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ORLANDO * WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

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

> Sunday, September 14, 2014 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

RSVP and Questions: Contact Judy Alper Judyalper@aol.com

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From the President



I take great pleasure in welcoming all of you to our 2014-15 year! I am deeply honored to have been chosen to serve as your president during this exciting year.

Historically, of course, our first major event is the Membership Tea. This year, it will be held Sunday, September 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. You are encouraged not only to attend, but also to bring your friends. During the month of September,

dues for newcomers will be discounted, as part of the Shape-the-Future Membership Tea. Make your reservations with new Membership Chair Judy Alper (Judyalper@aol.com or 407-788-5740). You will get complete reports on all the impressive events that the year has in store for you –with both programs from Sherry Levy and our many and varied interest groups from Martha Williamson. You WILL be impressed! New officers and committee chairs this year include me, of course, attempting to follow in the footsteps of the remarkable Myra Gaziano, Judy (mentioned above) who succeeds Barbara Buchele as Membership VP, and Joanne Torrance in Jean Walker's former Development spot. Also Rana Tiwari, Legal Advocacy and Beth McCarty, Public Policy, replacing Florence Bacas Snow and Susan Hoke respectively. And the Public Relations committee has been expanded from just Donna Connors to also include new member Leigh Ann-Palone and Past President Myra.

I extend my personal thanks to those retiring officers who have served us so well, and wish the best to the incumbents and the newcomers!

I hope to see you all at the Tea, where we will welcome new and prospective members, learn about the many vibrant programs and activities that our group supports, and renew our commitment to this wonderful, inspiring Branch of AAUW!

Max Reed

From the Finance Director



As we begin another season of friendship and shared purpose through our AAUW Branch, I want to remind you of how we facilitate our financial activities:

I take reservations for our regu-

lar monthly Saturday breakfast meetings by phone or email. We always welcome guests, whether prospective members or not. You may pay at the door at the meeting or send your check in advance. My contact information is published in every Branchline with the meeting announcement. Many of our meetings and events are planned to provide financial support for causes, both local and national, which encourage equity and education for women and girls. In addition to your support for those events, I always have available the envelopes and materials for your individual donations. Just see me at the check-in table at regular meetings, or contact me at home if you're not at a meeting.

We accept cash or checks, but currently not credit/debit cards due to the accompanying fees.

We will have good times in this new season while we serve the AAUW mission.

Rosemary Vendena

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Director for Development



SAVE THE DATE Holiday Boutique Saturday, November 8, 2014 Calling all crafters and friends

Participate in the AAUW Holiday Bou-

tique on Saturday, November 8, at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park. We will feature several 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 handmade gifts. Each artist will get a six-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, contact Joanne Taurence at: joannetaurence1@juno.com or call 386-668-3321.

W.P. Membership



The Membership Tea is a wonderful opportunity for prospective members, new members, and current members to learn about our monthly speakers, fantastic interest groups, com-

munity service, scholarships and many other activities. It is also nice just to visit with each other and spend a few moments reconnecting after the long steamy summer. We support education and equity for women, and

we frequently enjoy ourselves in the effort. If you have family, friends, or work associates who may be interested in joining AAUW, please invite them to attend and learn about our exciting branch.



Judy Alper

Corresponding Secretary

If you hear of any member who is ill, undergoing surgery, has experienced a loss, etc., please let our corresponding secretary know so that a card can be sent on a timely basis.

Contact: Linda Dunlap 407-678-9995 Ldunlap@earthlink.net





The media is all abuzz about Mo'ne Davis, the female pitcher who lead her team into the Little League World Series, throwing a 70-mile-an hour fastball—faster than most male Little League pitchers.

At 13. she is the youngest person to make the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

Or course everyone is asking the obvious question: Could the first female pitcher to win a game in the Little League World Series achieve another first—playing in Major League Baseball? <u>See our story on page 8 about another</u> female who actually did!



MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

Debbie Raczek, Recording Secretary, General Meetings Sherry Levy, VP Programs Christine Brown, Recording Secretary, Board Meetings Rosemary Vendena, Director of Finance Max Reed, President Judy Alper, VP Membership Not pictured: Linda Dunlap, Corresponding Secretary

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From the Recording Secretary

General Meeting Minutes Summary May 10, 2014

At 9:20 a.m. President Myra Gaziano welcomed attendees.

