



Orlando * Winter Park **BRANCHLINE**

MARCH PROGRAM



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

11:30 a.m.

**The University Club of Winter Park
841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL
(At the intersection of N. Park Avenue and
Webster Avenue)**

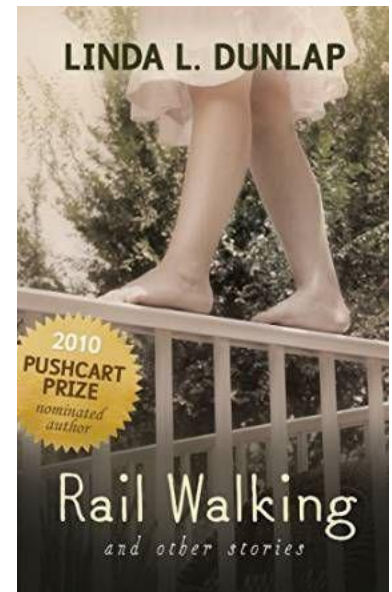
SPEAKER: LINDA L. DUNLAP

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DON'T DELAY. SEATS ARE SELLING QUICKLY.**

From the President's Desk

Did you know that –

- our membership stands at some 215 dues-paying women, up from about 145 a mere eighteen months ago? An amazing increase, VP **Judy Alper**!
- we have *ten* Booklovers groups? Surely one of them would fit your needs. Contact **Ellen James**.
- if you have not attended a monthly brunch meeting on the second Saturday of each month (except summers), you have missed something wonderful? VP **Sherry Levy**'s programs have been superb.
- our general meetings are catered by **Drew**, who must be the best brunch chef ever? Join us on the second Monday of April and May, and check him out.
- only six of our past presidents are still active members? They include **Barbara Knapp**, **Pat Stamm**, and **Myra Gaziano**, who have all contributed mightily to our organization.
- the *Branchline* is absolutely the best organizational newsletter that this correspondent has ever read? Thank you, **Linda Fessel**!

• we have five honorary life members (50 or more years) in our branch? **Barbara Knapp**'s contributions are legendary, and **Pearl Steele** participates in several events regularly. Others are **Cathy Messenger**, **Genevieve Rhines***, and **Marilyn Youtz**. All deserve recognition!

• since 2010, our branch has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships to more than twenty women? The recipients' ages ranged from early 20s to late 50s, and most were pursuing higher education in the STEM areas, according to **Karen Buchan**.

And finally, that

• we all owe a huge debt to our hard-working Board members and other volunteers, particularly **Rosemary Vendena**. We know that every organized group relies totally on a strong financial system, and Rosemary is doing a masterful job with our finances.

Cheers to all of you – what an amazing organization!

Max Reed, President

*Max Reed
President*

***Dr. Genevieve Webber Rhines, past Orlando/Winter Park Branch President 1967-68, passed away on February 14. She was 99. She was living in the Health Center at Westminster WP.**

From the VP Membership

Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

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From the Director of Development

We are in need of new members for our Fund Raising Committee. This is a group that works on the Holiday Boutique, the Literary Luncheon, as well as the 50/50 raffle. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and help support the branch. New, fresh ideas for future events are always welcome. If you would like to join this fun and enterprising group, contact Joanne at joannetaurence1@juno.com or call 386-668-3321.

Joanne Taurence

From the General Meeting on Saturday, February 13, 2016

Using a Power Point presentation, Chief Brett Railey showed how crime was down 7% in Winter Park in 2015. Another interesting statistic : 67% of the people arrested are not Winter Park residents.



Officer Kaitlin Gonzalez of the Winter Park Police Department teaches at the Police Academy located at Valencia College. She spoke about the S.A.F.E. program.

Lt. Pam Marcum described the Citizen Police Academy which member Martha Williamson attended and enjoyed. She talked about the Lockbox program for seniors and checking your house when you are away.



Among the miracles said to have been performed by St. Patrick, the best-known deals with his driving the snakes out of Ireland. According to legend, St. Patrick used a loud drum and a sermon to free Ireland of snakes. One old, especially tough snake decided not to leave. St. Patrick built a box and asked the snake to get into it. The snake refused, saying the box was too small. After considerable discussion, the snake decided to prove St. Patrick wrong. When he coiled into the box, St. Patrick shut the lid and threw the box and snake into the sea.

