

Orlando * Winter Park BRANCHLINE

JANUARY PROGRAM



NANCY MEYER Publisher/CEO ORLANDO SENTINEL

Nancy Meyer began her career with Gannett newspapers in New York in 1987 before devoting nine years to Hearst Newspapers, first as display advertising director at the *Times Union*

in Albany, and then as classified print and online sales director at the *San Francisco Chronicle* and sfgate.com.

In 2009 Meyer assumed responsibility for an integrated advertising organization that included the newspaper, digital, and broadcast components.

Meyer is responsible for the *Orlando Sentinel's* portfolio of print and digital products and suite of advertising and marketing solutions. The *Orlando Sentinel* has a mobile, digital and print audience of more than 1.2 million – reaching consumers in the Orlando market across all screens. Prior to joining the *Orlando Sentinel* in 2014, Nancy was the Publisher of the *Hartford Courant*.

Meyer majored in education and communications at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, PA., and at the University of Hartford. She is working toward her master's degree in Interactive Media at Quinnipiac University.

JANUARIUS



January is named after Janus, a two-faced god who could look backward and forward at the same time. It took him twice as long as the other gods to get ready for work in the morning since he had two faces to wash.

Also, he found it uncomfortable to sleep on his back. But there were advantages. For instance, the gods felt more relaxed when he was on sentry duty. In addition to giving his name to January, it was Janus who coined the expression, "I don't know whether I'm coming or going.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY January 9, 2016 9 a.m.

of Winter Park
225 S. Interlachen Avenue
(at New England Ave.)
Winter Park, FL 32789

\$15.00 per person Reservations Required

RSVP Contact:
Rosemary Vendena
407-282-1023
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Cash or check
payable at the door
(Checks should be made out
to "AAUW Orlando/
Winter Park")

Or mail your check to: Rosemary Vendena 291 Isle of Sky Circle Orlando, FL 32828

You are responsible for payment in full if you do not keep your reservation.

From the President's Desk

As we approach the New Year, our numbers continue to grow. Please see Membership VP Judy Alper's report below. Good job, Judy!

And here are seven resolutions for AAUW members for the New Year.

1. *Be confident, not sorry.*In your next class or meeting, think twice before you start a sentence with "sorry."

2. Register to vote.

For 2016, resolve to make women's voices heard by registering to vote and turning out to the polls.

3. Negotiate your salary.

Negotiation ensures that women put a fair price on the quality of their work.

4. Love your body.

2016 can be a time to confront the hypersexualization of women in society, combat negative body comments, and discourage perfectionism.

5. Help young women find their voices.

By encouraging young women to seek out opportunities to practice their leadership skills, we can strengthen the leadership pipeline for women.

6. Be an ally.

Do your research, recognize privilege, and listen to others' opinions.

7. *Carry the mantle of feminism.* Resolve to get involved and take action.

[From Mission & Action, AAUW's e-newsletter]

And finally, I send best personal New Year's wishes to all of our readership!

Max Reed
President

Blankets! Blankets! Blankets!

Please gather your old (gently used) or new blankets AND coats. They will go to the Health Care Center for the Homeless. Bring them to the next general meeting (Jan. 9). They need to be in good shape, and please, no afghans. Thank you.

Eleanore Cowan

From the VP Membership

It is nice to see how we are growing because our members reach out to their families and friends. We are a unique group of nice folks doing nice things and having good times together. We will start our new year with our old friends as we welcome our new ones.

Please welcome our new members:

Maria Bonnet
marpazbonnet@gmail.com
BA University of Los Andes, 1972

Robin Seibert rseibert6@yahoo.com

Bachelor and Master Degrees University of Akron, 1993 and 2000

Nikki van den Berg wanhaaho@aol.com

BA, MA and MD, U of Michigan, 1968, 1970 and 1976

Judy Alper 407-788-5740 judyalper@aol.com

Scholarships

PACE Next Step Grant

Just before Thanksgiving, the committee interviewed our first PACE Next Step Grant applicant. What a joy it was to meet Valentina Montoya! She is a lovely young lady who has set high goals for herself. She has just completed her Fall term at Valencia and is enrolled in four classes for the Winter term beginning in January, plus she has a part-time job. She is working on an AA with plans to transfer to UCF to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She stated that she loves helping others and hopes one day to be able to help lots of girls at PACE. The last statements on her application sum up her determination to succeed: "I also don't focus on what I'm up against. I focus on my goals and I try to ignore the rest."