April 12 General Meeting minutes were electronically approved.

New officers for the July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016, season were installed by Barbara Knapp, and returning officers were included as follows:

- * Branch President: Max Reed
- * VP Membership: Judy Alper
- * Re-elected Continuing Dir. of Finance: Rosemary Vendena
- * Returning VP for Programs: Sherry Levy
- * Returning Secretaries: Christine Brown and Debbie Raczek
- *Pat Stamm and Ellen James were elected to a new Nominating Committee for July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015.

Appreciation was given to outgoing Officers and Chairs as follows:

- * Barbara Buchele, served 4 years as VP Membership, increasing membership and contributing significantly to AAUW's direction.
- * Jean Walker, Fund Raising Chair, shared vast knowledge from years of AAUW service to this branch, starting the Holiday Boutique and other new programs.
- * Florence Bacas Snow, Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, implemented *The Invisible War* program, and made compelling arguments for women's justice orally and in print, generating unprecedented donations.
- * Susan Hoke, Public Policy Chair, organized Equal Pay day and represented our branch to Orange Co. Mayor, Jacobs.
- * Martha Williamson, Nominating Committee Chair, matched the right individual with the right task and showed passion for the success of our Branch.

A letter from longtime former Board member, Joan Rinaldi, was read by M. Williamson. Her Connecticut address will be printed in the Branchline.

Rosemary recognized 35+ year membership for the following and distributed flowers to those present:

Genevieve Rhines 73 years	Jean Walker 48 years
Virginia King 72 years	Carol Ancona 44 years
Pearl Steele 61 years	Myra Gaziano 42 years
Cathy Messenger 60 years	Elizabeth Nelson 40 years
Lynn Youtz 53 years	Anne Payne 38 years
Barbara Knapp 49 years	

Myra expressed appreciation to the above members and to Ann Winn and Ellen James for their floral contributions at our meetings. Karen Buchan announced that our scholarship winners are Sherika Haines and Ruby Heintz. Her committee members are Barbara Knapp, Ellen James, Rana Tiwari and Judy Chatelain.

Rosemary Vendena, Finance director, said that our branch earned credit for five free memberships this year. They were chosen by drawing and given to Delores White, Deborah Pope, Linda Fessel, Karen Fornaro, and Edwin Levine.

Rosemary summarized our finances to date, breaking down our \$75 dues; she also explained that the \$15 meeting fee covers catering and rent so we break even. Fundraisers for the Education Foundation (EF) by Jean Walker's committee realized the following sums from the 50/50 Raffle: \$520 from Holiday Boutique, and \$1,780 from the Literary Luncheon (\$500 went to the LAF, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and EF; \$286 went to the General AAUW Fund.) \$600 went to the Valencia Trust (\$200), Florida Tech Trek (\$200) and for sponsorship of a student to National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (\$200). Dr. Maria Santana sent Amy Maitner.

Sherry Levy, VP Programs, overviewed the past season's speakers and conveyed enthusiasm for next season's speakers, beginning with Linda Chapman, former Orlando Mayor.

Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator, said many groups would be active during the summer. Trollopians meet in July. Members are meeting regularly in the PACE Library under the leadership of Anne Landrum to organize the collection. Greta Levy-Dobler computerized over 1,000 titles. Volunteers are needed. Booklovers II (Chair Maryanne McKinney) won the award for the group with the highest participation in making ballot suggestions. Runners-up were Booklovers I (Chair Susan Hoke) and Booklovers IV (Chair Christine Brown).

Barbara Knapp, PACE representative, said the PACE luncheon netted \$100,000. She said the State Convention will be held on the east side of FL in April. The National Convention will be held June 18-21, 2015, in San Diego. Barbara expressed Board members' gratitude for the service of outgoing President Myra Gaziano. She was given the Past President's Pin and a signed picture of the Red Equal Pay Day Photo. Myra was commended for "getting things done, staying on focus and running very good Board and General Meetings" along with having a positive outlook.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Raczek, Recording Secretary

The summary of the General Minutes is a brief recapitulation for our Branchline newsletter. All members are encouraged to read the full Minutes which are kept by the branch as part of our official branch records.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 1:30—3:30 p.m. MEMBERSHIP TEA First Congregational Church of Winter Park

SATURDAY, NOV. 8, 2014 9—11:30 a.m.. HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE First Congregational Church of Winter Park

PACE THANKSGIVING

APRIL, 2015 AAUW STATE NATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 18—21, 2015 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION San Diego, CA

Joan Rinaldi's new address:

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News from our Members

Millions of children are heading back to school, and most of them will be asked to write about what they did this summer. We thought it might be interesting to find out what our members did this summer—those who traveled and those who stayed home.



