



Orlando * Winter Park BRANCHLINE

Holiday Boutique

Join our Holiday Gift Boutique for your last minute shopping. On Saturday, December 8 our monthly meeting will include brunch, music "to shop by" and lots of interesting gifts for the Holidays. We will enjoy brunch from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with a short business meeting. Then shop for some of the following items: jewelry; hand-sewn decorative items; wickless candles; picture bracelets; tea gift baskets; fashion accessories; kitchenware; cards and notepads; and assorted lovely gift items. Invite your friends and join us for a festive gathering. Make your list now and support this local talent as we raise money for the AAUW Education Funds.



Jean Walker

Music provided by **pianist, Lynn Pigheny**; B.Music, UCF; entertains at Portofino Hotel @ Universal Studios, teaches piano at Lake Highland Preparatory School, accompanies Bach Youth Choir.

GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8, 2012
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:

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407-971-0565
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**Make checks payable to
AAUW Orlando/Winter Park
and mail to:
Pat Stamm
1730 Fox Glen Ct.
Winter Springs, FL 32708**

Winter is supposed to last from around December 21 to about March 21 or in other words (words which we have never quite understood) from the winter solstice to the vernal equinox. On December 21 or 22 the sun enters Capricorn, originating from the constellation of Capricornus, the tenth sign of the zodiac, represented by a figure which is part goat and part fish, a combination you don't come upon every day.



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

From the President's Desk



The holiday season is upon us and, as we turn our thoughts and plans to preparations for celebrations with family and friends, I hope all of you will join us at our holiday December meeting. Lynn Pigheny at the piano is sure to put us in the holiday spirit while we enjoy a delicious breakfast and socialization with our AAUW sisters. Jean Walker has festively orchestrated a fabulous holiday boutique with many interesting vendors for our shopping pleasure, and I personally can't wait! Please remember to bring your generous spirit and come prepared to do some serious shopping for our mission--advancing equity for women and girls. AAUW's mission can only continue through our continuous generosity. And don't forget your "miracle box(s)."

In the spirit of AAUW celebrations, as we close our door to 2012, we can celebrate the tireless efforts and contributions of our members and the many accomplishments our branch achieved and enjoyed over the past few months. I would like to mention only a few, including:

- * Welcoming 38 new members to our branch;
- * Enjoying interesting and informative programs;
- * Plans to host a screening of *The Invisible War*;
- * Passionate contributions to PACE;
- * Outstanding issues of the *Branchline*;
- * New and exciting special interest groups;
- * Website updates including *Facebook*.

I thank you for playing an integral role in our branch and look forward to continuing to move AAUW's mission forward into 2013.

Wishing all of you peace and joy this holiday season!



Myra Gaziano, President
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park



MINUTES FROM THE NOV. 10, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

On November 10, 2012, forty-five Branch members and guests met for breakfast to hear Star Barto, director of *RSVP* (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). President Myra Gaziano and members of the executive board attended a Florida AAUW leadership training, so the meeting was led by Joan Rinaldi, Vice President for Programs. Ms. Barto gave a presentation about the many exciting volunteer opportunities coordinated by *RSVP*. Many of the programs which recruit volunteers are related to improving education opportunities for children in our communities.

Following the program, Board members and committee chairpersons gave reports. Florence Snow reminded us of the important work done by the Legal Advocacy Fund, and pointed out the opportunity to contribute to the fund in the

baskets placed on each table. We also heard a reminder about the film event scheduled for January 14, 2013. Jean Walker summarized plans for the Holiday Boutique Fundraiser to be held at the December 8 meeting. Barbara Knapp displayed a sample of the "Miracle Box" gift boxes for the PACE students. Martha Williamson summarized activities of the special interest groups. Karen Buchan announced that the local scholarship application is available on the Branch website. Hanna Kruczek continued distribution of the 2013 membership directories. Hanna also announced the inauguration of the new *Facebook* page for the Branch. Eleanore Cowan coordinated the sign-up for the remaining items needed for the PACE Thanksgiving lunch.

Rosemary Vendena for Missy Baker

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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.

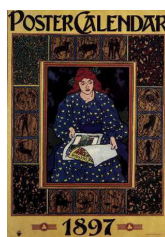


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Calendars

I am asking all members to collect any NEW 2012 calendars and bring them to the next AAUW function. These will be collected at Booklovers meetings or at the AAUW board meetings and forwarded to me. I will distribute these in early January to elderly and disabled adults in Winter Park who live on very minimal fixed incomes and would be delighted to have a free calendar in which to record appointments and outings.



