



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

JANUARY PROGRAM



Ronnie Peirce

From Florida Abolitionist

Ronnie Peirce is the speaking coordinator and trainer for Florida Abolitionist. She will speak to us about the local problem of human trafficking as well as the victim services she helps coordinate.

Her professional experiences include teaching, campus ministry, and distance-based leadership coaching.

An Orlando resident since 1994, she is passionate about ending human trafficking and speaks regularly on the topic at local organizations and youth summits.



GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
January 13, 2018
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
407-929-3735
(Voice or text)
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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:
Diana Secor
4153 Leafy Glade Place
Casselberry, FL 32707

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

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, January 11, at 3 p.m.

THE COST OF THE BREAKFAST IS NOW \$18.

From the VP Membership

Benefits of AAUW Membership



Membership with AAUW means you're part of a community dedicated to changing the climate for women and girls. It also means you have access to some great discounts and special services exclusively offered to members.

AAUW's member benefits can enhance your professional and personal life and will save you money along the way! Most important, every time you use one of your benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, which is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues.

With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that is used to support the work we do, including our equal pay

advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, student leadership conference, and so much more!

****AAUW is pleased to announce a new member benefit with Target. Every time you make a Target.com purchase, you can now donate to AAUW — and take advantage of weekly flash sales and promotions!

****AAUW has partnered with Office Depot and OfficeMax to bring you a free national discount program. Members of AAUW can now save up to 80 percent off preferred products online and in stores!

Check out the AAUW.Org website for more information on Benefits of AAUW Membership.

Beulah Ali-Carr

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Annual LAF collection at AAUW Meeting January 13



As Americans, we value our status as a "nation of laws," but we all know that every law enacted, at every level of government, requires *law enforcement*. When that enforcement is not sufficient to assure our fair and equal treatment—as

women—under the intent of the law, we must pursue that equity through the courts. From the very beginning of AAUW in 1881, we have supported efforts to achieve gender equity with our voices, our votes, and now, our funding of legal case support.

Each year since 1981, the Legal Advocacy Fund selects cases which match our mission and goals to offer financial help with case support. **This funding is based on available money in the fund.** It pays for the travel

expenses of plaintiffs and witnesses for depositions and court appearances; it pays for the fees and expenses of expert witnesses. Most of the cases are related to either Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act or Title IX of the 1972 Amendments to the Education Acts of 1963 and 1965. **FORTY-SEVEN YEARS LATER AND STILL WE PERSIST!**

At our January 13, 2018, general meeting, we will collect our annual individual donations for the LAF. In 2017, we sent \$2,000 to the Fund. Make your donation part of your New Year resolve—for our daughters and our granddaughters. If you will not be at the January 13 meeting, send your check with a friend, or you can mail it to:

AAUW, Rosemary Vendena
291 Isle of Sky Circle
Orlando, FL 32828.

BE SURE YOUR CHECK IS MADE OUT TO AAUW—LAF.

These women just need a man in the house. That's all they need. Most of the feminists need a man to tell them what time of day it is and to lead them home.

Jerry Falwell

The feminist agenda is not about equal rights for women. It is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians.

Pat Robertson

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SAVE THE DATES!**January 13**

**Annual LAF collection at
AAUW General Meeting**



Your contribution, no matter how large or small, helps AAUW fight for gender equity. (If you're not sure what LAF does, go back to page 2 and re-read Rosemary's article!)

**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
murren@bellsouth.net



December 22, 2017, was a special day for the girls of PACE as well as the ladies of AAUW.

In prior years, the girls opened their boxes then raced home to start their winter break. But this year, they were treated first to a delicious brunch, a showing of the movie "Elf," and, of course, the opening of the miracle boxes before racing out to start their winter break.

A big thank you (1) to those generous ladies who financed the brunch; (2) to those who cooked and served the brunch; (3) to those who distributed the boxes to the young ladies. And most of all, thanks to all of you who shopped, wrapped, and filled your boxes, there were enough so that each PACE girl was able to go home with two!

AAUW members in attendance this year were Pat Stamm, Anne Landrum, Karen Gillett, Rana Tiwari, Diana Secor, Debbie Raczek, Sandy Goldstein, Elisa Staley, Linda Fessel, Karen Buchan, and Carol Gort, friend of Karen Buchan.