Valentina's mother was with her and we were all touched when listening to her mother's heartfelt thanks to PACE and to AAUW for their support of her daughter.

Valentina certainly impressed us! She has been awarded \$500 to help with tuition, books and fees. The committee (Barbara Knapp, Anne Landrum, Rana Tiwari, and Karen Buchan) agreed that through this Grant we are committed to helping her achieve her AA degree.

NOTE:

The AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch Scholarship form is on our website and the deadline is March 31. Please share scholarship information with prospective applicants – women only.

Karen Buchan



Your generous gift of Miracle Boxes brought smiles to all the girls at PACE and tears to my eyes. You responded so well this year, many of you donating more than one box, that there

were enough for each girl to receive two! What brought tears to my eyes were their responses. As I walked around the tables talking to the young ladies and admiring their boxes, many of them told me how they were going to gift their Mom, their Grandma, their siblings with one of the boxes! I was humbled by their giving attitude even though they often have little, but I was also struck to think how the PACE program was impacting these girls. Thank you all for the lovely boxes and your spirit of giving to others. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

PACE tours will be held every month so if you are interested in seeing the facility please contact me, jbknapps@cfl.rr.com or 407-282-5449.

Barbara Knapp
PACE Liaison







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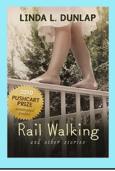
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> SAVE THE DATE

Annual Literary Luncheon
Saturday, March 12, 2016
Speaker: Our Branch member,
Linda L. Dunlap
Author of Rail Walking and
Other Stories



See last page for literary luncheon flyer and reservations form

"I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat.

[Rebecca West, author and journalist]

From our Members





Mele Kalikimaka from Rana Tiwari and Pearl Steel in Hawaii.



Anna Eskamani is a new member of our branch. She was recently featured in the OPIN-ION section of the *Orlando Sentinel* as one of 100 influential leaders in Central Florida.

Following is the article (especially timely) as it appeared in the *Orlando*

Sentinel on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Anna V. Eskamani, director of public policy and field operations for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida.

"We have a saying at Planned parenthood. These doors stay open. Our health centers in Florida were open on the Saturday following the shooting, and we will remain open to ensure that all people have access to care. Our staff is resilient, and patient safety is always our No. 1 priority. The tragedy in Colorado Springs is very personal. One in five American women has been to a Planned parenthood health center at one point in her life. I am one of those women; and it easily could have been me sitting in the reception room, waiting for my appointment, when gunfire opened. I hope in the weeks ahead that our local Republican electeds and leaders will tone down their rhetoric and visit one of our health centers to learn more, not just about us, but about those whom we serve, too."

Police in Altamonte Springs, Florida, "shut down" a senior citizens' clubhouse for illegal gambling. What were the elderly Jewish residents doing? Playing Mah Jongg. The following is from the *Huffington Post*.

The standing Thursday afternoon Mah Jongg game at the Escondido Condominium clubhouse came to a screeching halt after a male resident complained that gambling was involved. Zelda King, 87, who organized the weekly game, said the daily "loss limit" is \$4.

King's game-mates range in age from 86 to almost 90. She has played for most of the 13 years she's lived in the complex, after moving here from New Jersey.

Turns out there was nothing illegal about any of it. The Heritage Jewish News, which broke the story, reported that Altamonte Springs has no prohibition against Mah Jongg gambling as long as the loss limit does not exceed \$10. Playing Mah Jongg is such a deeply rooted tradition among Jews that word of the problem in Florida even reached Israel. King described the resident who ratted them out as a "troublemaker" who has complained about multiple condo issues in the past. But in the spirit of the season, she declined to name him.

[This local story, which went viral, had all the AAUW Mah Jonggers laughing. Now who says Mah Jongg isn't an exciting game? ed.]

Contact me if you are interested in starting a new group or are willing to lead the Museum Group.

It is also time to make a New Year's Resolution to try out a new AAUW Special Interest Group this year. Just contact the leader of the group and ask her if you can come to her group next time they meet. Below is a list of the 2016 Special Interest Group leaders.