Linda Hinckley



NOTE THESE CHANGES

Joan Rinaldi's new phone no. is 407-622-1669

Please change **Shay Miri Silver** on page 29 of the AAUW 2012-2013 Directory to **Shay Silver**

Emily Hartmeyer's address should be 546 Lake Avenue, Altamonte, FL 32701



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Orlando/Winter Park Branch Scholarship form is available on the website.

Applications should be mailed to Karen Buchan. The deadline is March 1.



JANUARY 14, 2013

The Orlando/Winter Park Branch of AAUW will sponsor a "Wine and Cheese" event to be held on January 14, 2013, at 7 p.m. at the University Club of Winter Park and will show the film: *The Invisible War* (see more information on page 9).

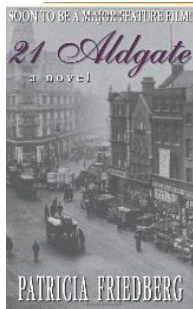
MARCH 9, 2013

Literary Luncheon at the University Club of Winter Park (11:30 a.m.)

Guest Speaker:

Patricia Friedberg (*21 Aldgate*)

21 Aldgate is the captivating story of one Jewish family's experience of living in East London prior to and during the blitz in World War II.



APRIL 19–21, 2013

AAUW 2013 Florida State Convention
April 19-21, 2013, at the Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland, FL (check future Branchlines for more details).

JUNE 9–12, 2013

AAUW 2013 National Convention
"Leading Across Generations" in New Orleans, LA
June 9-12, 2013, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans (see below for more details).



AAUW 2013 National Convention "Leading Across Generations"

Join fair pay advocate Lilly Ledbetter, TV host Melissa Harris-Perry, and a thousand AAUW members and supporters who are eager to learn, network, and share in New Orleans for the 2013 AAUW National Convention!

Convention registration doesn't open until December 4, but you can start making plans today! The following pre- and post-convention tours are now available for booking through TravelSmart Partners:

- Jazz cruise and dinner on the historic steamboat Natchez
- Haunted graveyards and courtyards of the French Quarter
- Early-morning French Quarter walking tour, including beignets at Café du Monde
- All-day plantation tour and lunch
- "Gumbo and Po' Boys and Pralines, Oh My!" New Orleans cooking class in the French Quarter
- Mardi Gras world tour — coming soon!
- National World War II Museum — coming soon!

Visit our convention website to learn more about Harris-Perry and to see other exciting convention announcements. Help us make the 2013 National Convention in New Orleans one for the ages!

Remember, the early bird gets the worm. Prizes will be given at random to those who register from December 4, 2012, to February 3, 2013!



Our branch has 21 Special Interest Groups (8 are Booklovers) listed below. Two more launched plans this month. Groups often work together as they did at the Thanksgiving dinner coordinated by the PACE Support Group, funding, cooking, serving and cleaning up. In December all leaders may assist by collecting holiday gift boxes we donate to the PACE girls and bringing them to our Boutique.

Contact the Interest Group chairperson below to sign up and/or get information. If you do not receive a response within a week, please let me (Martha Williamson) know.
407 677-1186 bibliamor@aol.com

Booklovers: Coordinator (8 groups) Nancy Osterberg (972-922-1096) nsosterberg@gmail.com

Bridge Group: Chair Ginny Gillmer (321-765-7598) virginia.gillmer@gmail.com

Bucket List Bunch: Chair Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) patsnpans@yahoo.com

Dining In Group: Chair Karen Buchan (407-427-3501) buchankg@webster.edu

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

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

Museums/Galleries Group: Chair Dee Smith (407-876-4986) deedadocent@aol.com

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Progress for Women Group: Chair Abby Lemay (321-439-6994) alemay@stetson.edu

Social Tennis Group: Chair Marlene Freelove (407-803-2027) marlenefreelove@gmail.com

Theatre Group: Chair Karen Buchan (407-427-3501) buchankg@webster.edu

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



There will be NO film in December. Best wishes for a healthy holiday season. See you in January.

Linda Fessel



There will be NO meeting in December.

