



Northern Palm Beach County (FL) Branch

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NEW! Membership Flyer

Have you ever tried to explain to a prospective member what we're all about? Or wanted a flyer to distribute to another group?

The Join Us! Flyer on page 6 can help. It's a PDF that you can print in color or black and white. ■

Calendar

- Tuesday, March 14** – 7 p.m.
Bridge Club via Zoom. Email Shirley Koo.
- Thursday, March 16** – 1:15 p.m.
Book Club. "Let the Great World Spin." Email Doris Noble.
- Saturday, March 18** – 10 a.m.
Branch meeting. North Palm Beach Library. J. Rachel Gustafson, Norton Museum of Art.
- Friday, March 24** – Deadline.
Doris Karlik Scholarships.
- Tuesday, April 11** – 7 p.m.
Bridge Club via Zoom.
- Monday, April 17** – 6:30 p.m.
Branch Annual Meeting. Election of Officers. North Palm Beach Library. Program: Historical Society of Palm Beach.
- Thursday, April 20** – 1:15 p.m.
Book Club. Via Zoom
- Monday, May 15** – 6:30 p.m.
Spring dinner. Installation of officers. Juno Beach Fish House.
- Thursday, May 18** – 6 p.m.
AAUW Florida Annual Meeting. Election of officers. Via Zoom

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Celebrating Art by Women

Saturday, 10 a.m., March 18

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

We'll celebrate Women's History Month on Saturday morning, March 18, with J. Rachel Gustafson, chief curatorial operations and research officer at the Norton Museum of Art. So set your alarm and join us at 10 a.m. at the North Palm Beach Library. (There will be coffee!)

Gustafson has served the curatorial department since 2015, managing all exhibitions and collection-based projects throughout the museum's five collection areas - from Neolithic Chinese objects to contemporary site-specific works. She curated the 2021 exhibition, "For the Record: Celebrating Art by Women," which illustrated the diversity of women's art and the need for greater representation.



J. Rachel Gustafson standing in front of Calder tapestry titled Spirales (Spirals), circa 1975.

Prior to joining the Norton, she completed a fellowship at the National Museum for Women in the Arts and worked in the public affairs and publications department at the National Endowment for the Arts. She received her master's in art history from American University, graduating with distinction, and completed her bachelor's from Florida State University. She is a proud feminist art historian. ■

President, program VP candidates announced

Our branch annual meeting and election are held in April. Since this is an odd-numbered year, we'll elect a new president and vice president for program, as outlined in our [bylaws](#), at our April 17 meeting.

Candidates selected by the board-appointed nominating committee are Jane Wattick for president and Shirley Koo for vice president for program. Nominations

can also be made from the floor at the April 17 meeting.

The branch board is also responsible for choosing members to fill the two of four director positions open each year on our Charitable Foundation board. Incumbents Doris Noble and Mary Jane Saunders have agreed to continue serving.

[Click here](#) to read our bylaws – Articles IX thru XI are on elections. ■

Our 2023 NCCWSL attendee selected

Calyssa Setterberg, a second-year psychology major at the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College at Florida Atlantic University, will attend this year's AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

The annual event will be held in person this year May 31 to June 3 at the University of Maryland in College Park after two years of virtual meetings due to the pandemic.

Each year, our branch sponsors a student from FAU to attend, using proceeds from our annual fundraiser to pay for travel and fees. The student is selected by FAU.

Setterberg plans on a career in advertising after graduation. Her hobbies include dancing and crocheting. She enjoys broadening her horizons with traveling, meeting different people, and experiencing new adventures.

[Click here](#) for more information about NCCWSL. ■



Calyssa Setterberg shows her playful, adventurous side from her perch in a huge tree.



Spring dinner set for Juno Beach Fish House

Our annual spring dinner and installation of officers will be held at the Juno Beach Fish House again this year. Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 15.

The new president and vice president for program will be installed, and branch honorees announced.

Scholarship winners and NCCWSL representative traditionally attend.

