



**ORLANDO * WINTER PARK
BRANCHLINE**

*You are cordially invited to the
American Association of University Women
Membership Tea*

Sunday, September 8, 2013

1:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

at the

*First Congregational Church of Winter Park
225 South Interlachen Avenue
(at the intersection of New England)*

No charge for guests or prospective members

\$5 charge for current members

Reservations and finger food appreciated

*Questions: Contact Barbara Buchele at
babuchele@gmail.com
or 407-369-4826*

From the President

Welcome to our new 2013–2014 AAUW year! And what a spectacular line-up the executive board has planned. Barbara Buchele, VP Membership, has organized the kick-off event—our annual membership tea on Sunday, September 8, that promises a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, perhaps discover new ones, and welcome prospective members. While enjoying the tea, the afternoon will showcase our organization's impressive interest groups chaired by Martha Williamson, as well as interesting programs planned by Sherry Levy, our new VP Programs. Be prepared to be "razzle-dazzled."



AAUW tells us the most effective way to grow our organization is through members introducing and bringing new members to our branch. There is no better time than our membership tea to:

- ◆ welcome new prospective members;
- ◆ orient prospective members to AAUW's mission of empowering women and girls; and
- ◆ spotlight our programs, interest groups, and passionate commitment to PACE.

I look forward to seeing you at our membership tea and encourage you to get involved with the numerous opportunities our branch provides.

Myra Gaziano

From the V.P. Membership

The Membership Tea is a wonderful orientation for new members and prospective members to learn about our special interest groups, the way we help in the community to empower women, and for current members to reconnect after the summer break. If you have family or friends who may be interested in joining AAUW, please invite them to attend and learn about our branch.

Barbara Buchele

From the Director for Development

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 14, 2013
Calling all Crafters and Friends!!

Participate in the AAUW Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. We will feature 13 tables of great gift ideas for the Holiday Season created by master craftsmen in the area. Boutique hours will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. Members, friends, and the public are invited to visit the many tables of original and hand-made gifts. Each artist will get a 6-foot table to display her wares. Tables cost \$40.00. This is a tax-deductible expense for the artist as the checks are made out and donated to the AAUW Funds. For more information and applications, email: jeanivyw@cfl.rr.com or call 321-972-8561.

Jean Walker



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



At the May 2013 General Meeting, Myra welcomed new board members Sherry Levy (V.P. Programs) and Christine Brown (Recording Secretary, Board Meetings). From left to right: Sherry Levy, Barbara Buchele (V.P. Membership), Rosemary Vendena (Finance Officer), Myra Gaziano (President), Christine Brown, and Barbara Knapp (Installation).

From the Recording Secretary

General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 13, 2013

Myra Gaziano welcomed 48 members and guests to the April meeting with a reminder of the 50/50 raffle and the donation to Tech Trek. Joan Rinaldi, V.P. Programs, introduced the Speaker, Dr. Richard Lapchick, Endowed Chair and Director, Devos Sports Business Management Program. Dr. Lapchick gave a vivid history of the contribution of sports to the Civil Rights Movement through his participation and commitment.

Myra Gaziano called the meeting to order. Guests were introduced. The nominating Committee Chair, Martha Williamson, introduced the nominated officers: Sherry Levy for Vice President Programs; Debbie Raczek, Recording Secretary for General Meetings; and Christine Brown, Recording Secretary for Board Meetings. The motion was made to accept the nominations. The members voted unanimously to accept the slate as presented. The Nominating Committee members for 2014,

Martha Williamson and Judy McDonald, were elected. Rosemary Vendena presented the proposed budget for 2013-14, and attending members ratified it. Linda Dunlap was thanked for her leadership and success of the Literary Luncheon. Karen Buchan, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced the winners of the two Orlando/Winter Park Branch Scholarships for advanced education, Sophie Jupillat and Ruby Heintze. Florence Bacas-Snow, Esq., Legal Advocacy Chairperson, urged members to write to their representatives in Washington, D.C. to support the transfer of "Violence against Women" cases from the military to civilian courts. Martha Williamson, Special Interest Chair, gave an update of the interest groups. Joan Rinaldi, VP Programs, announced that the May speaker will be Linda Walters.

