



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Joyce Whidden

Executive Director
Adult Literacy League, Inc.

Joyce Whidden, Executive Director, has been with ALL (Adult Literacy League) since 1994 and has supervised a long period of strong expansion and development during that time. She serves on the advisory board of the Florida Literacy Coalition and has served on the board of ProLiteracy Worldwide.

Our Purpose:

We serve by building a literate community.

Our Mission:

We educate adults to become self-sufficient members of society, and we advocate on behalf of adult and family literacy.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
February 10, 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)
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:
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, February 8, at 3 p.m.

THE COST OF THE BREAKFAST IS NOW \$18.

Message from the President



Dear members,

It is now the time of Women, and this is what AAUW represents. This year will be momentous as more women are running for political office for the first time. The recent Women's March in

Orlando highlighted several women running in our Central Florida area for city government, school board, and State level seats in Tallahassee.

I am urging you to take the time to review the candidates that will be on the ballot later in the year so that you can make informed decisions when you cast your vote. Opportunities exist to insure that women are representing us at all levels of the government from local to national. This provides an opportunity for an Equal

Rights Amendment to finally get passed, that Women's bodies will remain under their personal control, but most importantly, is that women represent the largest percentage of our communities, and we now have an opportunity to make our voices heard through equal representation in our political systems nationwide. As women we have already proven that we can do it all. We have seen Women in Space, and Women leading large multinational corporations, etc., but we have yet to see a Woman leading our Government. We know we are multitaskers, we know how important family is, we know that we can do whatever it takes, so now is the time for us. Let's make our voices heard in November.



Christine Mouton
President

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, one year from the first "Women's March," 10,000 people gathered once again at Lake Eola in solidarity with a nationwide gathering of men and women from cities large and small. A line-up of speakers, plus posters and banners sent the message about the need to get involved in the political process by (1) getting out the vote in the coming 2018 mid-term elections; and (2) running for office. AAUW member Anna Eskamani is doing just that.



Due to the large crowds, our AAUW sisters were scattered all over the area. One small contingent, however, was able to assemble for another history-making picture.

A woman identified by a scholar as the inspiration for Rosie the Riveter, the iconic female World War II factory worker, has died in Washington state. The New York Times reports that Naomi Parker Fraley died Saturday in Longview. She was 96. Multiple women have been identified over the years as possible models for Rosie, but a Seton Hall University professor in 2016 focused on Fraley as the true inspiration. James J.

Kimble published his findings in the journal *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, saying a photo of Fraley at work was the basis for a widely seen poster of a woman flexing with the caption, "We can do it!" Fraley was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, she went to work at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, among the first women to do war work there.

From the VP Membership



Happy New Year!

A message from the Florida State AAUW Membership:

This is a time for new beginnings and change for everyone, including AAUW. As you know, the AAUW National

Board of Directors voted to increase annual membership dues from \$49 to \$59 effective in fiscal year 2018–2019.

More information about the dues increase will be available in early February. This increase will help bolster AAUW's efforts to make progress for women and girls in our three key areas: access to education, leadership,

and economic security.

Speaking of focus, we hope you were inspired by the fall 2017 AAUW Outlook article "AAUW's Strategic Plan: Focus, Relevance, and Impact."

The article asked important questions: How will we measure our success in terms of our mission? What are we doing to ensure that we are making measurable progress toward equity?

Beulah Ali-Carr

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Director for Development



ORLANDO-WINTER PARK BRANCH DONATION TO **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we are sending over \$1,500 to the LAF (this total as of publication deadline). In addition,

some members used the AAUW Website to make their donations directly. I am so proud of our recognition of what we can do together! The big, serious issues around gender equality and fair pay for equal work will

not be solved quickly or easily. WE must never lose sight of the goals. As long as our steps are toward the goal, every effort has a long-term effect. #Still we persist.