Daylight Saving Time was introduced in the United States on **March 31, 1918**. At first people were confused about whether to set their clocks one hour ahead or one hour back, and they still are. (Don't forget to "spring ahead" on Sunday, March 13!)



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Annual Literary Luncheon
Saturday, March 12, 2016
Speaker: Our Branch member,
Linda L. Dunlap
Author of *Rail Walking and*
Other Stories



See last page for literary
luncheon flyer and reserva-
tions form

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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Judy McDonald
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From our Members

We knew that AAUW had a writing contest (our very own Linda Dunlap has been a multiple recipient of those prizes). But, until the other day, [thanks to Aruna Moidu], we learned that AAUW has been sponsoring an art contest for eight years. (Why hasn't this been more advertised?) According to AAUW, "We hear about the gender gap all the time—in salary, in math and science fields, in leadership. But one of the most glaring and longstanding gaps is in the art world. For centuries, women artists were unrecognized, unencouraged, or even discredited simply because they were not men.

"Today, things have changed . . . some. Still, in 2012, only 4 percent of artists on display at the Metropolitan Museum were women. There remains just one major museum in the world dedicated solely to women artists [*the National Museum of Women in the Arts* in N.Y.]. That's why we host an annual art contest to get women artists the equal attention they deserve.

The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of

note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring."

It's too late to get into the contest because the winners for 2016 are now being selected. But those of you who like to draw or paint, get out your tools and supplies. You have a year to submit your works of art. Let's have some Orlando/Winter Park ladies among the entrants for next year!

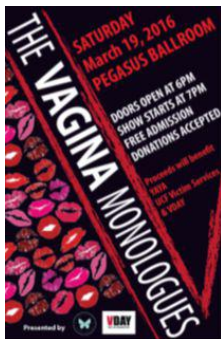


One of last year's winning entries

Even if you are artistically challenged, we urge you to go to the website, check out the rules as well as pictures of past winners. Encourage your friends who are artistically inclined to send in an entry. And next year, let's ALL vote!

<http://www.aauw.org/contests/#.VsdcRLAG43I.mailto>

When was the last time you saw *The Vagina Monologues*? Member Christine Mouton, Director, UCF Victim Services, has sent the following information:



The show will be held at the UCF Student Union Pegasus Ballroom on March 19. The show starts at 7 p.m., parking is free, and there is no cost for admission.

The production is directed by a UCF student in the theatre department and all participants are UCF students.

So make a date with your best girlfriend(s) to re-visit that iconic show as well as to support the young students who are our future AAUW members and leaders.



Questions? Contact:

Christine Mouton

Director, UCF Victim Services

Instructor, UCF Department of Criminal Justice

Direct Phone: 407-823-1894

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

Sherry Levy celebrates the Chinese New Year by feeding dollar bills into the mouths of red dragons to ensure a good year. [Let us know if it worked.]



And Barbara Knapp shows that there's no better way for girls to have fun than by spending a day at Epcot with old friends.

Interest Groups

It is time to think about what kind of special interest groups you want to see in your AAUW Orlando/Winter Park branch. Contact me if you are interested in starting a new group or are willing to lead the Museum Group next year.

If you are interested in trying out a new interest group this month, just contact the leader of the group and ask her if you can come to her group the next time they meet.

Below is a list of the 2016 Special Interest Group Leaders.

Barbara Buchele

Interest Groups Coordinator
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Theatre Group: Chair: Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com

Walking Group: Chair Missy Baker (407-644-5661) (407 346-6561-cell) bakerworks@gmail.com

Current Issues



The Current Issues meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month. This month we will meet on Monday, March 21. We are permanently meeting at the Westminster Towers in Winter Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room located in the lobby area of the Towers. Westminster Towers is the former Winter Park Towers facility. Bring your lunch and join us for some interesting discussions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone 407-855-3321 or by email kysilka@bellsouth.net

Marcie Kysilka

Interest Groups

Dining In

The Dining In group met on Feb. 5 at Lynda Hinckley's home to celebrate Venetian Carnivale. Delicious food and wonderful company were topped off with Carnivale masks.



