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OCT OBER PROGRAM

ARNOLD BREMEN

"Great Women of the Stage and Screen"

Impresario, author, arts administrator and professor, Arnold N. Breman presented more than 2000 artists and attractions in the performing arts as Executive and Artistic Director of: The Samuel L. Clemens Performing Arts Center in Elmira, New York; Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Florida; The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, Florida; and The Joffrey Ballet Company in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Arnold, author of "Laughter in the Wings" will focus on the women who not only entertained millions of people, but also made significant contributions to our society.



GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY October 12, 2013 9 a.m.

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

\$15.00 per person Reservations Required

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

Make checks payable to Orlando/Winter Park AAUW and mail to: Rosemary Vendena 291 Isle of Sky Circle Orlando, FL 32828

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

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From the President's Desk

In AAUW's research report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (STEM), the article pointed out several barriers, including stereotypes and gender bias, as to why women are still underrepresented in STEM. This, of course, is not new. But what is innovative is AAUW's seamless implementation of a program to empower women and girls to change this situation through **Tech Trek**.

This past July, 40 girls descended upon the University of Central Florida's campus to participate in **Tech Trek**, an exciting week-long summer camp that focused on science, technology, engineering and math while exposing the **Tech Trek** participants to successful female STEM role models. One of **Tech Trek's** primary objectives is to begin to break down the stereotypes surrounding these traditionally male-dominated fields and help girls build confidence to choose a STEM career.

Dr. Maria Santana, our AAUW College/University Part-

ner, reported **Tech Trek** was a great success. However, it was through your enthusiastic commitment and special efforts that included seeking additional financial donations from individuals beyond our AAUW community that made this endeavor one that truly is a catalyst for change in STEM fields, creating STEM leaders of tomorrow. My sincerest thanks to you!

Also, a special thanks to Barbara Buchele, VP Membership, and all of our many members who worked or contributed to the success of the wonderful Membership Tea in September.

I hope you will plan on attending our October meeting. Sherry Levy, VP Programs, has planned a very interesting program: *"Great Women of the Stage and Screen"* that will be presented by dynamic speaker Arnold Bremen.

Myra Gaziano, President

Tech Trek Participants







Minutes from the Membership Tea September 14, 2013

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Present at the afternoon Membership Tea were Myra Gaziano, President; Sherry Levy, Vice President-Programs; Barbara Buchele, Vice President- Membership; Rosemary Vendena, Finance Director; Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator; Linda Dunlap, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Raczek, Recording Secretary; Jean Walker, Director for Development; Florence Bacas-Snow, Legal Advocacy Fund; Susan Hoke, Public Policy; Emily Hartmeyer, Branch Historian; Hanna Krucek, Directory & Electronic Communications; Karen Buchan, Scholarships; Barbara Knapp, PACE Liaison and By-Laws; Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator; Dee Smith, Hospitality; Donna Connors, Public Relations/Communications; Joan Liberman, New Member Orientation; Linda Fessel, Branchline; Karen Deo, Newsletter Mailer.

Myra Gaziano called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the Membership Tea, both returning members and prospective new members/guests.

Before proceeding with the Agenda, Myra introduced Joan Rinaldi who is relocating to a new home in Connecticut. Joan was recognized by the Chapter for her tremendous contributions to AAUW, her active involvement over the years and for being instrumental in the Chapter's growth. Myra expressed the Chapter's great appreciation to Joan for her dedication to AAUW and that she will be greatly missed. She was given a card, gift certificate from the Chapter along with a standing ovation for her contributions and heartfelt warm wishes for her future endeavors in her new home.

Following the Agenda, Myra proceeded with the introduction of the Board of Directors. Each was invited to give a short overview of their respective area.

