



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our speaker today is Erin Stillson, Project Coordinator of CFCArts.

What is CFCArts?

In September of 2010, Joshua Vickery and Jonathan Cole began the journey of creating an incredible community arts program. Today Central Florida Community Arts boasts the largest community orchestra in Florida and the largest community chorus in the U.S.

Besides the orchestra and chorus, CFCArts expanded its reach with the addition of CFCArts Theatre; CFCArts Youth Theatre Group; CFCArts Young Artists Orchestra; as well as partnering with other nonprofit service organizations.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

In order for the Church to purchase
the correct amount of food, your
reservation must be received no later than
Thursday, December 7, at 3 p.m.

THE COST OF THE BREAKFAST IS NOW \$18

GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY
December 9, 2017
9 a.m.**

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

**\$18.00 per person
Reservations Required**

**RSVP: Diana Secor
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Dianasecoraaauw@gmail.com**

**Cash or check
payable at the door
(Checks should be made out to
"AAUW Orlando/Winter Park")**

**Or mail your check to:
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Casselberry, FL 32707**

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

From the President's Desk



Dear members,
As we reach the end of another year, I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing commitment to AAUW. It is here that we have found friendships, social interaction, and mutual support for the issues that concern each of us individually but are also supported by both our State and National AAUW Organizations. As we move forward into 2018, we must continue to be vigilant and protective of the individual rights of women as they are still in jeopardy. This has been very evident as a direct result of disclosures in support of the "Me Too" sexual assault awareness campaign which has received much attention recently as many notable women have disclosed that they have been sexually assaulted by men in mentor/leadership roles who felt that they had the right to take what they wanted from them. It is time that we acknowledge that we have the power to stand up not only for ourselves but also for those who do not feel they have a voice. We can do this together at AAUW.

I would also ask for your support and commitment for our Community Outreach group chaired by Rana Tiwari.

It is important that, as a branch of AAUW, we support vulnerable women and children in our own community and integrate our AAUW branch into existing initiatives. Rana's contact information is in the branch directory. If you have a passion for supporting vulnerable women and children, please reach out to her to learn more about how you can help support this important initiative.

We are again at the end of another year and we are filled with hope as we approach the holidays. With the season of giving upon us, I would again ask that you be generous with your donations to worthy causes in support of women's rights, but be wary of solicitations from organizations and individuals that you are not familiar with. Scamming among older members of our society is on the increase and scammers are increasingly targeting older women.

I wish each of you a safe and wonderful holiday spent with friends and family and look forward to renewing our commitment to AAUW in the New Year.

Best wishes,

Christine Mouton

President
AAUW Orlando/Winter Park



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After a successful kick-off in February 2011, CFCArts performed their inaugural concert to over 1,200 people in May of 2011, with a choir of over 130 singers and an orchestra of over 35 players. That community choir has since grown into several separately themed choirs with over 500 members total and their per-concert audience has grown to upwards of 5,000 patrons. CFCArts now

also has a 155-member community Symphony Orchestra, over 100 children and youth registered in their programs for school-age performers, a top notch vocal ensemble called *Legacy!* that acts as the organization's vocal ambassadors to the community, a theater program that showcases new and established works and the CFCArts School for Performing Arts, which offers affordable lessons and workshops in applied arts to Central Floridians of all ages. Most recently, CFCArts has begun a Young Artist Orchestra for instrumentalists under the age of 18. The Musical Minds Choir, which runs in conjunction with location chapters of Dementia Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association, is specifically for adults experiencing the early stages of memory loss, dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. And now comes Arts in Action! This collaborative program offers a variety of classes and experiences at a low cost and is geared toward adults 60 years and older. Participants must register in advance as space is very limited.

From the VP Membership



"In this season of hope, let's help those who need it most—the homeless, the hungry, the sick and shut in. In this season of plenty, let's reach out to those who struggle to find work or provide for their families. In this season of generosity, let's give thanks and honor to our troops and our veterans, and their families who've sacrificed so much for us". . .

President Barack Obama

In the spirit of Christmas, I wish much happiness to you and yours.

In It for Life? Make It Official

Empower future generations through your lifetime membership in AAUW! Show your commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. Contact us (connect@AAUW.org) to upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. Become a life member today!

