

## Northern Palm Beach County Branch Out



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### President's Message

#### Quick Calendar Glance

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May, 2026

 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

June/July 2026

• Tech Trek



This & Next month's books

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Percival Everett



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The Small and the Mighty Sharon McMahon



Hope everyone enjoyed a great summer, as we look forward to a terrific AAUW 2025-2026 Season!

Our Branch now has an Orientation Video online....first of its kind!!. Please access the website to enjoy this important video....http://northernpalmbeachfl.aauw.net Be sure to check it out and share with friends who might be interested in joining our branch. It is a thorough overview of our branch mission and activities. A huge THANK YOU to Amanda Pierman for putting together the Orientation Video!

Join us for our <u>season kick off on Monday, September 15, at 6:30 pm!</u> The annual potluck will be held at the North Palm Beach Library, Obert Room. At this meeting, you will be introduced to the programs for the year; the exciting plans for our Annual Benefit, the March 7, 2026 LIFT Honors Luncheon, benefiting the AAUW Doris Karlik Scholarship Program and Tech Trek Stem Camp for girls; planned social events such as Out & About, monthly Book Club, Bridge; as well as the State AAUW Public Policy webinars and AAUW National initiatives. You will also be hearing from this year's NCCWSL student, Mallory Schumaker. Mallory will be sharing her experiences from the NCCWSL annual conference, held in June at the University of Maryland. Mallory is a Marine Biology student at the Wilkes Honors College of Florida Atlantic University. The delicious potluck offerings are appetizers, salads, and desserts. If your last name begins with letters A through L, please bring a dessert. Those of you whose last name begins with letters M through Z, please bring an appetizer of salad. Drinks and paper goods are supplied by the branch.

#### Annual Benefit Luncheon

This year's annual fundraiser, LIFT (Lifetime of Inspiring Future Trailblazers) Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the Doubletree Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens. Consistent with AAUW's mission to promote gender equity for girls and women, we need to be celebrating women who have "LIFTed" others by living a Lifetime of Inspiring Future Trailblazers! Women continue to be underrepresented, particularly and distressingly in STEM where we have a skills gap. Weren't it not for trailblazing women like those we will honor, we would not have aspirational role models for young women. Realizing this we feel it is really important to anchor our spring program as the LIFT Benefit. This year our branch will celebrate Barbara Pariente, the Florida Supreme Court Justice, who served as Chief Justice from 2004 – 2006.It is never too early to begin donating items for the LIFT Luncheon raffle......please bring your donations.....wine, gift cards, etc. to the Branch meeting!

#### **President's Message Continued**

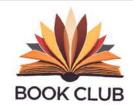
The May Installation Dinner was held at Belle's, at Old Port Cove.....a beautiful spot! Jane Wattick, President and Shirley Koo, VP for Programs, were installed in office by Judy Pierman. The AAUW Doris Karlik Scholarship recipients, Catalina Galatan and Esperance Etienne, were introduced by MJ Saunders, and greeted by Doris Karlik. Shirley Koo introduced Mallory Schumaker, this year's NCCWSL representative, and the well deserved AAUW Honoree this year was Amanda Pierman!

#### 2025 Doris Karlik Scholarship Winners

Lesperance Etienne is graduating from Seminole Ridge Community High School and will be a freshman at Florida State University in Fall of 2025. She will major in Political Science with additional classes in international relations and economics to facilitated her goal of becoming a judge. She does volunteer work with STUDENTS Speak Up for Kids, a service for young adults aging out of foster care. Lesperance is passionate about raising awareness for humanitarian causes.

Catalina Galatin graduated from Seminole Ridge Community High School and will continue her studies at Palm Beach State College with a major in Business and General Management and a minor in Finance/Accounting with a goal of starting her own business. Catalina is a student leader as President of Student Government on the Loxahatchee Campus and a coach for the debate team which won second place in the state-wide competition.

Chelsea HollyRae Austin is graduating from Wellington High School with additional college credits from Palm Beach State College. She will attend the University of Central Florida with a major in Biology and Health Sciences. She is passionate about animals and animal care and is a member of the Equine Veterinarian Program at her high school. Chelsea also volunteers at an animal sanctuary and an animal hospital.



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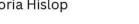
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February 12 - Susan Copperman

The World Played Chess

Robert Dogoni



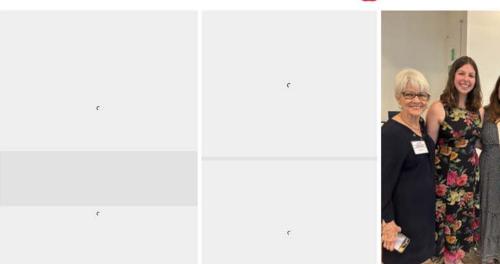
March 12 - Doris Noble

Marriage at Sea

Sophie Elmhirst







### **Kickoff Meeting**

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Members with last names beginning with

A-L will bring desserts

M-Z will bring appetizers and salads











Contact: Shirley Koo at tcccny12@gmail.com







### Frequently asked questions Click here

The AAUW Legacy Circle is a planned giving society that recognizes members and supporters who have included AAUW in their estate plans. By joining, individuals ensure that their commitment to advancing equity for women and girls continues to have an impact for generations to come.

