

# **TIDINGS**

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# **AAUW Daytona Beach**

# ENCOURAGING YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

Kimberly Harrelson, student at Embry Riddle Aeronautical

University, will share her experiences at the National

Conference for Women Student Leaders.

nthia Fletcher will speak about volunteering for

AAUW Florida Tech Trek 2015.

January 16, 2016 11:30 a.m.

Malibu Beach Grille

5543 S. Williamson Blvd. Port Orange Florida 32128 (In the Pavilion)

**RSVP Pat Rae 386-492-3826** 

Check for \$15 must be received by January 8.

Send to:

Patricia Rae

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unch includes salad, entrée, choice of coffee tea or soda.

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and resea

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### **President's Musings**

# Happy New Year!

AAUW's mission is to empower women through education, advocacy, research and philanthropy. When you support our fundraisers or donate directly, you are contributing to our philanthropic efforts. I want to give a special thank you to Ellen O'Shaughnessy for organizing a very successful scholarship tea in December at Hotchkiss House. I believe everyone had a great time visiting with each other and touring these important historic houses. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Susan Bayley who made the raffle an important part of the event. Thanks to Ellen and Susan and to all who participated and who made direct donations we will be able to continue to provide scholarships for a woman in transition at Daytona State.

We will also be able to send young women from our partner colleges to NCCWSL and a local middle school student to Tech Trek. You will find short articles about these programs in this newsletter, but a better way of understanding how important these programs are is to meet participants. Join us for lunch at 11:30 on January 16 at Malibu Grille to hear more about these opportunities from those who have attended.

AAUW Florida is planning **Lobby Days** in Tallahassee. I hope some of you will be able to attend. I am sure it will be an interesting experience and an opportunity to learn more about our issues and meet others who care about them.

At our January meeting, we will be electing two additional members to the nominating committee. This important, but short-term, responsibility enables us to select the best candidates for our local board of directors. Please consider if you can serve in this way, or if you would be able to join the board next year. We need YOUR help.

Thank you again to all who donated or who attend and support our programs! Without U, there is no AAUW! With you, we can accomplish great things!

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#### **Book Club**

## Meets Second Monday of the Month at 10:30 AM City Island Library, Daytona Beach For more info call Susan Jano: 386-671-2593 or email sszjano@msn.com

January 11, 2016 we will discuss "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. Deborah Shafer, Adult Services Head, of the Daytona Beach Regional Library will be leading the discussion.

#### Everyone is welcome!

## **Lobby Days**

Lobby Days Information:

Dates: January 31- February 2, 2016 (Briefing at hotel, in the evening on 1/31)

Hotel Information: Group name is AAUW

Country Inn and Suites, 3080 Walden Rd, Tallahassee FL 32317

Rate is \$85 plus tax (sorry about the tax—we aren't a 501©(3) at the state level)

You will need to reserve your room (double occupancy) by 1/15/2016

Madeline Santoro needs to let the state public policy chair know DEFINETLY on January 15<sup>th</sup> how many rooms to reserve. Please contact maddy602@gmail.com Dr. Santoro, Public Policy Chair, DAB

There will be a stipend for attending Lobby Days:

\$80.00 for 400 or more miles of travel \$65.00 for those who travel 300-399 miles

\$50.00 for those who travel 100-299 miles

The schedule cannot be finalized this early, but the bare bones of it are:

Sunday evening, Jan. 31	7 PM	Briefing at the hotel
Monday, Feb. 1	9 AM	Leave for Capitol (after breakfast at the hotel)
		meetings of entire AAUW
		group with certain key
		legislators and/or committees
	Noon	assemble for group picture
		Lunch in one of the Capitol
		dining rooms
	Afternoon	meeting in small groups (2-3)
		with legislators, committee
		visits, auditing session
Tuesday, Feb. 2	8:30 AM	Assemble at hotel for sharing/debriefing
	Morning	meeting in small groups (2-3)

	with legislators, committee visits, auditing session
Noon	Dismissal

#### AAUW Florida Legislative Agenda 2016: 12/03/2015

Dear Florida Legislator: Thank you for your attention to our public policy priorities. In Florida we have 1,800 members and over 5,000 supporters for our public policy Action Alerts. The following are bills we will be tracking for the 2016 session: Key (Sponsor (party) district) We support:

Equal Rights Amendment: SCR 74 (Joyner (D) 19), HCR 8001(Berman (D) 90)

Three states are needed to ratify the ERA and we believe Florida should be one of them.