By meeting's end, attendees had donated \$170 to Tech Trek and the branch netted \$43 in the 50/50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Jean I. Walker, Acting Recording Sec.

General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 11, 2013

May 11, 2013, 9 a.m., in the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, Myra Gaziano greeted 49 members and guests and wished everyone a happy Mother's Day. As attendees finished breakfast, Joan Rinaldi introduced the morning's speaker, Dr. Linda Walters, UCF Professor of Biology and Interim Director of its Center for Success of Women Faculty. Dr. Walters presented slides about the work that she, her associates and volunteers perform in rescuing the most imperiled of all marine habitats—oyster beds.

The general meeting began with the installation of officers. Barbara Knapp led the ceremony where Sherry Levy, Vice President for Programs, Christine Brown, Recording Secretary for Board Meetings, and Debbie Raczek (absent), Recording Secretary for General Meetings, accepted their posts.

The meeting continued with these announcements:

- Myra noted the 27% increase in membership this year and thanked Barbara Buchele for her leadership as Vice President for Membership. Barbara, in turn, recognized the assistance of Irene Clark.
- Rosemary Vendena recognized 12 members whose AAUW membership spans 35 years or more. These members present accepted white roses: Joan Rinaldi (35-year membership), Myra Gaziano (41), Carol Ancona (43), Jean Walker (47), Barbara Knapp (48), Lynn Youtz (52), Sarah Messenger (59), and Pearl Steele (60-year membership).

- Karen Buchan thanked her Scholarship Committee, Barbara Knapp, Ellen James, Judy Chatelain, and Rana Tiwari. Then Karen introduced the recipients of this year's scholarship awards: Sophie Jupillat, a junior at Rollins College majoring in English and computer science, and Ruby Keintze, a graduate student at UCF seeking certification in software quality engineering. Both women thanked our branch for the support.
- Myra and Rosemary drew three names from the list of members who have already renewed their AAUW memberships. Rosemary will refund 2013-14 fees to Irene Clark, Maggie Kinst, and Judith Alper.
- Barbara Knapp reported news from the recent state AAUW convention. Our branch received awards for membership increase and for significant financial contributions. Barbara noted that folks worked hard to enact the national AAUW one member/one vote right, so she encouraged all of us to exercise that right and vote in the national AAUW election by June 15.
- Jean Walker announced that today's 50/50 raffle earned \$58 for the Education Fund. Winning donors carried home plants cultivated by Ann Winn.
- Myra announced that the Membership Tea will be held September 8.

Myra then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Baker, Recording Secretary

Scholarship Committee

In May we were pleased to introduce the 2012-13 scholarship recipients. Ruby Heintze received a \$2000 scholarship and is updating her skills at Valencia College and UCF in preparation for re-entry into the workforce. Over 20 years ago she earned a B.S. in Industrial & Systems Engineering and an M.S. in Computer Engineering. Ruby wrote, "Completing a recent degree will have an enormous impact on my life by making me technically relevant."

Sophie Jupillat received a \$1000 scholarship and is just beginning her college career at Rollins where she is majoring in Computer Science/English with a Music minor. She plans to merge these into a career in Journalism after earning her Master's in that discipline. Sophie stated, "A degree will be like a trophy after a race. It's a reflection of the hard work one's put in."

CONGRATULATIONS to these two outstanding women and a BIG THANK YOU to the Scholarship Committee helping with the selection process: Ellen James, Judy Chatelain, Barbara Knapp, and Rana Tiwari.



[From left: Karen Buchan, Scholarship Committee Chair, Ruby Heintze, Sophie Jupillat]

In addition to celebrating Labor Day this month, the Booklovers will be reading *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present*. It seemed the perfect time to look at some of women's achievements in the field of labor. ~ed.~

1765

The first society of working women, the Daughters of Liberty, is organized as an auxiliary of the Sons of Liberty, a working-man's association.

1831

1600 women members of the United Tailoresses of New York strike for "a just price for our labor."

