



**ORLANDO * WINTER PARK
BRANCHLINE**

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

*Saturday, September 12, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

at the

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

Cost \$5.00 for AAUW Members

No Charge for Guests or Prospective Members

RSVP and Questions: Contact Judy Alper

Judyalper@aol.com

or

407-788-5740

(information also available at www.aauworlwp.org)

From the President's Desk



I hope you all have been enjoying a fun-filled, successful summer! But as the kids strap on the backpacks and return to school, so do we pick up the pieces and prepare to begin another AAUW year.

Our traditional kickoff event is the Membership Tea, held this year at the Winter Park Congregational Church on September 12 at 2:00. It will be hard to top last year's when we added a record number of new members. Membership Vice President Judy Alper, managing her very first Tea, encountered an emergency when the floor of our usual meeting place at the church was not yet ready for foot traffic. That necessitated a last-minute switch to the Mayflower, but Judy pulled it off with aplomb, resulting in one of our

more successful events ever! So be there, or be square! And bring guests. The cost is only \$5 for members; guests are gratis.

And Program VP Sherry Levy has planned one more year of sensational events. You won't want to miss any of them. I personally am looking forward to another sensational year in AAUW!

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are in need of someone to take over our presence on the social media -- Facebook et al. If you have skills in this area and are willing to devote a few moments each month to keeping us current, please contact me at 407-657-0217 or MaxReedFL@gmail.com.

Max Reed

From the Director of Finance



Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome back to another season of regular Branch activities! I want to remind you of how we conduct our financial activities.

I will take reservations for the seven regular monthly meetings by email or phone. (Reservations for the Literary Luncheon fundraiser are done separately.) We accept cash or personal checks, but currently not credit or debit cards or Pay Pal because of the fees incurred. You may pay at the door or in advance by mail. For members who use on-line bill pay services at your bank, it's easy to set up AAUW Orlando-Winter Park as a payee and let your bank mail the check.

Our fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 each year. Last May was the final general meeting of the 2014-15 fiscal year. Five lucky members who had paid their renewal dues by that time were winners of FREE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and received a \$49 refund. Congratulations to Christine Porter, Irene Pruzan, Diana Secor, Tina Sharp, and Linda Vande Ven on their good luck.

I have mailed out reminder notes to all members who have not yet renewed membership for 2015-2016. To assure your listing in the new Directory and continued participation in your favorite interest groups, the September 12 Membership Tea is the last day to make that payment.

Our Branch has experienced phenomenal growth recently, but there will always be room for another friend at the table and another willing heart to support our very important missions. Tell your friends and neighbors about us.

Rosemary Vendena

Director of Development

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

Calling all crafters and friends

Participate in the AAUW Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 14 at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. We will feature several tables of great gift ideas for the Holiday Season created by master craftsman in the ar-



ea. Boutique hours will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Members, friends, and the public are invited to visit the many tables of original and handmade gifts. Artists will each get a 6-foot table to display their 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 joannnetaurence1@juno.com or call 386-668-3321.

Joanne Taurence

From the VP Membership

Let's share some tea and each other's company on September 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. We will welcome current and prospective members with lots of useful information and good food.

At the Tea, those who join AAUW for the first time will pay reduced membership dues of only \$50 because this is a "Shape the Future" event. That is an amazing bargain! Normally our dues are \$75 annually (July 1 through June 30).

Our branch of AAUW has so much to offer our members and the community. We have many interest groups meeting on a variety of days at different times and places. In our interest groups, we read, eat, walk, talk, play games, watch movies, go to theatre and museums, and discuss current events, to name some of our activities. We consider the schedules as well as interests of our members. Also, we contribute to our community

with several scholarships and our involvement in PACE. There truly is something for everyone in our special branch of AAUW.

Whether you are a new, old, or prospective member, the Tea is a great way to connect with friends and learn more about our AAUW branch. Please join us. You will be glad you did!