- Barbara Buchele, VP Membership
- Sherry Levy, VP Programs
- Rosemary Vendena, Finance Director
- Christine Brown, Co-Recording Secretary
- Debbie Raczek, Co-Recording Secretary
- Linda Dunlap, Corresponding Secretary and Literary Luncheon Chair
- Jean Walker, Director for Development
- Florence Bacas Snow, Esq., Legal Advocacy Fund
- Susan Hoke, Public Policy

Myra then turned the podium over to Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator, who gave an overview of the many varieties of interest groups within AAUW. Each of the Interest Group coordinators gave a brief description of their activities. The Groups included are:

 Booklovers, Ellen James: pointed out that in addition to the day groups, there were two (2) evening groups as well.

- Bridge Group, Karen Deo: this group offered opportunities for advanced bridge players and beginners
- Current Issues, Juanita Blumberg and Martha Williamson
- Dining-in Group, Dee Fuentes
- Dining-out Group, (non-chain restaurants) Pat Stamm
- Foreign Affairs Group, JoAnn McCaffrey
- Foreign Films Group, Linda Fessel
- Garden Group, Ann Winn
- Museums and Galleries Group, Diane Kennedy
- PACE Girls Support Group, Pat Stamm and Anne Landrum
- Theater Group, Maria Rubin
- Walking Group, Lois Kolski

Myra continued the program with the introduction of the following Board of Directors:

- Dr. Hanna Kruczek, Directory and Electronic Communications: indicated that the new directory is in process so if members have any changes in their information please make sure to give this to her for inclusion in the directory.
- Emily Hartmeyer, Branch Historian; records in pictures many of the AAUW events
- Donna Connors, Public Relations
- Linda Fessel, *Branchline* Editor has kept everyone advised via this newsletter of the Chapter's events
- Karen Buchan, Scholarship Chair: gave a short status on the two (2) recent individuals' progress who were awarded scholarships by AAUW
- Barbara Knapp, PACE Liaison, By-Laws and Parliamentarian
- Dr. Maria C. Santana, University Partner Representative: issued a request to see if anyone could get Teresa Jacobs to attend the meeting on January 25, 2014
- Dee Smith, Hospitality Chair
- Joan Liberman, New Member Orientation

Myra offered closing remarks to this meeting by thanking all who had helped put this function together by bringing food. She thanked Ann Winn for putting together the beautiful arrangements for each of the tables and Emily Hartmeyer for documenting the event with pictures.

Myra indicated that the next General Meeting would be on October 12 at 9 a.m. and the guest speaker would be Arnold Bremen ("Great Women of the Stage and Screen."

Debbie Raczek

Co-Recording Secretary

(Pictures from the tea can be found on Page 4)

Did you know ...?

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.



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WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Membership

I want to thank everyone who helped out with the Membership Tea last month. Eighty-three percent (83%) of the prospective new guests who attended the Membership Tea ended up joining our branch. If you have suggestions for next year's Membership Tea, please forward those to me. At this point, we have 149 members of AAUW Orlando/Winter Park. This is the highest number of members we have had in quite some time! Let's keep up the good work this year by inviting your friends, family and neighbors to AAUW events.

At the October General Meeting, the new 2013-2014 AAUW Orlando/WP Directories will be available for you to pick up. If you can't make it to the general meeting, you could ask someone else to pick up your directory for you. It will have your name and address on it and, having it picked up, will save our branch the cost of mailing them out.

Thanks again to the interest chairs for attending and making up attractive displays for their interest groups. Thanks also to those of you who brought food and prospective new members to the tea. A special thanks to Ann Winn for the lovely teapot flower decorations at the Membership Tea. They were a hit again this year.

There were several items left at the Membership Tea; please contact Rosemary Vendena if you think you left something there. She has quite a few items.

Barbara Buchele

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Report from the Finance Director

Our 2013-2014 season is off to a great start. Each month, more and more members are utilizing on-line bill pay functions. We're happy to have that convenience for everyone. You can use that easy banking for all the payments you make to the Branch—dues, breakfast meetings, etc. Just be sure to specify AAUW Orlando-Winter Park as the payee in your system. Of course, we always accept either cash or checks at the meetings. (Be sure to bring some money for the 50/50 drawing fun each time!)