Rosemary and Ken Vendena took their longplanned trip to the Adriatic and Greece this summer. The voyage in a 50passenger ship included visits to the historic cities of Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Korcula, and Kotor Bay on the Adriatic coast. After sailing through the Corinth Ca-

nal, the focus in Greece was on the ancient sites of Mycenae, Delphi, Epidaurus, and Olympia in the Peloponnese. The adventure concluded in Athens. The early morning climb up the Acropolis to the remains of the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena (goddess of wisdom and knowledge), was a perfect ending.

In late June, I rode with my daughter Jane to Durham, NC, and we spent three wonderful days with my granddaughter, MARY JANE SIMPSON, her husband, AND my greatgrandson, Baby Jack (John Ligon Simpson). What a joy for our four generations to be together!



(Emily Hartmeyer, Mary Jane Simpson, PhD, Baby Jack, and Jane Hartmeyer (l-r))



Pearl Steele and her nieces on board Neptune on the Seine River (Paris to Normandy), July 2014.

Can mature women learn to shoot paper perpetrators if they have never fired a gun before? Yes, they can! For eleven weeks Linda Dunlap and Martha Williamson attended Winter Park's Citizens Police Academy three hours each week. We went on "ride-alongs" with police on weekend nights. References to doughnuts are haughtily dismissed. As Officer Lina Strube says, "This is Winter Park. We eat croissants."

We witnessed a domestic violence intervention, transport of a suicidal person to the crisis mental health facility, multiple traffic stops and, best of all, playing adult cops and robbers with laser guns in a room-sized crime simulator. At the firing range we overcame our fear of guns and hit our targets way better than the average person. Our instructor, Sgt. John Bologna, says women are better marksmanship students. Why? Because they listen.











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More News from our Members

Jean Bubriski received her Masters in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from UCF on August 2, 2014. She uses this education in her teaching of the Intensive English at Valencia College.

Congratulations Jean!

Linda Fessel went to NC, spending a few days in Asheville then a week on Cape Hattaras (pictured here at Kitty Hawk).



Nickwhistle Revisited

[In our May 2014 Branchline, Dr. Maria Santana selected Amy Maitner to be UCF's representative to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Below is an article written by Amy about her experience at NCCWWSL.]

NCCWSL - An Opportunity to Grow

Amy Maitner

"Life isn't about what happens to you, it's what you do with what happens to you." A presenter at the 2014 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders made this statement, and I instantly felt a connection and understanding. I often feel like the events in my life, both big and small, are major incidents that determine who I am in the world. This means that if a misfortune happens in my life, I immediately view it as a failure on my part that will impact my life forever. At the NCCWSL, I was able to see the faults in my previous belief, and realize that it's not what happens to me that matters, but how I react. My experience attending NCCWSL in Washington, D.C., has changed my perspective on both who I am as a leader and as a person, and I am forever grateful for the AAUW Orlando-Winter Park chapter for giving me the opportunity to attend and grow as an individual.

While at NCCWSL I attended multiple seminars and classes, such as, "Finding Your Voice," "A Brand New You," "This I Believe- Stories to Lead," and "Perfect Girl Myth." During the seminars we discussed difficult topics on female leadership, such as the "cost of 'having it all.'" We were told to know other's preconceptions of leadership, and then push those preconceptions. However, we should never make so many sacrifices that we're no longer authentic, because authenticity creates credibility. We talked about our relative worth in the workplace, and if we don't communicate our value, we are going to be left behind. I particularly connected to the session on "Perfect Girl Myth," as someone who has struggled with an eating disorder in the past. When women are constantly striving for perfection, it limits us as leaders, and creates an ideal based on externally driven standards. We use numbers to prove our worth, whether it's our weight, GPA, or SAT score. Some of the speakers who presented at NCCWSL were Judy

Smith, Dr. Pollard, Hattie Kauffman, Pamela Melroy, Deanna Zandt, and our featured speaker, Chelsea Clinton. These women have broken so many barriers for womankind, and I look up to each and every one of them. Chelsea Clinton, in particular, gave a very moving speech. She encouraged us to translate what we want to see in the world into our leadership, and to use that to carry us. It is hard to imagine what we cannot see, such as women in high professional positions, and we need to be honest of the challenges that are going to face us. When someone tells us we couldn't or shouldn't, that must only motivate us to prove them wrong. We need to stop apologizing for everything, and instead embrace who we are and the choices we make.

