

Northern Palm Beach County Branch Out

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Records system updated

The Community Hub has replaced the old Membership Services Database at AAUW. It offers more options for self-service to renew, donate, or change your profile, but you'll need to create a new account first.

Get details and instructional videos on the National website. Click here. ■

Calendar

Monday, April 18 – 6:30 p.m. Branch meeting. Joy of Opera. Followed by Annual Meeting & Election. North Palm Beach Library.

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

Monday, May 2 – 6 p.m. Branch board

Tuesday, May 3 – 7 p.m. Bridge Group. Via Zoom. First-time players, email <u>Shirley Koo</u>.

Tuesday, May 10 – Deadline. Reservations for Installation dinner.

Monday, May 16 – 6:30 p.m. Annual Installation of Officers. Juno Beach Fish House. Reserve by May 10.

May 24-26 – AAUW Virtual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

June 18-24 – AAUW Tech Trek FL Virtual Camp.

June 30 - Deadline. AAUW dues.

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Presented by Giuseppe Albanese Followed by

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Monday, 6:30 p.m., April 18

North Palm Beach Library
303 Anchorage Drive, North Palm Beach, FL

In person! Masks optional.

Join us at the next branch meeting, Monday, April 18, where we'll meet in person for the first time in two years! Zoom has kept us connected, but we're all looking forward to a more-normal, in-person get-together in the Obert Room at the North Palm Beach Library.

Masks are optional, and we'll skip the snacks.

We'll hear from Giuseppe Albanese about The Joy of Opera, first, followed by our annual meeting and election of officers.

Program

Albanese presents courses at Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong

Learning Society that are about opera. A 1966 graduate of the University of Vermont with a degree in history, he developed The Joy of Opera, a dynamic educational program, in the early 1980s.

For the past 25 years he has taught the course, lectured extensively on many operatic subjects, and produced a series of video documentaries.

At our meeting, he will focus on: One Aria, The Three Tenors "Nessun Dorma" from Puccini's last opera, Turandot.



Giuseppe Albanese

Annual meeting & election

We'll hear the nominating committee report on candidates for treasurer, secretary, and vice president for membership. All three incumbents will be candidates: Cheryll Plotkin, treasurer; Wendy Plotkin, secretary; and Liz Shapiro, vice president for membership. Nominations can also be made from the floor, with the candidates' permission.

The nominating committee report will also include recommendations for names of members to fill two openings on our Charitable Foundation board. The annual meeting and election are always held at our April branch meeting.

Annual spring dinner set for May 16

Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 16, and join us at the Juno Beach Fish House for our annual installation of officers.

Cheryll Plotkin will continue as treasurer; Liz Shapiro, as vice president for membership; and Wendy Plotkin, as secretary. You'll also meet recipients of this year's Doris Karlik Local Scholarships.

Getting together in person will be a welcome change from the virtual interactions we've had because of the pandemic, so make plans to come. Guests are welcome.

The restaurant is located at 13980 US Highway One, in Juno Beach, at the intersection of Donald Ross Rd.

Reserve, pay by May 10

We've reserved the covered. outside patio. The price, which includes gratuity, is just \$32 per person, or \$33.75 if you pay by credit card. To pay by check, make



sure you send it to arrive by May 10 at Cheryll Plotkin's residence, 11808 Hemlock St., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Make checks payable to AAUW NPBC.

To pay by credit card contact Cheryll, who will send you an invoice into which you can securely enter your credit card information. Payment is still due by May 10.

What's on the menu?

You'll chose your entree at the restaurant:

- Parmesan encrusted grouper
- Grilled Atlantic salmon
- Chicken Milanese
- Roasted vegetable pasta (meatless)

Dinner also includes broccoli and garlic mashed potatoes; Sarah's house salad; rolls and herb oil; tea, coffee, and fountain beverages; and cake for dessert.

A cash bar will be available.

No-Lunch donations total almost \$9,000

Not going to lunch was popular again this year.

Instead of holding our annual February gala, we did our fundraising virtually because of the pandemic. The result of member generosity? Our Charitable Foundation received a total of \$8,894 in donations.

Most donors designated how their money should be applied: Tech Trek, the Doris Karlik Local Scholarships, and the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Once all expenses are deducted, Tech Trek will receive almost \$2,000, and local scholarships almost \$5,200. Funds have already been paid for our NCCWSL student this year.

About \$4,000 in scholarship funds was left over from previous vears, so the board voted to allot up to \$8,000 for scholarships this

For more information or the full fundraiser report, email **Diane Cochran** foundation board president.

NOW lauds Haughwout as Feminist of Year



From left: Cheryll Plotkin, Judy Pierman, Carey Haughwout, Liz Shapiro.

Carey Haughwout, Palm Beach County's Public Defender, and a member of our branch, was honored last month as one of two Feminists of the Year by the Palm Beach County Chapter of NOW, the National

Organization for Women. Three branch members, pictured, attended the NOW

event, held in Delray Beach.

Haughwout, who has served as Palm Beach County's elected public defender since 2001, was the speaker at our gala fundraiser in February 2019. She is responsible for a staff of more than 200 people - an estimated 120 attorneys and Liz Shaprio and Judy Pierman 80 support staff – who handle more than 50,000 cases a year. ■



strike a pose beside a poster proclaiming a NOW priority issue at NOW's Feminist of the Year award event.



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 inperson 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

<u>Monday, September 20, 6:30 pm</u> – 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

<u>Monday, November 15, 6:30 pm</u> – 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.

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

<u>Saturday, March 19, 10 am</u> – Women's History Month – Virtual Coffee Klatsch. Via Zoom.

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

<u>Thursday, March 31</u> – Suggested deadline for No-Lunch Luncheon donations.

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

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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 Virtual STEM camps for rising eighth-grade girls.

June 30 - Deadline, 2022-23 annual dues.

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