



Orlando * Winter Park BRANCHLINE

MAY PROGRAM



GUEST SPEAKER ROBERTA (BOBBE) LYON

**"The More Things Change
the More They Stay Insane"**

[To wind up our 2015-16 season, Sherry Levy, our V.P. Programs has arranged a special presentation designed to leave us laughing.]

Bobbe Lyon, MD (mirth dispenser) believes humor is very malleable and can be adapted to any situation. After spending her married life as a stay-at-home mom to her five Lyon cubs, Bobbe became a widow at age 45 and, inconsolable, wondered if life was worth living. Searching for a tool to dig herself out from her despair, she turned to humor.

Returning to college as one of the oldest co-eds on campus, she earned a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Counseling. She realized that her "sense" of the humorous became her primary tool for survival. It worked so well, she became known as the Laughing Lyon. Soon she decided to take her humorous ideas public, dedicating her life to brightening life for all of us.

She is a former board member of the Association for Applied & Therapeutic Humor and enjoys National Speaker status. Clients include AT&T, Westinghouse, Allstate Insurance, Clemson University, Webster University and the University of Central Florida. Bobbe has brought respite via humor to Hospice, Florida Hospital and numerous church groups.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
May 14, 2016
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

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

From the President's Desk

I have been reviewing the *AAUW.org* website, and I am amazed at all that our organization has to offer! Most recently, a new member-benefit with Target was announced.

For every purchase by a member at Target's weekly flash sales, AAUW will earn up to a five percent commission! Go to the member-benefit page on the website and scroll down until you come to the Target link. Or use the dedicated link, bit.ly/AAUWtarget, to shop for your favorite items or to sign up for a gift register.

Other member benefits include access to goal-oriented films and certain publications, and discounts on purchases at Office Depot/Office Max, insurance, prescriptions, and much more. Check it out on our website.

This is my final *Branchline* letter to you, the membership, as my two-year term ends very soon, and May 14 will be my final general meeting as your president. I cannot express how gratifying and fulfilling this term has been! I owe a huge debt to the officers and the rest of the Board, many of whom went out of their way to assist, remind (nag?), and educate me. And it has been a joy to make new friends and reacquaint myself with others among the membership.

You are not totally getting rid of me, though. I will still be around—just not quite so visible!

With affection and gratitude,

Max Reed
President

Report from Barbara Knapp Florida AAUW State Convention

The State Convention for Florida AAUW, "*Shaping the Future: Fair Pay, Fair Play*" was held in Palm Beach Gardens the weekend of April 15-17. Nancy Megill and Barbara Knapp attended.

On Friday afternoon, the convention began with a documentary and discussion about "*Made in Dagenham*," a dramatization of the 1968 strike at the British Ford plant in Dagenham where female sewing machinists went on strike. The women walked out in protest over sexual discrimination, which prompted the passing of the British Equal Pay Act of 1970.

This subject was continued at the opening session when the keynote speaker was Karen Amlong, J.D., employment law, discrimination, and sexual harassment litigator. What led her to her current career and subsequent success in the courtroom was eye-opening to say the least. I did not realize how naive I am about the many, many ways women are discriminated against.

General Session II began on Saturday with speaker Sue Barley from the AAUW Board of Directors. Sue gave an update of National AAUW and congratulated Florida on all that our members have done in the past year. Work-

shops filled the morning with the following choices: Public Policy—Nuts and Bolts; Diversity and Inclusion; FUN and FUNDamentals of FUNdraising; and Human Trafficking.

The highlight of the convention was the luncheon speaker, Lilly Ledbetter, whose lawsuit prompted the passage



of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which was the first bill President Obama signed into law. AAUW members and supporters worked tirelessly for a year and a half for the passage of this

bill. Lilly continues to fight for the implementation of the law, which will have a strong impact on women, families, people of color, and all Americans. In 2012, Lilly released her book, *Grace and Grit*, a memoir that details her struggle for equal pay. Lilly told us about her disbelief to discover that Goodyear Tire and Rubber, where she had toiled for over 30 years, had not paid her the same salary as the men who held the same supervisory position.

