



## ORLANDO \* WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

### MAY PROGRAM

#### DR. LINDA WALTERS

Dr. Linda Walters is a Pegasus Professor of Biology at the University of Central Florida. She obtained her B.S. in Biology from Bates College, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Biology from the University of South Carolina. Prior to being hired as a faculty member at UCF, Dr. Walters held post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Hawaii, Laval University in Quebec, Canada, and Cochin University of Science and Technology in Cochin, India. Dr. Walters has been at UCF for 16 years focusing on teaching excellence as well as marine conservation research and community engagement. Dr. Walters is the Director of the UCF Fellers House Field Research Station in Canaveral National Seashore and the Interim Director of the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty. She has recently received the National Outstanding Marine Educator Award from the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, a state-wide achievement award for Excellence in Service-Learning, a UCF Pegasus Professor Award for combined excellence in research, teaching and service, a UCF Outstanding Professional Service Award, and Volusia County proclaimed November 6, 2011 as "Dr. Linda Walters Day" in support of her conservation efforts.



#### GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 11, 2013  
9 a.m.**

**First Congregational Church  
of Winter Park**  
**225 S. Interlachen Avenue**  
**(at New England Ave.)**  
**Winter Park, FL 32789**

**\$15.00 per person  
Reservations Required**

**RSVP Contact:**  
**Rosemary Vendena**  
**407-282-1023**  
**rovendena@hotmail.com**

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and mail to:**  
**Rosemary Vendena**  
**291 Isle of Sky Circle**  
**Orlando, FL 32828**

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

### MAIUS

May is possibly derived from Maia, an obscure Roman goddess, although it could come from Maius, or "Great," which was one of Jupiter's favorite nicknames. It was regarded as an unlucky month for marriage by the ancient Romans, though some of the more ancient were lucky to get married at all. In medieval England, people got up with the dawn and went a-Maying. This consisted of going to the fields and forests and bringing back branches of trees and flowers, a merry custom which forced landowners to put up signs reading "Keepe Offe," "Do Not Picke Ye Bloomers," and "Trespassers Will Be Shotte." Features of May day include Maypoles (from which comes maypole syrup), Mayonnaise, Mayhap, and Mayhem.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



### *Thank You*

Soon we will be holding our final meeting of the year, and as our AAUW branch year draws to a close, I sincerely thank you, especially the officers and chairs, for your support, ideas, direction and participation. Working together we had a banner year! Each task, project or endeavor was always well-planned and professionally executed exceeding expectations. It has been a pleasure to be associated with dedicated women who are passionate about AAUW's mission and goals. I am also excited about attending my first AAUW National Convention in New Orleans this June, and I thank you for sending me as your president. I hope to expand my leadership skills and bring back a few fresh ideas, new information and energy to our branch.

Although it may be difficult to top our April meeting's

speaker, Joan Rinaldi promises an equally interesting and exciting May program with Dr. Linda Walters, Director of STEM at the University of Central Florida. Also at the May meeting, Barbara Knapp will conduct the installation of our new officers for 2013-15: Sherry Levy, Vice President for Programs; Christine Brown, Recording Secretary for Board Meetings; and Debbie Raczek, Recording Secretary for General Meetings. A warm welcome to you! And let's not forget a big "thank you" to our out-going officers, Joan Rinaldi and Missy Baker, for their dedication and awesome jobs! Last, but not least, at our meeting, Karen Buchan will present our outstanding scholarship recipients for 2013.

I look forward to seeing you at our May 11 meeting.

***Myra Gaziano, President  
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park***

## From the V.P. Membership

Please let Barbara Buchele ([babuchele@gmail.com](mailto:babuchele@gmail.com) or 407-369-4826) know if you have not received your 2012-2013 directory. Now is also a good time to check to see if your contact and college information in this year's directory is correct. If there are mistakes or your contact information has changed, please contact Hanna Kruczak at: [hkruczak@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:hkruczak@illinoisalumni.org) or 407-290-9479.