1845

The Female Labor Reform Association is formed in Lowell, MA, by Sarah Bagley and other women cotton mill workers to reduce the work day from 12 or 13 hours a day to 10, and to improve sanitation and safety in the mills where they worked.

1867

Cigar makers are the first national union to accept women and African-Americans.

1869

Women shoemakers form the Daughters of St. Crispin, the first national union of

women workers at Lynn, MA.

1881

Atlanta, Georgia: 3,000 black women laundry workers stage one of the largest and most effective strikes in the history of the south.

1909

"Uprising of the 20,000" female shirtwaist workers in New York State strike against sweatshop conditions.

1912

In Lawrence, MA, the IWW leads a strike of 23,000 men, women and children to organize the Lawrence Textile Mills: The "Bread & Roses" Strike hailed as the first successful multi-ethnic strike.

1914

Ludlow Massacre: On April 20, a small army of goons hired from the Baldwin-Felts agency backed up by the National Guard lay down a barrage of machine gun fire on a strikers' tent village at Ludlow, Colorado, killing men, women and children.

1919

August 26, United Mine Workers' organizer Fannie Sellins, a widowed mother of four, is shot to death by coal company guards while leading strikers in Brackenridge, PA.

1931

September 1, Clara Holden, National Textile Workers' Union organizer is abducted and beaten by vigilantes in Greenville, South Carolina.

1933

Francis Perkins, the first woman in a presidential cabinet, served as Secretary of Labor throughout the Roosevelt administration, 1933-1945.

1969

Mary Moultrie organizes the successful strike of 550 black women hospital workers for union representation in Charleston, South Carolina.

1973

Crystal Lee Jordan (aka "Norma Rae") is fired for trying to organize a union at the J.P. Stevens plant in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

1974

November 13, Karen Gay Silkwood, a lab tech at the Cimeron plutonium plant and officer of the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union local in Oklahoma City dies mysteriously en route to a union meeting with a newspaper reporter.

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NEW MEMBERS

The AAUW board has decided that due to security concerns, we will no longer publish new members' addresses and phone numbers in The Branchline. In the future, the names of any new members and their contact information will be sent to you by an email blast toward the end of each month. Please add the new members' names and contact information to your directories as that information arrives each month.

Collette Davis
dcollette@aol.com
Widener University, BS, Chemistry, 1972

Aruna Moidu
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Mary Jane Rosen (prefers Jane)
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North Central College, BA, Biology, 1973
Syracuse University, MBA, Finance, 1977

CHANGES

Joyce Folsom's new e-mail address is jfollev@yahoo.com.

Alice Paul and her colleagues formed the National Woman's Party in 1916 and began introducing some of the methods used by the suffrage movement in Britain. Picketing in front of the White House, she and others were arrested, convicted and jailed. After going on a hunger strike, she was moved to the prison psychiatric ward and force-fed raw eggs through a feeding tube. She later said, "It was shocking that a government of men could look with such extreme contempt on a movement that was asking nothing except such a simple little thing as the right to vote." Along with Lucy Burns and others, Alice Paul led a successful campaign for women's suffrage that resulted in the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. She died in 1977 at age 92.



Mar. 22, 1972: The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. Originally drafted by Alice Paul in 1923, the amendment reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The amendment died in 1982 when it failed to achieve ratification by a minimum of 38 states.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



PAT STAMM was named "Lion of the Decade" by the Oviedo Winter Springs Lions, her home Lions' Club. She was also awarded the Crusader Award by Lions Multiple District 35-O. This is the highest award given by the District to an individual Lion.

The Millard Conklin Crusader for Lionism Award is designed to encourage participation of "Grass Root" Lions in each district and club and to select one from each district to be rewarded for outstanding dedication and contributions for their current year efforts made to Lionism.

ANN WINN has crossed something off her bucket list!

"For a long time I wanted to make at least one quilt in my life time. Keep in mind that sewing a straight seam has never been my forte. It was on my bucket list for two reasons—first as an homage to my daughter's late grandmother (Essie Hopping) who made gorgeous hand-stitched and often hand-embroidered quilts. The other reason is simply that I have always liked quilts. They speak to me of connection and beauty.