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From the VP Membership

We have another new member to announce in the last Branchline for this membership year. Please join me in welcoming:

Geraldine (Geri) Throne
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B.A. Sociology, Syracuse University 1968

AND don't forget to pay your dues for 2016-2017! If you pay before or at the May meeting, your name will go in the lottery for free national membership! We have an incredibly wonderful branch of nice and interesting people. Please continue to enjoy the benefits, fun, and engagement our AAUW affords. It is worth much more than the \$75 it costs.

Judy Alper
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FROM AAUW'S WASHINGTON UPDATE

U.S. Secretary of Treasury Announces New Changes to the \$5, \$10, and \$20 Bills

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew announced plans to keep Alexander Hamilton on the front of the \$10 bill, while putting leaders of the women's suffrage movement—Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul—on the back of the bill. It was also announced that abolitionist Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson on the face of the \$20 bill in recognition of her notable contributions to American history. Treasury's plans to move forward with Tubman on the \$20 bill may not happen until 2030 [*meaning that many of us won't be alive to see it!*], and will only happen if subsequent administrations agree to the change [*meaning no one may ever see it*].

After AAUW's participation in TheNew10movement and promises of a woman being the face of the redesigned \$10 bill, once again, women are being told to wait their turn. This process has shown that women still have a long way to go before being fully recognized for their contributions in American history.

Report from Barbara Knapp Florida AAUW State Convention (Continued)

Once she filed suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act in 1998, it took 15 years to be awarded back pay and other remedies in a jury trial, only to have her award erased by a U.S. Supreme Court decision which stated that she had delayed too long in filing her suit.

The afternoon plenary was a panel discussion on *Fair Pay, Fair Play* which included Lilly; U.S. Representative Lois Frankel; Shirleyon McWhorter, Title IX Coordinator at Florida International University; and Lori Berman, Florida House of Representatives. The moderator was Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Vice President, Government Relations.

General Session III was the Annual Meeting. The financial report and budget were discussed; public policy agenda for 2017 was discussed; voting for the next biennial was unanimous for the slate: President-elect, Shirley Reid; Co-Directors for Membership, Corky Miller and Maria Barbosa; Director for Development, Flossie McNally; Director for Communications, Carol Napper; and Secretary, Susan Baird. Three members-at-large

were elected for the Nominating Committee, two others and an alternate will be appointed by the new Board. Branch awards were then distributed and Orlando/Winter Park was recognized for their contributions to Tech Trek and received 7 Florida Friends ribbons for individual contributions. (I will deliver them at the May meeting.)

A banquet held Saturday night included recognition of past state presidents and the installation of officers.

Sunday morning's breakfast highlighted Tech Trek with science stations showing examples of what the girls do at Tech Trek and a call to action from Sue Slone, Camp Director of Tech Trek 2016. A Town Hall followed to conclude the convention.

There is much to learn at a state convention (held in even years) and a state leadership conference (held in odd years). Next year the Leadership Conference will be held right here in Orlando in April. Let's make an effort to have a large contingent of branch members at that conference.

Barbara Knapp

Scholarships

Five women receive scholarships

This year we received ten scholarship applications from women age 19 to 46. All were quite passionate about their education and careers and gave compelling answers to the essay questions describing their educational goals, career choices, and their involvement in volunteer, community, and school activities. Five women were chosen to receive scholarships that ranged from \$500 to \$2000. They are attending Rollins College and UCF, and all are in STEM areas.

We were excited, impressed, and hopeful about the future of medicine when reading the applications of the four women working on Bachelor's degrees.

Viviana Vallejo is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Lauren Weiland is in her third year of a Pre-Clinical Health Science Program, both at UCF.

Nicole Villafuerte and Amanda Levine, both Rollins College students, are working on Pre-Med/Biochemistry degrees with their focus on family medicine and surgery, respectively.

Our fifth recipient is Christine Herlihy, a doctoral degree candidate at UCF, where she is currently conducting a study relating to harassment in female STEM populations. She intends to conduct a research study for her dissertation on how gender-biased instructional media affects women entering STEM fields.

The women have been invited to our May General Meeting, and they will have an opportunity to tell a little bit more about themselves.

A **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to the Scholarship Committee: Judy Chatelain, Ellen James, Barbara Knapp, Rana Tiwari, who, because of an extended deadline and the number of applications, put in more time and effort than ever before!