Branch fundraising activities are always fun, and we are proud of what we can accomplish together. However, sometimes members wish to make individual contributions to support our mission. I plan to highlight a different fund each month in a brief **Branchline** article.

This month, the featured fund is the **AAUW Orlando**-**Winter Park Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Valencia Foundation.** This fund was started in 2006 with \$12,500 raised by our Branch to honor member Merle Coalter. The Valencia Foundation was established by the State of Florida to allow public colleges to raise scholarship money in the community and receive matching funds from the State of Florida. The State completed its \$12,500 fund-matching in 2009, and the combined \$25,000 principal balance began to generate enough money to offer scholarships. The Valencia Foundation is professionally managed and applicants are prescreened at the college to qualify for scholarships. Our principal balance (the corpus of the trust) remains intact and the scholarships are paid from earnings.

When our Branch established the Merle Coalter funds, we specified that the scholarship should be awarded to a Business Major to honor Merle's career as a Business teacher. Valencia is rated among the top community colleges in the nation and offers a wide variety of business programs, including accounting, business management or administration, and computer technology. From the inception, the fund has traditionally been the recipient of memorial donations to honor deceased members of our Branch. Recent additions have honored Jeannie Stefanik and Jean Lawton.

To donate to the Valencia Foundation and receive a tax receipt, make your check to VALENCIA FOUNDATION FUND # 1178. Mail it to 190 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801, attention: Donna Marino, Manager Donor Stewardship. I will have pre-addressed envelopes at our Branch meetings. If you don't need a tax receipt, you may give your check to Rosemary to be combined with others.

Rosemary Vendena



Have you read a good book lately and had the opportunity to discuss it with someone or a group of "someones"? No? Then think about joining one of our eight Booklovers Groups. The groups normally read the same book. This gives members the flexibility to visit another group if unable to

attend one's own. Books are chosen by members and then put on a calendar. We welcome newcomers and

all Booklovers to join us monthly as we read the "selection of the month." Please contact me if you have a question or wish to move to a different group.

How are books chosen? Members recommend books they have read and submit them to the selection committee which narrows down the list. A ballot is created and sent to the members to record their choices.

> Ellen James Booklovers Coordinator

Did you Know . . . ?

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions.

When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile.'



In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Legal Advocacy Fund

Women have been serving in our military for many years but it wasn't until 1972, that the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that dependents of military women are entitled to the same benefits as male military members. Since that time, the number of military women has increased exponentially and women now train and serve alongside men in noncombat posts. This proximity of both sexes has given rise to an astronomical increase of sexual assaults against women.

For several years, AAUW has committed a portion of its Legal Advocacy Fund to support two significant lawsuits which were brought in the Civil Courts by military women who were the victims of sexual assault by fellow servicemen. It is estimated that about 26,000 reports of sexual assaults have been filed with the Commanders of various posts but the Military Courts have handed down only 350 convictions. Last year, one of the lawsuits was dismissed by the U.S. Supreme Court and sent back to the Military Courts which is expected to be lenient toward the defendant. In 2012, AAUW joined a national campaign to bring this issue to the attention of the media, the public, and ultimately, to Congress where it was expected a political solution would be worked out. Our Branch aided in this campaign in January of this year at a special fund raiser at which we showed the film *The Invisible War*. The profits of our fund raiser were sent to LAF National.

Intense media and public pressure resulted in Congressional hearings that were held early this summer, where political leaders requested that Congress pass a law removing the investigation and punishment phases from the control of the Commanders because of the leniency shown toward defendants. However, Congress failed to pass any such laws, but it did request that some procedural changes be instituted by Chuck Hagel, the Secretary of Defense. One of the changes would grant each victim a personal representative during the investigation phase of her complaint, and another would permit her to state what punishment should be meted out to the defendant, if convicted.