Please join me in welcoming these new members:

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If the Christmas story happened today, the miracle would be the appearance of Three wise Men.

Our kids have reached the age where they're beginning to get suspicious about Santa Claus. One of them asked me how he could get all those millions of different things into one bag. I said, "You ever look in your mother's purse?"



I am asking all members to collect any NEW 2018 calendars and bring them to the next AAUW function. These will be collected at Booklovers meetings, board meetings, and general meetings then forwarded to me. I will distribute these in early January to elderly and disabled adults in Winter Park who live on very minimal fixed incomes and would be delighted to have a free calendar in which to record appointments and outings.

Linda Hinckley

Sugarplums have nothing to do with plums. They are actually hard candies.



As another year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the Branchline in 2017. We can't do it without you! We hope that you will continue to support YOUR newsletter in 2018.

From the entire Branchline staff, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and the healthiest and happiest of new years.

Linda Fessel, ed.

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**PACE Miracle Boxes
December 22**



See more information on page 5.

**Literary Luncheon
March 17, 2018**

The Literary Luncheon will be held at the Interlachen Country Club.

Holly Mandelkern will speak on her book *"Beneath White Stars: A Collection of Narrative Poetry about Real People from the Holocaust."*

Contact Judy McDonald if you hear of any member who is ill, having surgery, experienced a loss, etc.

Judy McDonald
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PACE Miracle Boxes

The holiday miracle boxes for the PACE girls should be turned-in at the December 9 general meeting. We expect to have 35 girls this year. We are also planning to have a brunch and movie for the girls before the gifts are distributed on Friday, December 22. Members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to join in the celebration and fun!

Dear Sisters-in-AAUW,

Because of your financial and culinary generosity, we were able to put on what I believe was the best PACE Thanksgiving. The young women from PACE were able to transform the first floor into a festive Thanksgiving atmosphere in less than an hour. We have an excellent group of young ladies, and all of your efforts can only enhance their education and social skills.

To those who served, I hope you will enjoy and wear your aprons proudly. Thank you for taking your time to share with these young women.

Karen Gillett and I are most grateful for your help and support of the PACE Thanksgiving. We extend to you and yours best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Pat Stamm



Scholarships

Several years ago, the Orlando/Winter Park AAUW Branch established an Endowed Scholarship with the Valencia College Foundation. This scholarship is designated for women studying Business, and annually, we can disburse funds to students we choose. This year, our Scholarship Committee decided to divide the \$1300 between three very motivated, non-traditional students working on completing an Associate's degree.

One woman is a single mom who lives in Davenport and is pursuing a degree in Human Resources. The second lives in Apopka, also studying Human Resources, and is a preschool teacher. The third is a single mother living in

Orlando who works at Orlando Health and is studying Business. The women range in age from 31 to 48, and we are always pleased to be able to help women who have returned to college as working adults.

AAUW branch members can contribute to this scholarship through the Valencia Foundation. Donations can be made toward the principle or to be included in the amount disbursed during the current year.




Karen Buchan



From Our Members

"Dine In" With Us!

www.aafcs.org/FCsday

 #FCsday #healthyfamselfie



December 3 is "Dine In Day", a day for families to make and eat a healthy dinner together.

December 3 recognizes AAFCS (American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, formerly American Home Economics Association) founder Ellen Swallow Richards' birthday. She was the first woman graduate of MIT.

"Dining In" was chosen as the theme for several reasons:

There's a **nationwide obesity epidemic**, especially in children and teens, and a lot of that has to do with unhealthy eating and lack of food preparation knowledge.

Research has shown that the **whole family benefits from family mealtime** by having better nutrition, improving family communication, fostering family traditions, and teaching life skills, such as meal planning, budgeting, and food preparation.

Encouraging families to prepare simple, healthy meals and eat together supports **creating healthy and sustainable families**.

Encourage others to "Dine In" on December 3.

Submitted by Karen Buchan

Interest Groups



You can participate in 14 special interest groups by reading your *Branchline* each month and marking on your calendar those groups you would like to attend. Contact the leader to make sure there is space for you and if there are further details about the group that you need to know. Once you have attended a group and know you would like to attend it more often, ask to be on the e-group list so you don't miss out on any changes or cancellations that come up during the month.