Barbara Buchan

JUNE

June 2

The first night baseball game was played on June 2, 1883, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. How many balls were lost in the darkness in back of right field is anybody's guess. The score, after seven innings, was 19 to 11, and most of the spectators said the game wasn't worth the candlepower.

June 25

Custer's Last Stand took place on June 25, 1876, at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana. General George Custer achieved rather dubious distinction for his last stand at Little Big Horn. That wasn't his only last—Custer finished at the bottom of the 35 student graduating class of West Point in 1861.

June 30

On June 30, 1859, crowds gathered to watch Charles Blondin, a French acrobat, walk across Niagara Falls on a tight-rope. He made the crossing in five minutes, but most spectators seemed willing to wait until a bridge was built. They wanted to see what July was like.

JULY

It was July 4, 1776, when England's King George III entered this in his diary: "Nothing of importance happened today."

July 9, 1776

At 6 o'clock in the evening, General George Washington summoned his soldiers and had the Declaration of Independence read to them. The moment the reading was finished, the soldiers threw their hats into the air. This was followed by a scene of indescribable excitement and confusion—during which, fortunately, the British did not attack—when each soldier tried to recover his own hat, or at least one of the same head size.

July 20, 1917

On this date, secretary of War Newton D. Baker drew the first draft number, 258, from a glass bowl containing 10,500 serial numbers. "Will the lucky holder of number 258 please step forward?" asked the Secretary. They colared the man two blocks south of the Senate Office Building running toward Mexico.

AUGUST

August was named to honor the Emperor Augustus. For those interested in genealogy, Augustus was a grandson of Julius Caesar's sister. He was a dignified, austere type, whom people rarely called Gus. July, as we know, was named after Julius Caesar and had 31 days. To avoid invidious comparisons, August was made equal in length by taking a day from September, which, not being named after an emperor, was vulnerable.

August 21, 1621

On August 21, 1621, 12 young women were sent out from England to Virginia, to be sold to bachelors who were looking for wives. The price was one pound of tobacco for one pound of woman. "Isn't it romantic!" the dowagers of the colony sighed, as one young man after another staggered up with his load of tobacco, plunked it down, and carried off a giggling bride. Some decided to remain bachelors when they figured out how many smokes they could get out of 120 pounds of Virginia leaf.



Money is still coming in for the Annual Luncheon held April 8 for PACE Orange with matching gifts from employers and late checks from those who could not attend. If you would still like to contribute, please send your checks to me, Barbara Knapp, and I will deliver them as I want to be sure AAUW gets credit. Once again I say many, many thanks to all our members.

Next fall, PACE Orange will be celebrating their 25th anniversary (PACE corporate is 30 this year.) It is a fine milestone and, of course, a party is being planned. Look for more information in our first *Branchline* of the 2016-17 year!

Finally, the "move up" ceremony will be held in May with several of our young ladies returning to their home high schools for graduation. Another fine milestone!

Barbara Knapp



Terra L. Harris, Executive Director



Monica May, News & Community Affairs Director (Steve Harvey Morning Show Host)



Keynote Speaker: Victoria P. Siplin, District 6 Commissioner



A short presentation by some of the PACE girls



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Some facts from history

The Ottoman Empire's **Sultan Ibrahim I** had 280 of his concubines drowned in the ocean after one of them slept with another man.

In medieval times people were put to death for being witches. One anthropologist conjectures as many as 600,000 "witches" lost their lives.

After Pope Gregory IX associated cats with devil worship, cats throughout Europe were exterminated in droves. The sudden lack of cats led to the spread of disease because infected rats ran free. The most devastating of these diseases, the Bubonic Plague, killed 100 million people.

In ancient Egypt, servants were smeared with honey in order to attract flies away from the pharaoh.

Between 1525 and 1866, 12.5 million Africans were kidnapped and sold into slavery in the U.S., Caribbean, and South America.

The introduction of Europeans to the New World saw the Native American population drop from an estimated 12 million in 1500 to barely 237,000 in 1900.

Interest Groups

Our AAUW membership year will end soon and it is time to think about what special interest groups we would like to see in the directory next fall. Contact me if you would like to start a new group or are interested in chairing the Museum or Theater group next year. I would like to know who is leading each of the special interest groups by the end of August.