AAUW National will continue funding the sexual assault cases through the civil courts because it anticipates that continued media attention will keep pressure on Congress and the military to resolve this problem. Meanwhile, Secretary Hagel has asked military commanders to create a new manual which contains the new procedures that were recommended by Congress. I will keep you informed of further developments in this column.

Florence Bacas Snow

Public Policy

According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau, the median earnings for U.S. women working full time, year-round, were just 77 percent of U.S. men's median earnings—a gap of 23 percent. Progress to close the gap has stalled during the last decade and the gap is even larger for women of color. This pay gap begins early in women's careers. According to AAUW's research report "GRADUATING TO A PAY GAP" women only one year out of college, working full time, were paid on average just 82 percent of what their male counterparts were paid. After controlling for hours worked, occupation, college major, employment sector, and other factors associated with pay, the gap shrinks but does not disappear. About one-third of the gap cannot be explained by these factors commonly understood to affect earnings.

This week's update from National AAUW broke down the disparity for each congressional district for each state. Florida ranks slightly above average at 84 percent, as well as our local districts.

Fifty years after passage of the Equal Pay Act, it's clear the pay gap is unlikely to go away on its own. That's why the American Association of University Women and its more than 165,000 members and supporters are leading a nationwide campaign to close the pay gap and end pay discrimination.

Median earnings for men in Florida were \$40,889 compared to women's median earnings of \$34,202—an earnings ratio of just 84 percent.

Susan Hoke

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SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, November 21, 2013 11 a.m. Don't miss the annual PACE Thanksgiving luncheon. Check for more details on pages 11 and 12.

Wednesday, December 20, 2013

All are invited PACE girls open miracle boxes!

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Student Union, UCF campus

Elect Her! is coming again to UCF and our branch is ready to help! Please let me know if you can volunteer to register participants in the morning for about 1 hour. Contact Dr. Maria Cristina Santana at Santana@ucf.edu (See p. 13)

Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 Maitland Public Library



Stuart Omans is a Professor Emeritus and former Chair of English at UCF and was the founder of the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre. Ol'Man on a Mountain is an entertaining memoir of the summer Stu and wife Jan bought

a home in the mountains of North Carolina. The new setting provides Stu, a clearly natural storyteller and wordsmith, with tales that flow and pages that turn themselves. *Ol' Man* is personal, tender, touching, and truly funny.

From our Members

STEM CAMP

A special thank you to all of you who contributed to STEM Camp, (AAUW's joint project with UCF to promote science, technology and math to 13 yearold girls). After learning about the camp at our general meeting, I was able to encourage my daughter to look into the camp for my granddaughter. Grandmother, mother and granddaughter were all pleased when she was chosen to attend.

I was anxious to hear about K. C.'s experience when she returned from camp. She came back excited about science careers and very happy with the many experiences provided by the program. She enjoyed the trip to NASA the most, and had a little 'ick' factor with the oyster beds restoration project. She also returned with new confidence in herself. I was perhaps most impressed and pleased with the last item. Developing confidence and self-esteem In 13 year-old girls is a huge accomplishment. Selfconfidence is also important for girls considering non-traditional career paths.

Thank you to all who were involved in providing such a wonderful and meaningful experience.

Ann Winn



Table for two please . . . which I discovered, in Geneva, means just that—two feet by two feet of space, an infinitesimal distance from your neighbor's fondue! But the spatial challenge is more than compensated for by a series of gastronomic delights. The reclete, (melted Valasian cheeses) and the sechee viande (air dried meat) of the Restaurant de Armeurs is topped only by their gruyere meringue. The entrecôte with the signature, secret house sauce of the Cafe de Paris is unrivaled in the city, and Le Faro serves up a superlative seafood paella in superlative style. Le Petit Chalet is the only disappointment. Their pricy salad could compare to one from McDonald's for three bucks! Merci, Geneve, the taste of your fondue lingers on my tongue, but now it is time to resume Le Diet.