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### **NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The 2012-2013 membership year will end on June 30, 2013. It is time for you to renew your AAUW Membership now. Over the summer we like to work on the directory, and it makes our job easier if we don't have to spend the summer reminding people to renew their AAUW memberships so that they can be included in the 2013-2014 Directory.

If you would like to win a free national membership for the 2013-2014 AAUW year, send in your check today. All the names of the people who renew their dues before the May general meeting will be entered into a drawing, which will take place at the May meeting. As you know,

we send \$49 dues to Washington AAUW, \$12 to Florida State AAUW, and we keep \$14 for the Orlando/Winter Park Branch. Members do not have to be present to be entered into the drawing.

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Make your \$75.00 check out to "AAUW-Orlando/Winter Park" and mail to: Rosemary Vendena, 291 Isle of Sky Circle, Orlando, Florida 32828, or you may submit your dues at the beginning of the May breakfast meeting.

### New addresses

Jenny Williams Cohen  
181 Stovin St.  
Winter Park 32789

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Karen Buchan  
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Winter Park 32792  
[kgb@unknownegg.org](mailto:kgb@unknownegg.org)

***Barbara Buchele***

## From the V.P. Membership

### *(Continued)*

How are we doing as a branch in respect to membership?

At the beginning of each year we have to submit the number of members in our branch to the national AAUW office. As you can see, the February 1 count for the following years has been moving in the right direction.

In 2010 we had 118

In 2011 we had 127

In 2012 we had 131

In 2013 we had 150

This has been a three year rate of change of 27.12%. Last year our rate of change was 14.50%. Keep up the good work by bringing any friends, family or neighbors to AAUW events, so they can see who we are and what we do.

The tentative date for the Membership Tea has been suggested for September 8, 2013 from 2-4 p.m., but we are waiting for confirmation from the church. A Save the Date email message will be sent once the date and time have been confirmed.

*Barbara Buchele*

## PHOTOS FROM THE APRIL 13 GENERAL MEETING



Dr. Richard Lapchick & Joan Rinaldi



President Myra Gaziano



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**SAVE THE DATES!****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

**New Interest Group Proposed****"Current Issues"**

Juanita Blumberg and Martha Williamson will be initial co-leaders and facilitators.

The group's primary purpose will be to discuss issues of current local, state, and national interest. Frank and open discussion will be encouraged. With ground rules in place to avoid resentment and promote understanding, this will be an excellent opportunity to understand other points of view as well as to state your own. Members will be asked to bring at least one factual article or interview to support their opinions on the preannounced topic. At our first meeting we will all make suggestions on topics for future sessions.

A secondary purpose will be to practice consensus building. When opinions diverge widely on a topic that could have resolution, we will attempt to reach a reasonable group consensus.

The group will be limited to 12 participants. A brown-bag lunch meeting will be held on the third Monday of each month, except August and December, at the home of a member. Hostess will provide beverages and dessert.

Interested AAUW members should contact Juanita at 407 327-0398 or [juanitablu@yahoo.com](mailto:juanitablu@yahoo.com) or Martha at 407 668-1186 or [bibliamor@aol.com](mailto:bibliamor@aol.com)

If a minimum of 8 members express interest, we plan to hold the first meeting on Monday, June 17, at 11:00 a.m.

## MEMBER NEWS



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 continues her 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. She has recovered the use of her wrist.

Pat Stamm, our former President, Treasurer, PACE Thanksgiving organizer, etc., etc., underwent spinal surgery, rebounded so fast she eluded would-be hospital visitors, transferred to Tuscarawilla Rehab. Center pursued by admiring Winter Park Hospital employees, returned to the hospital with an infection and was then sent home since she had precociously mastered her P.T. skills. She should be recovering quietly and sensibly but this is unlikely. Call her at 407 971-0565.



