



ORLANDO * WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

ANNUAL LITERARY LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

11:30 a.m.

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



Guest Speaker, Dr. Richard Lapchick

- ◇ Often referred to as the "social conscience of sport"
- ◇ Founded the Center for the Study of Sport in Society (CSSS) in 1984 at Northeastern University
- ◇ Inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of the Commonwealth Nations in 1999 in the category of Humanitarian

- ◇ Internationally renowned human rights activist, pioneer for racial equality, internationally recognized expert on sports issues
- ◇ Founder and Director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics In Sport

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From the President's Desk

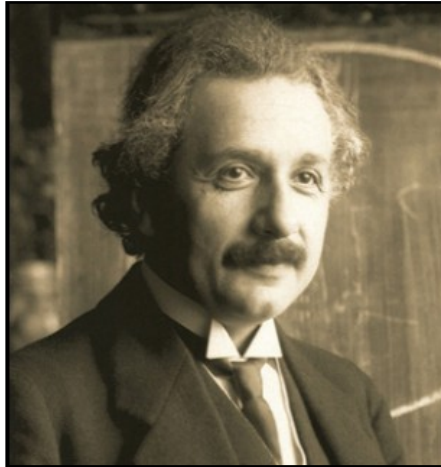
Happy Birthday,
Albert Einstein!

In the month of March we celebrate the birthday of one of history's greatest scientific minds, Albert Einstein. We all know, or should know, that Einstein developed the theory of relativity.

But did you know that he was a friend of AAUW?

Between 1938-1942, over 140 German-speaking women, mostly Jewish academics and scientists, requested help from AAUW in Washington. Many were dismissed from their jobs, ostracized from their communities, denied their rights and faced persecution. In response to these pleas, AAUW created the War Relief Committee that aided over 100 women in safe relocations, finding them jobs and supporting their research through fellowships and grants. Einstein was also working to resettle Jewish women scientists fleeing from Nazi-controlled countries. The AAUW War Relief Committee found a good friend and ally in Einstein. AAUW Archives documents the organization's heroic efforts to help women in need and contains a letter signed by Albert Einstein requesting assistance for Marietta Blau, an Austrian physicist.

The efforts of AAUW and Einstein to save the lives and works of academics and scientists are amazing, just another inspiring example of AAUW's 131 year-old history of devotion to helping and empowering women in need. On March 14, remember to celebrate Einstein's birthday and honor him for his part in helping women and the AAUW War Relief Committee.



On a note of celebrations in March, our annual literary luncheon will be held on March 8 at the University Club of Winter Park. Internationally acclaimed human rights activist and pioneer for racial equality, Dr. Richard

Lapchick, is our dynamic speaker. 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 is one luncheon you do not want to miss!

The 2014 AAUW Florida Convention will be held in Tampa this year on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at the Tampa Sheraton East. The theme for this two-day convention will be "Headed for the Future." Room reservation deadline for the hotel is March 5. The registration form and details may be found in your *FloriVision*. If you are planning on attending, please let me know.

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

From the Finance Director

Our annual Literary Luncheon is the major fund-raising activity conducted by our Branch. The net profits from the luncheon tickets, plus Branch share of the 50-50 drawing, make it possible for us to provide the majority of our support to AAUW National Funds. If you are unable to attend this wonderful event, there are still opportunities to participate. For example, if you have a friend who is attending, you could give them some money to buy tickets in your name for the 50-50 raffle. It's not necessary to be present to win. If that's not

your cup of tea, you can send your tax-deductible donation to the AAUW fund of your choice directly to:

AAUW
1111 Sixteenth Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Call Rosemary Vendena, 407-282-1023, if you have questions. Help our Branch fulfill the AAUW mission!

Rosemary Vendena
Finance Director

Public Policy

Many thanks to all who wore red to our February meeting, thus making a bold statement that women are still in the red financially.

Our next event will be the presentation of a Proclamation to Orange County Mayor Theresa Jacobs. This will be on April 8 at 9 a.m. at the Orange County Board of Commissioners meeting. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please let me know.

Susan Hoke

You've come a long way . . .

In the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924, women could compete in only ONE sport—figure skating—because the other sports were considered too dangerous. In Sochi, women competed in 14 out of 15 sports!



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.



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Scholarships

Application deadline has been extended to March 7.

Scholarship applications will be accepted through the deadline, March 7, 2014. More information and the application are on the branch website (www.aauworlwp.org). The committee is especially interested in applicants majoring in the STEM areas: science, technology, engineering or math.

Karen Buchan

Membership

If you have any friends, neighbors or family, who may be interested in joining AAUW, now is a good time. Anyone who joins after March 15, 2014, is considered "an early bird" and may participate for the rest of this membership year and will not have to rejoin this spring. The 2014-2015 membership dues are \$75.00 and will be good until June 2015. Our local Membership Form can be downloaded directly from our website: www.aauworlwp.org. Have your prospective member fill out the Membership Form and send her check to the address on the bottom of the form. Please contact me if you have any questions:

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Did you know . . . ?