Happy Holidays from Juanita and JoAnn



An organizational cocktail party meeting is planned for Friday, December 7, at 7 p.m. at Myra Gaziano's home in Lake Mary. Group members and others are invited. Please bring an appetizer to share and RSVP to: Karen Buchan. We are planning to car-pool from Winter Park.



BOOKLOVERS

There is NO book selection for December. All Booklovers Groups will meet instead at an area restaurant or at a member's home.

If you are interested in joining a Booklovers Group that meets at 7 p.m., please contact Lynda Hinckley, hinckley_j@bellsouth.net, in the Winter Park area, OR Beth McCarty, emccarty@darden.com, in the Dr. Phillips area. Both groups would welcome new members.

No tours are scheduled in December.

Please let me know how many of you are interested in the Contemporary Glass Sculpture, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Studio Glass at the Orlando Museum of Art.

I can give you the tour on Thursday, January 17, with lunch following somewhere in the vicinity.

More info will be forthcoming by means of e-mail, but I would like to get an idea of a head count for tour and lunch ASAP.

Contact Dee Smith at any time with questions or suggestions for tours
407-876-4986

E-mail: deedadocent@aol.com



The next scheduled event is **"My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra"** at The Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Avenue, Winter Park 32789. Plan to attend the 2 p.m. matinee on Thursday, Feb. 7 (\$28). Please contact Karen Buchan for more information and to make a reservation. Guests welcome.

As another year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the Branchline in 2011-2012. We hope that you will continue to support YOUR newsletter in 2013. From the entire Branchline staff, we would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and the healthiest and happiest of new years.



If you enjoy strolling with friends from AAUW, join this new interest group for one of our scenic walking tours. Contact Lois Kolski by email: Lkolski@aol.com or by phone (407 352 1146). We meet on a Thursday or Friday once each month. The walks range from 1 to 3 miles accompanied by background or historical information about the area. Breakfast or brunch follows at a nearby restaurant. Information for bi-monthly weekend walks, which are organized by the Mid-Florida Milers Walking group of Winter Park/Orlando, is provided to interested members of our group.

We have organized 3 walks to date. In September we walked The Lake Eola Excursion. During this scenic walk in downtown Orlando, members of our group shared historical information about the area. A stop at Panera Bread allowed us to formulate the goals for our group. In October we tackled The Lake Lily Excursion. In addition to our scenic walk around Lake Lily, we were guided through the nearby neighborhood, visiting the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Waterhouse Residence Museum, an 1884 restored home. Breakfast/lunch at First Watch topped off the morning. November's scenic walk takes us through Celebration, a town developed by Disney in 1996. Details will follow!

Future Plans:

December – no walk planned

January – Tentative plan to visit to one of our state parks. . . stay tuned.

February – Tour around Lake Cherokee & Lake Davis and then Greenwood Cemetery.

We would love to have you join us!



AAUW GIVES THANKS FOR . . .

The American Association of University Women would like to pause this Thanksgiving to give thanks for the many opportunities and advancements for women and girls during 2012.

Although there is no way for us to list all of the advances we have seen this year, here are just a few to reflect upon and give thanks:

We are thankful to the AAUW states, branches, and coalition partners that made voter education and mobilization a priority as part of the AAUW Action Fund *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* campaign. With your work and commitment, we challenged millennial women to make their voices heard—and they were.

We are thankful for the record number of women elected to Congress: 20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and three delegates in the House. We are particularly grateful for the states that elected their first female Senators—Hawaii, Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin—and the other "firsts" in the 2012 elections, which broke representation barriers for religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



We are thankful for CNN Anchor Candy Crowley for skillfully moderating the October 16 presidential debate and serving as a role model for women across the country.

We are thankful for the U.S. Olympic Team sending more female athletes than male athletes for the first time in history, and we are thankful that women won 29 of the U.S. teams' 46 gold medals. We are also thankful that 16-year-old Gabby Douglas became the first black woman to win a gold medal in the individual all-around gymnastics competition at the Olympics.



We are thankful for the health and bravery of Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old girl who was shot last month in Pakistan because of her work documenting Taliban atrocities and promoting women's education. We are also thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support from around the globe as Malala recovers.

We are thankful that the Susan G. Komen Foundation restored grants to Planned Parenthood for cancer screenings following a national uproar that included AAUW's decision to sever a tie with the foundation's Race for the Cure.

We are thankful for Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), who asked,

"Where are the women?" before walking out, along with Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), in protest from a House committee hearing on birth control that featured all male witnesses.