Booklovers former Chair, PACE supporter and major community activist, Anne Landrum, has been liberated from chemotherapy and surgery. She, too, is unlikely to pursue recovery in a tranquil manner.



Booklovers VII, Foreign Affairs Group member and Branchline distributor, Karen Deo, sports a sling after rotator cuff surgery but is driving and attending meetings already.

Social Tennis and Film Group member Marlene Frelove returned from a visit with her first grandchild in Texas.



VP for Membership, Barbara Buchele, just returned from a visit with her first grandchild and was elected President of her Garden Club at Mead Gardens.



Martha Williamson's parents celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary April 4. Their daughter will not be able to achieve the same unless she lives till age 103.

*Submitted by Martha Williamson*



## PACE

LAST CALL for the "Portraits of PACE" luncheon on May 8. It will be held at Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center at 1217 Trinity Lane from 12-1 p.m.

Joan Rinaldi, Martha Williamson and Barbara Knapp will host tables for 10, and if more attendees sign up we will have another table! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about PACE and to hear the stories of a current

PACE student and a PACE alumna. Yes, it is a fundraiser but there is no pressure to give and absolutely no minimum or maximum required. Come and investigate why the PACE system is so successful and why AAUW Orlando/Winter Park and other AAUW branches are so involved. Our missions are the same: promoting advocacy and education for women and girls!

Please call 407-282-5449; 407-620-7357 or e-mail [jbknapps@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbknapps@cfl.rr.com) before May 3 if you wish to attend. Reservations are a must.

*Barbara Knapp*

## INTEREST GROUPS

As we begin the last month of our regular season, we look forward to summer plans for those of us who remain here to enjoy the heat and hurricanes. We are still searching for a new Museums/Galleries Group Chairperson. As Pat Stamm is temporarily sidelined from back surgery, we would like some members to plan a few restaurant lunches for the Dining Out Group.

As per separate notice (see page 4), we will introduce a new Study/Discussion Group in June called *Current Issues*. Now those of you who wish to talk about current contro-

versies with a goal of pursuing consensus will have an opportunity.

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

***Martha Williamson***

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[bibliamor@aol.com](mailto:bibliamor@aol.com)

Booklovers: Coordinator (8 groups) Ellen James (407-857-0044) [jamese3@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamese3@bellsouth.net)

Bridge Group: Under reconstruction: Contact Interest Group Coordinator Martha Williamson 407-677-1186 or [bibliamor@aol.com](mailto:bibliamor@aol.com)

Bucket List Bunch: Chair Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) [patsnpans@yahoo.com](mailto:patsnpans@yahoo.com)

Dining In Group: Chair Karen Buchan (407-427-3501) [buchankq@webster.edu](mailto:buchankq@webster.edu)

Dining Out Group: Chair Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) [patsnpans@yahoo.com](mailto:patsnpans@yahoo.com)

Foreign Affairs Group: Chair Ann McCaffrey (407-841-3640) [JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com](mailto:JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com)

Foreign Films Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) [Lfessel@embargmail.com](mailto:Lfessel@embargmail.com)

Garden Group: Chair Ann Winn (407 831-9685) [harriswinn@hotmail.com](mailto:harriswinn@hotmail.com)

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)

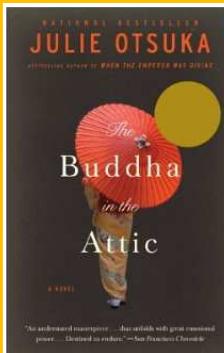
PACE Center for Girls Support Group: Chairs Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) [alandrum2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:alandrum2@cfl.rr.com) and Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) [patsnpans@yahoo.com](mailto:patsnpans@yahoo.com)

Progress for Women Group: Chair Abby Lemay (321-439-6994) [alemay@stetson.edu](mailto:alemay@stetson.edu)

Social Tennis Group: Chair Marlene Freelove (407-803-2027) [marlenefreelove@gmail.com](mailto:marlenefreelove@gmail.com)

Theatre Group: Chair Karen Buchan (407-427-3501) [buchankq@webster.edu](mailto:buchankq@webster.edu)

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



### BOOKLOVERS

*Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka is the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as "picture brides" a century ago. From their arduous journey by ship to their struggles to master a new language and cul-

ture, to their experiences as mothers raising children who will ultimately reject their heritage, Otsuka's spare prose mesmerizes the reader. As the reader experiences the lives of these women, she will see a culture long gone, yet vibrant at the time.

