

### Northern Palm Beach County Branch Out

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### Quick Calendar Glance

### Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:00 am

Dr. Sondra Bickham Washington, FAU Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

"Zora Neale Hurston: America's Genius and Literary Foremother"

### March 22, 2024

Deadline for Scholarship Applications Charitable Foundation Inc. NPBC AAUW (click) April 20, 2024

AAUW Florida SE Regional Leadership Conference at the North Palm Beach Library

### Monday, April 15, 2024, 6:30 pm

Dr. Wairimu Njambi, FAU Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Women's Rights

### Monday, May 13, 2024, 6:30 pm

Spring Dinner - Installation of officers; Scholarship winners @ NPB Country Club

### **Book Club News**

### March 21

### Mary Jane Saunders

World of Wonders: in Praise of Fireflies Whale, Sharks and other Astonishments by: Aimee Nezhukumatathil



### April 18

### Susan Copperman

Only the Beautiful by: Susan Meissner



### May 16

### Sue Sloane

The Women by: Kristin Hannah

### June 20

### Doris Noble

The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by: Allison Pataki



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### President's Message

The 44th Annual Benefit Luncheon and Auction was a real success this year. Our speaker, State Attorney Dave Aronberg was engaging, taking questions from the audience and bringing us up to date on the accomplishments of his terms in office, all laced with a bit of humor. Since he is not running for office again, we look forward to seeing more of him on TV and his YouTube Channel.

Spring Installation Dinner set for the North Palm Beach Country

The Annual Spring Dinner and Installation of Officers will be held at the North Palm Beach Country Club. Mark your calendars for Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm. The offices of VP of Membership, Secretary and Treasurer will be installed and branch honorees announced. We hope to have our Scholarship winners and NCCWSL representative in attendance. The meal will consist of Salad, choice of Chicken or Salmon and dessert. The cost will be \$40 per person, including tip. Stay tuned for sign up information.

You will all be receiving information from AAUW National with instructions on voting in the upcoming AAUW National Election.

One issue is a Bylaw change to the requirement for membership.

All voting will take place online starting April 3. AAUW is utilizing an independent, third-party voting system for this year's vote. Most members will receive emails from vote@simplyvoting.com with their unique Elector ID and Password to vote. Voting will close on Wednesday, May 15 at 12:00 pm ET.

































### ANNUAL GALA LUNCHEON A BIG SUCCESS

The annual 44th Fundraiser for the AAUW Charitable Foundation was a high success. The total profit was \$9099.00. I appreciate all of the hard work from the Charitable Foundation Board, the Northern Palm Beach Branch AAUW members, and the Hotel Staff.

Thank you to Deborah Nelson and her daughters for making the wonderful baskets. To everyone who handed out invitations and gave donations, I thank you.

A special thanks to State Attorney of Palm Beach County, Dave Aronberg, for giving up part of his Saturday to be our Keynote Speaker. He was delightful and interested in our organization and what we stand for.

Diane Cochran Event Chair





















A big welcome to our new branch member: Delores Backe. BS Simmons University and MED at Northeastern University. Send a welcome email to <a href="mailto:dodibacke@hotmail.com">dodibacke@hotmail.com</a>















A special thank you to members of AAUW for again sponsoring the Candidate Night for the Village of North Palm Beach on February 28. Those who hosted the event were President Jane Wattick, VP Liz Shapiro, Treas. Cheryll Plotkin, Shawn Woods, Judy Abbey, and Judy Pierman. Refreshments were also provided by Dr. Amanda Pierman and Barbara Van Itallie. There were about 100 in attendance.







AAUW joins with NPB staff to set up for NPB Candidate Night.







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Dr. Sondra Bickham Washington is assistant professor of American literature at Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University. Her research focuses on Black girlhood and women's studies, with a particular interest in the impact of race and gender-related violence and trauma on African American female children and adolescents. Her work appears in Palimpsest: A Journal on Women, Gender, and the Black International; Xavier Review; and 50 Events that Shaped African American History. Dr. Washington's current projects include a digital humanities publication on Zora Neale Hurston's fieldwork in Louisiana and a monograph on Black girlhood that challenges traditional representations of them as disrespectful and disrespectable. She also founded the Black Girlhood Project, a digital humanities resource offering a centralized location for scholarship, networking, and other information on both real and imagined Black girls.





### With sadness

Gloria Malden Kaplan (1930-2024)

Please <u>click here</u> to read Gloria's obituary.

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Plan to join your friends for a day at the Cox Science Center on Thursday, March 7, at 11:00 am, for Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition.

The Cox Science Center is located in West Palm Beach at 4801 Dreher Trail North, with an admission fee of \$22 (seniors).

Please let Dorothy Evangelista know if you intend to join.....Meet at the Cox Science Center at 11:00 am and plan on lunch after the Science Center visit. jaedo50@hotmail.com

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**June 2024** — AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. We sponsor a junior female student from FAU Honors College to this annual event held at the University of Maryland.

**June/July 2024** — Tech Trek Florida STEM camps at Stetson University and Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, for rising 8th-grade girls.