Judy Alper

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Welcome to our New Members

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 UCF, Criminal Justice, B.S., 1998 and M.S., 2001

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 Columbia U Teachers' College, M.A. Ed, 1958 and Ph.D.
 Ed, 1988

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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

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and friends

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Winter Park

(See page 2 for more details)

**PACE
THANKSGIVING
Thursday, Nov. 19**

(See page 10 for more
details)



Shop at Ten Thousand Villages on Friday, November 20. The store will donate 10-15% of their sales to AAUW. More details next month.

Interest Groups

If you have not done so already, I encourage you to try out some of our special interest groups. You can do this each month by reading *The Branchline*, our monthly newsletter and contacting the leader of whichever group looks interesting to you. Ask to be added to the email for that special interest group so you will be reminded of upcoming events or in case of a cancelation or postponement of a particular event.

Below is a list of the groups we had last year. Please note we still need a chairperson for the Museum group this coming membership year. If you are interested in chairing (or co-chairing) the Museum group or want to start a new group, contact me at 321-972-9114 or send an email to babuchele@gmail.com.

Barbara Buchele
Interest Groups Coordinator

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

Cooking Globally: Co-chairs Karen Buchan (407-678-1212) kqb@unknownegg.org and
Rana Tiwari (407 810-6781) ranatiwari@usa.net

Current Issues: Chair Marcie Kysilka (407-855-3321) Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Dining-In: Chair Beth McCarty 407-612-6440 cemccarty2013@yahoo.com

Dining-Out At Night: Chair Susan Hoke (407 637-6857) shoke@cfl.rr.com

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

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

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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: Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com

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

We recently received an email from Christine Hanlon, Ph.D. at UCF announcing the formation of an AAUW student club at UCF. We look forward to following their progress and hope to have something to report each month. [Ed.]

This month, about 80 Booklovers will be reading Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers*. But if we're going to "remember the ladies" as Abigail warned John, it's certainly worth noting that not all ladies were fortunate enough to have surnames like Adams or Franklin or Jefferson. Here are some of their stories:

"Elizabeth Hager, aka 'Handy Betty the Blacksmith,' was known for her skill with red-hot metals. But she did more than just re-shoe horses. During the Revolutionary War, her ability to repair broken guns and muskets, to say nothing of the odd cannon captured from the Redcoats, made

her invaluable.

"During the 1700s, you could find female blacksmiths in many of the colonies. Jane Burgess of Maryland, pitched in to help her husband while he was alive, and found herself the sole smith after his death in 1773. Was there consumer resistance to females doing such undainty labor? Heck no. In fact, the shortage of labor in this pre-industrial period meant that blacksmiths and other workers, whatever their gender, usually got equal pay."

From Vicki Leon's *Uppity Women of the New World*

Interest Groups (Cont'd)

DINING IN

Dining In met at Jane Rosen's home on August 7 and had a great time sharing family favorites and stories about them.

Our next meeting is September 4 at Max Reed's home—theme to be determined!

Beth McCarty
407-612-6440
cemccarty2013-yahoo.com.

What is Dining In?

Dining in is a group of women who meet monthly at each other's homes. The hostess decides on the main dish and asks the others in the group to provide the rest of the meal according to a theme she sets.

At this time, this group is full, but we will start a waiting list in order to fill any vacancies if seats open up. We are also open to starting another dining-in group if there is enough interest and someone is willing to chair the new group.

Let me know whether I should add your name to the waiting list and if you would be willing to chair a Dining In #2 group if we get enough interested participants. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the Tea.

Contact Barbara Buchele:
321-972-9114
babuchele@gmail.com

COOKING GLOBALLY

If you like adventurous eating and enjoy new recipes, consider joining Cooking Globally. Last year we had Indian food, Malaysian, German, and Moroccan dinners.



We meet four times a year with the next feast on **October 9**. Anyone interested should sign up at the tea or contact one of the co-chairs:

Karen Buchan, 407-678-1212
kgb@unknownegg.org

Rana Tiwari, 407-810-6781
ranatiwari@usa.net.