Why include the Legacy Circle in financial planning:

- Create a lasting legacy that supports gender equity, education, and leadership for women.
- Gain potential tax benefits while ensuring personal financial goals are met.
- Join a community of dedicated supporters recognized for their commitment to AAUW's mission.

Learn more about the benefits of planned giving <u>here</u> or contact the Planned Giving Department at 877-357-5587. <u>Patricia Ross</u> of the AAUW Legacy Circle Team is also available to assist you. You can also find more information on AAUW's website: <a href="https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/support-aauw/leave-a-legacy/">https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/support-aauw/leave-a-legacy/</a>.











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#### Barbara J. Pariente

Justice Pariente's legal and judicial career has spanned over 50 years. She retired from the Florida Supreme Court in 2019, ending a 21 year career as a Supreme Court Justice. She served as Chief Justice from 2004-2006. She has been a

Floridian since 1973 when after law school graduation she clerked for a federal district court judge.

After her judicial clerkship, Justice Pariente settled in West Palm Beach, where she practiced civil trial litigation. She was also involved with her local Legal Aid Society and a founding member of the Palm Beach County Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

In September 1993, Justice Pariente was appointed to the Fourth District Court of Appeal, where she served until her appointment as the seventy-seventh Justice of the Florida Supreme Court on December 10, 1997. During

her time on the Supreme Court, she worked to improve methods for handling cases involving families and children in the courts.

Justice Pariente was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 2008. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including most the American College of trial Lawyers' Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Award which recognizes a judge for their exemplary judicial independence. She received the Palm Beach County Jewish Federation's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998 and the Jewish Museum's "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" award in 2002.

Justice Pariente is married to the Frederick A. Hazouri, who retired in January 2013 as a judge of the Fourth District Court of Appeal and now serves as a mediator. Together, they have three married children, eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild. In 2003, Justice Pariente shared her successful treatment for breast cancer with the public, in hopes of promoting greater awareness of this disease.







Here is the direct donation <u>link</u>.

Take a moment and read more about the Mission, Challenges, Solutions, and Results of the Foundation as they aim to collect donations via <u>Zeffy</u> to collect funds.



#### March 7, 2026

Gala Luncheon supporting- NPBC Charitable Foundation. DoubleTree Hotel, Palm Beach Gardens.







## Please update your contact information!

We are trying to update our branch's contact information to create an up-to-date roster and contact booklet. Please click here or scan the QR code above to enter your details.

Click here for our current directory









As always, <u>Tech Trek was a highlight of the summer</u>. Our branch works throughout the year to raise funds to send girls from across Palm Beach County to a weeklong residential camp that is held at Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter. We work closely with the schools to seek nominations of girls going into 8th grade who have expressed an interest in STEM studies and STEM careers.

The impact that the camp has on the attendees is invaluable. As you may be aware, the STEM workforce fuels the nation's innovative capacity, yet the country faces a STEM Skills Gap. STEM jobs have and will continue to grow faster than non-STEM jobs. Consistent with AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, it is our goal to make the unique Tech Trek experience available to as many young women as possible.

Judging from campers' comments, we were successful:

- "This camp held amazing experiences and memories that will stay with me forever!"
- "The guest speakers, their jobs and life experiences, along with encouragement truly changed my life."
- "I am so grateful for this experience."
- "It's a great learning experience to hear from professional women. To say yes to all opportunities."
- "It was an amazing experience that I'll never forget."
- "My favorite part was being able to make new friends with similar interests."
- "I hope that so many other girls will be presented with this opportunity in the future and the female STEM community continues to grow."

Among the activities campers participated in were classes and workshops focused on curricula such as neuroscience, engineering, coding, biology; social activities and field trips, as well as Professional Women's Night during which the campers interacted with local area professional women in STEM.

















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#### 🕮 Famous Women Born in September

- Sept 1 Padma Lakshmi Author, TV host, and food justice advocate
- Sept 2 Salma Hayek Actress, producer, and activist for gender equality
- Sept 4 Beyoncé Singer, entrepreneur, and advocate for women's empowerment
- Sept 12 Emmy Rossum Actress and director, known for "Shameless"
- Sept 16 Amy Poehler Comedian, actress, and co-founder of Smart Girls
- Sept 20 Sophia Loren Legendary Italian actress and style icon
- Sept 22 Joan Jett Rock musician and feminist trailblazer
- Sept 26 Serena Williams Tennis legend and maternal health advocate
- Sept 27 Gwyneth Paltrow Actress and wellness entrepreneur
- Sept 28 Hilary Duff Actress, singer, and children's book author



#### September 3 - Marion Knapp



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#### May, 2026

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#### June/July 2026

Tech Trek Florida STEM camps at Stetson University and Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter for rising 8th grade girls.