



## ORLANDO \* WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

**ANNUAL LITERARY LUNCHEON  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013  
11:30 a.m.**

**The University Club of Winter Park  
841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL**



### **Guest Speaker, PATRICIA FRIEDBERG**

- ◆ Attended Henrietta Barnett School in London and the London School of Journalism
- ◆ Journalist and creator of documentaries for Rhodesia newspapers and television

- ◆ Host of NBC television talk show, "People of the Book"
- ◆ Composer of music for theatre and dance choreographer for ballet

**RESERVATION FORM IS ON PAGE 13**

### **TAKE A CHANCE! SUPPORT AAUW CHARITIES! ENTER OFTEN!**

In addition to a 50/50 drawing, we will raffle two fabulous gift baskets at the Literary Luncheon. Each basket will contain an autographed copy of **21 Aldgate** plus other London-themed goodies: special Portmeirion porcelain "tea-for-one" tea pot/ tea cup, decorative tin banks with English toffee candies, Twinings teas, and more. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 12 tickets. Transport yourself to today's London with a cup of tea, while you absorb **21 Aldgate**.

# From the President's Desk



As I was reading some AAUW literature, I was surprised to see AAUW unveiled a new logo and tagline. Have you noticed? Interestingly, there have been only four logo changes since the first one in 1902, and this is our first new logo in over 20 years. The colors are fresh and you can't miss the emphasis on the "W." When I first joined AAUW in the early 70's, as many of you may remember, the logo was almost unreadable. I really like our new one, but most of all I love the tagline—"empowering women since 1881." It instantly conveys the vibrancy of who we are and what we are all about but yet honors our 131 year history. And, empowering women in numerous ways is what we do! Not only nationally but as a branch, there are so many ways that we have been working to empower women:

- ◆ To fight sexual assault in the military;
- ◆ To help end cyber bullying and sexual harassment through the University of Central Florida's (UCF) Leading Out Loud Project;
- ◆ To support and inspire the young women at PACE;
- ◆ To provide annual branch scholarships through the Riales Memorial Fund;
- ◆ To inspire college students to enter campus government through "Elect Her!" and
- ◆ To advocate for legislation and policies that enforce Fair Pay in the workplace and close the gender pay gap.

Quoting from Lorie Hill's poem: "March is roaring in . . ." Our branch is roaring in with activities in March:

Our annual literary luncheon will be held on March 9 at the University Club. London-born author, Patricia Friedberg, will discuss her moving novel, *21 Algate*, (planned to be released as a major feature film in the United Kingdom). Event chair, Linda Dunlap and her committee have been orchestrating the details to provide us with not only

a stimulating speaker but also a delicious luncheon and a memorable day. If you have not already made your reservation, please do so because space is limited and this luncheon is one you do not want to miss!

Karen Buchan, scholarship chair, and her committee are reviewing branch scholarship applications that were received for funding through the Ruth Riales Memorial Fund. The scholarship recipients will be announced at a later date.

Elect Her! is planned to be held at the University of Central Florida on March 23. The one day workshop's purpose is to inspire female college students to enter student politics. In UCF's 50-year history, there has been only one female president. Things have to change! Dr. M. C. Santana, College/University Representative, was integral in receiving the funds for this project. Our branch will participate as a collaborator.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our literary luncheon as well as continuing to empower women to reach new heights!

*Myra Gaziano, President*  
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park



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1970's Logo



Last Logo

## From the Finance Director

On-line banking is a convenience now used by many of our members. While we do not accept credit/debit cards (because of the accompanying fees), we are able and willing to accept checks mailed by your bank. If you prefer to pay your dues and fees using your on-line transactions, here are the requirements:

Payee or Pay To: AAUW Orlando/Winter Park  
Address: 291 Isle of Sky Circle  
Orlando, Florida 32828

Be sure to use the "memo" or "account" or "description" field to describe the reason for the payment, such as ANNUAL DUES, or FEB 9 MEET-

ING, or CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND, or CONTRIBUTION FOR PACE, or any reason that might arise. We will begin accepting dues for the 2013 - 2014 membership year after March 15.

Currently, we are also accepting memorial donations in the memory of our member, Jeannie Stefanik. These donations will be added to the Merle Coalter Memorial Fund for scholarships at Valencia College. Use "Jeannie Stefanik" as the memo on your check.