Rosemary Vendena

Director for Development
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DONATIONS WANTED FOR LITERARY LUNCHEON

This year we will be adding special gift baskets to our "OPPORTUNITY DRAWING" (aka 50/50) at the luncheon. If you have unused gift cards, especially for restaurants, that you would like to donate to our event, please call or email me. If you don't have any gift cards to donate, please consider asking friends, relatives, merchants, hair salons, travel agencies—in short, anyone you do business with—to donate a gift or service for one of our baskets. We need everyone's help to make this literary luncheon the most successful one yet!

Rosemary Vendena

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SAVE THE DATES!
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."*

March:

Nominations announced for new officers at Gen. Mtg.

April:

Vote for new officers at Gen. Mtg.

May:

Installation of new officers at Gen. Mtg.

2018 AAUW**FL STATE CONVENTION****Stepping Forward Together**

Hyatt Regency Sarasota
April 22-24, 2018

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

Judy McDonald
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From Our Members

Thanks to all of my AAUW sisters for their continued generosity. We collected 175 calendars this year! There were all types: wall calendars, pocket calendars, year-at-a-glance offerings, and they came from all sorts of organizations ranging from conservation groups and non-profits to scenic sights across the USA. There were calendars with children's art and some with works by famous artists. The calendars reflect the diversity of our membership as well as that of the recipients. I delivered them to senior complexes for persons on fixed incomes in Winter Park and Orlando. Residents braved chilly temps to assure they got first dibs on a new 2018 calendar in which to record their daily happenings. I so appreciate your willingness to support this endeavor year after year.

Happy New Year!



Lynda Hinckley

Susan Hoke's Dining Out group met at *Linda's La Cantina* on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.



The Nominating Committee

is now taking names for the following elective offices:

President
V.P. Membership
Treasurer

These are two-year positions which run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

If you would like to be considered for any of these offices, please contact any member of the nominating committee:

Linda Fessel (Chair)
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Collette Davis
dcollette@aol.com (407-682-1912)

Phyllis Hall
phylliscath814@gmail.com (407-265-7164)

We are living at a time when the participation of women in education, politics, and business has never been so critical. Being an officer in a branch of AAUW is one small step for a woman, a giant leap on the road to the empowerment of women.

Interest Groups

In March we usually start collecting AAUW Membership dues for next year. As we do, we also need to think



about what Special Interest groups you would like to see. I will be stepping down as Special Interest Coordinator at the end of this membership year and am looking for someone to step into this position. If you would like to know more about the Special Interest Group Coordinator position, let me know and we can talk.

There may also be Special Interest group leaders who may want to retire at the end of this membership year. If you have never led a Special Interest group, think about helping out next year if your group leader decides to step down. If we all help out where we can, it keeps our AAUW Branch vibrant and functioning.

Barbara Buchele
Interest Group Coordinator
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Scholarships

We are accepting applications for Branch Scholarships until the March 1 deadline. The scholarships are open to women with priority given to STEM students. The application is on the website. Please help promote this opportunity by telling your friends, family and neighbors. AAUW members and their families are also eligible.

Karen Buchan

Did You Know?

February gets its name from the Latin term *februum*, which means purification. Held on February 15 (full moon in the old lunar Roman calendar), the festival was a great success, most Romans eating and drinking themselves into a stupor. However, a few purer-than-thou types, like the Vestal Virgins, would have no part of it. In the original Roman calendar, February was the last month of the year, preceding January. What was gained by the shift is anybody's guess.

Interest Groups

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, February 12

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 this month.

**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 Feb. 26.

Linda Fessel

Dining Out At Night

When: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: 310 Park South
310 South Park Avenue
Winter Park

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

Susan Hoke

(NEW E-MAIL)

susanhoke@mail.com

407-637-6857

(call or text)

Foreign Affairs

Jo-Ann McCaffrey 407-841-3640

JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

When: Sunday, February 25

Time: 2 p.m.

Topic: SOUTH AFRICA'S fragile
democracy

Where: Barbara Buchele
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Don't forget your RSVP to Barbara.

Black History Month

Black History Month is a holiday which is celebrated every February in the U.S. and Canada and in October in the U.K. It's an important month for remembering important people, events and achievements of African diaspora. Although it didn't immediately catch on, over the years many different cities all across the country began to recognize Negro History Week. This continued all the way into the late 1960s when Negro History Week was transformed by the Civil Rights Movement into Black History Month.

