



## Quick Calendar Glance

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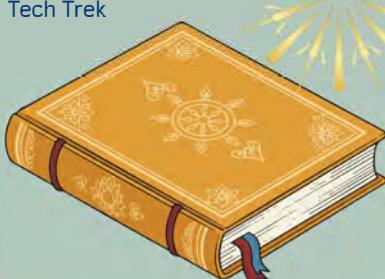
- Spring Dinner.
  - Reservations deadline is May 8.

**May, 2026**

- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

**June/July 2026**

- Tech Trek



### This & Next month's books

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# January 2026

## President's Message

Happy New Year and all the best for 2026! Hope to see you all at our monthly meeting on January 12, 6:30 pm at the North Palm Beach Library! We have a busy year ahead and would encourage members to sign up for committee work, to assist with our Scholarship program, Tech Trek, and the March 7 Fundraiser. We have a lot of work to do this year and by assisting in these efforts, you will certainly reap the rewards of AAUW membership.

Thanks to all who brought books to the Holiday Party for our adopted class of 4 and 5 year olds at the Hispanic Human Resources Council's Child Development Center. Believe me, these books are greatly appreciated – as you can see from the photos of the children! (See page 2)

And plan to join your colleagues on Thursday, January 29 at the Norton Museum of Art to see the Rembrandt exhibition

Our Northern Palm Beach County Branch was recently the recipient of a meaningful gift from Dr. Peter Pullon. Dr. Pullon has endowed a scholarship in his two late sisters' names...the Suzanne and Joanne Pullon Scholarship for Women. This year we will be able to assist more young women in their pursuit of a college degree, thanks to the AAUW Doris Karlik Scholarship and the Suzanne and Joanne Pullon Scholarship. Dr. Pullon is supporting Tech Trek with his generous gift allowing our branch to send 5 middle school students to tech trek camp this year. Many thanks for Dr. Pullon for his generosity.



# January's Meeting!

## Topic: Everything you wanted to know about Exemptions.

Tim Bean is with the Palm Beach County Property Appraisers office where he is the Director of Exemption Services. He received his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Palm Beach Atlantic University. He has been with the Property Appraisers office for 25 years and oversees the Exemption Service Department, which include five offices located throughout the County. He and his team members are responsible for multiple functions but their primary function is maintaining and administering all Exemptions available to Palm Beach County residents.



## OUT & ABOUT



January 29, 2026, 10am to noon at the Norton Museum to see the Rembrandt exhibit. You need to book your ticket online for the 10-noon slot, and then meet at the front doors to the Norton at 10! Think about carpooling as parking can be tricky!

Art and Life in Rembrandt's Time is a landmark exhibition of more than 75 works from The Leiden Collection – one of the world's foremost private collections of 17th-century Dutch art. It is the largest exhibition of privately held Dutch 17th-century paintings ever organized in the United States. Among the highlights are over a dozen astounding paintings by Rembrandt van Rijn and the only painting by Johannes Vermeer in a private collection.

Read more - click [here](#)

Click [here](#) to buy your tickets!



# thank you

Grateful children at HHRC  
receiving books donated at  
the Holiday party!



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.

## YOU ARE Invited



Activities at The Benjamin School  
Please contact [Amanda Pierman](#) for more information.

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Variety Show!  
January 24, 2026  
Click [here](#) for tickets

## Message from Susan Copperman

Reminder to please register for the March 7 LIFT Benefit Luncheon. All are encouraged to invite friends and family. Please try to get at least one to come along! It's an easy way to double out numbers!

Please think about stores and places that you frequent throughout the year. Is there anyone you can ask to donate item(s) for the Silent Auction or Raffle at the luncheon? Local businesses love to reward their loyal customers and appreciate the opportunity to support the community.



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The Correspondent  
Virginia Evans



**March 12 - Doris Noble**  
Noble Flesh  
David Szalay



**April 9 - Mary Jane Saunders**  
The Seed Keeper  
Diane Wilson



## Players needed! Bridge Group



Contact:  
Shirley Koo at  
[tcccny12@gmail.com](mailto:tcccny12@gmail.com)



Happy  
holidays

Thank you Liz for  
hosting a great  
holiday party!

## 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 who served as a mediator until 2025. 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.



LIFETIME OF INSPIRING  
FUTURE TRAILBLAZERS  
**AAUW**

**March 7, 2026**

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

 **get  
YOUR  
TICKETS**

*Click Here*



**CONTACT**



**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](#).

If you would like a copy of our current directory, please request it via [email here](#).