Of course, all your payments to the Orlando/Winter Park Branch can be made in person at a branch meeting by check or cash.

*Rosemary Vendena*  
Finance Director

## From the Membership Committee

If your information in the AAUW directory is incorrect or has changed since its publication, please contact Barbara Buchele and give her the correct information.

(babuchele@gmail.com)

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If you are not receiving email messages from us to notify you that the Branchline is posted on our website, contact Hanna at hkruzcek@illinoisalumni.org.

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If you have any friends, neighbors or family who are interested in trying out AAUW, now is a good time to join as they only have to pay \$40.00 if they join anytime between January 1, 2013 - March 15, 2013.

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: Linda Dunlap  
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Now is a great time of year to join AAUW. Anyone who joins or renews their membership after March 16, 2013, will be joining the 2013-2014 membership year. If you want to turn in your check at the Literary Luncheon, please make your \$75.00 check to AAUW, date the check March 16, 2013, and give it to Barbara Buchele at the Literary Luncheon.

*Barbara Buchele*

### MARTIUS



March, called Martius by the Romans, got its name from Mars, the god of war. It was considered a propitious time to start fighting—provided you outnumbered the enemy. March was the first

month of the year until 46 B.C. when Julius Caesar, who had to do something to get his mind off Cleopatra, started messing around with the calendar. It continued to be the beginning of the legal year in England until 1752, the English not wishing to make change hastily.

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In honor of Women's History Month, we bring you . . .

### 4 GERTRUDES WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

(All 4 excerpted from *Mental\_Floss*, March-April 2013)



Gertrude Stein, a Pennsylvania native, was in the vanguard of the avant-garde in the early 20th century. After moving to France at age 29, she began assembling one of the most important early collections of modern art. Many regard her tiny apartment as the world's first modern art museum. Not just a collector and admirer, her force of personality was instrumental in fanning the fledgling movement. She actually did too good of a job. As the prices of modern impressionist works rocketed, Stein could no longer afford to buy new

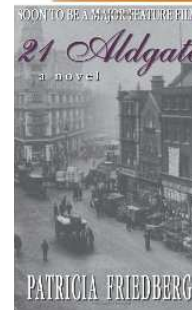
pieces. Her writings also played an important role in the modernist movement. A decade before James Joyce started writing *Ulysses*, Stein started the first major modern experimental novel in English. At 1,000 pages, *The Making of Americans: Being a History of a Family's Progress*, tells the story of a family without the use of plot, dialogue, or action. She wrote in longhand and never revised the work. It is often described as a literary companion to Cubism. Stein passed away from stomach cancer at 72 with her partner, Alice B. Toklas, by her side. Stein provided the fierce support the modernist art movement needed in its earliest stages. (When someone commented to Picasso that she didn't look like her portrait, he replied, "She will.")  
(Check out the other 3 Gertrudes elsewhere in this newsletter.)

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**SAVE THE DATES!****MARCH 9, 2013**

Literary Luncheon at the University Club of Winter Park (11:30 a.m.)



Guest Speaker:  
Patricia Friedberg  
*21 Aldgate*

*21 Aldgate* is the captivating story of one Jewish family's experience of living in East London prior to and during the blitz in World War II.

**APRIL 19-21, 2013**

AAUW 2013 Florida State Convention  
April 19-21, 2013  
at the Sheraton Orlando North,  
Maitland, FL

(check future Branchlines for more details).

**MAY 8, 2013**

"Portraits of PACE" luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8, from 12-1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center in Maitland.

**JUNE 9-12, 2013**

AAUW 2013 National Convention  
"Leading Across Generations"  
New Orleans, LA  
June 9-12, 2013

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

(check future Branchlines for more details).

## From the Recording Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting  
February 9, 2013

February 9, 2013, 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, Myra Gaziano greeted 46 members and guests who finished breakfast as Joan Rinaldi introduced the morning's two speakers. Heidi Isenhardt, attorney specializing in elder law, spoke of federal and state laws concerning older citizens. Mary Ellen Grant, CEO of Share the Care, Inc., spoke of the needs of the elderly and their families. The speakers generated lots of interest, and many in the audience posed thoughtful questions.

