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May President's Message

Greetings, members! Our endless summer (Hurricane season) is about to begin. Let's take advantage of an opportunity to shine on together on Tuesday, May 17th @ 11am. We'll be at the pavilion in Creekwood Park.

(**Location directions:** Take State Road 70 East to Creekwood Blvd and turn right. Creekwood Blvd. will turn into 44th Ave. East and the Park will be on the right-hand side. Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/o23ZLDg6TGsY45Qg7>)

In person we can thank our out-going officers and welcome our new ones. Together we will review our accomplishments, our unfinished business, and start our 2022-23 plans. All voices are welcome.

You have been hearing my voice for several years as branch president. Now it is time to share more of your own voice with our incoming leaders and strengthen the branch. Frequently I have commented at meetings about what a collegial group we are as we research, plan, and implement projects. Working together isn't really work. What would **you** like the branch to accomplish?

Often we end our year by assisting and participating in the **Just For Girls** graduation. **Dee Ralph**, principal and branch remember, is working on a Covid-friendly format. I will share any role we can play with you once plans are formalized.

Thanks for allowing me to work with you on branch projects. The health challenges of the past years have kept us all on our toes. I have enjoyed being able to keep learning through AAUW at the local, state, and national levels. There is lots of work out there to be done, but we are exactly the women to do it! Let's get it done side-by-side!

Marcia Hill, President (but not for much longer!)

SAVE THE DATE



May 17—Bradenton Branch Meeting: Picnic in the Park. See below for details.

June 30 – Last day to renew membership before the \$5 increase in dues!

Looking Ahead: Plan to Advocate!

Florida Legislative Session 2023 –

Session Dates: March 7 – May 5, 2023

AAUW Florida Lobby Day 2023 –March 14-15, 2023

Membership Renewal



- **Individual members** can renew now on the **AAUW Community Hub** <https://my.aauw.org/onlinejoin>. If you have not already signed in to this new database, please start by resetting your password.
- AAUW National dues (\$67) + AAUW Florida dues (\$12) + Branch dues (varies by Branch). \$64 of the \$67 national dues is tax-deductible; \$3 of the national dues payment is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and election-related activities. The annual dues year is July 1 through June30: <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/files/2022/04/FL-Dues-chart-2022-23.pdf>
- **Branches collecting dues** are advised that functionality for processing for group renewals is now available. National has posted **written instructions** – and the video tutorials from both trainings are all posted online on the Systems Update page: <https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/>. To find the written instructions (both in pdf documents), you scroll down to the Resources.



OUR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

11:00 AM

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Creekwood Park, Creekwood Pavilion
7025 44th Avenue East

You should have received an Evite with the following information.

Join us at the **Creekwood Pavilion** for our final meeting of the year to celebrate and install our new officers. We will be highlighting our accomplishments and plan for finishing out the year. The Creekwood Pavilion is covered and has attached restrooms and tables.

Fried Chicken, Salad, and Drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Or you may bring your own lunch if you prefer, but please tell us if you do so as a comment on your RSVP.

A box for donations toward the rental of the pavillion and the purchase of the chicken will be available, should you wish to contribute.

Please be sure to RSVP!

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As members will remember, our January speaker was from **Selah Freedom**. We are mentioned in their newsletter (highlight is mine)!

Selah News

PROGRAM VICTORIES!



Awareness

Spoke at 10+ events and educated hundreds on the issue of sex trafficking in the U.S.

Some locations & groups included Christian United Methodist Church, American Association of University Women, Tampa Kiwanis, Siesta Key Kiwanis, Rotary Club of Dunedin and Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club.

(Picture: Selah Freedom hosting a live Q&A for the film "Surviving Sex Trafficking")



Prevention

Trained over 1,700 youth and adults.

"I feel like it is important to keep talking about this topic because it is prevalent in our community and better education and information is necessary to combat the trafficking and steps leading up to trafficking"

- Sex, Lies, and Media training attendee

Bring Light Into The Darkness Through Giving

[Donate to Selah Freedom](#)

May Scholarship Foundation News

I attended the reception for **Joan McCaw** at **Manatee Community Foundation** on Friday, April 29th. Those of us who worked with her over the years know what a wonderful representative she was of the work of MCF. We wish her well on the next part of her journey.

Simone Peterson is taking over many of her duties and will work with us in the future.

Over the summer the scholarship recipients' list will be created with basic biographical information and the amount awarded to each student. Thanks again to those who donated and a reminder that it's not too late if you haven't.

We will share student details later and ask for members to contact our recipients with a "good thoughts- thinking of you" messages during the year. Have a wonderful summer doing things you enjoy. We all need to renew, relax and find some quiet time for ourselves.

Elaine Graham

President, Scholarship Foundation

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Jonnie Mae Perry selected as 2022 AAUW FL Named Gift Honoree

AAUW Florida is pleased to be able to honor outstanding members for their contributions to our mission. Jonnie Mae Perry, from the Vero Beach branch serves as branch president and as the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair for AAUW Florida. Jonnie Mae is the founder and CEO of the Gifford Community Cultural & Resource Center and the Gifford Historical Museum.