Barbara Buchele

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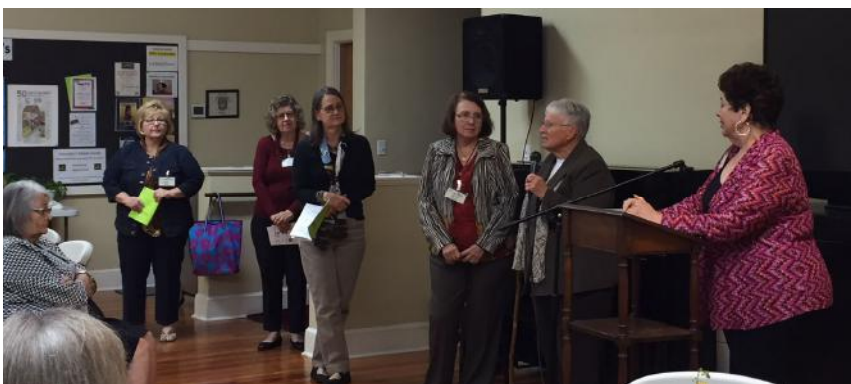
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General Meeting: November 11, 2017



Guest Speaker: Ann Helmuth



Interest Groups

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, December 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, family-owned restaurants.

If you would like to join us, call or email me to get on the contact list.

Linda Fessel

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Current Issues

Current Issues will **NOT** meet in December.

The next meeting will be **Monday, January 13, 2018**, from 10-1. The topic is "*The Deterioration of the Country's Infrastructures*" (roads, buildings, bridges).



This meeting will be held at Marcy's house. She will send directions to those who plan to come to the meeting. So mark your calendars!

**THE GROUP WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS.**

Marcy Kysilka

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Foreign Films

At the Home of

Linda Fessel

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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 film (TBA) will be on Jan. 29.

Linda Fessel

Dining Out At Night

Dining Out At Night will not be meeting in December. Check the January Branchline for the Dining Out location in January.

If you would like to be added to the Dining Out email list, contact:

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(call or text)

Mah Jongg

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BEGINNERS WELCOME

Mah Jongg meets every Thursday except the 2nd Thursday of each month (to accommodate those MahJonggers who also participate in the Walking Group).

Contact Linda or Karen for more information.

Linda & Karen

Dining In

When: Fri., Dec. 1, 2017

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Lynda's home

Please contact Chair Jane Rosen for information on this group:

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Foreign Affairs

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No meeting in December

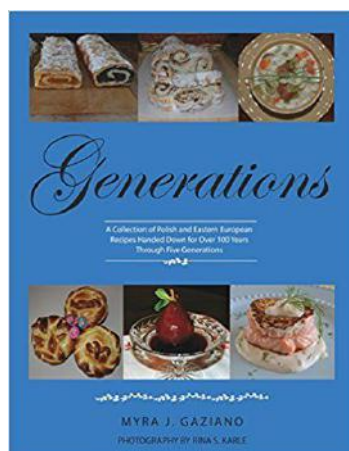
Next Meeting: January 28, 2018



Reindeer differ from all other deer because the females have antlers like the males. The reindeer with the largest antlers is usually the boss of the herd, and since the males shed their antlers before the females do each year, the gals are often in charge. (Equity in the wild!)

From Our Members

Our AAUW member, Myra Gaziano, recently published *"Generations: A Collection of Polish and Eastern European Recipes Handed Down for Over 100 Years through Five Generations."* In addition to the recipes, the book includes personal memories and anecdotes on the recipes' origins, as well as sections on holiday customs and traditions. The cookbook is available on Myra's website: Eurogenerationscookbook.com and Amazon.