Attending NCCWSL was unforgettable, and I am confident that I developed as a leader during the few days I was there. I will always remember that all experiences are opportunities for growth, and that I need to look at how the events in my life affect my choices and decisions. I have been in recovery from an eating disorder for two years now, and when I began recovery, I often viewed the eating disorder as a part of my identity. I was "anorexic"—it was a part of who I was. But as I grew healthier and began to fight for eating disorder awareness and advocacy on my campus, I realized that the eating disorder is not who I am. It is an event that happened to me, but what really defines me is how I've overcome it.

> [Amy with "Shoeless" DeRionne Pollard, the President of Montgomery College in Maryland.]



Chelsea Clinton



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Here is one student's story which she wrote for the current *PACE Annual Report*. Nina is very glad PACE exists!

Nina's Story

My name is Nina. When I was younger I was dealing drugs and used drugs and alcohol. In 2012 I was arrested and charged with two counts of drug possession on school property. During school, the police pulled me and a friend out of class and read us our Miranda rights in the hallway. I was suspended for 15 days, but when it was time for me to return to school, I learned I was expelled and charges were being pressed. Reality set in hard.

My parents frantically searched for schools that would accept me and after being turned down by multiple schools, they found the PACE Center for Girls. We met with staff members at the Center to see if it was the "place for me." In order to attend I had to write an essay about why I thought PACE was for me and what issues I wanted help with. By then, I had already lost hope so I came up with a devious plan to write a terrible essay that would lead PACE to turn me away.

As it turned out, my plan did just the opposite. In the essay, I expressed my doubts toward change. I wrote about three simple yet ultimately complicated things I wanted to achieve: success, equal understanding and happiness.

I was sure PACE would think they couldn't help me attain these goals, but instead they took it as a challenge because PACE has helped me in all three areas. When I left my old school, I was failing my classes in an epic way. I have to be honest – I thank my lucky stars that I wasn't held back a year. Since being at PACE, I've increased my credits and am now on track to graduate on time or possibly even early. I consider that pretty successful.

The Woman Who Struck Out the Babe

The owner of the AA Chattanooga Lookouts wanted to boost ticket sales, so he signed 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell to pitch.

In April of 1931, the stands were packed for an exhibition game against the New York Yankees. Mitchell faced her first batter—Babe Ruth! Her first pitch missed, but on her second pitch, the Babe swung and missed, and the crowd went wild. When he swung and missed a second time, he asked the umpire to check the ball. The 4th pitch just At PACE, I've never felt judged. The people at PACE help girls on a personal level and truly care about the outcome in our lives. I consider that to be conveying equal understanding, so there's another checkmark on my list. The last but probably most important factor I expressed in my admission essay was happiness. PACE is a happy place for me. My state of mind used to be ruled by thoughts that the world was against me. After just a couple of weeks at PACE, I learned that I'm not the only one who feels that way.

People at PACE have taught me how to say "no," how to rise above my own expectations and how to make positive progression. More importantly, they gave me a second chance at a first impression. The other girls have taught me that everyone is battling demons of their own, but if you surround yourself with good company, you'll always find someone to catch you when you fall. I am so lucky that PACE was there to catch me.

If it wasn't for PACE, their encouraging words and the love they gave me, I think I would be in jail and would have given up on my future. I thank PACE for not only creating such a great place but for helping me take back my life!

Barbara Knapp

caught the corner of the plate, the umpire called strike three and the crowd went nuts. Ruth threw his bat, kicked up dirt, cursed the umpire and had to be dragged to the dugout by his teammates.

When Lou Gehrig stepped to the plate, Mitchell struck him out on three straight pitches. At that point, the crowd rose to their feet. The Yankees ultimately won, but Mitchell stole the headlines. It's not known if Ruth and Gehrig whiffed on purpose. Maybe they did, but in 1933, she got to pitch again against the St Louis Cardinals. She won! www.aauworlwp.org

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Interest Groups

Make friends. Join an interest group

After a busy summer with many Booklovers group meetings, continual Mah Jongg, Dining Out all over town, and even an outing to a group painting workshop, we are ready to include new members in our regular groups. Our branch has 18 interest groups (8 are Booklovers). Please read the notices in this Branchline newsletter from specific groups. Contact a chairperson below to sign up and/or get information. You will have a response within a week, but if you don't, please contact me at <u>Bibliamor@aol.com</u> or 407 677-1186.