Barbara BucheleInterest Groups Coordinator

Booklovers: Coordinator (10 groups) Ellen James (407-857-0044) jamese3@bellsouth.net

Cooking Globally: Co-chairs Karen Buchan (407-678-1212) kgb@unknownegg.org and

Rana Tiwari (407 810-6781) ranatiwari@usa.net

Current Issues: Chair Marcie Kysilka (407-855-3321) Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Dining Couples: Co-Chairs Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com and

Suzy Kerr (407-960-1376) SuzyKerr@msn.com

Dining-In: Chair Beth McCarty 407-612-6440 cemccarty2013-yahoo.com

Dining-Out at Night: Chair Susan Hoke (407 637-6857) shoke@cfl.rr.com

Foreign Affairs Group: Chair Jo-Ann McCaffrey (407-841-3640) JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

Foreign Films Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@embargmail.com</u> Lunching Out Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@embargmail.com</u>

Mah Jongg: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) Karen.deo@gmail.com

Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embargmail.com

Museums/Galleries Group: TBA

PACE Center for Girls Support Group: Co-Chairs Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) alandrum2@cfl.rr.com and

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Theatre Group: Chair: Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com

Walking Group: Chair Missy Baker (407-644-5661) (407 346-6561-cell) bakerworks@gmail.com

Theatre Group

What: Art, A deliciously dark comedy

When: Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Mad Cow, 54 West Church Street, 2nd Floor,

Orlando, FL 32789

Call: 407-297-8788 or madcowtheatre.com

Three men. A white canvas. No holds barred.

Serge has just purchased a peculiar painting for an exorbitant sum of money. However, Serge's prestigious acquisition is met with confusion and disgust from his

longtime friends.

In this Tony Award-winning comedy, Yasmina Reza digs deep under the surface of so-called sophistication to find the root of our attraction to one another.



Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, January 11

TIME: 11:30 a.m. PLACE: TBA

The Lunching Out Group meets on the second Monday of each month. We seek out interesting (often ethnic) non-chain restaurants.

If you would like to join us, please contact me to get on the list.

(407) 677-0317 LFESSEL@embargmail.com

Línda Fessel

Dining In

Dining In met at Barbara Buchele's home on December 4 for an Indonesian-themed dinner. She served the main course of Indonesian Rijsttafel. It was delicious as were the accompanying dishes the other diners brought. Great time was had by all! We will not meet in January but will pick up in February.

Beth McCarty

Did you know . . . ?

Rijsttafels strive to feature an array of not only flavors and colors and degrees of spiciness but also textures including crispy, chewy, slippery, soft, hard, velvety,



gelatinous, and runny. It may have as many as 40 side dishes served in small portions. [ed.]

Walking Group

The Never Pedestrian Walking Group starts the New Year with a stroll in College Park on Thursday, January 14.



The group will walk around a portion of Lake Ivanhoe, visit Villa ConRoy, home of one of Orlando's most active arts patrons, and lunch at Dubsdread. Of course, stories unfold at each location. Did you know College Park was originally two diverse communities with two separate train stations for two separate rail lines? And one was a thriving Jewish community of dairy farmers!

Walking group members should respond by January 7 to attend the College Park walk.

If you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive our walk details, contact

Missy Baker

bakerworks@gmail.com 407-644-5661.

Museums & Galleries

We are still looking for a leader for M&G. Please contact Barbara Buchele if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

Foreign Films

At the Home of Linda Fessel 407-677-0317 LFESSEL@embarqmail.com

Call me at the number or e-mail shown above if you would like to be added to the list in order to receive more information about each movie. If you're a new attendee, please call me in advance for directions.

Next movie (TBA) will be Monday, January 25 at 1 pm.



Línda Fessel

Mah Jongg

Co-chairs: Karen Deo (407-679-6186) Karen.deo@gmail.com

Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embargmail.com

BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month).

Contact Linda or Karen for more information.

Linda & Karen



Dining Couples

When we lived in New Jersey, my husband used to call a similar group "dining strangers." In December, twelve couples met in three different homes and all reported delicious food and delightful conversation even though many of them did not know each other and met for the first time that night.