The general meeting included these announcements:

- ◆ Rosemary Vendena assumed the role of branch Financial Director following Pat Stamm's resignation for health reasons.
- ◆ January's airing of *The Invisible War* garnered a wonderful audience response and netted \$179 for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.
- ◆ The April 13 general meeting will be held at the Best Western Mount Vernon Inn at 110 S. Orlando Ave. Winter Park due to a one-time scheduling conflict at the church.
- ◆ January's speaker, columnist Beth Kassab, offered her apology for missing the meeting due to her scheduling error and also offered her hope to speak at a future branch meeting.
- ◆ The AAUW state convention will be held April 19-21 at the Sheraton North/Maitland. Please let Myra Gaziano or Rosemary Vendena know if you will be attending.

- ◆ Thanks to the efforts of local AAUW member M.C. Santana, a Tech Trek one-week camp will be offered to rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls this summer at UCF. The state AAUW requests member donations to fund additional participants. As incentive, a drawing from donor names will be held at the state convention. The winner receives a stay at the Sheraton North/Maitland, a \$1000 value.
- ◆ Rosemary Vendena is forming a committee to draft next year's branch budget. The budget proposal will go to the board in April. Please let Rosemary know if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- ◆ Linda Dunlap's committees are preparing for the Literary Luncheon March 9. Members are asked to help publicize the event/fundraiser. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 6.
- ◆ Karen Buchan reported scholarship applications are due March 1.
- ◆ Martha Williamson updated members on Interest Group activities. She noted Nancy Osterburg is handling the coordination of Booklovers Groups to Ellen James. Donning another hat, Martha also noted that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the board positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President Programs.
- ◆ Eleanore Cowan thanked members for their blankets donated for the homeless.

Myra adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Missy Baker*  
Recording Secretary

### IN MEMORY OF JEANNIE STEFANIK



Jeannie A. Stefanik died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013. She endured liver cancer for some years. An ardent reader, she particularly favored massive tomes like Rutherford's *London*. She was a retired R.N. who spent hours taking care of her many grandchildren. Jeannie had a droll sense of humor no matter what transpired. At Booklovers I meetings she kept everyone's feet firmly on the ground. Her son, Tim, said, "I talked to my mother often and she commonly mentioned her book club. I know she very much enjoyed being a part of it." We shall miss her greatly.

Some of us may wish to make a donation to our Merle Coalter Memorial Fund for scholarships at Valencia Community College as is our tradition. Checks may be made out to AAUW: Orlando/Winter Park branch and mailed to Rosemary Vendena, 291 Isle of Sky Circle, Orlando, FL 32828

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Interest Groups Have a Calendar & Schedule

To avoid conflicting meetings, we have compiled a chronological list of already scheduled group, committee, board & general meeting dates. It will be posted in the Branchline and on the website. Please check the list before scheduling an event. Please also check the list for errors so we can correct them before your friends are no-shows or show up on the wrong date.

The Progress For Women group is getting off the ground with a meeting in March organized by Abby Lemay. We have a new Booklovers Coordinator, Ellen James. Our Museums and Galleries group Chair, Dee Smith, was forced to resign in order to deal with a family emergency.

If you are new, try one of our Interest Groups. Contact one of the leaders below.

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Museums/Galleries Group: Looking for new Chair, For now contact Interest Group Coordinator Martha Williamson 407-677-1186 or [bibliamor@aol.com](mailto:bibliamor@aol.com) ([see note below](#))

PACE Center for Girls Support Group: Chairs Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) [alandrum2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:alandrum2@cfl.rr.com) and Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) [patsnpans@yahoo.com](mailto:patsnpans@yahoo.com)

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Walking Group: Chair Lois Kolski 407 352-1146 [lkolski@aol.com](mailto:lkolski@aol.com)

### **\* \* \* Change in April's Meeting Place/Location \* \* \***

Due to a scheduling conflict at the Congregational Church, our April 13 general meeting will be held at the Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn, 110 South Orlando Avenue, Route 17-92, Winter Park at 9 a.m. The price for the buffet breakfast is \$15.00. Reservations must be received by Tuesday, April 9.