Some of our special interest groups will be taking a summer break, but several will keep meeting all summer. Several members in our Dining In group are even planning a cooking trip to Italy in September! Be sure to read the May issue of the *Branchline* and contact the leader of the group if you are interested in knowing more about their group or would like to attend it over the summer.

People often join AAUW because they believe in the mission of AAUW, but they stay in AAUW because of the friends they make through these smaller special interest groups. I just want to thank our 2015-2016 special interest group leaders for all their work over the past year and for making AAUW such an interesting and fun group.

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

For your convenience, the staff of the Branchline has been working diligently in putting together calendars for May through August. Due to the recent explosion of interest groups, we apologize in advance if we have mistakenly included or not included your scheduled event. We hope you find the calendars helpful in scheduling your summertime activities. See you at the Membership Tea in September.

Interest Groups

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, May 9

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.

Linda Fessel

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Lunching Out will meet through the summer. Locations will be announced later.

Monday, June 13

Monday, July 11

Monday, August 8



In April, the Lunching Out group met at The Town House Restaurant in Oviedo—known for its good food and photogenic chickens.

Current Issues

Current Issues is going to meet in May and June of this year and will take a break in July and August. We will resume our meetings on the third Monday of every month beginning again in September.

We had a lively discussion on Issues of Tenure in Higher Education on April 18.

We are permanently meeting in the Fireside Room in Westminster Towers, Winter Park (previously called Winter Park Towers) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, May 16: Genetically Modified Foods



Monday, June 20: Gun Control and Public Safety.



All are welcome to come. Just call, text, or email Marcy Kysilka.

Phone: 407-855-3321

Text at 407-341-2956

Email: kysilka@bellsouth.net

Bring a light lunch. Coffee, tea and ice water are provided.

Marcy Kysilka

Did you know?

Jeanne Baret (1740-1807) FRANCE— She was the first woman to fully circle the globe. Baret tricked 300 sailors into thinking she was a man (ladies were not allowed on Navy ships). The ruse worked until she hit Tahiti, where natives outed her.



Interest Groups

Walking Group

The 2016-17 Never Pedestrian Season ends with a walk in Maitland on May 12 followed by a festive lunch where we plot our next season's adventures.

Our Ladies of the Sneakers enjoyed happy, healthy sojourns this year thanks to the time and efforts of the following volunteer organizers:

UCF College of Medicine: Lois Kol-ski and her able assistant Barbara Knapp

Cassadaga: Karen Buchan and her able assistant Joanne Taurence

A Walk on the St. Johns River: Collette Davis and her able assistant Karen Deo

Lake Baldwin and the East End Market: Eileen Garrison and her able assistant Missy Baker

College Park: Missy Baker

Orlando's Little Asia: Judy McDonald and her able assistant Missy Baker

Dickson Azalea Park and the Lake Lawsons Neighborhood: Sandy Breedan and her able assistant Barbara Knapp

St. Augustine's Flagler College: Joanne Taurence and her able assistant Karen Gillette

We are ever indebted to these ladies for their enthusiastic support!

Fearless leader Missy Baker is eager to learn where we will explore next year.

If you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive our walk details, please contact

Missy Baker

bakerworks@gmail.com
or 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.

No movie in May (Memorial Day).
Next movie (TBA) will be Monday, June 27 at 1 pm.

Foreign films will continue through the summer.

Monday, June 27 at 1
Movie: TBA

Monday, July 25 at 1
Movie: TBA

Monday, August 29 at 1
Movie: TBA

Linda Fessel

Mah Jongg

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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

Mah Jongg will continue to meet through the summer at various locations. During the summer hiatus of the Walking Group, we will meet on the second Thursday of the month in addition to the other Thursdays.

If interested, you must contact Karen or Linda for the location for that week.



Jim Thorpe is often called the "World's Greatest Athlete," but he pales when compared to Babe Didrikson Zaharias (1911-1956-USA)



She excelled at golf, basketball, boxing, bowling, billiards, cycling, tennis, handball, volleyball, and baseball. One time, a reporter asked, "Is there anything you don't play?" Her response: "Yeah, dolls."

Interest Groups

Dining Couples

The third AAUW Dining Couples dinner was held in April and by all reports, a good time was had by all! Not only was the food delicious, but what a treat it is to sit down with other AAUW couples and enjoy a home-cooked meal. This year we found out that some of our enlightened husbands and partners are even wonderful cooks.