If you and your partner are willing to host a dinner in your home, think about signing up. The tentative dates for the next three dinners are:

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 Saturday, April 16, 2016 Saturday, June 18, 2016

Substitutes may also be needed during the year and will be expected to bring part of the meal, but do not have to host. If you are interested, contact

Suzy Kerr at 407-960-1376, SuzyKerr@msn.com or

Barbara Buchele at 321-972-9114 babuchele@gmail.com

Suzy and Barbara

Current Issues

The Current Issues group will be meeting regularly at Westminster Towers (Formerly Winter Park Towers) on Lakemont Avenue in Winter Park. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2016.

Happy Holidays!

For more information contact

Marcie Kysilka

(407-855-3321)

Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Foreign Affairs

Jo-Ann McCaffrey 407-841-3640 JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

TOPIC: India Changes Course

DATE: Sun., January 24, 2016

2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Rana Tiwari Call Rana for directions. (407) 810-6781

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

Here are some famous women you've probably never heard of:

Fanny Blankers-Koen (1918-2004) (Netherlands) was dubbed the "female athlete of the century." She sprinted her way to four gold medals at the 1948 Olympics—while pregnant.

Fanny Blankers-Koen in 1988



Katherine Johnson (1918) (USA) was a NASA math genius who calculated the flight paths for every major space program from Project Mercury through the space shuttle. Her work was so accurate that when NASA switched to computers,



they asked her to check the computer's math for errors.

Katherine Johnson at age 97

Wangari Maathal (1940-2011)

(Kenya)

In 1977 she started a grass-roots movement aimed at countering the deforestation that was threatening the means of subsistence of the



agricultural population. The socalled Green Belt Movement spread to other African countries, and contributed to the planting of over thirty million trees. In 2004 she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dining Out at Night

DATE: Tuesday, January 12

TIME: 6:30 p.m. PLACE: PF Chang

Restaurant is located in Winter Park Village (423 N. Orlando Ave., U.S. 17-92, Winter Park, FL.) Please make a reservation with:

> Susan Hoke shoke@cfl.rr.com 407-637-6857

If you hear of any member who is ill, undergoing surgery, has experienced a loss, etc., please let our corresponding secretary know so that a card can be sent on a timely basis.

Contact:
Judy McDonald
murran@bellsouth.net

Booklovers

Book discussions will be varied but dynamic in January. Below are the three books that Booklovers are reading.

Rebecca is the book most of us will read for January.



This classic, written by (Dame) Daphne du Maurier in 1938 takes us back to England to meet the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter.

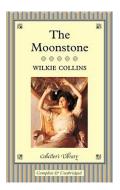
"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again . . ." With these words, the reader is ushered into an isolated gray stone mansion on the windswept Cor-

nish coast, as the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead, but not forgotten—a past devotedly preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers: a suite immaculate and untouched, clothing laid out and ready to be worn, but not by any of the great house's current occupants. With an eerie presentiment of evil tightening her heart, the second Mrs. De Winter walked in the shadow of her mysterious predecessor, determined to uncover the darkest secrets and shattering truths about Maxim's first wife—the late and hauntingly beautiful Rebecca.

Booklovers VI

The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins

A debased Englishman steals the moonstone (opal), a sacred gem from India. It brings bad luck to each of its English possessors. When the gem disappears from a young woman's room and three sinister Hindus menace her family, the methodical Sergeant Cuff is assigned to the case. This 1868 mystery is



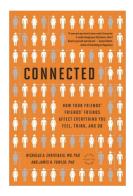
"The first and the best of modern English detective novels." [T.S. Eliot] Several features of the book became required conventions of all detective stories that followed it.

Booklovers VII

Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Networks and How They Shape Our Lives

by Nicholas Christakis and James H. Fowler.

"Happiness is contagious...Your friends and your friends' friends can make you fat—or thin." These are among the startling findings disclosed in *Connected*. The Internationally renowned scientists Nicholas A. Christakis and James H. Fowler reveal how our real-life social networks drive and shape virtually every aspect of our lives.



How we feel, whether we fall ill, how much money we make, and whether we vote on Election Day all depend on what others around us—even those who are only distantly connected to us—are doing, thinking, and feeling. Our social networks underlie financial scams, eating disorders, substance abuse, and suicide clusters, but also innovation, altruism, and "random acts of kindness."

This fascinating and provocative book offers a revolutionary new paradigm—that, like school of fish changing direction in unison, we are unconsciously led by the people around us. *Connected* will forever change the way we look at one another—and ourselves.