Aruna Moidu



WANTED: someone with whom to discuss "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. Particularly interested in addressing the book's ending. Can meet over phone or lunch, weekdays.

Judy Alper, 407-788-5740.

June 2013: Connie Iseman Birthday Cruise with her grandchildren.



Did you know...? At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase "minding your P's and Q's."

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Interest Groups

Our Calendar is back this month. It is on the last page of the Branchline. Check it out to see what is happening when. If something looks appealing to you, and you are not part of that interest group yet, contact one of the leaders below. She will give you the information you need to join in.

We welcome Diane Kennedy as Co-Chair of the Museums/Galleries group. Bridge lessons given by Linda Fessel this summer were so successful that she is giving them to a new group of beginners in October. PACE Support Group is already planning Thanksgiving, holiday boxes, and library projects.

Martha Williamson Interest Groups Coordinator

Booklovers



OCTOBER SELECTION

Swamplandia!

By Karen Russell

The story is told by thirteenyear old Ava who has lived her entire life at Swamplandia!, her family's island home and gatorwrestling theme park in the

Florida Everglades. However, illness fells Ava's mother, the park's indomitable headliner, and the family is plunged into chaos: her father withdraws, her sister falls in love with a spooky character known as the Dredgeman, and her brilliant big brother Kiwi defects to a rival park called the World of Darkness. As Ava sets out on a mission through the magical swamps to save them all, we are drawn into a lush and bravely imagined debut that takes us to the shimmering edge of reality.

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

Bridge Group: Resumes in January, 2014

Current Issues: Co-Chairs Juanita Blumberg (407-327-0398) juanitablu@yahoo.com and Martha Williamson 407 677-1186 <u>Bibliamor@aol.com</u>

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

Foreign Affairs Group: Chair Jo-Ann McCaffrey (407-841-3640) JoAnnRoux327@qmail.com

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

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

Mah Jongg: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) <u>Karen.deo@gmail.com</u> and Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@embargmail.com</u>

Museums/Galleries Group: Chair Shay Silver (407-628-1023) <u>Shaydsilver@gmail.com</u> and Diane Kennedy (407-834-3992) kennedd@aol.com

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

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

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Dining Out

The Dining Out Group will meet for lunch on October 14 at 11:30 a.m. at



Marlow's Tavern on 17-92 in Winter Park.

Please RSVP to me so I can get a count for the restaurant.

For those who attended the September lunch, I hope you enjoyed Attila's.

I appreciate any suggestions for our restaurant list.

RSVP to Pat Stamm by Oct. 11. 407-971-0565 patsnpans@yahoo.com

Foreign Affairs

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

| TOPIC: | Egypt | |
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DAY: Sunday, October 20

TIME: 2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Irene Pruzan 5951 Petunia Lane Orlando, Florida 32821 407-238-9378

Mah Jongg

New Interest Group

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

BEGINNERS WELCOME

Contact Linda or Karen for more information on this new group.



Foreign Films

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

Next movie (TBA) will be Monday, Oct. 28 at 1 pm.

Walking Group

We will meet at Wekiwa Springs State Park Walk Thursday, October 10, at 9:15 a.m. at the Concession Store. There is a \$6.00 charge per car into the park, so you may want to carpool. We will view the Nature Center (if manned by a volunteer that day), then walk the 1/4 Wet to Dry Trail (a boardwalk), the Volksmarch Trail, then return to the Springs area. There will be a 'bring your own picnic lunch' and a 'swim in the springs' option for those who choose to do so. Sue McDonald, our Walk Guide for the day, will be sending an email with more specific directions and details by the first week of October, and will request an RSVP by October 4 if you plan to attend. If you have any questions about this walk or would like to be added to the contact list for this group, please contact Lois Kolski Lkolski@aol.com or 407 352 1146.