*Ellen James*

## INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)

### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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

**TOPIC:** "Iran"  
**DATE:** Sunday, May 19  
 at 2 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Martha Williamson  
  
 We welcome new members!

*Jo-Ann McCaffrey*

### **MUSEUMS & GALLERIES**

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](mailto:bibliamor@aol.com)

*Martha Williamson*

### **WALKING GROUP**

We do not have any walking plans for the upcoming summer months, but we will have a meeting in May to discuss plans for the fall. Watch for an email within the next week for more specific details on place, date and time. For any further information about the group, contact Lois Kolski ([Lkolski@aol.com](mailto:Lkolski@aol.com)) or phone 407 352 1146.

*Lois Kolski*

### **FOREIGN FILMS**

**At the Home of Linda Fessel**  
**407-677-0317**  
**LFESSEL@embarqmail.com**

The last Monday of the month falls on Memorial Day, so there will be no film in May. The next film (TBA) will be on June 24.

*Linda Fessel*



The Walking Group in Mt. Dora



### **A NOTE FROM BOOKLOVERS III**

Booklovers III is looking for members to meet the first Thursday of the month in members' homes in Maitland or Winter Park areas. When this group had too many members, it was decided that some would split off and meet in the afternoon and others would meet in SW Orlando area in the evening. The current (mostly original) group of 6 is interested in gaining some new members who are interested in lively discussions about books selected and socializing each month.

*Lynda Hinckley*

### **ATTENTION TROLLOPIANS!**

Everyone is invited to this once-a-year event!

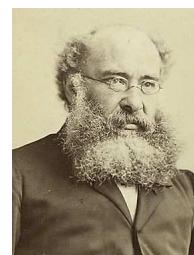
**Dr. Wortle's School**  
 (189 pages)  
**(FREE** download on Kindle)  
 May 29, 2013 at 1 p.m.  
 Location: Barbara Buchele  
[babuchele@gmail.com](mailto:babuchele@gmail.com)  
 1742 Barcelona Way  
 Winter Park  
 RSVP by May 15.

Anthony Trollope (1815 - 1882) was one of the most successful, prolific and respected English novelists of the Victorian era. He was noted even in his own day for his deep insight and sensitivity to the inner conflicts

caused by the position of women in Victorian society (issues that are as relevant today as they were when he wrote).

Trollope's character and plot developments make his works ones that can't be put down.

For additional information, please contact Marianne McKinney: 407-492-3003 ([mmckinran@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mmckinran@cfl.rr.com))



# Legal Advocacy Fund

## UPDATE ON MILITARY JUSTICE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

Reprint of 4/18/13 Public Policy Directive from Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations.

### EIGHT PERCENT

Bear with me for a moment as I share some numbers: More than 200,000 women are in the active-duty military, making up 14.5 percent of the active-duty force. Nearly 3,200 cases of sexual assault in the military were reported in 2010, yet the Department of Defense estimates the actual number of assaults to be at least 19,000 since most cases are never reported.

Of the sexual assault cases reported to military officials, **only 8 percent of the attackers in those cases were prosecuted in the military court system**—compared with 40 percent of similar offenders prosecuted in the civilian court system.

**Eight percent.** And even if the military justice system convicts a perpetrator of sexual assault, the perpetrator's commander, someone with no legal training whatsoever, can throw out that conviction at their own discretion—even the president of the United States cannot overturn their decision.