Next month we will meet at Beth McCarty's on Friday, March 4, for an Irish meal in honor of an early St. Patrick's Day.

Beth McCarty

Museums & Galleries

We are still looking for a leader for M&G. Please contact Barbara Buchele if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

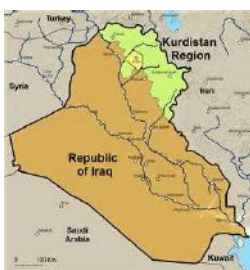
Foreign Affairs

Jo-Ann McCaffrey 407-841-3640
JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

When: Sunday, March 20, 2016 **
2 p.m.

Topic: The Future of Kurdistan

Where: Home of Martha Williamson
2681 Fitzhugh Road
Winter Park, Florida 32792



Walking Group

A Downtown Stroll among Azaleas and Architecture

Those never pedestrian ladies of the Walking Group will enjoy an urban oasis on Thurs., March 10, thanks to the efforts of Sandy Breeden and Barbara Knapp.

Dickson Azalea Park is a miniature, enchanting neighborhood park of five acres about 1.5 miles from Orlando's commercial downtown and has been described as "calmness in the heart of the city." Its ravine with a minuscule babbling brook, Fern Creek, winds through a microcosm of plant life.

The park is part of the Lake Lawsona Historic District developed between 1911 and the 1950s. An additional highlight of this excursion will be the walking tour led by Richard Forbes, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Orlando. The district contains a variety of architectural styles including bungalows, craftsman, colonial, Mediterranean, mission, neoclassical, and Tudor revivals.

Our morning will conclude with lunch at Dexter's in Thornton Park.

The deadline for walking group members to RSVP for this walk is March 3. If you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive details of our walks, please contact Missy Baker.

Missy Baker

bakerworks@gmail.com
407-644-5661.

Foreign Films

At the Home of
Linda Fessel
407-677-0317

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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 movie (TBA) will be Monday, March 28 at 1 pm.

Linda Fessel



Mah Jongg

Co-chairs:

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Karen.deo@gmail.com

Linda Fessel (407-677-0317)
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BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month—).

Contact Linda or Karen for more information.

Linda & Karen



Interest Groups

Dining Couples

If you and your partner are willing to host a dinner in your home, think about signing up. You prepare a main course of your choice and the other guests bring either an appetizer, side dish or salad and a dessert. There will be a total of eight people at your house for dinner. The proposed dates for the next two dinners are the following Saturdays:

April 16, 2016

June 18, 2016.

More groups will be formed as new members sign up to host in their homes. Substitutes may also be needed during the year and will be expected to bring part of the meal, but do not have to host. If you are interested, contact

Suzy Kerr at 407-960-1376,
SuzyKerr@msn.com or

Barbara Buchele at 321-972-9114
babuchele@gmail.com

Suzy and Barbara

Theatre Group

What: Don Quixote, a ballet

When: Friday, March 18, 2016,
at 8 p.m.

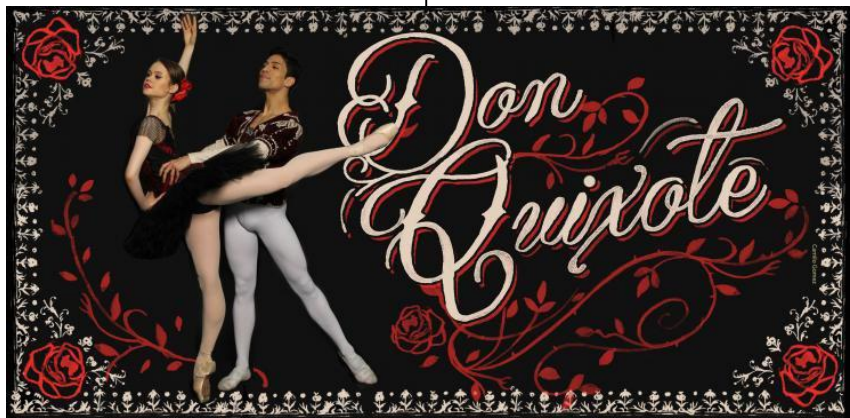
Where: Dr. Phillips Performing Arts
Center in the Walt Disney Theater