## BRANCH BROCHURE

**CLICK HERE**



Discover Your Community with AAUW

Joining the more than 170,000 members and supporters of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a great way to stay involved in your community. AAUW offers many opportunities for members to get involved in their local branches, state and national organizations, and international programs. AAUW is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that promotes gender equity and education for all. AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through research, advocacy, and education.



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your help is needed for our 2026 Benefit Luncheon held on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

If you are interested in any of the following activities or positions, please click [here](#) to email your interest and availability.



## HELP!

- Baskets
- Silent Auction Items
- Programs
- Set up
- Selling tickets for raffle:
- Helping to check out winners:

For members and their guests who prefer to purchase their luncheon tickets or make donations for our event with a check, please complete the form and mail with your check payable to Charitable Foundation Inc to our PO Box.



Want to advertise in the luncheon's program? Click [here!](#)



Want to donate to our program and causes? Click [here!](#)



Charitable Foundation, Inc. Northern Palm Beach County American Association of University Women

## 46th Annual Benefit Luncheon & Auction

Honoree and Keynote Speaker  
**Barbara Pariente,**

Former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 11:30 am to 2:30 pm DoubleTree by Hilton - 4431 PGA Blvd, Palm Beach Gardens  
\$75 per person - RSVP by February 15th for Charitable Foundation Inc.

Use credit card registration link on website or checks with form below



Your support funds: Tech Trek Camps for 8th-grade girls, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Doris Karlik Scholarships, and AAUW's National Mission.

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\$25 may be tax-deductible.

Print and complete this form, and RSVP by February 15 2026, to PO Box 32043, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420-2043. Include a check made payable to Charitable Foundation, Inc. NPBC AAUW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon with Dill Sauce \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Special needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Who to sit with? \_\_\_\_\_

Can't attend or wish an additional donation. Your monetary contribution is appreciated! \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Program Preference? \_\_\_\_\_



## Doris Karluk Scholarship for Women

### Application Information

Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000. Next deadline is March 20, 2026. There is no fee to apply.

#### Requirements:

1. Resident of Palm Beach County, FL.
2. US citizen, by birth or naturalization.
3. Attending or planning to attend an accredited Florida college, university, or trade school for **undergraduate** study.
4. 3.0 grade point average or higher (For high school seniors, your high school GPA. For college students, your college GPA only).
5. Submit a completed application form including personal statements (see page two).
6. Submit an unofficial college (or high school if you are a high school senior) transcript with your application.
7. Have two individuals directly submit a letter of reference, well before the deadline, one of which should be from a teacher or professor.

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY U.S. MAIL BY MARCH 20, 2026.**

Grade point averages and funding sources will be verified before final awards are made. Personal interviews may be required by the scholarship committee. Awards will be made based on GPA, written personal statement of career goals, demonstrated financial need and family responsibilities. Recipients will be announced in April. Scholarship funds will be available beginning with the fall semester of the 2026-2027 school year.

All application materials are for internal use only. No information will be shared with any other organization.

**Send Completed Application To:** AAUW Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 32043  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

To Download Scholarship Application go to: <http://northernpalmbeach-fl.aauw.net>

### About AAUW

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**Together we can achieve a vision of equal opportunity for all.**



Amount of Award \$500-\$1,000

Deadline is March 20, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ No of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Naturalization Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be a: \_\_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ College Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours completed to date: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University where scholarship funds will be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Education: School \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Community College/College \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Work \_\_\_\_\_

Employment history \_\_\_\_\_

1. In 300 words or less, please attach a personal statement including your career goals, and how you plan to achieve your goals.
2. In 300 words or less, please attach a statement of why you need a scholarship. Include current resources (i.e. means of support, employment status, unusual circumstances, funding sources). List dollar amounts received for scholarships, assistantships, grants, other money sources (including amount of college loans).

*I authorize the release of this application and any supporting information involved in the selection of scholarship recipients.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# PULLON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please click [here](#)



Scholarship for Women  
In Memory of  
**Suzanne Pullon & Joanne Pullon**

#### Application Information

Scholarships of \$1,000. Next deadline is March 20, 2026. There is no fee to apply.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Tech Trek: 2026

AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation saves

Donate with Zeffy.  
[zeffy.com](https://zeffy.com)



Here is the direct donation link.

Take a moment and [read more](#) about the Mission, Challenges, Solutions, and Results of the Foundation as they aim to collect donations via [Zeffy](#) to collect funds.



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**Famous Women's birthday in January**

- Joan of Arc - 6th
- Dian Fossey - 16th
- Betty White - 17th
- Dolly Parton - 19th
- Virginia Woolf - 25th
- Alicia Keys - 25th

**AAUW Members' Birthday**

- Judy Pierman - 7th
- Shirley Koo - 8th
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- Jane Wattick - 23rd



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