Fair Pay, Helen Davis Fair Pay Act: HB7 (Cruz (D) 62), SB454 (Joyner (D) 19),

We support all efforts to assure pay equity for women, since the typical woman in Florida makes only 78% of what the typical man makes in annual salary. This bill will make a small contribution for little cost.

### Sick Leave—relationship to Pay Equity:

SB 294 (Thompson (D) 12), HB 205 (Williams (D) 8) sick leave for state employees

SB 384 (Bullard (D) 39) HB 603 (Cruz (D) 62) use sick leave for family care

Women have been the ones most frequently charged with family care. A woman who misses work to care for family is viewed as unreliable, thus contributing to pay inequity. However, these bills are family friendly, not just woman friendly.

#### **Anti-Discrimination**

SB120 (Abruzzo (D) 25), HB 45 (Raschin (R) 120) -prohibited discrimination

SB 512 (Soto (D) 14), HB 4019 (Williams (D) 8) same sex marriage

AAUW Public Policy supports affirmative action to improve racial, ethnic, gender, and cultural diversity and inclusion. We support freedom in the definition of family and a guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.

## **Anti-Bullying and Harassment**

HB 229 (Geller, (D) 100), SB 268 (Ring (D) 29): bullying and harassment

AAUW Public Policy advocates equitable school climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault.

## **Anti-Human-Trafficking**

HB469 (Kerner (D) 87), SB 818 (Latvala (R) 20) would require physicians in Florida to take a 1-hour course on human trafficking, approved by the Florida Board of Medicine, as part of their 40 hours of continuing education for licensure-renewal.

#### We oppose:

HB1 (Hill (R) 2), SB 602 (Stargell (R) 15): Physician Admitting Privileges

We oppose this bill because it is unnecessary according to the American Medical Association and will create hardship and place a barrier in front of women seeking abortion.

#### HB4001 (Steube (R) 73), SB68 (Evers (R) 2) Concealed carry on campuses

We oppose this because most of those who work on actual campuses oppose it. AAUW Public Policy advocates for a safe environment on campus.

#### **Around Town**

#### Meet Sister Helen Prejean (author of *Dead Man Walking*)

Sister Helen Prejean has been on a mission to end the death penalty for three decades. The Roman Catholic nun rose to fame after the success of her book and the subsequent 1995 film adaptation "Dead Man Walking". She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize several times. Whether you agree with her or not, she promises to be an engaging and interesting speaker, and this is an unusual opportunity to hear someone who inspires national and international discussion about life, death and social justice.

Sister Prejean will be speaking at Our Lady of Lourdes church on January 15 at 7 PM. For free tickets, contact the church office 386-255-0433

#### Talk and Walk: The Phenomenal John James Audubon

Join Senior Curator of Education and History, James "Zach" Zacharias, and learn about the amazing adventures of John James Audubon's adventures through Florida and his quest to document all of the birds of North America. View the Museum's collection of Audubon prints that are currently on exhibit.

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Start Time: 2:00 PM End Time: 3:00 PM

Free for members of the museum or with paid museum admission.

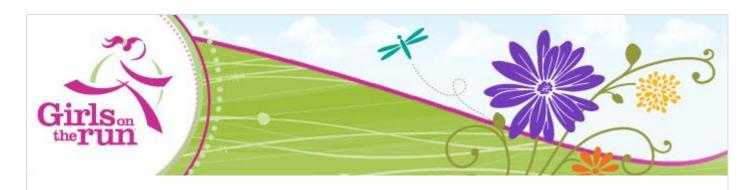
## Curator's Choice Tour: Top Ten at the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art

Take a trip through Florida's cultural history and natural wonders with Senior Curator of Education and History, James "Zach" Zacharias, as he discusses his favorite ten paintings from the collection.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

**Start Time:** 2:00 PM **End Time:** 3:00 PM

Free for museum members or with paid admission.





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#### Save the Date!