Tickets start at \$44.00

A wonderfully entertaining ballet, *Don Quixote* is based on the epic masterpiece by Miguel de Cervantes and is perfect for all audiences. The

story is told in the sun-filled village square into which Don Quixote and Sancho Panza wander, on a horse and mule, in their quest for adventures in chivalry. With music by Leon Minkus and dance inspired by Marius Petipa, this classic ballet is infused with Spanish touches promising to be a dazzling production.

Barbara Buchele
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Dining Couples

Dining Out at Night

DATE: Tuesday, March 8

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Armando's Cucino Italiana.
463 West New England Ave
Winter Park

RSVP to:

Susan Hoke
shoke@cfl.rr.com
407-637-6857

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Booklovers

This month most Booklovers will read *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown and Booklovers VII will read *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

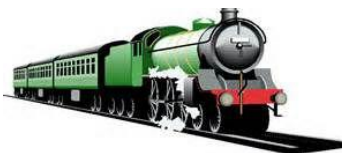
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown



Out of the depths of the Depression comes the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed

the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.



Two very different women build an unlikely friendship. One is a seventeen year old foster child who works off her

community service hours at the second woman's home. The second is a nonagenarian survivor of the orphan trains from 1929. This book spotlights a little known chapter in American history when orphans from New York City were indentured to families west of Chicago. Some become fortunate adoptees while others were virtual slaves to backbreaking domestic work or farm work.

The Book Selection Committee has met and selected some 50 plus books for Booklovers to choose from in selecting books for next year. They have been formatted into a document and sent to all Booklovers. Please review the list carefully and select the ones that have literary or educational merit and promote intellectually stimulating discussions. Each member votes using the Survey Monkey so voting is painless.



Ellen James

Booklovers Coordinator
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Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, March 14

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 restaurants.

If you would like to join us, please contact me to get on the list.

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Linda Fessel



Subway's foot-long has really met its match!



Lunching Out at Tamarind's Indian Restaurant

Interest Groups

Cooking Globally

Nine Cooking Globally group members enjoyed a Brazilian-themed dinner on Friday, February 19.

Light and chewy rolls made with tapioca flour were a quickly consumed appetizer. Next came a slightly spicy black bean soup followed by a hearts of palm salad. Two entrees followed: Moqueca, a vegetarian stew with hard-cooked eggs served over rice that everyone helped prepare that evening, and a shrimp and hearts of palm casserole prepared by Barbara Reuter who coordinated the event. Dessert was a creamy flan with the requisite caramel. Everyone agreed that each dish was delicious and all the recipes were keepers!

The wine flowed and the conversation was lively – several ladies had visited Brazil and enjoyed relating their wonderful travel experiences.

The next Dining Globally dinner is planned for Friday, April 15. The Philippines-inspired menu will be coordinated by Debbie Travis. Newcomers are welcome.

Contact Rana Tiwari or Karen Buchan.



Here's what you missed if you didn't attend the Walking Group in February . . .



Posing by unfamiliar Vietnamese produce



Ricky Ly, Guide/Author



Jack fruit or bowling ball?



Walking and Sampling: What a treat!




And what is Pearl holding?



Anyone know what these are?

MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	2 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	3 <u>12 noon</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	4 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	5
6	7	8 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out at night	9	10 <u>a.m. thru lunch</u> Walking Grp. <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	11	12 <u>11:30</u> Annual Literary Luncheon University Club
13 <u>Daylight Savings Time</u>	14 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out	15 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	16 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers IV <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining Couples	17  <u>12 noon</u> Mah Jongg <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers X	18 <u>8 p.m.</u> Theater Grp.	19
20 <u>2-5</u> Foreign Affairs <u>Palm Sunday</u>	21 <u>10 a.m.</u> Current Issues	22	23	24 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg	25 <u>Good Friday</u>	26
27 <u>Easter</u>	28 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign films	29	30	31 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg		

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 Tues. 12 Dining Out at Night
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ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON

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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