The final dinner is scheduled for June 18; however, we have a number of members who are heading north for the summer so one of the hosts has graciously agreed to hold an early May dinner to accommodate them. It has been a pleasure to discover how flexible we all can be.

We would like to thank all the twelve couples and the substitutes who signed up this year to participate in Dining Couples and hope you join again. Next fall we are hoping to plan a potluck cocktail party to plan the dates for dinners and discuss any changes that need to be made for the coming membership year.

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

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

Dining In

Please contact Beth McCarty for information about Dining In from May through August.

Beth McCarty
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Theatre Group

What: Fringe Festival

When: May 17—May 30

Where: Loch Haven Park and
Ivanhoe Village neighborhood

The first Orlando Fringe festival was held in 1992 in downtown Orlando, with most venues being created in empty storefronts specifically for the festival. The move to Loch Haven proved a success, and so, from 2005 on, the festival has been entirely in Loch Haven Park and the beautiful Ivanhoe Village neighbor-

hood.

This year the Fringe Festival runs from May 17—May 30, 2016. A \$10.00 button is required for entry. You only need to purchase one button, which is good for all 14 days of the festival. Redeem button voucher at any box office.

Check out the schedule at:

<http://orlandofringe.org/>

Last year we learned that these plays start on time and they don't let in latecomers, so arrive early to find parking.

Barbara Buchele
(321-972-9114)

Dining Out at Night

DATE: Tuesday, May 10

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Firebirds Restaurant
1562 Mills Ave (Mills and
Nebraska)

RSVP:

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

Dining Out at Night will meet through the summer. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

June 14 —Jumbo Chinese Restaurant; (1967 Aloma Ave)

July 12 —Zona Fresca;
1035 N. Orlando Ave (at Lee Road)

August 9 —Mitchell's Fish Market; Winter Park Village (across from movie theater)

Foreign Affairs

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

When: Sunday, May 22, 2016
2 p.m.

Topic: Shifting Alliances in the
Middle East

Where: Home of Barbara Buchele
1742 Barcelona Road
Winter Park, 32789
Telephone: 321-972-9114
babuchele@gmail.com

Don't forget to RSVP to Barbara.



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

Judy McDonald
muran@bellsouth.net

Interest Groups



Walking Group

To celebrate the 450th anniversary of St. Augustine, the walking group ventured to this historic city for their April walk. Our trip began with a tour of Flagler College, formerly known as the Ponce de Leon Hotel. Founded by the railroad magnate, Henry Flagler, the building included over 70 Tiffany windows as well as magnificent architecture and gardens. Following the tour, members chose to visit either the San Sebastian Winery or Whetstone Chocolate Factory or just stroll through the shops of Old Town before lunch. Lunch was at the historic Columbia Restaurant where our group met up with members of the St. Augustine AAUW branch. Sisterhood was evident as we laughed, shared stories, compared notes and celebrated St. Augustine's 50th year as a branch.

Joanne Taurence



While their husbands checked in to the hotel, the ladies were escorted to the "Ladies Only" section of the hotel. Despite the lavish sitting rooms, judging from the garments on display, the ladies could not have done a lot of sitting.



Members take turns trying out the hotel's original chairs.

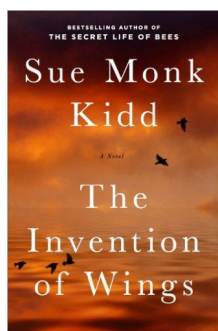


Approximately 25 members of AAUW Orlando/Winter Park and AAUW St. Augustine met and mingled together for a fabulous lunch at the Columbia Restaurant. An invitation was offered to the St. Augustine chapter to join us for lunch one day in Orlando.

Interest Groups

Booklovers

As the AAUW year draws to a close, Booklovers are reading their final book, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, but Booklovers VII is reading *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts. Most Booklover Groups take a break over the summer, but Booklovers IX will continue to meet on the first Wednesday morning of the month. If you would like to participate in this group during the summer, please call Lynda Hinckley to be sure there will be room for you as they meet in a member's home with limited space. She can also tell you what they are reading each month. In addition, the Trolloprians will meet in July.