The menu is the same as last year: choice of grilled salmon, chicken Milanese, pasta primavera, or Parmesan encrusted grouper. Cost is \$37 per person, and includes tax and tip. Watch for sign-up info. ■

Out and About walking tour, lunch in Palm Beach



Jane Wattick, standing left, and Liz Shapiro, right, with Dorothy Evangelista and Judy Pierman at lunch in Palm Beach after the February Out and About – a walking tour of Worth Ave. ■

Tech Trek teachers needed

Tech Trek camps for middle-school girls are in person this year, and organizers need volunteers to teach 90-minute workshops held in the afternoons.

Camps last one week, from June 18 to June 24 at Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter and from June 11 to June 17 at Stetson University in Deland.

If you're interested, contact Sue Slone, Tech Trek Camp Coordinator @ techtrekfl16@gmail.com. ■

State election to be online

This year's AAUW Florida annual meeting and election will be held via Zoom May 18.

Several regional in-person, invitation-only workshops will be held around the state for current and potential future branch officers and leaders.

All Florida members will receive emails with the Zoom information for the 6 p.m. annual meeting. Candidates for office include Kay Lee-Smith, for president-elect; Diana Sells, director for program; Ellen Roche, director for finance; and Patricia Dewitt and Mary Gatta, co-directors for public policy.

Their profiles will be included in the April issue of *floriVision*, the state newsletter sent out 30 days before the annual meeting to all branch members via email. The newsletter will also cover other state business and reports from state officers. ■

Membership

Welcome to new member Muriel Faile of Palm Beach Gardens. Say hello at mfaile@bellsouth.net. ■

Gala benefit and auction raises \$9,290

Our 43rd annual benefit luncheon and auction was a great success raising \$9,290.

Eighty people attended the event Feb. 11 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens – our first in-person fundraiser since Covid 19 scuttled plans for the 2021 and 2022 luncheons.

Congresswoman Lois Frankel was an excellent speaker, explaining the bill she co-sponsored signed by President Biden that makes sexual harassment in the workplace against the law.

The luncheon is the major fundraiser for our branch Charitable Foundation, the 501(c)3 that makes our projects for women and girls possible, including local scholarships, Tech Trek, and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) as well

as National AAUW programs.

The foundation board will meet after the March 24 deadline for scholarship applications to vote on the disbursement of fundraiser proceeds.

Our branch and the foundation also made great strides in visibility in the community. Not only did branch members attend with guests, but members from the following groups also attended:

- North Palm Beach Library Board
- League of Women Voters
- Greater Palm Beach County Women’s Club
- Palm Beach County Women’s Club
- Palm Beach County Branch AAUW
- Stuart Area Branch AAUW

Diane Cochran was benefit chair for the 2021 and 2022 virtual events, and continued this year for the in-person gala. A number of branch members handled key tasks: Ann Hutchins–reserva-

Thank you!

As the event chair, I wish to thank everyone for their help and support. The benefit could not have been such a success without the participation and generosity of branch members, guests, and supporters.

Thank you to the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes and to those who donated items for the baskets and silent auction. And thank you to the Charitable Foundation board for their support. It took three years, but we did it!

Diane Cochran, Benefit Chair 2023

tions, seating; MJ Saunders –table centerpieces; Cheryl Plotkin– slide presentation, credit card payments; Wendy Plotkin–photography; Deborah Nelson–coordinating baskets, auction items; Carol MacDonald–program, invitations; Judy Pierman–speaker’s gift; Doris Karlik–Money Hat. ■

Contributions are still welcome. Mail checks made out to the foundation to: AAUW, PO Box 32043, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420. ■



Mary Jane Range, Nell Pullen, Keynote Speaker Lois Frankel, Dorothy Evangelista and Barbara van Itallie Seated, Carol Selig



Doris Karlik, Diane Cochran, Linda Walker



Trevor Fleming, Lois Frankel’s staff assistant, Gloria Kaplan, branch president.