Yesterday I stood with two of our nation's veterans as they recounted their experiences with sexual assault in the military. When Kelly Smith first reported her assault at age 19, investigators interrogated her for eight hours and accused her of lying. Although her attacker eventually signed a confession, Smith says he never appeared before a court martial and instead retired with full honors and benefits.

I also stood next to Jeremiah Arbogast, a retired Marine Corps member, who told his story from a wheelchair. He was left a paraplegic after his failed suicide attempt—a desperate action he took after he was sexually assaulted by a fellow Marine. As Arbogast said, we still have the world's finest fighting force—but it is being threatened by too many sexual predators who are protected and allowed to stay in the military.

I joined these truly courageous veterans and our congressional champions on Capitol Hill yesterday to call for passage of the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act, or STOP Act, which would create an independent, professional office within the military to investigate, and prosecute sexual assault, instead of leaving the decisions in the hands of commanders who can act at their own discretion. The STOP Act would still keep the authority over sexual assault cases in the military—just not in the hands of individual commanders who are not trained to handle these cases. AAUW believes the result will be the kind of confidential and thorough investigative process necessary in the face of such **crimes**.

**Join me in urging your representative to cosponsor the STOP Act and fundamentally change how sexual assault is handled in the military.** We have to do something about those numbers I mentioned. We have to do something to prevent experiences like those of Kelly Smith and Jeremiah Arbogast from happening again. **Urge your representative to cosponsor the STOP Act (H.R. 1593) today.**

Thank you,

Lisa Maatz

AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

*Florence Bacas Snow*

LAF Representative



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  
407-678-9995  
Ldunlap@earthlink.net

Also, from time to time, we have all received cards in the mail from AAUW. If you do not use those cards, Linda is requesting that you pass them along to her. She likes to send our AAUW cards to our members. She has already used up the cards you gave her last year. Please check your card supplies, and if you have any from AAUW, send them to Linda or bring them to the May General Meeting. She thanks you in advance. P.S. She doesn't need plain cards (she has a boat-load of those)—just AAUW.

# May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers II  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers VII  <u>7 - 8:30 p.m.</u> Prog. For Women	2    <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	3	4
5	6	7 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers I	8 <u>11:30 - 1</u> Portraits of PACE lunch	9  <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	10	11 <u>9 a.m.</u> General Mtg.
12	13	14 <u>1 - 3</u> B-Lovers VI	15 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	16	17	18
19 <u>2 - 5:00</u> Foreign Affairs	20	21 <u>Afternoon</u> B-Lovers V	22 <u>Lunchtime</u> Booklovers/Int. Grp. Coordina- tors' Mtg.	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY (no foreign film)	28	29 <u>1 p.m.</u> Trollopians	30	31	

## June

Tues.. 4: All Booklovers (1:30 - 3:30)  
 "What Have You Been Reading?"  
**Wed.—Sun.—12-16:**  
**AAUW National Convention**

Mon. 17: Current Issues Group Kickoff (11 a.m.)  
 Mon. 24: Film Group (1-4)

## July

Mon. 29: Film Group (1-4)

## August

Wed. 14: Booklovers Chairs Mtg. (1 p.m.)  
 Mon. 26: Film Group (1-4)

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTERS IN JUNE, JULY,  
AND AUGUST.

FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE BRANCHLINE, WE  
WISH YOU ALL A SAFE, HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE, RE-  
LAXING, INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING, EXCITING,  
AND (HOPEFULLY) HURRICANE-FREE SUMMER.  
ABOVE ALL, STAY COOL.



SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER  
BRANCHLINE ARE DUE ON AUGUST 20.  
SEE YOU AT THE MEMBERSHIP TEA IN  
SEPTEMBER!

**AAUW Orlando/Winter Park BRANCHLINE**  
c/o Karen Deo  
3901 Orange Lake Drive  
Orlando, FL 32817



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AN ISSUE.”**

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