Church officials, not knowing whether St. Patrick was born on March 8 or 9, decided to honor him on March 17, the sum of the two dates. According to legend, the shamrock, the symbol of Ireland, was used by St. Patrick as a metaphor for the Christian Trinity. Shamrock is derived from the Irish word "*seamrog*" ("little clover") and was used for its medicinal properties.



Legal Advocacy Fund

D.C. Circuit Hears Arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*

On February 14, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*, a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported lawsuit brought by survivors of military sexual assault and litigated by attorney Susan Burke. The case was originally filed March 6, 2012, and AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman spoke at the accompanying National Press Club event.

In the suit, the *Klay* plaintiffs allege that U.S. military officials tolerated sexual predators in their ranks

and antagonized service members who reported rape, sexual assault, and harassment. The plaintiffs argue that this culture of sexual assault violates their constitutional rights. In early 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the case. The court held that the plaintiffs' injuries were "incident to their military service" and that the court was prevented by legal precedent from ruling on a military matter. Burke then appealed to the D.C. Circuit. Stay tuned for the appeals court's ruling.

Florence Bacas Snow

LAF Advocate

(This will be our last Olympic blurb . . . until the summer Olympics get underway in 2016. ~ ed.)

One ancient Olympic event, the *pankration*, was a mix of boxing, wrestling, and endurance that had virtually no rules. During the *pankration* event in 564 B.C., Arrachion of Phigalia and his opponent both beat each other senseless, and Ar-



rachion was declared the winner. But Arrachion refused to stand and claim victory—because he was dead. Since the bout had already been decided, Arrachion became the only dead person in history to win an Olympic event.

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SAVE THE DATES!**APRIL 4-5, 2014**

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APRIL 16, 2014

"Portraits of PACE" luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 16 from 12-1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center in Maitland. See PACE article on page 9 for more details.

Women's History Month

The selection of one woman to feature for Women's History Month became an impossible task. There are simply too many famous and infamous women to choose from. So each month we'll introduce one or more of some of our lesser known female forebears.

Athens could be a real bore for well-born matrons in the fourth century B.C. Agnodice came up with a unique strategy: she dressed in drag to become a doctor, attending medical lectures and specializing in gynecology. As touchy as people were about modesty in Anodice's day, you'd think a female OB-GYN would corner the business. You'd be right. She soon had other doctors jealous. Predictably, they dragged her into court on a morals charge. Agnodice had to give the judge a glimpse of her own gyn, whereupon the plaintiffs did a catch-22, charging her with practicing a profession limited to men. Agnodice copped to the new charge and was acquitted. Athenians bit their lips and finally changed the law, opening the door to other female physicians.

Vicki Leon's Uppity Women of Ancient Times

General Meeting Minutes
Summary of the AAUW Orlando/Winter Park
Branch
First Congregational Church of Winter Park
February 8, 2014

At 9:10 a.m., President Myra Gaziano welcomed guests and members. She thanked members who brought books for the Early Reading Coalition of Orange County. Barbara Knapp won the 50/50 raffle.

Program VP Sherry Levy introduced guest speaker Mary Dipboye, Past President of *Ten Thousand Villages*.

The meeting was called to order, but since there was a break in the rain, we posed for our scheduled group picture. All members dressed in red as reminders that, as Public Policy chair Susan Hoke said, "women are still not receiving equal pay for equal work."

Terry Best of Healthcare Center for the Homeless Medical Center thanked Eleanore Cowan for coordinating our branch's collection of blankets and coats for the homeless which were distributed in January.

New members and guests introduced themselves. Myra announced that the AAUW Facebook page would be running soon and requested members to check "LIKE" on it. Myra passed a signup sheet for a \$5 or \$10 print of the group photo.

Rosemary Vendena, Financial Director, asked for volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee meeting twice a year.

Susan Hoke, our Literary Lunch reservations chair, asked everyone to return their forms with checks for the

March 8 Literary Luncheon featuring Richard Lapchick Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator, mentioned our 19 Interest Groups.

OMA docent Dee Smith circulated signup sheets for the current "The Golden Age of Painting in Europe." Diane Kennedy had organized a tour for the Museums/Galleries group.

Karen Buchan, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced that few applications have been submitted and the deadline is March 1.

Barbara Knapp, PACE board member, encouraged members to promote community awareness of the school's successes to increase needed funds. She asked us to captain tables and invite friends to the April 16 PACE luncheon in Maitland at the Greek Orthodox Church which is free of charge.