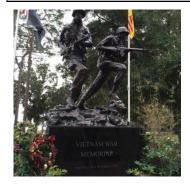
Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator jamese3@bellsouth.net

Customer: It makes me sad that grown-up books don't have pictures in them. You're brought up with them when you're younger, and then suddenly they're all taken away!

Bookseller: Yes. It's a cruel world.

[Weird Things Customers Say in Bookstores by Jen Campbell]

Here's what you missed if you didn't attend the Walking Group on December 10, 2015 at Baldwin Park



Vietnam war Memorial at Baldwin Park (the former Orlando Naval Training Cen-

The weather could not have been more perfect for the walk.





Time to relax before heading over to the East End Market.



From the General Meeting: December 12, 2015



Lots of red and other Bright holiday finery!

Belle Chanson, a women's choral group from Winter Park High School entertained for the 2nd year in a row blending beautiful voices with exceptionally clever holiday arrangements.









January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4	5 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	6 10 a.m. B-Lovers IX 1 p.m. B-Lovers II 1 p.m. B-Lovers VII	7 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	8	9 <u>9 a.m.</u> General Mtg.
10	11 11:30 LUNCHING OUT	12 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	13	14 a.m. thru lunch Walking Grp. 7 p.m. B-Lovers VIII	15	16
17	18 10 a.m. Current Issues	19 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	20 1 p.m. B-Lovers IV	21 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers X	22	23
24 2 p.m. Foreign Affairs	25 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign films	26	27	28 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg	29	30

Tues. 2 Booklovers I (1 p.m.) 3 Wed. Booklovers IX (10 a.m.) Wed. 3 Booklovers II (1 p.m.) Wed. 3 Booklovers VII (1 p.m.) Thurs. 4 Mah Jongg (1 p.m.) Thurs. 4 Booklovers III (7 p.m.) 5 Fri. Dining In (7 p.m.) Mon. 8 Lunching Out (11:30 –1:30) 9 Tues. Booklovers VI (1:30 p.m.) 11 Thurs. Walking Group Thurs. 11 Booklovers VIII (7 p.m.) 13 Gen. Mtg. (9 a.m.) Sat. 15 Current Issues (10 a.m.—1 p.m.) Mon. Mon. **15 Presidents' Day** Tues. 16 Booklovers V (1 p.m.)

Booklovers IV (1 p.m.)

Wed.

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FEBRUARY 2016

Thurs. 21 Booklovers X (1 p.m.)
Thurs. 25 Mah Jongg
Sun. 21 Foreign Affairs (2 p.m.)
Mon. 29 Foreign Films (1 p.m.)

Thurs. 18

Mah Jongg (1 p.m.)

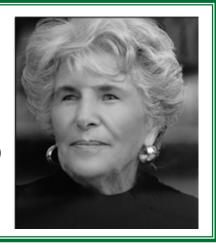
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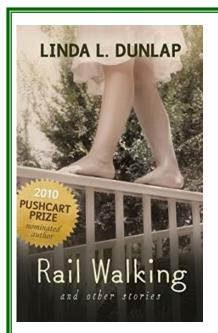


SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 11:30 a.m.

The University Club of Winter Park
841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL
(At the intersection of N. Park Avenue and Webster Avenue)

SPEAKER: LINDA L. DUNLAP





- Author of short stories, essays and poems
- Pushcart Prize nominee
- Recipient of three Artist's Fellowship Grants from Florida Department of Cultural Affairs
- Reviewer's Comments about Rail Walking and Other Stories.

"Each tale is a compressed nugget of psychological insight into human frailty and strength."

". . . that each character is unique AND believable is a tribute to the author and her prolific imagination."

"When this level of thought-provoking content is combined with smooth writing, full of fresh metaphors, you have a series of stories that are a true pleasure to read."

Reservation Form (Advance Reservations Only)					
Name	`				
Address					
Telephone	E-mail				
Please Reserve:\$ 35 (individual seat)	Seating Request :				
\$ 280 (table for 8)					
I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$	5 to AAUW*				

Tear off Reservation Form & mail with check payable to: "AAUW-Orlando-Winter Park."

Mail to Susan Hoke at 558 Oak Reserve Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792.

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