Bridge

This group is canceled but may resume in January, 2014.

PACE Center for Girls Support Group

Please join us at PACE to sort and set up the new tracking system on October 3, at 2:30. No experience needed -- just a desire to help the girls at PACE have a good library.

One of the highlights of the year is the Thanksgiving Lunch that AAUW



puts on for PACE. We need a couple more turkeys and all the fixings for a great meal. Be sure to sign up at our next meeting to be

part of this event or contact Pat Stamm or Anne Landrum.

Now is a good time to begin shopping for the Miracle Boxes. These gifts are often the only ones the girls will get so they are very important. This year we will need 55 boxes.

Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) <u>alandrum2@cfl.rr.com</u> and

Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) patsnpans@yahoo.com

Current Issues

The Current Issues Discussion group will meet on October 21, 2013, at the home of Jocelyn Deprez. Arrive at 10:30 a.m. to socialize; the discussion begins promptly at 11:00.

The topic is "Everglades Restoration." Bring your research results and brown bag lunch. Cookies and beverages will be provided.

For further information, contact Juanita Blumberg juanitablu@yahoo.com.





The PACE Thanksgiving is a little more than a month away



and this event is always one of our shining hours. For new members, it is a chance to see the PACE program and get a tour of the facility. The luncheon provides all our members an opportunity to eat with and enjoy the company of the

young women, their families, the staff, and members of the board.

This year our PACE Thanksgiving luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the PACE Center.

Our needs are the same for this year as in the past. You may choose to make an item (see below) for the luncheon or you may choose to make a monetary donation that will help to purchase the turkeys and other needed items. (The donation should be sent to me, in my name, and in the memo section of the check please put "PACE Thanksgiving Luncheon." This donation will be used to fill in items that are still needed.)

Some of you signed up at the September Membership Tea, but many items are still needed. The sign-up sheet will be passed around again at the October General Meeting. If you are not at that meeting, please get in touch by phone or email so we can get a complete listing of what we have and what we still need.

Miracle boxes are shoe boxes which are covered with holiday paper, bottom and top individually wrapped, please. Inside are a multitude of small items which any young lady age 11-17 would love, for about \$20-25. One suggestion is that one larger item should be included and then smaller items to fill the box. Items should be new. If you have something to re-gift, that is fine as long as it is unused. Remember, this box may be the only holiday gift this young lady receives this season.

I line the box with tissue paper and fill it as full as I can. Good fillers are little things you can find in the Dollar Store like the smaller bottles of nail polish, hair scrunchies, hand lotion, etc.

Suggestions:

<u>Wallets</u> <u>Small purse</u> <u>Watch</u> <u>Movie Tickets</u> <u>Gift Card</u>–for restaurants, Target, Wal-Mart, etc. Jewelry–bracelets, earrings etc. Some of the items needed are:



turkeys (donation amount \$20.00) mashed potatoes

sweet potatoes

stuffing



gravy vegetables (corn, green bean casseroles) salads (green, fruit, etc.) cranberry sauce rolls and butter desserts of any type and anything else you can think of to make the meal complete.

All food (bring it hot) and servers must arrive by 11 a.m. and we plan to serve by 11:30.

Please call me if you plan to make something or donate. This way I can keep track and get all we need for the dinner.

Thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and then at PACE.

Pat Stamm 407-971-0565 patsnpans@yahoo.com

P.S. We always need people to cook the turkeys. It is too big of a job for just one person.

<u>Cosmetics</u>–lipsticks, nail polish, nail polish remover, emery boards, cologne, hand lotion, small mirrors <u>Hair Accessories</u>–scrunchies, brushes/combs <u>Toiletries</u>–bath gel, shampoo, conditioner, etc. <u>Miscellaneous items</u>–clever/cute keychains, journals, pens <u>Socks</u>–they love outrageous colors and patterns <u>Holiday ornaments</u>

We will have an example or two at the October Branch Meeting. Boxes should be brought to the November Branch Meeting or you may call me for pick-up.