**INTEREST GROUPS**

(Cont'd)

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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**TOPIC:** "China in Africa"

**DATE:** Sunday, March 17,  
at 2 p.m.

**PLACE:** Home of Delia Fuentes

**We welcome new members!**

*Jo-Ann McCaffrey*

**MUSEUMS  
&  
GALLERIES**

There are no tours planned for March. This group is looking for a new Chair. If you'd like to chair or co-chair this group, contact Interest Group Coordinator Martha Williamson at 407-677-1186 or bibliamor@aol.com

*Martha Williamson*

**WALKING GROUP**

There are no definite plans in March for the Walking Group. We are currently planning for our next venue which will likely be in early April. Those already on the Walking Group Contact Sheet will be notified when plans are finalized. If you would like to be added to our Contact List, notify Lois Kolski @aol.com or call 407- 352 1136



*Lois Kolski*

**FOREIGN FILMS**

At the Home of Linda Fessel  
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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.

Each participant is asked to contribute \$2 to help cover the cost of refreshments and the film.

Our next film (*Moolaade*), originally scheduled for February, will be viewed on Monday, March 25, at 1 p.m.

*Linda Fessel*

**BRIDGE GROUP**

Bridge group update:

Thanks for all your responses!



I haven't forgotten you—we don't have any clear matches for a foursome or more, based on level of play and availability. I'll compile a chart of responses, send it out, and ask for suggestions. Meanwhile, if you know anyone else interested please have them contact me at:

virginia.gillmer@gmail.com

*Ginny Gillmer*

**DINING-IN GROUP**

A date has not yet been set. For more information, contact Karen at 407-427-3501 or buchankg@webster.edu

*Karen Buchan*

**PROGRESS FOR WOMEN**

The Progress for Women interest group will hold its first meeting on March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Panera's in Winter Park, located at 329 N Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789. Anyone interested in joining, or learning more about the group, is welcome to attend. Progress for

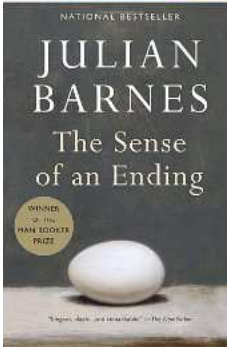
Women is a group aimed at raising visibility of women in politics, and engaging young women in their community. Contact Abby Lemay with questions, (321) 439-6994 or abbylemay@gmail.com

*Abby Lemay*

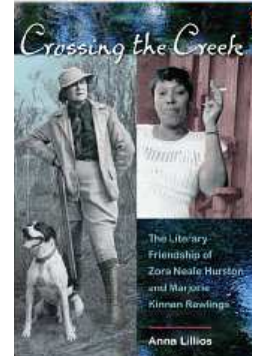


**INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)**

**BOOKLOVERS**



Our book selections for March are *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes, and *Crossing the Creek* by Anne Lillios for Booklovers Group III. Each of these books is a strong selection with much material for thought and discussion.



I am happy to announce that as my term as Booklovers Coordinator draws to a close, Ellen James has cheerfully stepped forward to fill the position for the year 2013-14 and forward. I wish to thank you all for your support and to say once again,

what a great lot of fun we've had! Please extend a welcome to Ellen who is an avid book reader, a former teacher, an officer in the Retired Teachers Association and a great gal. I hope you get to know her soon at the Saturday AAUW meetings. We are lucky to have her guiding us in the coming year. Call me with any questions during the transition period.

*Nancy Osterberg*  
nsosterberg@gmail.com

Booklovers will recognize the second Gertrude—Gertrude Bell, Desert Queen, the woman responsible for drawing the borders of Iraq. Born in 1868 to the sixth-richest family in England, Gertrude Bell displayed a fierce intelligence at a young age. At 17, she was one of the few women admitted to Oxford University. After graduating, she traveled the globe hunting adventure. She taught herself Persian and trekked through Iran; she picked up Arabic and surveyed the Arabian Desert by camel,



cultivating friendships with tribal leaders and kings. She acquired an extraordinary amount of rare and valuable knowledge. In 1917, she was installed in Baghdad under the British High Commissioner—a position that catapulted her into the task of nation-building. For a plucky women who'd breezed through challenges in conflict-ridden deserts, nation-building took its toll. Always an archaeologist at heart, Bell fought to keep Mesopotamian artifacts in Iraq instead of allowing them to be whisked off to foreign museums. In 1926, she opened the Baghdad Archaeological Museum. That same year, she passed away at age 57. The Iraq boundaries Gertrude Bell created are still used to this day.

(Check out the other 2 Gertrudes elsewhere in this newsletter.)