Pat Stamm applauded AAUW's special events at PACE, including the bead project, gift-making session, and card-making session. She requested members to volunteer more creative programs for the spring.

Myra Gaziano adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Raczek, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Baker
Recording Secretary

The summary of the General Minutes is a brief recapitulation for our Branchline newsletter. All members are encouraged to read the full Minutes which are kept by the branch as part of our official branch records.

Reservation Form (Advance Reservations Only)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please Reserve: _____ \$ 35 (individual seat) Seating Request : _____
 _____ \$ 280 (table for 8)

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

Tear off Reservation Form & mail with check payable to: "AAUW-Orlando-Winter Park."
 Mail to Susan Hoke at 558 Oak Reserve Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792.

*Proceeds will go to AAUW for Educational Fellowships and Grants and the Legal Advocacy Fund

Interest Groups

Our Literary Lunch provides something enjoyable for all interest group members. Whether you are mainly concerned with food (Dining In, Dining Out), entertainment (Booklovers, Theatre, Mah Jongg, Museums/Galleries, Foreign Films), education (Booklovers, Current Issues, Foreign Affairs), exercise (Walking), nature (Garden, Walking) or support for women and girls (PACE), there is something for you. If you wonder what the Literary Lunch offers for entertainment and education, of course I refer to our fabulous, inspiring speaker, Richard Lap-chick. If you wonder what sort of exercise is available at

a seated luncheon, remember the trip to the buffet and back, plus side trips to socialize with your peers and gaze at our speaker's books on sale. If you are puzzled by mention of nature when we are indoors, remember the gorgeous centerpieces gracing the tables. Surely nobody will wonder about the support for women and girls since this is our biggest fundraiser to support AAUW's core reason for being. See you there.

Martha Williamson

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Foreign Films Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embarqmail.com

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Walking Group: Chair Lois Kolski 407 352-1146 lkolski@aol.com

THEATRE GROUP

"Cat On a Hot Tin Roof "

Friday, March 28, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Mad Cow Theatre

If you are interested, please call Mad Cow at 407-297-8788 to buy your ticket. If you want to carpool and/or have dinner before the show, please let me know. Otherwise, I'll see you at the theatre.

Maria Rubin <mariaormary@gmail.com>



"In the course of one sultry evening, this Tennessee Williams Pulitzer Prize Winner shows us how one prominent Southern dynasty is pushed to the brink when tender memories are relived and life altering secrets are revealed."

Interest Groups (Cont'd)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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TOPIC: "Food and Climate"

DATE: Sunday, March 16, 2014
2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of
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407-369-4826

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

FOREIGN FILMS

Call me at the number or e-mail shown below if you would like 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 will be shown on Monday, March 31. This film may start earlier, so read your emails!

Linda Fessel
407-677-0317
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CURRENT ISSUES

Monday, March 17, 2014
10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Maria Rubin

Topic: End of Life Issues

Juanita Blumberg

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m.

A tour of the Hindu Temple in Casselberry has been arranged for us. A guide is being provided and will explain the beautiful artwork.

There is no cost for our tour, however a few dress issues need to be mentioned. No shoes inside the temple. The floors are tile. Head coverings are not necessary.

Along with the scheduled tour, we will be given the opportunity to see children learning traditional Hindu dances.

There is a small canteen where we can purchase Indian food and tea.

The tour takes about an hour. The temple is located at 1994 Lake Drive, Casselberry.

RSVP to Diane Kennedy at
kennedd@aol.com or
407-834-3992

DINING-OUT GROUP

Monday, March 10, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Francesco's Ristorante & Pizzeria
400 S. Orlando Avenue, Maitland
407-960-5534
www.francescos-rist.com

Near intersection of 17-92 & Hora-tio, adjacent to Walgreen's.

RSVP to Pat Stamm
(407-971-0565)
patnspans@yahoo.com

Pat Stamm

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will meet Thursday, March 13 to tour the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge which is just east of Titusville. We will meet at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m., and after seeing the exhibits there, we will go on a brief hike through the Oak and Palm Hammock areas. Then we will tour the Black Point Wildlife Drive and possibly visit the manatee observation deck before lunching at the "World Famous" *Dixie Crossroads* restaurant in Titusville. The walk will be hosted by Karen Deo. More details will follow to those on the walking group email list. If you would like to be added to the Email List, contact:

Lois Kolski

MAH JONGG

Karen Deo(407-679-6186)
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Linda Fessel (407-677-0317)
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BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thurs. at 1 p.m.
Locations vary. Call chairs for details.

DINING-IN GROUP

Friday, March 7
7 p.m.

Home of Ginny Gillmer

This will be a pre-St Patrick's Day-theme dinner. Spouses, boy friends or significant others are welcome.

