Guardian ad Litem program – **Via Zoom**

Monday, November 15, 6:30 pm – Biomedical ethics. Ashley Kennedy, associate professor, Wilkes Honor College, Florida Atlantic University. **Via Zoom**

Monday, December 6 – Holiday Party hosted by Liz Shapiro, 8385 Ironhorse Court, West Palm Beach, Ironhorse Country Club. Guests welcome. Holiday mask contest. Bring books for adopted class of three-year-olds at Hispanic Human Resources Council. RSVP by December 1.

2022

Monday, January 10, 6:30 pm – Tech Trek, Sue Slone, AAUW Florida Tech Trek Coordinator. **Via Zoom.**

Saturday February 12, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm – Annual Benefit for our Charitable Foundation. DoubleTree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens. **Postponed until 2023. Replaced by No-Lunch Luncheon** to support Doris Karlik local scholarships, Tech Trek, AAUW State and National programs.

Saturday, March 19, 10 am – Women's History Month. **Via Zoom.**

Friday, March 25 – Deadline. Doris Karlik Scholarships for Women applications.

Thursday, March 31 – Suggested deadline for No-Lunch Luncheon donations.

Friday, April 1, to Sunday, April 3 – AAUW Florida Virtual Convention and Annual Meeting. **Via Zoom.**

Monday, April 18, 6:30 pm – Joy of Opera. Guiseppe Albanese, presenter. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Florida Atlantic University.

Monday, May 16, 6 pm – Spring dinner. Installation of officers.

May – End-of-Year Dining Club Social. Open to all members and guests.

May 24-26– AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, University of Maryland.

June 18-24– Florida Tech Trek STEM camps for rising eighth-grade girls. Via Zoom again this year.

June 30 – 2022-2023 Annual Branch dues deadline. Pay online at aauw.org through National Member Services Database.

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Need a branch contact list? Members can download one at the [AAUW National Membership Services Database](http://aauw.org).