(Many thanks to Florence Bacas Snow for researching our Florida representatives and senators. Ladies, you should print this page and keep it for handy reference.)

**Congressional**

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Senators</u>
3	Ted Yoho	Bill Nelson
5	Corrine Brown	Marco Rubio
6	Ron DeSantis	
7	John Mica	
8	Bill Posey	
9	Alan Grayson	
10	Daniel Webster	
11	Richard Nugent	

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## PACE

PACE young ladies recently took part in a rally at UCF called "One Billion Rising." This movement is a global campaign to end violence against women and for justice and gender equality. The word billion refers to the statistic that 1 in 3 women will be raped or beaten in their lifetime, or about 1 billion. It is amazing what this movement has already accomplished, and I urge you to check the internet for "One Billion Rising" to read about the success of the rallies. PACE is certainly in sync with the mission of AAUW!

ALERT! The Annual "Portraits of PACE" luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8, from 12-1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center in Maitland. This luncheon is no cost and a perfect venue for learning all about PACE, its programs and young ladies. There will be more information in subsequent Branchlines, but I urge you to set aside the date. If any of you would like to tour the facility prior to the luncheon, please contact me and we will arrange it.

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*Barbara Knapp*

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

### WHAT MORE CAN WE DO TO HELP VICTIMS OF MILITARY SEXUAL HARRASSMENT? \*

"When someone in the military is injured on duty, they're a hero and people shake their heads. I was injured too, but I'm treated like it was my fault. I didn't join the military to get raped; I wanted to serve my country too, and I did for nearly two years," said Kori Cioca, the lead plaintiff of a class-action lawsuit against the military, and a subject in the award-winning, Oscar-nominated documentary entitled "*The Invisible War*."

A recent study by the Department of Veterans Affairs found that about half of women sent to Iraq or Afghanistan report being sexually harassed, and nearly one in four say they were sexually assaulted. Most incidents are never reported, partly because military personnel have to report to their chain of command and that could include the rapist or his friends.

Two years ago, through our Legal Advocacy Fund program, the AAUW began providing support to the original class action lawsuit and to two more class-action lawsuits against the military on behalf of female and male survivors of military sexual assault.

This month, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Congress held separate hearings on military sexual assault. At the hearings, the military said they have instituted

many new training and prevention programs, but they do not want to change the reporting or prosecuting process, which means commanders continue to have all the power, even though they are not impartial judges, and they may even be the assailants. If survivors still face barriers to reporting, if alleged rapists likely face little punishment, and if commanders have so much power, what changes? How long will this continue? Our military members deserve so much better.

In November of 2011, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) introduced the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act (STOP Act) to create an independent review process for rape reports. Members of our AAUW Branch can help by contacting our Congressional representatives and letting them know that we want them to act to change the military reporting structure. Specifically, please write to your Congressman and Senators and ask them to create a joint civil and military panel to review the complaints of military women who are alleging that they are or were victims of sexual assault. Ms. Kreal believes that a short, handwritten note will receive more attention than a petition, or typed letter. (See page 9 for a listing of Senators and Congressman representing Central Florida.)

\*Excerpt of Huffington Post Article: *Can We Break the Cycle of Military Sexual Violence Scandals?* by Holly Kreal, Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager, AAUW, Posted: 01/31/2013

*Florence Bacas Snow*  
LAF Representative

# From our Members

## CHAMPION LETTER WRITERS

Trying to get a Letter to the Editor printed in the Orlando Sentinel is an incredibly difficult challenge. Writers compete with hundreds of other people for the honor. Our branch includes an astonishing number of winning writers. If there are others, let us know so you receive the credit you deserve.

Here is the known list of our members who have been published in the Sentinel editorial pages:

- Cathy Messenger
- Cathy Giordano
- Linda Dunlap
- Charmaine Sell
- Martha Williamson
- Juanita Blumberg

Submitted by Martha Williamson

Our Public Policy Chair, Susan Hoke, had a bad fall while on a tour in San Antonio. She broke her nose, wrist and leg. She is now doing intensive rehab at Manor Care in between entertaining visitors. She cannot use a computer. Her temporary contact information is Manor Care Nursing & Rehab Center of Winter Park, 2075 Loch Lomond Dr., Winter Park 32792. Her direct line is 407- 628-2714

I was interviewed on Radio Disney yesterday about Women's History Month and I mentioned Tech Trek to them as well. The show airs on March 2 at 6:30 a.m.

