



Calendar

Tuesday, May 10 – Deadline for reservations for Installation dinner. Cheryll Plotkin needs to receive payment by May 10.

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

Thursday, May 19 – 1:15 p.m. Book Club. Via Zoom.

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

Tuesday, June 7 – 7 p.m. Bridge Group. Via Zoom. First-time players, email [Shirley Koo](mailto:Shirley.Koo).

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

Friday, June 24 – 2:30 p.m. AAUW Tech Trek closing ceremony via Zoom.

June 30 – Deadline. AAUW dues. Pay online.

Summer activities

Bridge Group will continue playing through the summer via Zoom. Contact [Shirley Koo](mailto:Shirley.Koo). **Book Club** is also considering summer meetings. Contact [Doris Noble](mailto:Doris.Noble).

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Annual Installation of Officers Dinner

Monday, 6:30 p.m., May 16

Juno Beach Fish House

13080 US Highway 1, Juno Beach, FL

In person!

Reserve, pay by May 10.

Join us at the Juno Beach Fish House to welcome new officers and appointees, meet our scholarship and NCCWSL winners, and learn the identity of this year’s branch honorees.

Diane Cochran, branch member and former AAUW Florida president, will conduct the installation of new officers. Cheryll Plotkin will continue as treasurer; Liz Shapiro, as vice president for membership; and Wendy Plotkin, as secretary. In addition, Diane Karlik Lynch will continue as treasurer on the board of directors of our charitable foundation, and Shirley Koo will join the foundation board.



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 choose your entree at the restaurant:

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

Dinner also includes broccoli; 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. ■

\$1,000 Karlik scholarships go to 8 women

By Mary Jane Saunders, Scholarship Committee Chair

Eight young women have received the 2022 NPBC AAUW Doris Karlik Scholarships for \$1,000 each, thanks to the generosity of our members. Several winners will attend the May 16 dinner, and we encourage you to meet them and find out more about their accomplishments and dreams.



become a nurse practitioner, inspired by a medical team at UF Shands Hospital

Erin Leahy is a graduate of West Boca Raton High

School and is a freshman biology major at Florida Atlantic University. Erin works as a gymnastics coach and an animal hospital receptionist. She plans on attending medical school to become a forensic psychiatrist.

Megan Serin is an ecology major at Florida Atlantic University and the mother of three young children. She is returning to school after earning her associate's degree several years ago juggling child care, work, and school. She plans to use her microbiology and ecology degree to work on environmental issues, especially to increase sustainability for future generations.

Amiyah Stringer is a graduate of Suncoast Community High School and will be a junior information science major at the University of North Florida. She volunteers at the Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, and enjoys coding and programming. She would like to work for a major IT company and then start her own business.

Isabella Whedbee is a senior at Palm Beach Central High School planning on majoring in advertising and English. She was president of her school's Red Cross Club and organized blood drives and disaster preparedness meetings. She would like to help female-led non-profits expand their reach through marketing. ■

Isabella DiPaola is a graduate of Pope John Paul II School and will be a senior biology major at Florida Atlantic University this fall. She volunteers with Equine Assisted Therapies which aids children with special needs and plans on becoming a veterinarian.

Ben-Gina Fantaisie is a senior at Atlantic Community High School and accepted to Florida State University in the fall. She has volunteered as a web developer for several non-profits dedicated to helping the people of Haiti and alleviating poverty. After college, she would like to attend a physician assistant program in pediatrics and eventually build a school in Haiti.

Naomi Francisco is a senior at Suncoast Community High School who has developed "Period Pouches" provided to shelters for homeless women to increase self esteem and provide products needed for feminine hygiene. She plans on majoring in marketing and becoming an entrepreneur advancing societal change especially for homeless women.

Jenna Kercheville is a Seminole Ridge High School senior and has dual-enrolled at Palm Beach State College. She plans to get a bachelor of science degree in nursing and

Renew dues online now on Community Hub

A new Community Hub has replaced the old AAUW Member Services Database, promising more options for self-service, lower operational costs, and greater efficiency.

But not all features are up and running smoothly right now, and it affects the way treasurer Cheryl Plotkin can process dues renewals. As a result, she'd rather you renew online through the Community Hub instead of sending her a check, at least for the time being.

The new fiscal year starts July 1, so renewals are due by June 30. To renew online, you need to [set up a new account](#) on the Community Hub. The password you used for the MSD needs to be reset to log in.

[Details and instructional videos](#) are on the National website. Make sure education and other information on your profile is correct and that it shows affiliations with the State of Florida and our branch.

Dues for 2022-23 total \$94 – National, \$67; AAUW Florida, \$12; and our branch, \$15. \$64 of the National dues is tax-deductible. The remaining \$3 is not because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and election-related activities. ■

Help pack Tech Trek supplies

Plans are moving along well for Tech Trek Florida 2022. Sixty girls will attend the virtual camp, including **Caroline McCarthy** from Jupiter Middle School.

Supplies will be mailed to the girls before June 1. If you can help pack supplies on May 27 or May 31, email [Sue Slone](#). A grant from Stetson University covers cost for most supplies.

For a list of class offerings check the [Tech Trek FL website](#). Be looking for an invitation to our closing ceremony Friday, June 24, at 2:30 p.m. It will give you a brief look at our virtual camp and the girls who attend.

— Sue Slone, Tech Trek Florida Coordinator. ■



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. Plus Joy of Opera. Giuseppe Albanese, presenter. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Florida Atlantic University. **In person. North Palm Beach Library.**

Monday, May 16, 6:30 pm – Spring dinner. Installation of officers. Meet scholarship winners. **In person. Juno Beach Fish House.** Reservations required. Send payment to Cheryl Plotkin to be received by May 10.

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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