As a way of preserving the "old-world" heritage, Myra Gaziano was inspired to compile this cookbook with festive and seasonal recipes, sharing many that were handed down over five generations. Along with the recipes, you will find personal memories and anecdotes on the origin of the recipe or its ingredients and tips for preparation. This is a book of timeless cherished dishes and culinary celebrations that are sure to delight. Many standout vegetarian soups, salads, and entrees, and unique and hearty soup recipes, sweet and savory pierogi recipes, secretly guarded desserts, including several kolache recipes, and so much more! Many of the long-loved dishes from her grandmothers, mother's and aunts' kitchens found in this cookbook were

sketchily written on the back of old envelopes, or they come from personal hands-on instruction from those who measured and cooked by "eye and feel" with a reverence for food. Each recipe was tested and refined into the aromas and flavors of the food that make eastern European cooking unique, while simplified for busy American families. Yet each dish is elegantly presented to dazzle your family and friends. This keepsake, infused with cherished traditions, is sure to be passed on to your children and future generations.



[We are always thrilled to announce a publication from one of our members. Kudos to Myra and daughter Rina Karle who did all the photographs. And if you're still looking for a gift for a friend or family member, how about a cookbook? ed.]

Jane Rosen hosted the Dining In Group on Nov. 2.



Walking Group

♪ **City Sidewalks, Busy Sidewalks**
Dressed in Holiday Style ♪



Richard Forbes, the City of Orlando Historic Preservation Officer, will guide the group. (Walkers may remember Richard from our walking tours of the Lake Lawsona neighborhood and Dickson Azalea Park.)



Imagine Orlando's Kres Chophouse festooned with fresh evergreens.

Our ladies of the sneakers will have lunch there on Thursday, December 14, after a merry tour of historic downtown sites.

Contact Missy Baker before December 6 if you would like to join this festive walk on Thursday, December 14, from 10 a.m. until merriment subsides (bakerworks@gmail.com or 407-644-5661).

Co-chairs: Collette Davis Mary Ann DeVillavilla Max Reed

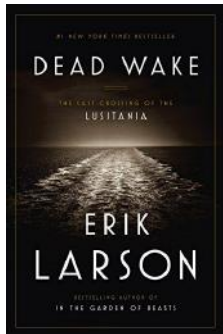


On Thursday, November 9, the walkers visited the McRae Art Studios in downtown Orlando, where we were treated to a rare private showing at this unique artist collective. Its members regularly win top awards in competitions and art festivals and are featured in group exhibitions at Orlando City Hall, Crealde School of Art, and museums and galleries in Florida

and beyond. McRae artists work in painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics and photography. Their subjects include landscape, portraiture, still life, abstraction, fantasy and surrealism.



Booklovers



December is social time for Booklovers. However, for those who are looking for something interesting, try *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson.

In 1915, a German U-Boat sank the ship *Lusitania* off the coast of Ireland killing 1200 American citizens. The USA was not yet involved in WWI but this outrage severely challenged our neutrality. Further, the war between Britain and Germany had been in progress for years with an unwritten understanding that non-military vessels were not to be attacked. However, there was an alert that went ignored. A warning, published in the *New York Times* from the German embassy stating that commercial vessels were in fact possible targets in the waters of a war zone. But, the *Lusitania* was loaded and boarded as planned, beginning what would become a pivotal event in WWI: the U.S. entry into the battle.

Through a cast of disparate personalities, Larson creates a traditional, but not cliché, good versus evil conflict. The author gives readers quirky details about ship passengers—one carried an original Dickens manuscript, a copy of behind the scenes diplomatic, commercial, and military maneuvers, plus an unlikely view of President Wilson in the grips of passion.

Through his narrative prowess and attention to details, Larson lets his readers experience history, such as the sinking of an unsinkable ship, in an inclusive and

engaging way where knowing the outcome does little to detract from the experience. (Best Books 2015: *Bookmarks*, *Washington Post*, *St. Louis -Post Dispatch*, *Amazon*, *Goodreads*.)



Enjoy your holiday with a good read.

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From Our Members

Middlemarch in One Hour!



On Thursday, Dec. 7, at 10 a.m., Martha Williamson and Linda L. Dunlap will re-view *Middlemarch* by George Elliot at the University Club of Winter Park. Linda and Martha spent weeks reading, researching, and analyzing *Middlemarch* so you don't have to. Please come and get the inside story in record time.

Middlemarch, author George Elliot's classic novel, is set in the fictitious town of Middlemarch during 1829-32. This huge and most famous work by Elliot portrays provincial life during the Victorian Era and examines such issues as the status of women, marriage, religion, contemporary medical science. Love stories steeped in intrigue and betrayal play out against a community cemented in opposition to change.