M.C. Santana, Ph.D.  
Director, Women's Studies

Earlier this week the PBS News Hour (Channel 24) aired an extensive interview about "The Invisible War." The interview can be accessed online at: PBS NEWS HOUR, select state: ("FL"); city: ("Orlando"); and Station WUCF, local 24. At that setting the interview can be replayed under the heading of "Arts and Entertainment." It gives additional information about this courageous film, and it is encouraging to learn that it is receiving more publicity.

Submitted by Emily Hartmeyer

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Gertrude Chandler Warner: The Gertrude Who Made Boxcars Exciting

Our third Gertrude grew up across the street from the Putnam, CT, train station. She and her two siblings became fascinated by the bare-bones living quarters housed in cabooses.

In her sophomore year, Warner was forced to drop out of high school due to poor health, but when many teachers were called up during WWI, she was asked to teach first grade. Despite her lack of experience, she took to it well and taught for the next 32 years.

It was the combination of these three things—her train-filled childhood, her love of teaching, and her recurring health problems—that led to the creation of one of the most be-

loved series of children's books. The idea of the Boxcar Children came to her one day when she was home sick. Confined to bed, she decided to write a story to share with her students upon her return to class. She created a fictional world with young protagonists—four siblings who set up shop in a boxcar. What made these children's stories so unique was the elimination of parents and authority figures.

The first version of Warner's book was published by Rand McNally in 1924 as *The Box-Car Children*, but in 1942 another publisher released a simplified version of the text—aimed at poor readers and children learning English. The series took off. Today there are more than 150 Boxcar books, but only the first 19 were written by Warner herself. In 1979, she died in the same town where she'd grown up, unmarried, with no children. Her book series lived on, updated by a team of ghostwriters.

## FROM OUR COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE



I am very proud to announce that **AAUW GIRLS CAMP on Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (STEM) comes to Florida and UCF**

Under the leadership and encouragement of Florida President Eileen Recchia, a team of AAUW members (Eileen Recchia, Flossie McNally, Jennifer McDaniel, Diane Schrier, Abby Lemay, Dr. Emily Schmitt, Carol Newnam, Dr M.C. Santana) applied for and received a \$10k grant from National AAUW office in DC. This seed money is provided to assist with the development of **Tech Trek** in Florida. **Tech Trek** is a model that AAUW has been using in California since 1998 starting at Stanford University. AAUW in Florida is just one of five states that will be rolling out **Tech Trek**, a week-long STEM residential experience for girls going into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This event will take place on the **University of Central Florida campus** in Orlando Florida **July 21 – 26, 2013**. Young ladies will be nominated by teachers and AAUW branches to attend. For the application please go to: <http://techtrek-fl.aauw.net/>

If you know of a wonderful science or math teacher that could inspire girls into science please pass her information to me and I can gladly send them to our team. We need experienced teachers who can develop lesson plans and give pedagogical insight for activities during one week's time.

We are asking all branches in Florida to participate in this effort through sponsorships, volunteers and recruiting girls to participate. I know I am in the BEST branch in Florida, so this is a great way to shine and show others how wonderful we are and what great things we can accomplish for the next generation of women. We need to raise funds to make it a successful endeavor. You can contribute directly at <http://bit.ly/AAUWTechTrek> or send your check to Diane Boyce, 141 Moses Creek Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32086, noting that it is for **Tech Trek**.

*M.C. Santana,*  
College/University Representative

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**GERTRUDE SIMMONS BONNIN**  
**The Gertrude who Fought the System**



Zitkala-Ša (pronounced zitkála-ša, which translates to "Red Bird"), was also known by her missionary-given name, Gertrude Simmons Bonnini.

Our final Gertrude was born in 1876 (the year of the Battle of the Little Bighorn), to a full-blooded Sioux woman and a white man. At age 7 she was lured by Quaker missionaries to White’s Manual Labor Institute in Wabash, Indiana. It was there that her long braids were sliced off—and that she learned to write in English.

In 1899, after earning a scholarship to Earlham University in Indiana, where she studied violin, she then spent two years at the New England Conservatory. While in Boston she began to write stories and essays, using the pseudonym Zitkala-Ša . She accepted a position as a music teacher at Pennsylvania’s Carlisle Indian Industrial School. (Among the contingent of Americans performing at the Paris Exposition in 1900 was Gertrude Simmons Bonnini. Bonnini performed as a violin soloist with the Carlisle Indian Band.)

