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President's Message



Quick Calendar Glance

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This & Next month's books

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Richard Powers



Thanks to all who attended the September pot luck meeting!

A welcome to new member, Hannah Campbell....so great to have you as a member.

Mallory Schumaker had a most interesting presentation on her experience at the NCCWSL conference this summer, held at the University of Maryland. It means quite a bit to our Branch to be able to send student leaders to such an important conference.

Plans are well underway for the March 7, 2026 LIFT Honors Luncheon.....make sure to sign up for the Luncheon committee. It takes all of us to make this year's luncheon the huge success we hope it will be!

A huge thanks to Cheryll Plotkin for Tutorial 101 on the Branch website.....it is really a vast deposit of information..... if you just know how to navigate! From the new Orientation Video (click [here](#)) – thanks to Amanda Pierman; to the Zeffy link for Luncheon reservations, to the Member's Directory listing; Cheryll has done an outstanding job with the website.

You can also navigate from our Branch [website](#) with to the AAUW [State](#) and [National](#) sites.



The 2026 AAUW NPBC **Doris Karlik Local Scholarship Application** season is now open. We encourage our members to provide [this](#) application to interested female citizens from Palm Beach County. You may also go to our [website](#) under "Scholarships and Awards" for additional information and a link to the application. Scholarship winners will be announced in the Spring and invited to our May dinner.

If anyone is willing to serve as Scholarship Chair, or wishes to serve on the scholarship committee, please contact Jane Wattick.

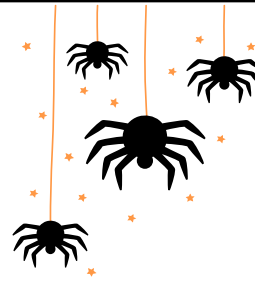


Next year's LIFT benefit luncheon will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens.

Consistent with AAUW's mission to promote gender equity for girls and women, each year we are proud to celebrate a woman who has LIFTed others by living a Lifetime of Inspiring Future Trailblazers. We are excited that Barbara Pariente, Former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, is our honoree and keynote speaker. Proceeds from the LIFT Benefit Luncheon go directly to our Tech Trek program, making it possible for us to send local area middle school girls to a week-long residential program where they participate in an immersive STEM experience. Proceeds also benefit the AAUW Doris Karlik Scholarship for women attending Florida colleges and universities, as well as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Early interest in the luncheon has been robust! We have already received some individual registrations; we have sold a table and we have secured some fabulous items for the silent auction and the raffle.

Registration is now open so we encourage you to click [here](#) to confirm your seat!



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January 8 - Shirley Koo
The Lion Women of Tehran
Marian Kamali



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The World Played Chess
Robert Dagoni



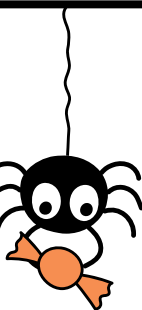
March 12 - Doris Noble
Marriage at Sea
Sophie Elmhirst



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[AAUW Work Smart: Refresher](#)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

[Without Fear Conversation: Dr. Keisha Blain & Gloria L. Blackwell](#)

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

[Lobby Corps Virtual Training](#)

Thursday, October 16, 2025 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm ET

[AAUW Start Smart](#)

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET

[AAUW Money Smart: Smart Finances](#)

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

[Branches in Action: A Century of Advocacy, Fundraising & Impact](#)

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

[Defending Equity in Education: DEI Rollbacks & Curriculum Bans](#)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm ET



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Updates on this soon!

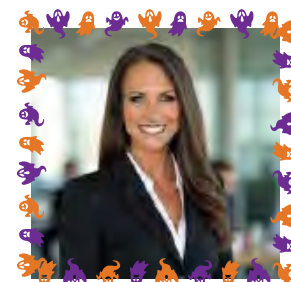
Bridge Group



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Going Public: A Neuroscientist's Journey Beyond the Microscope

Nicole L. Baganz, Ph.D., M.S. is a neuroscientist and Assistant Director of the FAU Stiles-Nicholson Brain Institute, where she also serves as Director of Community Engagement & Programming. She develops and leads neuroscience education programs for learners of all ages, with outreach recognized by honors including the international Society for Neuroscience Next Generation Award and FAU's Presidential Award for Outstanding Community Engaged Service. Passionate about inspiring the next generation of women in STEM, she is a core faculty member for AAUW's Tech Trek Camp and creates innovative programs that connect neuroscience with the community.



🍂 October Fun Facts (AI generated)

- October's name is a bit of a misfit: It comes from the Latin octo, meaning eight—because it was the eighth month in the ancient Roman calendar. Now it's the tenth, but the name stuck!
- It's the only month with a full moon nicknamed the "Hunter's Moon": Traditionally, this moon signaled a time to hunt and prepare for winter. It's known for rising early and glowing extra bright.
- October has more national observances than any other month: From Breast Cancer Awareness to National Book Month, it's a time to reflect, advocate, and celebrate.
- Pumpkin spice isn't just a flavor—it's a phenomenon: The first Pumpkin Spice Latte launched in 2003, and now it's a \$500 million industry that kicks off fall for millions.
- It's the birth month of trailblazers: Eleanor Roosevelt, Maya Lin, and Desmond Tutu were all born in October—each a fierce advocate for justice and equity.
- October 11 is International Day of the Girl: A global celebration of girls' rights and potential, aligning beautifully with AAUW's mission to empower women and girls through education and advocacy.



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.



March 7, 2026

Gala Luncheon supporting- NPBC
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DoubleTree Hotel,
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your contact
information!**

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current directory](#)

The State of the Florida Girl – A Community Call to Action

Thursday, October 16

3:00-5:00 PM

Mandel Public Library

This presentation is hosted by the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County Speakers Bureau in partnership with Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida.

This program will spotlight the newly released State of the Florida Girl report, which reveals urgent trends in girls' mental health, academic achievement, physical well-being and social support. These findings have implications far beyond youth programming—they affect workforce development, civic engagement, public health, and community resilience.

Findings:

- Over half of high school girls report persistent sadness
- Nearly half are not meeting grade-level math standards
- One in four have seriously considered suicide

Event Highlights:

- Key findings presented by Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida
- A dynamic panel featuring youth, educators, and civic leaders
- Opportunities for open dialogue and cross-sector collaboration

While this report focuses on girls, many of the trends reflect broader challenges facing youth across Florida. Strengthening support systems for girls often leads to stronger outcomes for all young people.

Your presence signals commitment to equity, empowerment, and collective impact. Please register today at www.lwvpbc.org.



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