



### Records system updated

A new records system has replaced the old Membership Services Database at AAUW. It will have more options for self-service when fully implemented, But you'll need to create a new account first.

Get details and instructional videos on the National website.

[Click here.](#) ■

### Calendar

**Thursday, March 17** – 1:15 p.m.  
Book Club Via Zoom.

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

**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. *See page 2 to register.*

**Monday, April 4** – 6 p.m. Branch board.

**Tuesday, April 5** – 7 p.m. Bridge Group. Via Zoom. First-time players, email [Shirley Koo](#).

**Monday, April 18** – 6:30 p.m. Branch meeting. Joy of Opera.

**Thursday, April 21** – 1:15 p.m. Book Club. Via Zoom.

**Monday, May 2** – 6 p.m. Branch board.

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## Women History Month

### *Virtual Coffee Klatsch*

10 a.m. Saturday – March 19

Email [Jane Wattick](#) if you need the email invite.

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

Grab your coffee or tea, and join us for an old-fashioned coffee klatsch, albeit a 2022 virtual version of neighborhood women gathering to sip and chat.

The get-togethers gained popularity in the 50s and 60s, taking their name from combining the word "coffee" with "klatsch," the German word for gossip. We won't be gossiping Saturday morning, but we want you to share your memories and ongoing issues about what has changed – and what hasn't – for women as they navigate the workplace.

The program committee is putting together a few questions to get you started thinking about your careers, and balancing work and home life. Gloria Kaplan, branch president, will kick off the discussion,

Jane Wattick is vice president for program. Committee members are Shirley Koo, Mary Jane Saunders, Liz Shapiro, and Carol Renick. ■

### Send in No-Lunch donations by March 31

We skipped an in-person February gala this year due to the coronavirus. But we still need your donations.

If you haven't sent yours in yet, consider a gift by March 31 that adds up to what you might have spent at an in-person gala for lunch, silent auction, money hat, and sponsorships.

Your tax-deductible gifts to our branch Charitable Foundation fund 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.

Make checks payable to NPBC AAUW Charitable Foundation, PO Box 32043, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420. Contact [Cheryll Plotkin](#) to make a credit card donation. A copy of the invitations sent in February is on *page 4.* ■

## Nominations report at March meeting

The nominating committee is working on a slate of candidates for membership vice president, treasurer, and secretary to be elected at our annual meeting April 18.

Those are the positions filled in even-numbered years for a two-year term that starts July 1. At our branch meeting, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 19, the committee will report on the slate of candidates.

Nominations can also be made from the floor before the election, with the consent of the candidate.

The committee will also suggest names for two branch members to be serve on the board of our Charitable Foundation. Members of foundation board are appointed by the branch board of directors at its April meeting.

Nominating committee members are Doris Karlik, Doris Noble and Jane Wattick.

Election procedures are spelled out in bylaws for our branch and our foundation. [Click here](#) to read the branch and foundation bylaws on our website. ■



### Register for online state convention

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

[Click here](#) to register for the convention, and [here](#) for the members-only annual meeting and election, 11 a.m. Sunday. The [March floriVision](#) has all the details. Here are highlights:

- **5 p.m. Friday** –Michael Butler, Ph.D., the Kenan Distinguished Professor of History at Flagler College in St. Augustine. “Myth, Memory, and the Power of Story,” about the Lost Cause myth of the Confederacy and how it has been perpetuated.

- **10 a.m. Saturday**–Mary Hickey, AAUW Senior Director of Communications, on “Telling the AAUW Story” followed by Natalie Underberg-Goode, Ph.D., communication and media professor, University of Central Florida on “The Stories We Tell: Personal Narratives, Organizational Tales, Digital Storytelling.”

- **10 a.m. Sunday** – Mary Gatta, Ph.D., research director, National Association of Colleges and Employers, describes “The Power of Story in Qualitative Research.” ■

### Book group

Book group meets via Zoom for the next three months. All meetings start at 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 17 – “Afterlife” by Julia Alvarez.

Thursday, April 21 – “Daisy Jones and the Six” by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Thursday, May 19 – “These Precious Days” by Ann Patchett. ■

### Sunshine and shadow

Doris Karlik is in Palm Beach Gardens Hospital, and your prayers, best wishes, and cards would be appreciated. Send cards to her home address to ensure she gets them. ■

## Meet our NCCWSL attendee

Drew Burgess, a biology major at the Wilkes Honors College at Florida Atlantic University, will attend this year’s AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.



Drew Burgess

listening and engaging young girls and encouraging them in the way strong women in her life have and continue to nurture her.

She hopes to become fluent in Spanish to better serve her community. The summer before her senior year, she is due to complete a study-abroad—hopefully, in a Spanish-speaking country.

Our branch sponsors a student selected by FAU to attend every year. Previously held at the University of Maryland, the 2022 event will be virtual again, May 24-26, due to the pandemic.

After FAU, Burgess plans to attend medical school and wants to become a pediatrician, which she sees as combining her love of medicine and helping children. She’ll get practical experience in the field in the near future by interning at a medical office. .

She is a mentor for Pretty With Purpose, Inc., a mentoring and leadership program for girls ages 12 to 29. Burgess has been a youth speaker at program events,

Burgess is the recipient of the Henry Morrison Flagler Scholarship at Wilkes Honor College and will join the program’s spring semester ambassadorship at the Flagler Museum in Palm Beach.

Last summer, she interned at the Hillsborough Education Foundation, creating resource handouts for parents and students, gaining workplace skills like collaboration and communication while serving the community. ■

### Candidates’ night celebration

Members from our branch help out at the North Palm Beach Candidates Night held before village elections. This year it coincided with Gloria Kaplan’s birthday. After working as time keeper, she was surprised with a birthday celebration by Judy Pierman (*center*) and Liz Shapiro (*far right*) who also volunteered. ■





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 vertical flyer with a light green background. On the left side, there is a stylized illustration of a tree trunk and a branch with leaves. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts. The main title is in a large, dark green serif font. Below it, the organization's name is in a smaller, brown serif font. The event title is in a large, dark green serif font. The details of the event are in a smaller, brown serif font. The contact information is in a smaller, brown serif font. The bottom section is in a smaller, brown serif font.

***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](mailto: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 – Virtual Coffee Klatsch. **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** – Annual Meeting & Election of Officers. 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 Virtual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

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

June 30 – Deadline, 2022-23 annual dues.

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