We are thankful for Sandra Fluke, the smart Georgetown Law student who parlayed House GOP blockage of her testimony and attacks by Rush Limbaugh into becoming the new voice of the year for women's rights.

We are thankful for the Senate-passed, bipartisan Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, which builds on the success of previous reauthorizations, addresses the needs of all victims nationwide, and includes important campus safety provisions. AAUW will continue to pressure the House to agree to this vital reauthorization.

We are thankful for the 40th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the landmark legislation ensuring equal opportunity in education for all students.

Speaking of 40th anniversaries, we are thankful for the 40th anniversary of the Pell grant program, an indispensable part of millions of students' dreams of higher education in the United States.

We are thankful that Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger became the first female four-star Air Force general and the second female military officer to receive four stars. We are also thankful for the Pentagon's recommendation that women be allowed to serve in more jobs closer to the front lines, a move that would open around 14,000 additional jobs to women, and for the Marine Corps' decision to open its infantry course to women for the first time.



We are thankful for President Barack Obama's endorsement of AAUW priority anti-bullying legislation, the Student Nondiscrimination Act and Safe Schools Improvement Act.

We are thankful for the Obama administration's creation of the Master Teacher Corps program to boost science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, part of the administration's ongoing efforts to produce 100,000 additional math and science teachers in the next 10 years.

We are thankful that courts have blocked state attempts to defund Planned Parenthood in Indiana, Arizona, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

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AAUW GIVES THANKS FOR . . .*Continued*

We are thankful that the Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act in a complex 5-4 decision in June 2012. AAUW believes that, although not perfect by any stretch, many of the reforms included in the Affordable Care Act will improve the collective health of the American people.

We are thankful for AAUW members and supporters who generously give of their time, talents, and treasures to empower all women and girls to advance their educations, increase their economic security, and develop their leadership skills.

And of course, we are thankful for you, the AAUW Action Network, for your enthusiastic advocacy to break through educational and economic barriers to ensure that all women have a fair chance. Your hundreds of thousands of letters and phone calls to members of Congress and the White House provide a clarion call to all policymakers about the importance of the rights of women and girls everywhere.

From all of us at AAUW to our more than 150,000 members, donors, and supporters nationwide: Best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and a safe and joyful beginning to your holiday season.

Barbara Knapp

**PUBLIC POLICY**

As early as 1922 AAUW has fought to end wage discrimination. Yet the battle continues to be waged. In 2009 President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Wage Law, but women who work full-time still only receive about 77 cents for every dollar men earn. The wage gap has real serious consequences. Women are increasingly the primary breadwinners in their households. In our economic recession with high unemployment in which more women than ever before are the sole or primary sources of household income, the wage gap undermines the family's economic security. It also lowers total lifetime earnings, thereby reducing financial stability in retirement. We need to continue to fight for equitable pay for all women, not just those who work full-time. We need to write our

representatives and express to them the need to include wage discrimination based on race, jobs that are comparable but not identical, part-time and contingent workers. LETTER-WRITING TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY.

Susan Hoke

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Thanks to all our members for your generous contributions to the Legal Advocacy Fund and your support of the good work they do in fighting injustices against women.

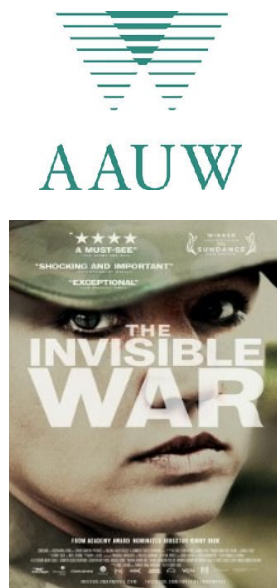
Florence Bacas Snow
LAF Advocate

When the industrial revolution began revolving in the U.S., women became a key part of the labor force, especially in the textile industry. Owners loved it: pay 'em a pittance, provide abysmal conditions—females would acquiesce. Surprise: Sometimes they didn't. In 1828, and frequently thereafter, women from New Hampshire and other states began striking.

In Taunton, MA, sixty young women protesting a wage cut walked off the job, led by a twenty-year-old preacher named Salome Lincoln. Weaver Lincoln, who

took on millwork so she could continue to preach, tried to keep her group united. With no support or strike fund, the workers caved in, returning to the job one by one. But Salome Lincoln held firm—an early, nearly forgotten Norma Rae in the centuries-long fight for a job that wouldn't kill you or exploit you.





AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
ORLANDO/WINTER PARK BRANCH

Presents

The Invisible War

Monday January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The Invisible War is a groundbreaking investigative documentary about one of our country's most shameful and best kept secrets: the epidemic of rape within our US military. Today, a female soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire with the number of assaults in the last decade alone in the hundreds of thousands.

Focusing on the powerfully emotional stories of several young women, the film reveals the systemic cover-up of the crimes against them and follows their struggles to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. *The Invisible War* features hard-hitting interviews with high-ranking military officials and members of Congress that reveal the perfect storm conditions that exist for rape in the military, its history of cover-up and what can be done to bring about much needed change.

Held at: **The University Club of Winter Park**
(At the intersection of N. Park Avenue and Webster Avenue, Winter Park)

Refreshments: Wine & Cheese

Admission: \$10

To reserve, please mail check to:

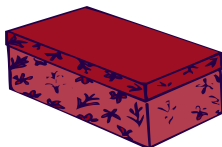
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Many, many thanks to Pat Stamm, our illustrious manager of the PACE Thanksgiving Feast, and to all her committee and branch members who provided food and labor to give the PACE girls, families and staff an absolutely outstanding

meal. More parents attended this year than ever before according to Executive Director Dee Rosado-Chan which is exciting both to us and to the girls themselves. Thank you!

If you have not yet brought your Miracle Box to the branch, please bring it on December 8. If you are unable to attend our December meeting (and you should really make the effort as it will be outstanding!) you may take it to your interest group and it will be picked up. I am also available to pick up boxes – 407-282-5449 or jbknapps@cfl.rr.com. At this time the distribution of these boxes is TBA. You are invited to attend this holiday party, and I will make sure an e-mail goes out with the date when it is determined.



If you are asked about PACE and are at a loss for words, here is a sample “speech” from our Corporate Headquarters in Jacksonville:

“PACE saves girls’ lives. We give them a nurturing, supportive environment that many of them have not experienced in a long time –perhaps ever. They are beautiful, vibrant, amazing young women who have lost sight of their potential and self-worth. Some have suffered abuse and neglect or been bullied at school. Others have stopped going to school altogether or made poor choices. Some have been arrested. One thing they all have in common, though, is they need us. PACE comes into their lives and believes in them when they no longer believe in themselves. PACE is the only statewide gender-specific program of its kind. Our nationally-recognized holistic model gives girls the academic education, counseling support, life skills, and empowerment they need to build meaningful and productive lives. PACE produces powerful, tangible results every year: Ninety-three percent of PACE girls improve their academic performance and 91% remain crime-free after completing the program. There are 17 Centers in Florida.”

If you would like to visit the Center and meet one or two of the girls, please contact me and we will set up a tour:- 407-282-5449 or jbknapps@cfl.rr.com.

Barbara Knapp

Dear AAUW Sisters,

To all of who participated in the PACE Thanksgiving in kind, cooking or serving I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are truly an amazing group of women.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their day and your culinary delights. They were still talking about the feast the next day.

The next major event for PACE is the distribution of the Miracle Boxes. All Boxes should be in by the next meeting, December 8. They will be distributed on the last day of school and all are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Knapp, Anne Landrum or myself.

To you, my Sisters and your families, I wish you health, happiness, and peace in this holiday season, and may your new year be filled with every good blessing.

Pat Stamm



See more pictures of PACE Thanksgiving on page 11.

General Meeting, November 10, 2012: Guest Speaker: Star Barto, Director of RSVP**PACE Thanksgiving: November 15, 2012**

“As we look back . . . we sometimes get the feeling that the whole world is worsening. It would be easy to become depressed about the future, and yet . . .

. . . And yet we are not. As we approach the end of the year, we find ourselves feeling hope, optimism, and a warm glow of happiness. Why? Because we’ve been hitting the eggnog. We recommend you do the same. But whatever you do: Have a Happy New Year.

Dave Barry’s *History of the Millennium*



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**“...because
EQUITY IS STILL
AN ISSUE.**

AAUW and the AAUW Educational Foundation

MISSION: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Advocating for Women and Girls

Equity is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and change makers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women's equity in all areas of life and work.

**For more information about AAUW, call the
HELPLINE, 1-800-326-2289, Mon.-Fri., 10am –
5pm EST or go online: helpline@aauw.org**