"With considerable help from my sister (Lou Burns), I made my first quilt this summer. She did most of the cutting; I did nearly all of the sewing. Since I never do anything the easy way, I began with a king-sized quilt and a queen-sized pattern. For non-quilters that means a lot of changes and math. The pattern called for a gold and beige color scheme. I chose greens and blues with a white background. My sister and I spent a week making the quilt which we call 'Water Colors.' Quilts have names! Who knew?

"Having 'Make a Quilt' on my bucket list accomplished

two purposes. I have a one-of-a-kind quilt that I love and even stronger connections to my sister.

"I hope you had a good summer and perhaps, a successful project."



LINDA FESSEL participated in National Honey Bee Appreciation Day on Saturday August 17 at the Orange County Agricultural Extension Service. Besides honey, vendors sold candles, lip balms, jams, jellies and baked goods. The Honey Queens put on cooking demos; there were documentaries and "Ask the Beekeeper" forums.



Linda and Partner Jim Arnold set up a special exhibit on artificial and adulterated honey. Did you know that most of the honey in the stores (especially Wal-Mart and other Big Box Stores) comes from China? And may not even be real honey at all? Buyer beware . . .

A few days later, the *Orlando Sentinel*, having covered the event, ran a story about bees. Jim and Linda were not interviewed, but the full story can be found at: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-beekeeping-florida-colony-collapse-20130825,0,7230566.story>

INTEREST GROUPS

Make friends. Join an interest group.

We had the busiest summer we have ever had with 9 Booklovers meetings, weekly beginner bridge lessons by Linda Fessel, 2 films, 2 Current Issues sessions, 1 Dining Out lunch, 1 work session at the PACE Center for Girls library and one How to Start and Run an Interest Group workshop.

Now we welcome you to our 2013-2014 season with a new interest group—Current Issues, and five new group chairpersons: Ellen James, Dee Fuentes, Shay Silver, Maria Rubin and Karen Deo.

Do contact one of the leaders below.

Donation to Local Scholarships

Members donated \$120 to Orlando Winter Park Branch Scholarships in July. This sum was generated by their attendance fees at a workshop called “How to Start, Run & Keep an Interest Group Going.” Judy Alper’s double payment covered printing costs so that all fees were donated to the scholarship fund except for 3 cents spent by the workshop leader at First Watch.

Martha Williamson
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Booklovers: Coordinator (8 groups) Ellen James (407-857-0044) jamese3@bellsouth.net

Bridge Group: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) Karen.deo@gmail.com; and
Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embarqmail.com

Current Issues: Co-Chairs Juanita Blumberg (407-327-0398) juanitablu@yahoo.com and
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Dining-In Group: Chair Dee Fuentes (407-629-0865) dfuentes1@cfl.rr.com

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

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

Museums/Galleries Group: Chair Shay Silver (407-628-1023) Shaydsilver@gmail.com & (TBA)

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

Theatre Group: Chair Maria Rubin (407 790-7635) (321 276-9416) mariaormary@gmail.com

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

THE BRIDGE GROUP

Beginners Bridge met once a week over the summer. While not yet ready for tournament play, the ladies are moving along at a nice pace and will eventually move on to play at an intermediate level.

If you are interested in playing bridge (as a beginner or a more advanced

player) please contact Co-chairs Karen Deo at 407-679-6186 (Karen.deo@gmail.com) or Linda Fessel at 407-677-0317 (LFESSEL@embarqmail.com)

There will be a sign-up sheet at the tea on Sept. 8. Those who signed up last year will be contacted by email.

Our first bridge session will be on

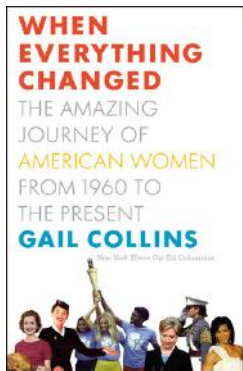
Thursday, September 12 at the home of Karen Deo from 1—4

p.m. We hope to have at least two tables—one for beginners, and one for advanced players. RSVP to Karen or Linda.

Aruna Moidu, tackling the game for the first time, was inspired to write an “Ode to Bridge” which you will find on the next page.

