

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

AAUW BOCA RATON BRANCH



NEWSLETTER

Presidents Letter

December was a hectic month for many of us, but we still found time to get together for our Holiday Luncheon and have some fun. Many of our members attended for an enjoyable afternoon at the Broken Sound Country Club, thanks to Amy Selzer who made the arrangements for us. The Country Club has a beautiful dining room with several buffet stations that appeal to a variety of tastes. The waiters in club were very attentive to our needs as well. I could tell that many of us would love to have lunch there again. I'm working on putting the pictures I took that day on the website along with updating some of the other webpages on our website.

Our January 15th meeting came up soon after the holidays, and featured the AAUW Florida Organization's President Barbara Stevens as our speaker. Kay Novotny the editor of Florivision accompanied her. Besides being part of the State Organization Barbara and Kay are members of the AAUW Venice Branch. Many of our members attended, as well as members from the AAUW Pompano Branch, and at least one Member at Large from the South Florida area. The meeting created a lively discussion on some of the topics that Barbara addressed.

One such topic was the upcoming vote on the change to the bylaws by the National Organization which will eliminate the education requirements for membership. Most of the meeting attendees were against making that change to the bylaws. However, If other members have an opinion on the subject please share it with Faith Campbell and me, since we will be attending the National Conference in St. Louis in June and will be voting on whether to accept that change to the bylaws or not.

Another topic that was discussed was how to increase membership. This actually tied in with the first topic, in that eliminating the education requirement was considered one way of getting more women involved in addressing the AAUW mission of providing equity for women. Barbara suggested that having more social activities would bring in more women. Besides social activities, we as a local branch are also interested in determining a focus for our activities that would be exciting to our current and potential members. I invite anyone with ideas on how we can further attain our mission in the community, and provide topics of interest for our future general meetings to share them with me.

Looking towards the future, we have our February 19th Luncheon Meeting coming up soon. Faith has arranged for Virginia Artrip Snyder, author of the 2008 book "And Justice for All" to be our speaker. She should provide us with a fascinating afternoon. Also coming up on April 4th is our "Cocktail Party" fundraiser at Claire Carney's home. More information will be forthcoming on both of these events and I look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Holschuh
February 2, 2009

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Upcoming Events

February 19, Thursday 11: 30 AM, AAUW General Meeting
Location: HT 102

February 26th, Thursday, Evening Book Group Meeting, 7:00 PM
Location: Home of Pat Burke.
Book to be discussed, "Peony" by Pearl S. Buck

April 4th, Saturday 4:00 PM, Cocktail Party Fundraiser
Location: Home of Claire Carney

April 17-19th – Flaauw State Convention
Location: Paramount Plaza Hotel, Gainesville, Fl

June 26 - 28 - AAUW National Convention
Location: St Louis, Mo

Thursday, February 19, 11:30 am Meeting Speaker: Virginia Artrip Snyder

*Author of 2008 book "And Justice for All". Local Celebrity, Activist,
Former Newspaper Reporter and Private Detective. She will also bring
her co-author, Sandra Reddemann*

*Please make plans to attend this important meeting. We will also be
discussing our venue for next years meetings. Your input is vital to Boca
Raton AAUW.*

Location:

Boca Raton Campus, Palm Beach Community College.

New Humanities Building, Room 102

Lunch – 11:30

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\$10 at door or bring your own brown bag**