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Co-chairs:

Karen Deo (407-679-6186)
Karen.deo@gmail.com

Linda Fessel (407-677-0317)
Lfessel@embarqmail.com

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month). Contact Linda or Karen for more information on times and locations.

**BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME
WE WILL TEACH YOU!**



DINING OUT (At Night)

Ladies,

I am sorry to report that our wonderful AAUW Dining Out leader, Susan Hoke, took a fall last week, and after having surgery, has been moved to Manor Care in Winter Park. She doesn't know how long she will be there.

*[Manor Care Health Services:
2075 Loch Lomond Drive
Room #245B, Winter Park 32792]*

I agreed to coordinate our September dinner and needed to choose a place on short notice so that the information could be included in the current Branchline.

DATE: Tuesday, September 8

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Marlow's Tavern

1008 S Orlando Ave (Mills/Highway 17-92), Winter Park, FL 32789
Phone:(407) 960-3670
Email: marlowstavern.com

Marlow's is a local bar & grill chain offering a classic setting for American pub fare.

[Restaurant is directly across the street from Krispy Kreme Donuts.]

Please RSVP to:

Karen Buchan
407-678-1212
kgb@unknownegg.org

More from Vicki Leon's *Uppity Women of the New World*
"During the Revolutionary War years of 1775-1781, patriotic women did their ingenious best to thwart the Brits. In places such as New York, where the Redcoats occupied U.S. territory for long periods, women played a key role in

spying. Because Long Island linked New York and Connecticut, it became the epicenter for complex spying operations. One of the most organized had Anna Strong as a strategic member."

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Interest Groups (Cont'd)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

DATE: Sunday, September 27
2 p.m.

TOPIC: Privacy in the Digital Age

PLACE: The home of
HANNA KRUCZEK
8513 Sunset Willow Ct.
Orlando, Florida 32835

RSVP to Hanna:
407-290-9479
hkrczek@gmail.com

We welcome new members!

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

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.

Next film: Monday, Sept. 28 (TBA)

Linda Fessel

WALKING GROUP

... Never Pedestrian ...

The Walking Group meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Our walks are generally a morning's tour of a Central Florida site followed by lunch. Once or twice a year we may expand our adventures further afield.

Early in the 2015-16 walking season, our ladies of the sneakers will tour UCF's College of Medicine and Cassadaga. If you would like to receive our schedule and walk details, contact Walking Group Coordinator Missy Baker at
(407) 644-5661
or bakerworks@gmail.com

At the Membership Tea on September 12, come visit the Walking Group table to sign up and receive our spiffy refrigerator magnet.



Missy Baker

LUNCHING OUT

DATE: Monday, Sept. 14

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: TBA

The Lunching Out Group meets on the second Monday of each month. We seek out interesting (often ethnic) non-chain restaurants.

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

Linda Fessel

(407) 677-0317

LFESSEL@embarqmail.com

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Anyone interested in chairing this group? Contact Barbara Buchele:
babuchele@gmail.com
or call 321-972-9114..

THEATRE

The AAUW Theater Group attends local events throughout the year. Times and places vary each month. If you would like your name added to our AAUW Theater contact list, please sign up at the Membership Tea or contact me at babuchele@gmail.com or call 321-972-9114.

If you would like to attend our September event, contact Southern Winds Theatre and purchase your own ticket.

What: *Women Playing Hamlet*
by William Missouri Downs

When: Friday, September 11
7 p.m.

Where: The Venue
511 Virginia Drive, Orlando

Cost: \$20.00, plus a \$2.00 handling fee.