Some PACE Facts: (Florida statistics)

3,000 girls served each year

40,000 lives changed over 32 years

Before PACE:

- ◇ 24% of girls had prior criminal involvement
- ◇ 75% of girls were failing one or more classes

After PACE:

- ◇ 95% of girls were not involved with the juvenile justice system
- ◇ 90% of girls improved academically
- ◇ 87% of girls were in school or employed

Interest Groups



If you aren't part of a Special Interest Group yet, please welcome 2018 by contacting one of the leaders below. If you do not receive a response within a week, please let me know.

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Interest Group Coordinator
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Collette Davis (407-682-1912) dcollette@aol.com
Mary Ann DeVillavilla (407-389-1822) madvill@earthlink.net

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. 13). They need to be in good shape, and please, no afghans. Thank you.

Eleanore Cowan



Mathematician and physicist Emilie du Châtelet translated Isaac Newton's *Principia* and made discoveries that foreshadowed infrared technology, photography, and Albert Einstein's $E=mc^2$. But even Voltaire, her admiring lover and likely intellectual peer, could not conceive of a woman having a brain equal to his. In 1740, he said of du Châtelet, "She was a great man whose only fault was in being a woman."

AAUW Outlook, fall 2015

Interest Groups

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, January 8

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 meet Monday, January 15, 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

When: Tuesday, January 9

Where: Linda's La Cantina

Time: 6:30 p.m.

4821 East Colonial Drive
Orlando

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

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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., Jan. 12, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Home of Eileen

RSVP: Eileengar@msn.com

Please contact Chair Jane Rosen for information on this group:

Jane Rosen

mjcrosen@hotmail.com

Foreign Affairs

Jo-Ann McCaffrey 407-841-3640

JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

When: Sunday, January 28, 2018

Time: 2 p.m.

Topic: *Latin America's Political Pendulum*

Where: Home of Delia Fuentes
235 West Fawsett Road
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Don't forget your RSVP to Delia:

407-310-1164

Tucu662@gmail.com

If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation

Abigail Adams

Walking Group

The walking group will meet next on **January 11, 2018.**

Step back in time and enjoy a day trip to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Commune with nature in a twenty-minute boat ride to the park and see one of the many features such as an underground view of many types of fish. The entrance price at our group rate is \$9.10.

Then we will indulge in a Hippo Lunch at a quaint restaurant known as the *Biscuit Barn*.

Please RSVP to **Collette Davis** or **Christine Porter**.

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Christine: porterel17166@gmail.com or 248-504-9879

The Park is located on the Gulf Coast; carpooling is recommended.

More details will be emailed early in the week of January 7 only to those responding.

Co-chairs: Collette Davis Mary Ann DeVillavilla Max Reed



"I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is. I do know that people call me a feminist when I discriminate against anything that differentiates me from a door-mat."

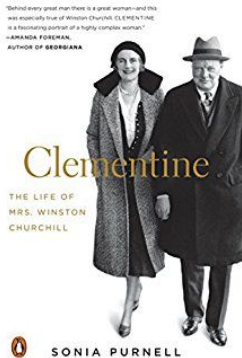
Rebecca West

On December 14, the Ladies of the Sneakers toured some of the historic sites of downtown Orlando with Guide Richard Forbes relating the stories and architectural details of buildings and the families who occupied them. A typical comment heard: "Wow! I've passed by this building probably 30 times but never knew anything about it."



Booklovers

Most Booklovers will begin the year with *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell. (If you would like to be a Booklover, please contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator.)

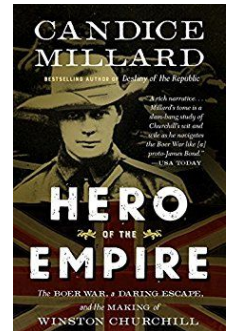


Winston Churchill changed the course of history, but the source of his famous resolve was Clementine, his wife. But who was she? Clementine was born into impecunious aristocracy and

the target of cruel snobbery. Many wondered why Winston married her. She was beautiful, intelligent and made his career her mission, guiding him with a raw honesty and keen understanding of what was needed for his political survival. She tempered and stabilized him but her devotion came at the perilous expense of their children.

Purnell captures the intimate dynamic of the Churchills' marriage, their devotion to each other yet curious distance (they slept in separate beds, vacationed separately, and often argued over money and their children.) As you read about Clementine you'll learn how she changed the course of history.