Deborah Nelson, Doris Noble, Tanya Nelson, MJ Saunders



Basket auction winners, above, : Shawn Woods; at right: Rebecca Gamache



More Photos: February 2023 Gala Benefit

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Kathleen Durning, Shawn Woods, Joan Durning, Ellie Hart



Keynote speaker, Congresswoman Lois Frankel



Standing: Cheryl Knapp, Bobbie Mendez, Connie Toser with Marian Knapp



Cheryll Plotkin, Trish Ware, Ann Hutchins



Trish Ware, Carol Whalen, Myrna Jantson, seated, Sue Seufert.



Wendy Plotkin and Silvana Arias Morey.



Leslie Woody, wearing the Money Hat.



Abby Jablin, Cheryl Plotkin, Erik Jablin, Eunice Baros



American Association of University Women

Northern Palm Beach County Branch: 2022-2023 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.

We also have three interest groups – Book Club and Bridge Group, which currently meet via Zoom, and the Out and About Group, which plans visits to interesting local places.

2022

Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm – Season Kickoff. Salad and Dessert Potluck. Introducing the upcoming season's programs and activities and honoring our NCCWSL attendee and the Benjamin School Junior Woman Award winner. This in-person meeting will also be available by Zoom.

Monday, October 17, 6:30 pm – Wendy Link, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections.

Saturday, November 19, 10 am – Barbara McQuinn, Palm Beach County School Board, District 1

Monday, December 5 – Holiday Party hosted by Liz Shapiro, 8385 Ironhorse Court, West Palm Beach, Ironhorse Country Club. Guests welcome. Books for adopted class of three- and four-year-olds at Hispanic Human Resources Council.

2023

Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm – Julie Earles, Florida Atlantic University Wilkes Honor College.

Saturday February 11, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm – Annual Benefit for our Charitable Foundation. DoubleTree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens, to support Doris Karlik local scholarships, AAUW State and National programs. Congresswoman Lois Frankel is guest speaker.

Saturday, March 18, 10 am – Women's History Month. J. Rachel Gustafson, Norton Museum of Art. "For the Record: Celebrating Art by Women."

Friday, March 24 – Deadline for Doris Karlik Local Scholarship applications.

Monday, April 17, 6:30 pm – Annual meeting, election. Program: Palm Beach County Historical Society

Monday, May 15, 6:30 pm – Spring dinner. Installation of officers. Scholarship winners introduced. Juno Beach Fish House, Juno Beach, FL.

May 31 to June 3 – AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, University of Maryland.

June 18 to June 24 – Florida Tech Trek STEM camp for rising eighth-grade girls held at Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter. Also, June 11 to June 17 at Stetson University, Deland.

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American Association of University Women
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Join Us!

Become a member today!

We welcome men and women who have an associate degree or higher.
We value diversity in principle and practice.

We're local – but we're also part of both a state and a national organization – a community of 170,000 supporters working for equity and equal opportunity for all.

GET INVOLVED!

- **Scholarships** – Help local girls and women starting their education journey with support from our scholarship program.
- **Tech camps** – Cultivate the interest of middle-school girls in science, technology, engineering, and math at our week-long, summer Tech Trek camps.
- **Networking** – Enjoy opportunities for networking and friendships with like-minded, intelligent, educated women and men.
- **Learn** – Pursue life-long learning at our monthly meetings where local experts share their knowledge on wide-ranging topics.
- **Play** – Join other branch members in leisure activities – book club, bridge group, dinner club, holiday parties, tours of local places of interest.
- **Contribute** – Contribute your time and talents, working on mission-based projects with other members.
- **National connection** - Advocate for national AAUW programs to remove bias in education, promote fair pay and economic equity, and advance women in leadership.
- **State links** – Support state AAUW programs to educate voters, lobby state legislators, conduct research on women's economic security, and teach salary negotiation.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Liz Shapiro, our vice president for membership: cookrag@aol.com
Visit our website: <http://northernpalmbeach-fl.aauw.net>
and the national AAUW and state websites: aauw.org and <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/>