But she was horrified by the institution’s underlying philosophy—“Kill the Indian in him, and save the man.” She began writing political essays criticizing the practices. Her writings led to a strained relationship with the assimilation schools that had taught her to write in the first place. Her stint at Carlisle didn’t last.

She took a job as a clerk at the Bureau of Indian Affairs at

Standing Rock Indian Reservation in New Mexico where in 1902 she met and married a mixed-race Nakota man, Captain Raymond Bonnini. Soon after marrying, Bonnini was assigned to the Uintah-Ouray reservation in Utah, where the couple was to live and work with the Ute people for the next fourteen years. During this period Zitkala-Ša gave birth to the couple’s only child, Ohiya.

She became secretary for the Society of American Indians and moved to Washington DC to lobby for the organization.

She persuaded the General Federation of Women’s Clubs to establish an Indian Welfare Committee, and later co-wrote an investigation into the government’s mistreatment of tribes. The group uncovered vast mismanagement within the Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as how corporations had been defrauding American Indians in Oklahoma to gain access to oil-rich lands. The reports also criticized the administration of the schools as “grossly inadequate.” Children were being abused for refusing to pray in the Christian way and punished for clinging to their heritage. Ultimately, the investigations inspired new school legislation and helped to give land management rights back to American Indians.

Her lifework was dedicated to protecting and preserving native culture, while helping American Indians assimilate into the mainstream. But in all her activism, she never gave up music. She died in 1938 at the age of 61, the same year that her opera “Sun Dance” debuted on Broadway. The show, one of the first to spotlight American Indian themes, received critical acclaim. Although she wrote the libretto and songs, the publicity only mentioned William F. Hanson as composer. Today, she is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, alongside her military veteran husband.

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## March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <u>1-3:30</u> B-lovers I  <u>7 p.m.</u> B-lovers VIII	6 <u>1:00</u> B-lovers II  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers VII  <u>7-8:30 p.m.</u> Prog. For Women	7   <u>7-10 pm.</u> B-Lovers III	8	9  <u>11:30</u> Literary Luncheon
10	11	12  <u>1:00-3:00</u> B-Lovers VI	13  Garden Group	14  <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	15	16
17  <u>2—5:00</u> Foreign Af-fairs	18	19  <u>Afternoon</u> B-Lovers V	20  <u>1-3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	21	22	23
24	25  <u>1-4:00</u> Foreign Films	26  <u>Morning</u> Garden Group	27	28	29	30

### April

Tues. 2: Booklovers I (1-3:30)  
 Tues. 2: Board Meeting (6:30-8:30)  
 Wed. 3: Booklovers II (1-3:30)  
 Wed. 3: Booklovers VII (1:30 p.m.)  
 Wed. 3: Prog./Women (7-8:30 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 4: Booklovers III (7-10 p.m.)  
 Tues. 9 Booklovers VI (1-3 p.m.)  
 Tues. 9 Equal Pay Day  
 Thurs. 11: Booklovers VIII (7pm)  
 Sat. 13: General Meeting 9-11 a.m.  
 Tues. 16: Booklovers V afternoon  
 Wed. 17: Booklovers IV (1-3:30)  
 Fri.—Sun. 19-21  
     AAUW State Convention  
 Sun. 21: Foreign Affairs (2-5)

Mon. 29: Film Group 1-4

### May

Wed. 1: Booklovers VII (1:30 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 2: Booklovers III (7-10 p.m.)  
 Tues. 7: Booklovers I (1-3:30)  
 Wed. 8: Portraits of Pace (12-1)  
 Wed. 8: Booklovers II (1:00 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 9: Booklovers VIII (7pm)  
 Sat. 11: General Meeting 9-11 a.m.  
 Tues. 14: Booklovers VI (1-3 p.m.)  
 Wed. 15: Booklovers IV (1-3:30 p.m.)  
 Sun. 19: Foreign Affairs 2-5  
 Mon. 27 Film Group NOT MEETING

### June

Wed.—Sun.-12-16:  
     AAUW National Convention  
 Mon. 24: Film Group (1-4)

### July

Mon. 29: Film Group (1-4)

### August

Mon. 26: Film Group (1-4)

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