The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

The Invention of Wings is a triumphant story about the quest for freedom and empowerment. Sue Monk Kidd's third novel presents the extraordinary journeys of two unforgettable women: Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in

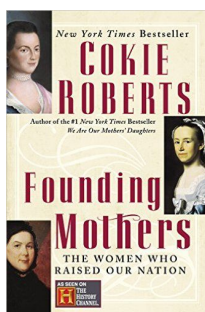
early nineteenth century Charleston, and Sarah, the Grimkes' idealistic daughter.

Inspired in part by the historic figure of abolitionist and suffragette Sarah Grimke, Kidd's novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful. *The Invention of Wings* follows these two women over the next thirty-five years as both strive for lives of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.

By humanizing these formidable women, Kidd furthers our essential understanding of what has happened among us as Americans—and why it still matters.

Founding Mothers

by Cokie Roberts



Remembering the Ladies whose tireless pursuits of their families—and their country—proved just as crucial to the forging of a new nation as the rebellion that established it. Who were the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and female friends of the men who wrote the Declaration of Independence, fought in the revolution, created the Constitution, and formed our first government?

Some women went off to war with the men, some served as spies, some ran businesses and farms, many lived very difficult lives as the men were gone for months, sometimes years at a time. Without the women doing what they did, it would have been very hard for the men to "found" a nation. These women were feisty, funny, flirty and they were great Patriots.

Meet Abigail Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, Deborah Read Franklin, and Martha Washington among others. You will find many daring feats on the part of the women who fought valiantly during the American Revolution.

"I'm most in awe of novelists, who move sets, lights, scenery, and act out all the parts in your mind for you. . . To engender empathy and create a world using only words is the closest thing we have to magic."

[Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator and star of *Hamilton*.]

This month we honor cooks, waitresses, nurses, teachers, counselors—or to use their generic name—**Mothers**.

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 Father's Day plays a very vital role in the American economy. It gives kids a chance to use the change they got when buying Mother's Day presents.

## Interest Groups

### More Booklovers

#### Book Selection Committee Awards

At the April General Meeting, we awarded Booklovers I recognition as the Booklovers group with the largest percentage of its membership contributing suggestions for the 2016-2017 ballot.

Under the leadership of Susan Hoke, Booklovers I carried the honors for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Booklovers IX, led by Lynda Hinckley, came in second only because they have fewer total members to make suggestions. Both groups had only one member who did not send a suggestion.

Certain individual members also outdid themselves in making suggestions. These Overachievers Award winners are Linda Fessel (14 suggestions), Karen Fornaro (12 suggestions), and Rosemary Vendena (11 suggestions).

The most original title this year was *And Prairie Dogs Weren't Kosher*, suggested by Cecilia Shade.

Our branch member, Lauren Zimmerman, has opened the first independent bookstore in Winter Park in many years. It's called the Writer's Block Bookstore and is on Welbourne Avenue. She will give all AAUW Booklovers a 10% discount. Tell the cashier you are a member of an AAUW Booklovers reading group to get your discount.

The price of *Rail Walking* (our November book) will be only \$13.37, whereas the price from Amazon, including shipping, is \$18.93. If you wish to pay the Writer's Block price for *Rail Walking* and can't get to the bookstore, please contact me.

*Martha Williamson*

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### Trollopians

The Anthony Trollope group will meet July 20, 2016, at 1 p.m. Elinor Parker will host at her house in Maitland. (More information and directions will be sent out about a week before the meeting.) Please contact Joyce Folsom at 407-696-0769 or jfollev@yahoo.com, if you would like to participate. The book for this year is *The American Senator*.

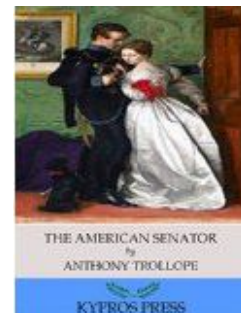
Anthony Trollope appeals to us with his turn of phrase, his stories and intrigues that still appeal today, his humor and his ability to see things in shades of gray, rather than black and white.

"I wish to express the depth of my scorn for women who run down husbands—an offence that I do fear is gaining ground in this country." So wrote Trollope of Arabella Trefoil, the beautiful anti-heroine of *The American Senator* (1876-7), some months after completing the novel.