Telephone: 407-341-3495

<http://southern-winds-theatre.ticketleap.com/women-playing-hamlet/>



Interest Groups (Cont'd)

CURRENT ISSUES

The Current Issues Group meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. The time from 10:30-11:00 is a bit of socializing and discussion; 11-12 Discussion; Noon-12:30 Lunch; 12:30-1:30 Consensus building. The members decide upon the topic they wish to study and explore. We typically have met at members' homes. The hostess provides beverages and cookies, members bring their lunches. This group consists of no more than 12 people and they are from numerous backgrounds and experiences. We have had some very interesting discussions about many "hot" topics. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact: Marcie Kysilka, 407-855-3321; cell 407-341-2956 or email:

kysilka@bellsouth.net. Be sure to share with her your phone number and email address. Our first meeting will be on October 19, probably at my home. At this meeting, we will discuss if we need to change dates or times, look at a list of topics we have discussed, suggest ideas we might consider, and determine meeting places if we choose not to follow the current procedure of meeting in our homes.

All are welcome!

Marcie Kysilka

407-855-3321

Kysilka@bellsouth.net

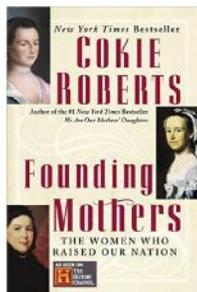
Booklovers

September Selection

Read...Read All About It!

Founding Mothers

by Cokie Roberts



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 Reed 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.

Booklovers Groups begin their "Reading" year with *Founding Mothers*, and we encourage you to read this attention-grabbing book for the first meeting.

We will open a new Booklovers Group, so if you are new, please call Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator, and she will place your name on the list. Everyone will be notified so that the new Group will get off to a good start.

Ellen James

Booklovers Coordinator

(Vicki Leon's *Uppity Women of the New World*—cont'd)

"By happy chance, this matron's property at Strong's Neck was close to water channels. Her job: to read lantern signal lights each night. And to signal back by day, using the innocent-appearing device of garments hanging from the washline. Strong communicated where messages awaited, and in which inlet they were hidden. A black petticoat plus a number of white handkerchiefs on Anna's line might mean 'There's a message in inlet five.' (It could also mean that flu season had hit.)



"Going about their everyday activities, taking eats and supplies to relatives, and hanging out laundry to dry, Anna and other operatives carried out assignments. For once, being underestimated was a blessing. Females could run documents in and out of New York City much more easily than men could.

"Homey as these spy doings might seem to a Ludlum-jaded reader, it was dangerous work. One of Anna's cohorts, known only as SPY 355, was captured by the Redcoats in 1779. For her, and other prisoners on the British vessel *Jersey*, imprisonment was a one-way trip—a sacrifice still largely unacknowledged."

From Our Members

We asked our members how they spent their summer, and here are some of their responses:



We were on a six-day REI Adventure trip to the San Juan Islands doing hiking, biking and kayaking. This photo was taken when we stopped to have lunch on a tiny island in the middle of our 12-mile kayaking trip to Stuart Island where we were to camp for the night. My traveling companion and kayak buddy Ken and I found this huge boulder from which to survey the channel we just crossed.

Jan Herrick

Barbara and Jim Knapp enjoy watching professional bicycle races such as the Tour de France on TV and went to Colorado two years ago to see part of the US Pro Bicycle Tour. It was so much fun they decided to go back this year and saw the last three days of racing through Loveland, Fort Collins, Golden and finally Denver.



Linda Dunlap really ran the gamut—from flying with her newly-licensed pilot grandson to tubing at Rock Springs! You are one brave lady. But what, pray tell, is that finger gesture you're doing in the tube?

Pearl Steele, our frequent intrepid traveler, has been all over the world. Her latest foray took her to Europe where she boarded a ship for a river cruise from Dresden to Berlin. What made this river cruise so unusual was the fact that drought in the area left the boat unable to move! The ship had to anchor in Wittenberg for six weeks. Was the cruise canceled? Not exactly. Pearl, who has traveled enough not to be fazed by "small inconveniences" like an immovable ship, reports that they got to see everything on the itinerary—traveling by bus. They even got to spend four nights in a hotel in Dresden. Lunches and dinners were all in different places. It might not have been

the river cruise she planned on—but a glorious adventure nonetheless.