It wasn't until 1976 that Black History Month would be officially recognized by the federal government. Ever since then, every American president has designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Dining In

When: Fri., Feb. 2, 2018

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Home of Dee Fuentes

RSVP: Tucu662@gmail.com

Please contact Chair Jane Rosen for information on this group:

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Mah Jongg

Co-chairs:

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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

An Olympic Used-To-Be

Tug-of-war was an Olympic staple from 1900 to 1920. Part of the track-and-field program, it was a highly contested event that brought out the worst in athletes and fans alike. It was common for spectators to jump out of the stands and help their respective teams pull. The sport's most memorable controversy occurred in 1908 when the heavily favored U.S. team lost in the first round to a group of Liverpool policemen whom they accused of wearing enormously heavy boots with illegal cleats, spikes, and grooved heels. The Americans' protests ultimately

fell on deaf ears, and the Liverpoolians went on to capture the silver medal for Britain.



Theater Group

If you want to attend a show with this group, contact Jean Bubriski or buy tickets near Jean and meet her at the theater.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:30 p.m.

Mad Cow Theater

A View From The Bridge

By Arthur Miller

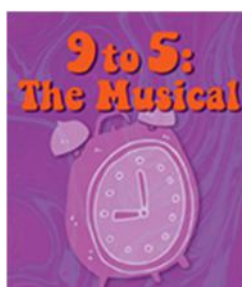


An American tragedy, Greek in scale, Italian in heritage. A story of immigration, lust, and the American dream.

A working-class Italian-American couple sees the coming-of-age of their niece. The hushed arrival of illegal immigrant cousins causes tensions to rise. Friction between characters becomes violent, strained by clashing cultures and sexual identity. Published in 1955 shortly after Arthur Miller's defiance of McCarthyism and conviction for contempt of court, this play debates heritage, patriarchy, and the American Dream. *A View From The Bridge* is an American time capsule, echoing our current cultural climate.

Mad Cow Theater Box Office: (407-297-8788)

Ask for a seat near Jean Bubriski at B-7.



Saturday, April 28, 2018

2 p.m.

Annie Russell Theater

Rollins College

9 to 5: The Musical

Based on the 1980 hit movie, *9 to 5* is a joyful musical comedy about female friendship – the kind of friendship that inspires you to stand up for yourself, find love, or follow a dream!

Co-workers Violet, Judy, and Doralee fantasize about getting even with their sexist boss, Mr. Hart. In a hilarious turn of events, their fantasies turn into a scheme to rid Consolidated Companies of Mr. Hart for good and give the whole business the makeover it so desperately needs! With loveable characters and songs you love, *9 to 5* is bull-headed besties in bell-bottom suits.

Annie Russell Box Office: (407) 646-2145

Jean has tickets J101 & J102.

Jean Bubriski

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Another Olympic Used-To-Be

With the winter Olympics coming up, we're not sure what we'll see with so much press being given to the entry of North Korea. But we know what we definitely won't be seeing in 2018.

Ski ballet! Seriously?

No longer a part of competitive freestyle skiing, **ski ballet** was a third freestyle discipline. Competitions were conducted from the late-1960s until the year 2000. Ballet involved a choreographed routine of flips, rolls, leg crossings, jumps, and spins performed on a smooth slope. After the mid-1970s, the routine was performed to music for 90 seconds. For a short period of time (in the 1980s) there was also **pair ballet** competitions, a variation of ballet, where two people performed tricks that not only included spins, jumps and leg crossing but also lifts and sychronic movements. A panel of judges scored the performance. Ballet was a demonstration sport in the 1988 and 1992 Winter Olympics. The sport has significantly declined in popularity in recent years

due to the fact that it did not become an Olympic sport. The International Ski Federation ceased all formal competition of this sport after 2000.