His main concern is with materialism, seen through the eyes of Mr. Gotobed, an American senator who is invited to the small country town of Dillsborough. There, during one winter season, he observes English country life in all its social aspects, from the richest of peers to

the poorest of farmers. He witnesses intrigue, romance, and Arabella Trefoil's determined stalking of the wealthy but elusive Lord Rufford while still engaged to a diplomat, John Morton. Arabella emerges as one of Trollope's most vivid protagonists in a novel that is an indictment of the materialism of Victorian England.

[From the *Oxford World's Classics* edition of *The American Senator*.]



#### Booklovers I — ALL ARE WELCOME!

Meets at 1 p.m. at the Winter Park Library

June 7 — What are you currently reading?

July 5 — *The Quiet American* by Graham Greene

Aug. 2 — *Epitaph For A Peach* by David M. Masumoto

Questions? Contact Susan Hoke

## From Our Members

*Terry Wolf's death is a great loss to me as a friend and to Booklovers as a group member.*

*About 20 years ago, I met Terry at the Crosby Wellness center (YMCA) in an aerobic dancing class. She was a fitness idol there because she attended classes from yoga and tai chi to strength training. Outside the Y, Winter Park residents saw her walking everywhere, instead of driving.*

*While she often said that exercise was one of her favorite activities in life, she helped motivate the less gung ho exercisers like me. She did this by befriending us, and if we were absent without explanation, she would call to find out why and to tell us we were missed. I have no doubt that such personal contacts got many people out of their beds and into their Nikes.*

*Because I often wear reading-themed tee shirts to the Y, we began talking books. Terry agreed to sample Booklovers I and she never looked back. In her final months when she could no longer read printed books, she told me that the best part of her day was the time she spent listening to audio books.*

*In addition to seeing her at the Y and at Booklovers, we lunched and participated in several self-help programs together. We shared personal insights, problems and our mutual devotion to Ginny dolls as little girls. Terry never missed sending birthday cards. A great believer in marriage, she sent anniversary cards to her friends as well. This practice reminded me that during marriage ceremonies the guests are sometimes advised to support the married couple in their union. She seemed to be doing her supportive best.*

*Terry was devoted to helping others. She visited the sick and worked for the food bank but pursued many other charitable activities through her church, St. Margaret Mary.*

*As a reader, Terry read widely, enthusiastically and conscientiously. She never griped about books she didn't like but tried instead to find some redeeming feature. This might be a metaphor for her life. She never stopped trying to find something good to focus on, even when suffering from the myeloma that killed her. We will miss her very much.*

*Martha Williamson*

Holly Mandelkern wrote the following poem about Terry when she had exceeded the three years that the doctor told her she had to live. (She lived almost 9 years after the diagnosis.) Terry's husband requested that Holly read this poem at Terry's funeral service.

### Saying Too Much

*It doesn't always work  
when the doctor tells the patient  
she has three years to live  
when he doesn't know her  
or that she has worked her whole  
life  
to create light in dark spaces.  
Doctor doesn't know  
that she moves her energy this way  
and that,  
her life force flowing from toes to  
crown  
and out into the world.  
He doesn't know  
that she talks and walks with God  
every day  
and that she's not living in fear,  
but takes each day aware of God's*

*blessings.  
She still comes to the Y and modifies,  
lifting light weights, doing down dog  
though she doesn't show down.  
He doesn't know  
that her default mode is a smile and  
twinkling eyes  
and that it makes you feel good to  
be near her.  
She still asks, "How are you and your  
family?"  
and says, "God bless."  
He doesn't know  
that her mind is sharp—  
she reads and delights in book club,  
even though her already quiet  
voice is slightly softer.  
He doesn't know  
her devoted husband  
who now sounds like a doctor him-*

*self,  
schooling himself on treatments,  
balanced by his knowledge of her.  
Doctor doesn't know  
how her heart is lifted  
by her children and grandchildren.  
She is still here, counting her bless-  
ings;  
it's been three years.  
So telling what statistics say  
is sometimes  
saying too much.*

*Holly Mandelkern*

[Thanks to Martha and Holly for putting into words the emotions of many of us who also feel a deep loss at Terry's passing. ed.]