Come join us for an evening at the movies while supporting Girls on the Run of Volusia County. Proceeds benefit our Scholarship Fund, which enables any girl to participate in the program regardless of her family's ability to pay

# Choose your Venue and Mark your Calendar now!

Athens Theatre, DeLand, Florida Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CLICK HERE to Purchase Tickets Now \$20 General Admission/ \$10 Students

CLICK HERE for additional information

Reception from 5:30 - 6:30 PM at the Elusive Grape

133 North Woodland Boulevard

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available

# Cinematique Theater, Daytona Beach, Florida Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CLICK HERE to Purchase Tickets Now \$20 General Admission/ \$10 Students
CLICK HERE for additional information

More information regarding receptions and ticketing is available on the above referenced sites, as well as at <a href="https://www.gotrvolusia.org">www.gotrvolusia.org</a> and the Girls on the Run of Volusia County Facebook page

Films are appropriate for adults (high school age and above).



#### **AAUW's Newest Member Benefit**

#### Office Depot and Office Max

Every branch needs office supplies! AAUW has collaborated with Office Depot and Office Max to give members a discount savings of up to 80% online and in stores. This includes print orders as well! Shop or print your in-store savings card now.

## **AAUW Florida**





# A STEM Camp Built for Girls, by Women

AAUW Florida is planning for Tech Trek 2016 during the week of June 12-18. Sixty girls entering the 8th grade in the Fall of 2016 will meet at camp to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with some Arts and Reading added in to make it STREAM. The Camp will be held on the Palm Beach State College Boca Raton Campus. The girls will reside in the dorms at the adjacent Florida Atlantic University's Campus.

The forty-four 8th grade girls who attended the week-long 2015 Tech Trek Florida camp in June left camp with a much greater appreciation of the wide range of interesting opportunities available in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) than before they arrived at camp. The camp took place on the campus of Eckerd College in St. Petersburg from June 27– July 3, 2015. These girls were selected from a pool of 250 then 7th grade girls who were nominated by their science or math teachers and then went through a selection process that included responses to questions, an essay and finally a personal interview.

The camp activities included workshops, hands on exploration, investigation, experimenting and learning about robots, aeronautics, geology, food chemistry, forensics, mathematical and engineering applications, computer simulation, and coding Apps, along with gaining insights into some of Florida's environmental problems. One evening six STEM career professional women and role models explained to the girls what their careers included, why they enjoyed the work they did, and how exciting STEM careers could be.

The camp activities gave the girls opportunities to enhance their social skills and develop more self-esteem as they worked on various projects and experiments. They met new people and made new friends who also were interested in STEM. One of girls said that "building a hot air balloon; creating something out of nothing, like tissue paper, by ourselves and making it work was a terrific accomplishment". Other girls described their camp experiences as "awesome", "extraordinary", "exciting", "incredible" and "a unique educational experience.

Last year two students from Volusia County were selected to attend Florida Tech Trek. Branch member, Synthia Fletcher, was a volunteer. Girls are nominated by their teachers and hopefully local girls will attend again this year. Thank you to Mary Ann Sines for getting the information out to the local middle schools.

At the Tech Trek camp the girls are immersed in a world that empowers and encourages them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists.

#### **AAUW National News**



# What is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders?

NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want.

As America's premier conference for college women, NCCWSL provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. Each attendee becomes a part of the conference's 30-year legacy.

On June 2-4, 2016 nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world will gather at the University of Maryland to learn collaborate and be inspired.

At this two and a half day conference, students

- Choose from more than 50 workshops that prepare them for life after college
- Meet inspiring role models including Women of Distinction awardees and speakers
- Make connections for life
- Discover their future from 100 graduate schools and employers

  Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action

If you know a college student who may be interested, encourage them to register at<u>www.nccwsl.org</u>. Some scholarships are available for interested students.

#### Give A Grad A Gift

Did you know you that you can share AAUW with a recent graduate for free?? AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. With a gift of AAUW membership, you will...

- Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network* alerts, and more.
- Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

Look for the form at the Salad Lunch or sign them up online.

### Calendar

January 8- RSVP for Luncheon

January 11- **Book Club**: Go Set a Watchman 10:30 am, City Island Regional Library (open to the public)

January 15- RSVP Lobby days

Please contact <u>maddy602@gmail.com</u> Dr. Santoro,Public Policy Chair, DAB

January 16- AAUW Daytona Beach Luncheon

11:30 am Malibu Grille

January 21- **AAUW Daytona Board Meeting**4pm City Island Regional Library



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