Director for Development, Ellen Roche, has produced an interview with Karen Zalkin, the 2021 AAUW Florida Named Gift Honoree. <https://vimeo.com/702415284/e4Chair.86089d9d>

An interview with the 2022 honoree, **Jonnie Mae Perry**, will be coming soon.

Congratulations to all the members who were selected as branch as branch honorees! Your contributions to AAUW and its mission are appreciated!



AAUW Florida Tech Trek

Will be held virtually
June 19th to June 24th

Plans are moving along well for Tech Trek 2022. Sixty girls will be attending the virtual camp. Registration information is going out as we speak and supplies will be mailed before June 1. Thanks to a grant from Stetson University for covering most of the supply costs.

For a list of class offerings check out our website at <https://techtrek-fl.aauw.net/>

Thank you to all the branches sending checks to cover the cost of camp for these awesome girls.

Please make checks payable to **AAUW FL Supporting Foundation, Inc**

Write **Tech Trek 2022** on the memo line

Mail your check to:

**Treasurer
Tech Trek Florida 2022
Post Office Box 2938
Jupiter, FL 33468**

Contributions are income tax-deductible

Be looking for an invitation to our closing ceremony June 24 at 2:30pm. It will give you a brief look at our virtual camp and the girls who attend.

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Support Tech Trek By Shopping!

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to do your amazon shopping and amazon will donate a small percentage of your purchases excluding taxes, gift wrap, etc. to the Florida AAUW Supporting Foundation, the sponsor of the Tech Trek camps. For more information about how to do this go to the [donate page](#) on FL AAUW website. Every item you purchase through smile.amazon.com will help raise money for Tech Trek.

Barbara Coolahan



Did you miss the Florida State Virtual Conference?

It's not too late to learn about the Power of Story!

The 2022 AAUW Florida State Convention, *The Power of Story*, and the **2022 Annual Meeting**, are available at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9470928>

The sessions may be accessed through the link above or separately as follows:

- Keynote Speaker: Michael Butler, PhD: ***“Myth, Memory, and the Power of Story”***
<https://vimeo.com/701325833>
 - Mary Hickey, AAUW: ***“Telling the AAUW Story”*** (starts at the beginning)
Natalie Underberg-Goode, PhD: ***“The Stories We Tell: Personal Narratives, Organizational Tales, and Digital Storytelling”*** (starts at 1:05)
<https://vimeo.com/701357215>
 - Mary Gatta, PhD.: ***The Power of Story in Qualitative Research***
<https://vimeo.com/701423923>
 - If you didn't see the 5-minute video from the Nova Southeastern University branch on their ***Community Action Grant, E-STEAM***, find it here:
<https://vimeo.com/695264402>
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You Might Have Missed This!

CHOCOLATE, FLOWERS & THE PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT!

We need YOUR help! Celebrate Mother's Day!

AAUW is engaging in a big push to get the Senate to pass the bipartisan **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** by Mother's Day! Please amplify our AAUW action page (<https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/pregnant-workers-fairness-act/>)

and check out the coalition toolkit here:

(https://docs.google.com/document/d/16Z06CzqN_bYP7EkddQMY03QwAi1qLexL_EdNb-HYvs4M/edit) to help guide social media and email communications.

Florida is a target state and our engagement is very important to the national push for passage. The plan is to focus primarily on Tuesdays for social media & letter-writing/call-ins, but the most important ASK is for advocates to take action any day/every day between now and Mother's Day to help get this over the finish line.

Let's get this done!

Dr. K. Lee-Smith

AAUW Florida Video Resources

AAUW Florida now has 25 videos available on our Vimeo channel. Look it over at <https://vimeo.com/aauwflorida>. There are also specific links on the AAUW Florida website. The videos include both the 2021 State Leadership Conference and the 2022 Convention, six Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dialogues, and several on mission-oriented and branch management topics.

AAUW National also has a wide variety of webinars and other resources on their website <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/>

Check Them Out!



NCCWSL 2022 | May 24-26, 2022
Coming soon! Learning, Inspiration, and Networking



We're just a couple weeks out from the 2022 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The event is virtual, but the excitement is real! Join us to get the skills and confidence you need to pursue your goals and drive positive change in the world.



MAY 24-26, 2022

Nikole Hannah-Jones to Keynote NCCWSL

We couldn't be more excited to announce that Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of "The 1619 Project" and a staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine*, will

keynote the 2022 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May. Hannah-Jones's groundbreaking work reframed American history by putting the consequences of slavery at the center of our national narrative.

[Read Her Bio](#)
[About NCCWSL](#)
[Register Now](#)

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups are not meeting regularly yet.

Would you like to start a new one?
Here are some ideas...
Museums/Galleries/Lunch Out?
Bridge? Financial Literacy?
Any idea could work!

Contact Marcia Hill if you want to start something fun!

May Birthdays

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The Book Group has finished meeting for the remainder of the summer. In the fall they will regroup and make new plans. For information, call **Carolyn Reynolds** at 941-0720-6575.





Bradenton Branch Leadership

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