Thank you for all you do for these delightful ladies at PACE!



Barbara Knapp 407-282-5449

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From our Booklovers Coordinator

Have you read a good book lately and had the opportunity to discuss it with someone or a group of "someones"? No? Then think about joining one of our eight Booklovers Groups. The groups normally read the same book. This gives members the flexibility to visit another group if unable to attend their own. Books are chosen by members and then put on a calendar. We welcome newcomers and all Booklovers to join us monthly as we read the "selection of the month." Please contact me if you have a question or wish to move to a different group.

How are books chosen? Members recommend books they have read and submit them to the selection committee which narrows down the list. A ballot is created and sent to the members to record their choices.

Ellen James Booklovers Coordinator

From our UCF Ligison

AAUW Elect Her!

AAUW at UCF trained 32 women on leadership skills on March 23, 2013. The one-day workshop is a competitive training offered for free to women in college interested in following a path into politics. The program had the honor of a welcoming video from Teresa Jacobs, a session facilitated by former Orlando mayor, Glenda Hood, another session with communication expert Sheri Hodgson and a student panel on how to navigate elections in student government. Current UCF Student Government Association President, Melissa Westbrook, was part of this training last year. She is the second woman president for Student Government at UCF.

SAVE the DATE! Elect Her! One more year at UCF- *Sat-urday, JANUARY 25, 2014*, Student Union, UCF campus. Elect Her! is coming again to UCF and our local branch is ready to help! Please let me know if you can volunteer to register participants in the morning for about 1 hour. Contact me at Santana@ucf.edu

Dr. Maria Cristina Santana









| October 2013 | | | | | | |
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| 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>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>2:30</u> PACE Support Grp.—Library <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III | 4 <u>7:30</u> Theatre | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 <u>1:00 - 3:00</u> B-Lovers VI | 9 | 10 <u>9:15</u> Walking Grp. <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 - 10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII | 11 | 12 <u>9 a.m.</u> General Mtg. |
| 13 | 14 <u>11:30 - 1:30</u> Dining Out | 15 <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers V | 16 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers IV | 17 <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg 3 - 5 p.m. Brd. Mtg. | 18 | 19 |
| 20 <u>2:00 - 5:00</u> Foreign Affairs | 21 <u>11 -1:30</u> Current Issues | 22 | 23 | 24 <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Foreign film | 29 | 30 | 31 <u>1:00 - 4:00</u> Mah Jongg | | |

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| Tues. | 5 | Booklovers I (1:30-3:30) |
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| Wed. | 6 | Booklovers II (1-3:30) |
| Wed. | 6 | Booklovers VII (1:30-3:30) |
| Thurs. | 7 | Mah Jongg (1-4) |
| Thurs. | 7 | Booklovers III (7-10 p.m.) |
| Sat. | 9 | Branch Gen. Mtg. (9-11:30) |
| Tues. | 12 | ELECTION DAY |
| Tues. | 12 | Booklovers VI (1-3) |
| Thurs. | 14 | Walking Group (all day) |
| Thurs. | 14 | Mah Jongg (1-4) |

| Thurs. | 14 | Booklovers VIII (7-10) |
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| Mon. | 18 | Current Issues (11-1:30) |
| Tues. | 19 | Booklovers V (1:30-3:30) |
| Wed. | 20 | Booklovers IV (1-3:30) |
| Thurs | 21 | PACE THANKSGIVING (11–1) |
| Thurs. | 21 | Mah Jongg (1-4) |
| Sun. | 24 | Foreign Affairs (2-5) |
| Mon. | 25 | Foreign films (1-4) |
| Wed. | 27 | CHANUKAH BEGINS SUNSET |
| Thurs. | 28 | THANKSGIVING |
| Thurs. | 28 | Walking: Optional Turkey Trot |
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