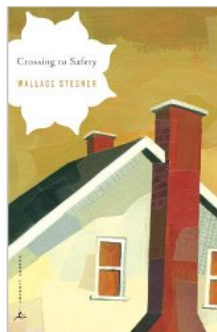
(Last meeting had a Valentines theme to the music of "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.")

Interest Groups (Cont'd)

Booklovers MARCH SELECTION

Crossing to Safety

By Wallace Stegner



This novel is about a remarkable friendship between two couples who meet at the beginning of their careers and then follows them for 50 years. The author touches wisely on subjects as diverse as writing for money, solid marriages, and academic promotion policies. He shares their

vicissitudes and successes.

Doris Grumbach of *The New York Times Book Review*, writes that “nothing in these lives is lost or wasted, suffering becoming an enriching benediction, and life itself a luminous experience.”

The book is well written, and the author has won a Pulitzer and National Book Award for another work.

Ellen James
Booklovers Coordinator
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PACE

AAUW believes in girls and so does PACE. The Annual Report shared at the February General Meeting showcased the wonderful success of PACE. In PACE-Orange the outcome statistics are:

1. 92% of girls had no involvement with the criminal justice system within one year of leaving PACE.
2. 94% of girls improved academically while at PACE.
3. 93% of girls were in school, higher education, or employed after leaving PACE.

Now is the time for community support to stand behind PACE and the young ladies who need this program. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, noon to 1 p.m., for PORTRAITS OF PACE, the annual luncheon.

This year I am making a plea in addition to your attendance. I am asking that you seriously consider being a Table Captain and inviting seven friends, family or neighbors outside of AAUW to come to learn about PACE. Being a Table Captain means you are responsible for filling the seats at your table and

you will be asked to distribute the pens and envelopes when the “ask” is made.

As you probably remember, there is no charge for the luncheon and no mandatory contribution. Attendees are told the story of PACE and they hear from some PACE girls themselves, and then are asked, if they are so moved, to make a contribution.

I urge you to call or e-mail me if you feel you could be a Table Captain and help us spread the word about PACE this year. We need to reach out beyond AAUW and beyond our current support group to make more people in our community aware of a nationally recognized and research-based program with an equal focus on academics, social service interventions, and a focus on the future for middle and high school-age girls.

If you do not feel you can be a Table Captain this year, please do plan to attend yourself. You may contact Pat Stamm or myself for a reserved seat.

Pat Stamm, patsnpans@yahoo.com or

Barbara Knapp, jbknapps@cfl.rr.com.

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <u>10 —1 p.m.</u> Tour of Hindu Temple
2	3	4 <u>1:30—3:30</u> B-lovers I	5 <u>1:00</u> B-lovers II <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers VII	6 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7-10 pm.</u> B-Lovers III	7 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	8 <u>11:30</u> Literary Luncheon
9	10 <u>11:30—1:30</u> Dining Out	11 <u>1:00-3:00</u> B-Lovers VI	12	13 <u>10 a.m. — ?</u> Walking Grp <u>7 — 10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	14	15
16 <u>2—5:00</u> Foreign Affairs	17 <u>10:30—1:30</u> Current Issues	18 <u>1:30 —3:30</u> B-Lovers V	19 <u>1—3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	20 <u>1—4</u> Mah Jongg <u>3-5</u> Brd. Mtg.	21	22
23	24 <u>1—4:00</u> Foreign Films	25	26	27 <u>1—4</u> Mah Jongg	28 <u>7:30</u> Theatre grp. Mad Cow	

April

Tues. 1 Booklovers I (1:30—3:30)
 Wed. 2 Booklovers II (1—3:30)
 Wed. 2 Booklovers VII (1:30—3:30)
 Thurs. 3 Mah Jongg (1—4)
 Thurs. 3 Booklovers III (7-10 p.m.)
 Fri. 4 Dine-in (7 p.m.)
 Tues. 8 Booklovers VI (1—3)
 Thurs. 10 Booklovers VIII (7-10
 Thurs. 10 Walking (morning—mid-afternoon)
 Sat. 12 General Mtg. (9-11)

Sun. 13 **PALM SUNDAY**
 Mon. 14 Dining Out (11:30—1:30)
 Tues. 15 Booklovers V 1:30 —3:30
 Wed. 16 Booklovers IV (1—3:30)
Wed. 16 PASSOVER
 Thurs.. 17 Mah Jongg (1—4)
 Thurs. 17 Branch Board Meeting
Fri. 18 GOOD FRIDAY
Sun. 20 EASTER
 Mon. 21 Current Issues (10:30—1:30)
 Mon. 24 Mah Jongg (1—4)
 Mon. 28 Foreign Film Group

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**“...because
EQUITY IS STILL
AN ISSUE.”**

AAUW and the AAUW Educational Foundation

MISSION: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Advocating for Women and Girls

Equity is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and change-makers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women's equity in all areas of life and work.

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