The Churchills are the reading topic of January, and **Booklovers VII** will read *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape & the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard.



At the age of twenty-four, Winston Churchill was utterly convinced it was his destiny to become prime minister of England. He arrived in South Africa in 1899, valet and crates of vintage wine in tow, to cover the brutal colonial war the British were fighting with Boer rebels and jumpstart his political career. But just two weeks, later, Churchill was taken prisoner. Remarkably, he pulled off a daring escape—traversing hundreds of miles of enemy territory, alone, with nothing but a crumpled wad of cash, four slabs of chocolate, and his wits to guide him.

Winston Churchill set off as a young man to find battlefield glory with an eye toward emulating his father's political success. His experience as a prisoner in the Boer War begins this book and Millard describes his harrowing escape. This book will hold your attention!

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General Meeting: December 9, 2017



Erin Stillson, Project Coordinator of the Central Florida Community Arts, was our speaker for our December General Meeting. She filled us in on all the activities that CFCA now offers.

The latest program is called Arts in Action! and is geared toward adults 60 years and older.

Some quotable quotes from Winston Churchill

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of Government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

In the course of my life I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet."

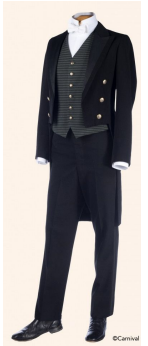
Museums & Galleries

The Museum group had an interesting visit to Cassadaga in November and were treated to a tour of the town and its many curiosities, old homes, and tree-lined streets. In December, Susan Turo was our docent for an informative tour of the Morse Museum of American Art. This is a world class museum, right in Winter Park. If you missed this tour, ask when Susan will be guiding a group again. Her enthusiasm and knowledge only added to the splendor of the exhibits.



For January we have planned a trip to St. Augustine to the 'Dressing Downton' exhibit at the Leitner Museum. If you have not purchased your tickets yet for the Friday, January 5, tour at noon—hurry hurry! They are available online and, since it is a timed entry, they need to be at the 12 noon time slot to enter with our museum group. A reminder email was sent out earlier in December with links to the site for tickets.

Get out there!



Pat Wilson

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On November 8, 2017, The Museums & Galleries Group visited Cassadaga.

The principles of spirituality that are taught by the people at Cassadaga state that "Spiritualism has no dogma or creed, just a simple set of nine principles to help guide our lives."

According to the teachings of Spiritualism, it is the "Science, philosophy, and religion based upon the



principle of continuous life."

On March 14, 1991, the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist camp was declared a U.S. Historic District. The Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp is a federal tax-exempt Church currently governed by a Board of Trustees.

From Our Members



On December 1, the Dining-in group enjoyed a lovely Greek-themed dinner at Lynda Hinckley's home. Lynda goes over the top with Christmas decorations!



JANUARY 2018

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

After you've finished celebrating the New Year, here are some other January dates which you may, or may not, care to observe:

On **January 10, 1928**, Leon Trotsky, who had been voted the Communist Most Likely to Succeed Lenin, was exiled to Kazakstan. Early the next year, he was banished from Russia. He was told he could live anywhere, but not how long. In 1940, in a suburb of Mexico City, he was killed by a man who happened by with a pickaxe. Some thought Stalin had a hand in this, but the District Attorney of Mexico City had trouble subpoenaing him. Things might have been different had Trotsky remained in Russia. For instance, he would probably have been killed sooner.

On **January 14, 1914**, Henry Ford inaugurated the assembly line, reducing the time of putting a car together from twelve and a half hours to only 93 minutes. By making automobiles cheap enough for anyone to own, this contrib-

uted significantly to traffic accidents, Mr. Ford's bank account, smog, and the agility of pedestrians.

On **January 17, 1779**, Captain James Cook named the Sandwich Islands after Lord Sandwich, head of the British Admiralty. Capt. Cook was obviously bucking for a promotion and would surely have been made an admiral had he not been slain by islanders who were incensed at the thought of being called Sandwiches. Subsequently, the Sandwich Islands came to be known as the Hawaiian Islands, which was a severe blow to local humorists.

On **January 29, 1889**, Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria-Hungary, heir to the Hapsburg crown, killed his mistress and then took his own life in a hunting lodge. This is the sort of thing that historical novels and popular musicals are made of. Killing a mistress is considered romantic, while killing a wife is considered murder.