(Raise your hand if you'd like to see ski ballet instead of curling. Hmm . . . That's what we thought. ~ed.~)



Cooking Globally

The Cooking Globally interest group always welcomes new members—especially those who like to cook and try new cuisines. The next quarterly dinner will be held on Friday, February 16. The theme is Greek (see pictures on right taken on Karen's trip to Greece) and is being coordinated by Debbie Travis and Karen Buchan who traveled together on an Edible Destinations trip to Greece last year. Members prepare and bring a variety of dishes and prepare one dish together.

Dinners are held at Club 24, 1824 Summerfield Road, Winter Park (in the Westminster Winter Park retirement community on South Lakemont Avenue).

Please consider joining our group. There is always plenty of delicious food and room for everyone to join our table! We also try to invite someone from the country we are featuring. Contact Rana Tiwari to have your name added to the email list. Contact Karen Buchan to RSVP for the Greek dinner.

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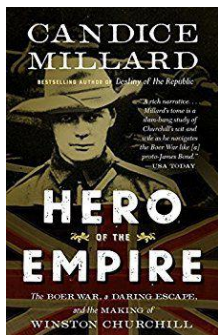
April 13—France

The next two dinners are:



June 15—Argentina

Booklovers



The Churchills remain the reading topic in February. **Most Booklovers** will read *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, A Daring Escape & the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard.

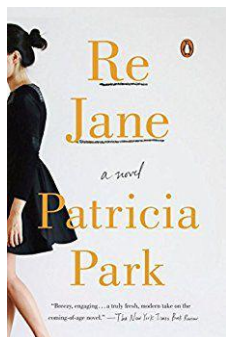
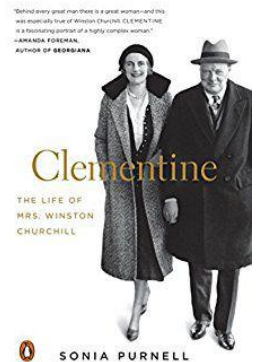
At the age of twenty-four, Winston Churchill was utterly convinced it was his destiny to become prime minister of England. He arrived in South Africa in 1899, valet and crates of vintage wine in tow, to cover the brutal colonial war the British were fighting with Boer rebels and jumpstart his political 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!

Booklovers VII will be reading *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell.

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.



Booklovers IV are reading *Re Jane* by Patricia Park

A great, imaginative book that explores both the intricacies of a life of a woman simultaneously growing up in two cultures and the issues of loving a married man. Dutiful Jane Re, a half-Korean/half American orphan lives in Flushing Queens and works in her strict uncle's grocery store. As she tries to escape, she discovers a new world. The reader will discover the details of the story.

(If you would like to be a Booklover, please contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator.)

Ellen James
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Since many of you may want to purchase and read "Beneath White Stars" prior to the Literary Luncheon, Holly Mandelkern will be at our February general meeting with copies of her book for sale. The cost is \$20.00.

Museums & Galleries



In early January, the Museums and Galleries Group had a fabulous tour of the 'Dressing Downton' exhibit at the Leitner Museum in St. Augustine. The exhibit featured costumes from the PBS series *Downton Abbey* and was a delight. The costumes were displayed in rooms furnished with period pieces and carpets; the settings made it seem as though you were right there in the Abbey. There were also photos of the actors wearing the costumes on the TV set. The fabrics and details were amazing.

Lunch and a nice walk through the old town followed. There was more to see at this museum than a couple of hours allowed. No doubt a return visit is in order.

Wednesday, February 7, we will be visiting the Cornell Fine Arts Museum at Rollins College. We will have a docent-led tour of the new exhibit 'Towards Impressionism.' This exhibit features 45 works by artists ranging from Boudin and Rousseau to Monet. This show is from the Musée des Beaux Arts in Reims France and the Cornell is one of only two venues in the U.S. to host this exhibit.

In March we look forward to the History Museum in Orlando, and we may have a chance to view some archived material from AAUW dating from the 1950's.