Martha Williamson

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

Booklovers



September is here and we're ready to read. This month's book is *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. In old New York, Newland Archer prepares to marry May Welland—tender and impressionable, with equal purity of mind and manners. But his world is changed forever by the return of the mysterious Countess Ellen Olenska, a

woman of quick wit sharpened by experience, not afraid to flout convention and determined to find freedom in divorce. Newland is drawn to the socially ostracized Ellen Olenska. He knows that in sweet-tempered May, he can expect stability and the steadying comfort of duty. But what new worlds could he discover with Ellen? Edith Wharton's masterpiece is a tragic love story and a powerful homily about the perils of a perfect marriage. (*Pulitzer Prize*)

The "Trollopians" met in July and discussed *Lady Anna*. Next July they will meet to discuss *Ralph, the Heir*. That can be downloaded to a Kindle at no charge, so we encourage all to read it. It's fun to be able to read more than one book by an author and compare them.

Booklovers members donate \$10 per year to the Booklovers Fund and we use this money to purchase materials requested by PACE. We spent nearly \$600 to purchase needed classroom materials. In addition, this year we will donate \$500 to the Scholarship Fund. If you would like to join a Booklovers Group, please contact me.

Ellen James

Foreign Affairs

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

- **TOPIC**: Islamic Awakening
- DATE: Sun. Sept. 28 2 p.m.
- PLACE: Martha Williamson's 2681 Fitzhugh Rd. Winter Park 32789

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.

Our next film (*TBA*) will be shown on Monday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m.

Linda Fessel

Did you know . . .? Decades ago, it was illegal for a woman to drive up Main Street in Waynesboro VA, without her husband walking in front of the car waving a red flag!

Interest Groups (Cont'd)

Museums & Galleries

The Museum and Galleries Group is planning a fast-paced year, from the *Gone With The Wind* Exhibit at the Orlando History Center to a Buddhist Temple—and all points in between. Come and join us on Saturday September 20, at 1:30. We will be meeting at Martha Williamson's home. You are requested to bring a small piece of artwork from your home and be prepared to tell us about it. You will get to take it with you when you leave.

Please RSVP to Diane Kennedy at kennedd@aol.com or 407-834-3992.

Diane Kennedy

Diming Out

Monday, Sept. 8		
11:30 a.m.		
Fiddler's Green		
Irish Pub & Eatery		
544 W. Fairbanks Ave.		
Winter Park 32789		

The Dining Out Group meets on the second Monday of each month We seek out interesting (often ethnic) non-chain restaurants that can seat 12. Previous selections have included Mediterranean, Greek, Thai, Venezuelan, Indian, Peruvian, and others.

If you would like to join us, please contact me to get on the list: (407) 677-0317 LFESSEL@embarqmail.com

More details to follow. Please RSVP to me by 9/4.

Linda Fessel

Wallking Group

Dust off your walking shoes! The AAUW Walking Group begins its never-pedestrian season on Thursday, September 11 with a tour of historic downtown Winter Garden. Maria Rubin coordinates this trip and will contact members with details.

The Orlando/Winter Park AAUW Walking Group meets the second Thursday of each month. In 2014-15 we will walk venues <u>historic</u> (*Winter Garden, Ybor City, Flagler Avenue/NSB, DeBary Mansion*); <u>natural</u> (*Sanford Zoo, Shingle Creek, Leu Gardens*), <u>academic</u> (*Rollins and Stetson Campuses*) and <u>festive</u> (*Stetson Mansion decorated for Christmas*).

If you are interested in joining the walkers and receiving our walk details, contact Missy Baker at (407) 644-5661); (407) 346-6561 (cell) bakerworks@gmail.com

Missy Baker

Mah Jongg

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

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

BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thurs. (except the 2nd Thurs.) at 1 p.m. Locations vary. Call chairs for details.

Karen and Linda

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Diming In

The Dining-In Group had a great time this past year— 2013-2014. We had fun and made new friends as we learned how to become "gourmet cooks."