Linda and Martha previously reviewed *War and Peace*, *Anna Karenina* and *The Problem with Tolstoy*. This year they resumed pursuit of gigantic literary classics. Can Proust be far behind?

Museums & Galleries

The museum group will be going to the Morse Museum on December 13 with AAUW member Susan Turo as our guide. Lunch will follow nearby. Those on the contact list should look for an email in early December to sign up for this tour and receive more details. If you would like to join the Museums & Galleries Group, contact Pat Wilson.

So get out there!

Pat Wilson

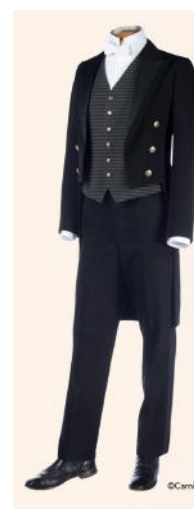
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Don't forget to get your ticket to the Leitner Museum in St. Augustine for our tour of the **Dressing Downton** Exhibit on **January 5**. A reminder email will be sent soon!

The Lightner Museum in St. Augustine is featuring a retrospective of its days as the Alcazar Hotel built by Henry Flagler in 1888 during the Gilded Age. The show highlights costumes from the TV series *Downton Abbey* as well as period furniture and art. This is a timed, ticketed event, and tickets will need to be purchased online for a certain time so that we can all go in together. It is also a very popular event, so I will be sending out an email with links and instructions on how to purchase. Museum-goers can then personally purchase their tickets for the same time and date, and we can go up to the museum in carpools. The cost of this show and the main museum is \$14.99 (for seniors). An audio tour can also be rented for an additional \$8. A late lunch can follow the visit either at the museum or at one of the many restaurants in the area.



Who in the heck is Lilli Hornig?



Born March 22, 1921, she was a Czech-American scientist who worked on the Manhattan Project, as well as a feminist activist. As the daughter of an organic chemist (father) and pediatrician (mother) it was expected that she would become a chemist or a physician. Being squeamish, she chose chemistry.

When her Jewish parents were threatened with imprisonment, all three fled to America. She obtained her BA from Bryn Mawr in 1942 and her Ph.D. from Harvard in 1950.

Following her husband to Los Alamos, he went to work as an explosives expert. Lilli, however, was asked, "How fast can you type?" She couldn't type at all. She eventually joined her husband experimenting with conventional explo-

sives.

Watching the first atomic bomb test, she had mixed feelings and signed a petition urging that a prototype be demonstrated to the Japanese before the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. But the Army never considered the request. "Big boys like big toys" she commented. Out of the 1500 scientists who worked at Los Alamos, only about a dozen are still living.

The slight she experienced upon her arrival at Los Alamos proved fateful. She went on to dedicate her career to championing women in science. She founded Higher Education Research Services (HERS) which researches discrimination against women, challenging sexism in hiring. A bias persists even though women outnumber men in colleges and are being granted more advanced degrees in various disciplines than men.

Lilli Hornig died on November 22, 2017, survived by 2 daughters, a son, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	2
3	4	5 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	6 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	7 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	8	9 <u>9-11 a.m.</u> General Meeting
10	11 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Lunching Out	12 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI Hanukkah	13 <u>a.m. thru lunch</u> Museums and Galleries	14 <u>9 a.m. thru lunch</u> Walking Grp <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	15 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	16
17	18	19 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	20	21 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	29	30 31 New Year's Eve

NOTE: Some Booklovers groups may be meeting on different days and/or different times in December. Some have incorporated a book exchange in with the festivities. If the dates and times shown above do not match with your own calendar, please check with your Booklovers chair to verify day, time, and place of your Booklovers lunch/dinner. [ed.]



"As we look back . . . we sometimes get the feeling that the whole world is worsening. It would be easy to become depressed about the future, and yet . . .

. . . And yet we are not. As we approach the end of the year, we find ourselves feeling hope, optimism, and a warm glow of happiness. Why? Because we've been hitting the eggnog. We recommend you do the same. But whatever you do: Have a Happy New Year.

Dave Barry's History of the Millennium