PACE has a new Executive Director who arrived this summer from Maryland - Terra L. Harris. I asked her to give me a few words of introduction and she sent me the following:

I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. I proudly share I attended public schools and was raised in Baltimore City. Prior to joining PACE, I was the Superintendent for a female detention facility in Maryland. It has been my passion to service in various positions in the human services field for more than 20 years. I am so grateful for my family: my children, their children, my one and only sister, her family, and my larger extended family. Most of all I am so grateful for my Mother. She raised me with tons of love (even if I didn't think so at the time) and plenty of discipline—not to mention the importance of having a strong work ethic. She stressed to me and my sister to enjoy our childhood because growing older was not an option although growing up is optional (and she was right). I can never repay my Mother for all she's done in order for Terra to be Terra. So my plan is to continue on as

long as I can to be the giving human being she raised me to be!

She is a barrel of enthusiasm and has done much to enhance our facility including painting, tiling hallways and classrooms, re-carpeting the stairs, re-varnishing doors and power cleaning throughout the building. Thanks to partners, the shop, where students can purchase goods with the points they earn, has been totally renovated and looks wonderful! Terra has also carved out a first ever spot for a staff lounge/break room area. She is soliciting any chairs, a small bookcase or lamps which might help with this project. Please let me know if you have any donations.

Regular monthly tours are being organized on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10-11 a.m. I would be very glad to host anyone from AAUW who would like to attend. Since it is easier to manage if there is a handle on the number of attendees, please contact me at jbknapps@cfl.rr.com or 407-282-5449 to get your name on the list.

Barbara Knapp

Anne Landrum, co-chair of our PACE Center for Girls Support Group, received the following letter from Victoria May who teaches English at PACE:

*Good afternoon! This is Ms. May from PACE Center for Girls. I hope you are having an amazing week. I wanted to thank you again for your generous donation of books. The girls have read **Speak** and **Girl Interrupted**, and they have just completed a six-paragraph book report on the novels. It was a very*

*good experience for them, and we had incredible discussions based around these two novels. I plan to use them again and to also use **Bell Jar** and **Where The Love Gods Hang Out** over the summer. Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide interesting and educational reading material to the girls.*

*Sincerely,
Victoria May - English Teacher
PACE Center for Girls, Orange*



Welcome back to our 2015 fall season of AAUW. We're looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the PACE students and their families in November. You'll have an opportunity to sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving food item when you visit the PACE table at the Membership Tea on Saturday, September 12.

The Thanksgiving dinner is such a festive event, giving each person a chance to interact with the PACE stu-

dents, families, and staff - as well as with other AAUW members.

We encourage you to sign up to serve and/or provide food for this annual PACE event. (In lieu of cooking, monetary contributions are gratefully accepted.) This will definitely put you in the holiday spirit!

*Joanne Taurence
and
Karen Gillett*

(Note that it takes two people to fill the shoes of Thanksgiving dinner's previous chairperson, Pat Stamm, who is taking a well-deserved break.)

Legal Advocacy Fund

We had a very active US Supreme Court this year, resulting in significant victories for women. Those of us who held our breath after the Hobby Lobby decision



were relieved to hear the UPS decision—safeguarding a woman's right to be pregnant and working, with accommodations afforded to non-pregnant workers!

“Passed in 1978, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act (PDA) states unequivocally that pregnancy discrimination is a form of sex discrimination, and it requires employers to treat pregnant employees the same as non-pregnant employees who have similar abilities or disabilities to work. In other words, under the PDA, employers cannot treat pregnant workers who need accommodations as a result of pregnancy differently than other employees who require the same accommodation but who are not pregnant.

“The plaintiff in this case, Peggy Young, worked for UPS and had requested temporary light-duty work as a result

of pregnancy complications. Even though UPS provided light-duty work to other drivers with similar restrictions who were not pregnant, the company refused to provide the same accommodation to Young. As a result, she was forced to leave her job. She eventually filed suit under the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, but two lower courts threw out Young’s lawsuit before she had any chance to make her case.