Fun, Friends and Learning is our motto. We are doing it.

Dining-In group members will meet on September 5 at7 p.m. at Martha Williamson's home in Winter Park. This will be a reorganizational meeting for the group in order to talk about the changes that members might want for the group and to establish the guidelines for 2014-2015.

We are looking forward to another great year

If interested in attending the September 5 meeting, please call (407) 310-1154.

Dfuentes1@cfl.rr.com (email or txt preferred)

Delia Fuentes

Current Issues

What do you think about vouchers, genetically modified food and legalizing marijuana? We discuss those and other controversial issues courteously and come to a consensus. Our second season begins Monday, October 20, from 10:30-1:30. Our topic will be chosen from a list to be sent to all members. Add your name to our database by contacting Martha Williamson, <u>bibliamor@aol.com</u>.

Martha Williamson

PACE

This year the PACE Interest Group has recognized six events which would benefit from members' support:

The PACE Thanksgiving, which is a complete Thanksgiving dinner for the girls, their families, and the staff at PACE. This meal is prepared by the AAUW members who then eat the dinner with the girls and their families at the PACE Center. This year's date is November 20. At the Tea there will be



a sign-up sheet and all are welcome to participate. This is one of the most gratifying events we do as a group.

In early December we look for volunteers to do Holiday Projects with the girls. Last year's projects were making holiday ornaments using clear ornaments and infusing a design inside the ornament with nail polish. Another project had the girls making beaded bracelets that went inside of gift bags. There was also a put-together recipe for brownies that could be given away or made for the girls' enjoyment. We would be most grateful if you



would sign up at the Tea.

The third project is making a Miracle Box for a girl at PACE. A Miracle Box contains things that a girl between 12 and 18 would enjoy receiving. Items may include pieces of jewelry, make-up, watches or gift cards to fast food restaurants or movies. Usually between \$20-\$25 is spent to complete the box. A Miracle Box will be on display at the Tea.

AAUW members have worked diligently in the PACE Library to make it user friendly. Now we are looking

for volunteers to help maintain this semblance of order. Sign up sheets and more information can be found on the PACE Interest Group Table.

Annually PACE has an Ask Event which has been well attended by AAUW members. Yes, you guessed it. An ask event is a fund-raising luncheon. Finally, there is an impetus to create a scholarship for Career Education. Look for more details.

Please come and visit our table at the Tea.

Anne Landrum and Fat Stamm

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <u>1:30—3:30</u> Booklovers I	3 1—3:30 Booklovers II <u>1—3:30</u> Booklovers VII	4 Mah Jongg <u>7—10</u> Booklovers III	5 <u>7—10 p.m.</u> Dining In	6
7	8 <u>11:30—1:30</u> Dining Out	9 <u>1 - 3</u> B-Lovers VI	10	11 <u>All day</u> Walking Grp. <u>7 - 10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	12	13
14 1:30 –3:30 Membership Tea	15	16 <u>1 30—3:30</u> B-Lovers V	17 <u>1—3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	18 <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg	19	20 <u>1:30 – 3:00</u> Museums/ Galleries
21	22	23	24	25 <u>1—4</u> Mah Jongg	26	27
28 <u>2—5</u> Foreign Af- fairs	29 1—4 Foreign Films	30				

	OCTOBER 2014	Thurs 16	Mah Jongg (1—4)
		Mon. 20	Current Issues (10:30–1:30)
Wed. 1	Booklovers II (1-3:30)	Tues. 21	Booklovers V (1:30-3:30)
Wed. 1	Booklovers VII (1-3:30)	Thurs. 23	Mah Jongg (1-4)
Thurs. 2	Mah Jongg (1-4)	Fri. 24	Theatre
Thurs. 2	Booklovers III (7-10)	Sun. 26	Foreign Affairs (2-5)
Fri. 3	Dining-In	Mon. 27	Foreign Films (1-4)
Tues. 7	Booklovers I (1:30-3:30)	Thurs. 30	Mah Jongg (1-4)
Thurs. 9	Walking (all day)		
Thurs. 9	Booklovers VIII (7-10 p.m.)		
Sat. 11	General Meeting (9-11:30		
Mon. 13	Dining Out (11:30—1:30)		
Tues. 14	Booklovers VI (1—3)		
Wed. 15	Booklovers IV (1-3:30)		