## MAY 2016

| Sun                                        | Mon                                        | Tues                                                                                 | Wed                                                                                                         | Thurs                                                                                  | Fri                                         | Sat                                        |
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| 1                                          | 2                                          | 3<br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers I                                                     | 4<br><u>10 a.m.</u><br>B-Lovers IX<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers II<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers VII | 5<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg<br><br><br><u>7 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers III           | 6<br><br><br><br><u>7 p.m.</u><br>Dining In | 7                                          |
| 8<br><br><b>Mother's Day</b>               | 9<br><br><u>11:30</u><br>Lunching Out      | 17<br><u>1:30 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers VI<br><br><u>6:30 p.m.</u><br>Dining Out at night | 11                                                                                                          | 12<br><br><u>a.m. thru lunch</u><br>Walking Grp.<br><br><u>7 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers VIII | 13                                          | 14<br><br><u>9 a.m.</u><br>General Meeting |
| 15                                         | 16<br><br><u>10 a.m.</u><br>Current Issues | 17<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers V                                                | 18<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers IV                                                                      | 19<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg<br><br><u>1:00</u><br>B-Lovers X                  | 20                                          | 21                                         |
| 22<br><br><u>2 p.m.</u><br>Foreign Affairs | 23                                         | 24                                                                                   | 25<br><br><u>12 noon</u><br>B-Lovers II<br>Canopy Cafe                                                      | 26<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg                                                   | 27                                          | 28                                         |
| 29                                         | 30<br><br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>              | 31                                                                                   |                                                                                                             |                                                                                        |                                             |                                            |

## JUNE 2016

| Sun                           | Mon                                        | Tues                                                         | Wed                                    | Thurs                                | Fri                                 | Sat                                       |
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|                               |                                            |                                                              | 1<br><br><u>10 a.m.</u><br>B-Lovers IX | 2<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg  | 3<br><br><u>7 p.m.</u><br>Dining In | 4                                         |
| 5                             | 6                                          | 7<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>B-Lovers I<br>All B-Lovers Invited | 8                                      | 9<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg  | 10                                  | 11                                        |
| 12                            | 13<br><br><u>11:30</u><br>Lunching Out     | 14<br><br><u>6:30 p.m.</u><br>Dining Out at night            | 15                                     | 16<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg | 17                                  | 18<br><br><u>7 p.m.</u><br>Dining Couples |
| 19<br><br><b>Father's Day</b> | 20<br><br><u>10 a.m.</u><br>Current Issues | 21                                                           | 22                                     | 23<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg | 24                                  | 25                                        |
| 29                            | 27<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Foreign Films   | 28                                                           | 29                                     | 30<br><br><u>1 p.m.</u><br>Mah Jongg |                                     |                                           |

## July 2016

| Sun | Mon                           | Tues                                                 | Wed                         | Thurs                     | Fri | Sat            |
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|     |                               |                                                      |                             |                           | 1   | 2              |
| 3   | 4<br>4th of July              | 5<br>1 p.m.<br>B-Lovers I<br>All B-Lovers<br>Invited | 6<br>10 a.m.<br>B-Lovers IX | 7<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg  | 8   | 9              |
| 10  | 11<br>11:30<br>Lunching Out   | 12<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Dining Out at<br>night            | 13                          | 14<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 15  | 16             |
| 17  | 18                            | 19                                                   | 20<br>1 p.m.<br>Trollopians | 21<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 22  | 23             |
| 24  | 25<br>1 p.m.<br>Foreign Films | 26                                                   | 27                          | 28<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 29  | 30<br><hr/> 31 |

## August 2016

| Sun | Mon                                           | Tues                                                 | Wed                         | Thurs                     | Fri | Sat |
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|     | 1                                             | 2<br>1 p.m.<br>B-Lovers I<br>All B-Lovers<br>Invited | 3<br>10 a.m.<br>B-Lovers IX | 4<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg  | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8<br>11:30<br>Lunching Out                    | 9<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Dining Out at<br>night             | 10                          | 11<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15                                            | 16                                                   | 17                          | 18<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22<br>Articles Due<br>for Sept.<br>Branchline | 23                                                   | 24                          | 25<br>1 p.m.<br>Mah Jongg | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29<br>1 p.m.<br>Foreign Films                 | 30                                                   | 31                          |                           |     |     |