BOOKLOVERS

When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present



by Gail Collins.
New York Times columnist Gail Collins takes a sharp look at where we were 50 years ago and how far women have come. This book is read-able, fun, anecdotal with engaging personalities, case histories, and startling details we thought we had forgotten. "Collins interviewed a variety of women from around the country, and it is fasci-

inating to hear them describe a world that seems unthinkable now, but which few could imagine challenging at the time . . . the stories that emerged are . . . deeply moving." [*Boston Sunday Globe*]

For more information about Booklovers Groups, contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator.

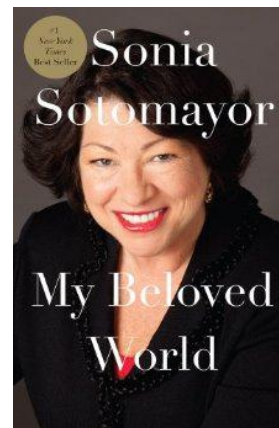
BOOKLOVERS III

My Beloved World
 By Sonia Sotomayor

Moderator: Juanita Blumberg

A *New York Times* Bestseller

The first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. Now, with a candor and intimacy never undertaken by a sitting Justice, she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself.



PACE INTEREST GROUP

Stalwarts of the PACE Interest Group spent some money and invested some time this summer to work on the PACE Library and to better equip many of the classrooms. Thanks to all those who donated money for the Library, we bought a number of new books with such interesting titles as *Are You Liberal? Conservative? Or Confused?*; *Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?*; and *Ancient Rome: How It Affects You Today*. We also purchased software to organize the Library's collection. At the same time, we used funds designated by Booklovers to purchase classics for the English classroom, test tubes, scales and interesting science books for the Sci-

ence classroom and scientific calculators for the Math classroom. Thanks to all who made this possible.

We need more help to finish sorting and scanning the Library collection. Please call or email Pat Stamm or Anne Landrum if you can help. The PACE Thanksgiving Dinner and Holiday Miracle Boxes will once again be stars of the AAUW fall season. These are always wonderful occasions for the girls at PACE and for all the AAUW women who participate.

Pat Stamm patsnpans@yahoo.com
 Anne Landrum alandrum2@cfl.rr.com

ODE TO BRIDGE

By Aruna Moidu

It's addictive,
 it's thrilling they
 said to me,
 Come to the
 Bridge Table,
 it's the place to
 be,
 Even though you are fifty-three and ten,
 You can learn to play bridge with the



best of them!
 Lies, all lies, as I found out later,
 Bridge isn't a game, it's a darned
 Dictator!
 Bids and rebids, conventions galore,
 Blackwood and Stayman, Jacoby
 and more.
 Apparently truth telling is not necessary
 at all..
 Just look the opponent in the eye and
 don't drop the ball!
 When your partner bids 'no trump' you
 should know what she means,

And understand 'two clubs' isn't
 what it seems...
 Deception, calculation and count
 the cards,
 Remember it's Spades that leads the
 pack, it's not Hearts!
 Transfers and overcalls and singletons
 and stoppers,
 If you don't learn the right lingo, you'll
 come to a cropper.
 Still, all said and done, it's tons of fun,
 So long as your partner doesn't commit
 Murder One!!

INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

TOPIC: Future of the Euro

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 22
at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Karen Deo

We welcome new members!

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

No events have been scheduled yet.

Martha Williamson

DINING-OUT GROUP

The Dining Out Group is planning monthly luncheons starting in September. If you have a favorite spot to recommend, please let me know, and I will make the arrangements and schedule it.

We try to vary the weekdays to give everyone an equal chance to get to the luncheons.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Pat Stamm

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Winter Park Racquet Club in Winter Park on September 19, the 3rd Thursday of the month. This excursion will include about a 2 ½ mile walk through the Via area of Winter Park, a short docent-led tour of Casa Felix, followed by a luncheon option. If you are on the Walking Group Contact list, you will receive an email with more specific details and directions by the first week of September for the Winter Park walk. We do have monthly walks scheduled through May that are mostly set for the 2nd Thursday of the month. If you would like to be added to the Walking Group contact list, or have questions about this group and their plans, contact Lois Kolski: email lkolski@aol.com or phone: 407 352 1146

Lois Kolski

FOREIGN FILMS

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

Call me at the number or e-mail shown above if you would like to be added to the list in order to receive more information about each movie. If you're a new attendee, please call me in advance for directions.