“After a long battle, the Supreme Court finally agreed to hear Young’s appeal. This spring, the court ruled 6-3 in favor of Young, which means that she will be able to present her case to the lower court for a ruling on the merits. Had the court sided with UPS, it could have weakened the PDA’s protection for pregnant workers.

“*King v. Burwell* was yet another challenge to the Affordable Care Act. The Supreme Court allowed the subsidies to be available even for states that do not offer a State-sponsored Exchange. As AAUW, Molly Lamb stated: ‘Thanks to this ruling, millions of women will be able to afford their health insurance.’”

Rana Tiwari

Sherry Levy presents guest speaker Arnold Breman. In a salute to Mother’s Day, Mr. Breman presents a program of famous “mom” celebrities through the use of personal stories, pictures, and videos.



General Meeting: May 9, 2015



Barbara Buchan, Scholarship Chair, and Max Reed, President, pose with four of this year’s five scholarship recipients. Each recipient received a \$1000 scholarship and spoke briefly about her academic achievements and goals.



Barbara Knapp installs the following officers: (L to R) Collette Davis, Co-Secretary general meetings; Sherry Levy, Vice President Programs; Max Reed, President; ; Judy Alper, Vice President Membership. [Not shown: Christine Brown, Co-Secretary board meetings; Rosemary Vendena, Finance Director]

On Thursday, May 7, 2015, our branch sponsored a forum to address Orlando’s shameful collaboration and connection in the world of human trafficking. Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, an internationally known speaker, headed a panel of local experts fighting this relatively unknown scourge here in our own community.



The night before the forum, Linda and Fred MacDonald hosted a reception at their home to meet the guest speakers as well as other concerned individuals from the community.



Pictured: Tomas Lares-Florida Abolitionist
Val Demings: Former Chief of the Orlando Police Department
Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, UNICEF
Sergeant Patrick Guckian-Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation



SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers I	2 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers II <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers VII	3 <u>12 - 4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7-10</u> B-Lovers III	4 <u>7 - 10</u> Dining In	5
6	7	8 <u>1:30-3:30</u> B-lovers VI <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dinner Out	9	10 <u>9:30—?</u> Walking Group <u>7-10</u> B-lovers VIII	11 <u>7 p.m.</u> Theatre Group	12 <u>2 - 4 p.m.</u> MEMBERSHIP TEA
13	14 <u>11:30 - 1:30</u> Lunching out	15 <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> B-lovers V	16 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers IV	17 <u>1 - 4</u> Mah Jongg	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <u>1 - 4</u> Mah Jongg	25	26
27 <u>2 - 5:00</u> Foreign Affairs	28 <u>1-4</u> Foreign Films	29	30			

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Thurs. 1	Mah Jongg (12-4 p.m.)	Tues. 20 B-Lovers V (1:30—3:30)
Thurs. 1	B-Lovers III (7-10)	Wed. 21 B-Lovers IV (1-3:30)
Fri. 2	Dining in (7 p.m.)	Thurs. 22 Mah Jongg (1-4)
Tues. 6	B-Lovers I (1-3)	Sun. 25 Foreign Affairs (2-5)
Wed. 7	B-Lovers II (1-3:30)	Mon. 26 Foreign Films (1-4)
Wed. 7	B-LoversVII (1-3:30)	Thurs. 29 Mah Jongg (1-4)
Thurs. 8	Walking Group (all day)	
Thurs. 8	B-Lovers VIII (7-10)	
Fri. 9	Cooking Globally (6:30 p.m.)	
Sat. 10	General Mtg. (9-11:30)	
Mon. 12	Lunching Out (11:30—2)	
Tues. 13	B-Lovers VI (1:30-3:30)	
Tues. 13	Dinner Out (6:30 p.m.)	
Thurs. 15	Mah Jongg (1-4)	
Mon. 19	Current Issues (10:30—1:30)	