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Quick Calendar Glance

March 22, 2025

- **Scholarship Applications Deadline**

Monday, April 21, 2025 – 6:30 pm

- **Sarah Norton; Director of Education for Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park.**

Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:30 pm

- **Spring Dinner**
- **Tech Trek Florida**

American Association of University Women Meetings are held in the Obert Meeting Room, North Palm Beach Library, 303 Anchorage Drive, NPB, unless otherwise specified.

Book Club News

March 13

Mary Jane Saunders

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April 10

Shirley Koo

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano



President's Message

A sincere thank you to all who helped make the March 1st Annual Gala Benefit Luncheon a success! It took many hands to create this success.....Diane Cochran as chair, Deb Nelson and her family to put together the fantastic baskets and silent auction items, Ann Hutchins for taking the RSVPs, seating arrangements, and name tags, the raffle ticket sellers, money-hat ladies, Cheryl Plotkin always at the ready with the credit card machine! So much help from so many! thank you all!

And of course, a big thanks to all who donated Silent Auction items and the many beautiful baskets!

The Annual Meeting will be held at the April Branch meeting. Since this is an odd-numbered year, we will elect a President and Vice President for the program, as prescribed by our bylaws.

The candidates put forward by the branch nominating committee are Jane Wattick for president and Shirley Koo for vice president for program. Nominations can also be made from the floor, with prospective candidates' permission. If there are no other candidates, the nominees will be elected by acclamation.

Please note the DATE CHANGE



Please update your contact information!

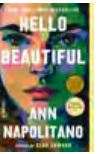
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Elizabeth Letts



April 10 - Shirley Koo
Hello Beautiful
Ann Napolitano



May 8 - Sally Bailey
The River We Remember
William Krueger



June 12 - Susan Copperman
The Faculty Lounge
Jennifer Matthieu



July 10 - Virginia Farace
The House in the Cerulean Sea
T.J. Klune



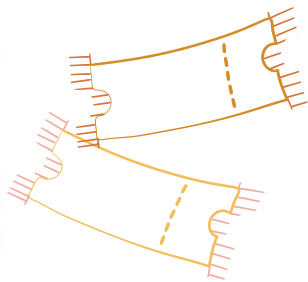
August 8 - Jane Wattick
All the Beauty in the World
Patrick Bringly



September 11- Doris Noble
James
Percival Everett



Out and About



From the Norton!



Out and About at Norton Sculpture Garden Dorothy Evangelista, Jane Wattick and Judy Pierman



The AAUW Florida Public Policy Education Forums

Wouldn't you like more in-depth information on the important issues facing Florida from an equity-focused viewpoint? Then be sure to attend as many AAUW Florida Issue Forums this year as you can. All sessions start at **6:00 PM**, are open to AAUW members and guests and require pre-registration.

| Topic | DATE | SPEAKERS | RSVP |
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| Pay Gap, Caregiving & Economic Security | March 6, 2025 | Come hear Dr. Mary Gatta, AAUW FL Co- Public Policy Director and Director of Research and Public Policy, National Association of Colleges and Employers share her latest research on the gender pay gap, caregiving and economic security. | Click here to register for this session |
| Gender and Race Equity in STEM | April 3, 2025 | University of Central Florida Professor Amanda Koontz will join us to share her research on an NSF-funded project on gender and racial equity for women in STEM at UCF | Click here to register for this session |

You will need to RSVP for each session individually. Once you RSVP you will receive a Zoom link for the session. If you have any questions, contact Mary Gatta, Co-Public Policy Director, AAUW Florida at: gatta.mary@gmail.com

[Donate to send girls to Tech Trek Florida STEM Camp](#)



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An evening event at [Duchessa](#) on April 10 , 2025
All purchases will benefit AAUW!

Monday, May 19 Installation dinner
6:30 PM
Belle's at Old Port Cove
116 Lakeshore Drive
North Palm Beach, Fl 33408



Doris Karlik donated the \$100 hat made by Amanda Diamonde

Spring Fling BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Thanks to the meaningful and generous support from both AAUW members and the North Palm community at large, our recent Spring Fling benefit luncheon was one of our most successful events to date. Highlights included the opportunity to bid for incredible silent auction items and to enter a raffle to win fabulous gift baskets and, of course, to hear our outstanding Keynote Speaker Palm Beach Gardens Mayor Chelsea Reed.

Mayor Reed is a true inspiration. At a time of increasingly rapid growth in Palm Beach Gardens, it was reassuring to hear her assert a commitment to maintaining the wonderful quality of life that Palm Beach Gardens residents enjoy. Luncheon attendees were riveted as she told personal anecdotes of her difficult upbringing and the teachers who inspired her along the way. Although women's rights and advancement opportunities may still lag, Mayor Reed summarized the historic progress women have made throughout the course of history. Although the progress is "real", Reed shared data which reflect that while a woman has to be asked seven times to take a role, men have to be asked zero times. She is a strong proponent of AAUW's mission, particularly with respect to the scholarships we fund. Through the support of strong women leaders like Mayor Reed, we look forward to a time when that number seven gets down to zero!

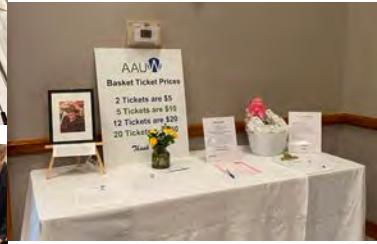
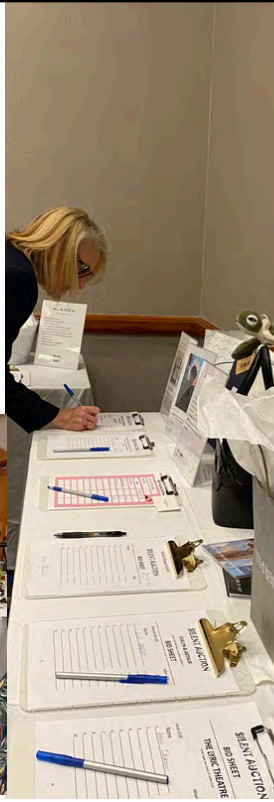
As she concluded her remarks Reed implored us to double our numbers at next year's luncheon. We are taking her mandate to heart and encourage each of you to plan to attend next year's luncheon on March 7th, and to bring along a friend. Our keynote speaker will be the former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court Barbara Pariente.



Give and You Shall Receive

A number of years ago Doris Karlik, a long time member of AAUW, started a scholarship for women. Each year she donates a money hat, which is designed and crafted by Amanda Dimantha, a sister member of her PBG Women's Club. One will be done for our AAUW benefit, but one was also donated to the PBG Women's Club where Doris and Amanda are also members. The Women's Club had their own benefit last Saturday. Doris donated the money hat designed by Amanda, bought a raffle ticket for the hat that she donated, and guess what? She won her own beautiful money hat containing \$200.00! How's that for the quote, "Give and you shall receive?"





This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive.

Alice Waters



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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

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- **June, 2025**— AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, We may be sponsoring a junior female student from FAU Honors College to this annual event held at the University of Maryland.
- **June/July 2025** — Tech Trek Florida STEM camps at Stetson University and Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter for rising 8th grade girls.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

**Amanda Pierman 7th
and Doris Noble 13th**