Mark your calendars and get out there!
Pat Wilson

Pat Wilson
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Walking Group

You are invited to join us for an **airboat ride** on Thursday, February 8, as we move backwards in time and enjoy the surroundings of the old-style Lone Cabbage Fish Camp. It's located on the banks of the beautiful St. John's River on State Road 520 at the Brevard and Orange County lines: 8199 West King Street (SR 520), Cocoa, FL 32926.

There is plenty of free parking and a small public park adjacent to the Camp should you wish to take a short walk – you may see a gator right there!

We will plan to meet no later than 10 a.m. for our reserved **airboat ride** at 10:30. (Normal price is \$24.00 per person, but there is a distinct possibility of a group discount.) We will ride through the grassy marsh of the scenic St. John's River and Lake Poinsett. You will have ample time to view and photograph alligators, bald eagles, wading birds, and maybe wild hogs, cows, and much more.

Prior to the airboat ride we will order our lunch and it will be awaiting us when we disembark! You can in-

dulge in gator tail, frog legs, turtle, or catfish, but there is a large menu that includes chicken for you non-fish eaters. Prices are very reasonable with full entrees at \$10 and baskets, sandwiches, and salads under \$10.

A video of the trip and the menu is available at the Lone Cabbage Fish Camp web site: <http://www.twisterairboatrides.com/fishcamp.html>

Hope to see you there!



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ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON



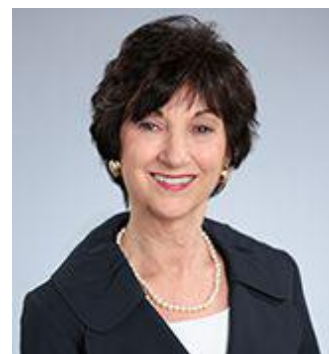
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Interlachen Country Club

2245 Interlachen Ct, Winter Park, FL 32792

SPEAKER: HOLLY MANDELKERN



The Orlando/Winter Park Branch of the American Association of University Women proudly presents

The 17th Annual Spring Literary Luncheon

Author and poet Holly Mandelkern will discuss her new book:

Beneath White Stars: Holocaust Profiles in Poetry

*Sit-down Luncheon

*Silent Auction

*Opportunity Drawing

*Book Sales and Signing

Reservation Form

Reservations required by Monday, March 12, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please Reserve: _____ \$ 45 (individual seat) Seating Request : _____

_____ \$ 360 (table for 8) (List names of guests on the back of this form.)

☐ Check here for vegetarian entrée.

I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$_____ to AAUW.

By supporting AAUW, you provide educational opportunities and legal advocacy for women and girls.

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

Mail to Diana Secor at 4153 Leafy Glade Place, Casselberry, FL 32707.

For Additional Information Contact: Gazianomyra@yahoo.com or (321-363-1105)

FEBRUARY 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg Black History Month begins | 2 Ground hog day <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I | 7 Museums/ Galleries <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII | 8 <u>9 a.m. thru lunch</u> Walking Grp <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII | 9 | 10 <u>9-11 a.m.</u> General Meeting |
| 11 | 12 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Lunching Out Lincoln's B'day | 13 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out | 14 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX Valentine's Day | 15 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg | 16 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV <u>6:30</u> Cooking Globally | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Presidents' Day | 20 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V | 21 | 22 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg Washington's B'day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs | 26 <u>1-4</u> Foreign Films | 27 | 28 | | | |

Feb. 2 is Ground Hog Day, and anyone who has ever eaten ground hog, which is something like ground round, will never forget it. If you look into a mirror and see shadows under your eyes, there will be six more weeks of winter, though you may not think you will live that long.

The U.S. Weather Bureau was authorized on **Feb. 9, 1870**, to

provide a central agency to which to address complaints. At first it was called the Weather Department, but the name was changed to Weather Bureau to make it easier to operate under a bureaucracy. Some thought it should be called the Whether Bureau, since it was supposed to know whether it would rain tomorrow.

Feb. 22, 1732 is Washington's Birthday. He was to become famous for chopping down a cherry tree, never telling a lie, and throwing a dollar (a silver dollar—even George couldn't have done it with a dollar bill) across a river. It is probably because of his carelessness with money that banks close on his birthday, as a warning.