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

Our next film (*TBA*) will be shown on Monday, Sept. 30, at 1 p.m.

Linda Fessel

CURRENT ISSUES

Current Issues will meet Monday, September 16 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a brown bag lunch and discussion of the month's topic, *Illegal Immigration*.

Ann Winn will host the meeting in her home and will provide beverages and cookies.

Contact Juanita Blumberg, (407 327-0398) or juanita-blu@yahoo.com.

DINING-IN GROUP

The Dining-In Group is holding a re-organization meeting on Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at Barbara Buchele's home. Please sign up and plan to attend if you are interested. A bottle of wine or appetizers to share would be appreciated. Dee Fuentes will be the new leader of the group. She says it will be fun and exciting for the "foodies."

1986

Sandra Feldman succeeds Albert Shanker as president of the United Federation of Teachers, becoming the first woman to head the largest local union in New York state.

2007

Arlene Holt Baker is named executive vice president by the AFL-CIO Executive Council, becoming the first African-American to be elected to one of the federation's three highest offices and the highest-ranking African-American woman in the union movement.

INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)

THE THEATRE GROUP

Join the Theatre Group and go to plays, ballets, or symphonies with your AAUW friends.

The first event will be at the *Mad Cow Theatre* (The Harriett Theatre) in downtown Orlando. The address is 54 West Church Street, Orlando, FL 32801.

Other Desert Cities

by Jon Robin Baitz

October 4, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

http://www.madcowtheatre.com/InDash_Display.aspx?PGID=2270

It's Christmas Eve in Palm Springs when Brooke presents her Reagan-adjacent parents with a tell-all confessional novel that turbo-charges the holidays and the Wyeth

family dynamic with ever-shifting alliances and politics. Pulitzer Prize-finalist Jon Robin Baitz's smart new play of high drama, serious laughter and repartee that dazzles and decimates was one of the hottest tickets on Broadway last season. "The most richly enjoyable new play for grown-ups in many a season." —*The New York Times*

If you are interested in joining us, you can buy your ticket by either calling Mad Cow Theatre at (407) 297-8788 or online at <http://www.madcowtheatre.com>. Please ask to sit with Maria Rubin. We will meet in the lobby.

If you are interested in car pooling, please contact me.

Contact: Maria Rubin

321-276-9416

mariaormary@gmail.com

Public Policy

Over the summer, AAUW National asked us to fight against raising the interest on student loans. Fortunately for students everywhere, the interest rate was not in-

creased and remains at 3.8%.

This year our Branch will be placing its emphasis on the Equal Pay issue. Some exciting plans are on the drawing board. Stay tuned for further details.

Susan Hoke

PACE

PACE young ladies began the new year on the same day as the rest of Orange County—Monday, August 19.

They met some new staff and some new additions to their work/study materials, i.e., a new virtual program for classes that PACE does not offer but OCPS does give credit thus giving the students better access to that coveted diploma.

The Department of Juvenile Justice, whose budget is determined by state government and is the primary source for funding for PACE, changed some of the criteria for PACE. More to follow in subsequent *Branchlines*, but the most important is that there are age changes in the population. Rather than young ladies from 12-18, PACE now has an 11-17 age range. Once the student turns 18 they must leave by the end of the term in which

they are currently enrolled. Of course, all PACE students are followed for three years after they leave so they are not left abandoned to fend for themselves.

The Branch's Booklovers have been instrumental in organizing and outfitting the PACE library. They donated a vocational series called *Cool Careers Without College* and a software program to assist in cataloging volumes in addition to many books requested by the English and Science Departments. They have contributed over \$1,000 so far and will continue to help support the library during the coming year.

Once more, I encourage all of you to visit PACE and take a tour. Please contact me at jbknapps@cfl.rr.com to arrange a tour to see the facility and meet the girls.

Barbara Knapp