



ORLANDO * WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

Our May speaker, Dr. Laurence J. Ruggiero, will be filling in for Dr. Richard Lapchick who was unable to speak to us this month. We hope to have Dr. Lapchick speak at a future meeting.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Laurence J. Ruggiero



Dr. Laurence J. Ruggiero is director of The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park, Florida, which houses the most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany in the world.

Under Dr. Ruggiero's direction, the Morse recently completed a 12,000-square-foot new wing that provides permanent exhibition space for the Museum's collection of objects and architectural elements from

Tiffany's Long Island home, Laurelton Hall. In 1999, he directed the extensive conservation and installation project: Tiffany's 1893 chapel interior designed for the World's Columbian Exposition.

Before he joined the Morse in 1992, Dr. Ruggiero was director of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida, Executive Director of the Oakland Museum Association in California, and assistant to the president of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the History of Art from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting from Boston University.



GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
April 14, 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
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not keep your reservation.**

Message From the President

While T.S.Eliot wanted us to remember, "April is the cruelist month," we Floridians find April to be a charge into the year ahead and not nearly as rainy as he was talking about as we wait patiently for each drop that comes. With the refreshment of spring, our branch started off with another enjoyable and inspiring literary luncheon looked over expertly by Myra Gaziano and her committee. We are so fortunate to have members like Linda Dunlap who so aptly finds us a literary speaker each year. All elements that go into an event of that kind were well handled and our guests have praise for all.

We move on and into our closing months with yet excellent programs for our monthly meetings. All of the information for this month is included in this newsletter as well as many important announcements from board members and from interest groups.

With our new Recording Secretary on board, we can bring you information on board meetings and general

meetings here in the newsletter each month. Board members are busy thinking and finalizing with their committees what details must be met for this year.

One event that is very important this coming month is our annual AAUW State Convention. We are hoping, since it is in such a wonderful location, that many of you can attend. I would appreciate notification of any members planning to go. This can help the board make decisions on allotments and help us keep track of delegates. Please visit your Florivision on line to find all of the information for attending. This is coming quickly now and we need to make some commitments.

One of the issues that we all need to be a part of is the new bills coming to the Florida legislature on Education: See below and plan to "Take Action."

**Dr. Carol Ancona, President
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park**

New Bills Coming to the Florida Legislature on Education

Take Action!

Many changes have come before the Florida Legislature and its committees in the past few weeks. There are bills and committees working to find the minimal amount that can be given per capita for student education. Florida is already at the bottom. Districts will be forced to give their money to for-profit or investor-run charter schools. This will force closure of public schools. Charter schools are encouraged to expand, adding more students and grades, while they do not have to be evaluated by FCAT. There is a meager evaluation process being proposed, but the stricter one has been eliminated. However, research has shown that a large number of charter schools have failed. There is a proposal in committee to limit how much enrichment can be added to the curriculum, while money for textbooks and other supplies are being cut severely. Teachers are being encouraged to go on a merit pay system, when there is no money for merit pay. More and more state tests are being pushed on public school children, to the point that it is often impossible to find time for curriculum—only test-taking skills. Ten years of Texas research (which our system is based on) has shown that standardized testing is a failure in public schools. Physical education for middle school kids will be eliminated as a requirement, creating more obesity, having kids without electives and kids, with too much energy, who will no longer have a place to use it. That will create more behavioral problems, creating the illusion that the schools are at fault—not the government—for coming up with a plan that is anti-student. Those students with learning problems, who have remedial classes in addition to regular classes, and those from families who are poor and can't afford outside sports will be the worst affected. They are the ones who need it most. Medical care and public hospital care is being cut. Millions of dollars have been returned to the Federal government while people struggle. Our government is punishing people who are poor or struggling. There is already a huge prison population (1 of 7) in Florida. This is increasing with the use of for-profit prisons. When all other doors are closed, crime remains open. We are creating a new slavery. Is this really the future we want?.

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From the Membership Director**Your 2012-2013 AAUW Dues are due**

The 2011-2012 Membership year will end on June 30, 2012. It is time for you to renew your AAUW Membership now.

If you would like to win a free membership for the 2012-2013 AAUW year, send in your check today. All the names of the people who renew their dues now will be entered into a drawing, which will take place at the May meeting. As you know, we send \$49 dues to Washington AAUW, \$12 to Florida State AAUW; and we keep \$14 for the Orlando/Winter Park Branch. Members do not have to be present to be entered into the drawing.

Make your \$75.00 check out to "AAUW-Orlando/Winter Park" and mail to:
Rosemary Vendena
291 Isle of Sky Cir.
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Or you may submit your dues checks at the April or at the beginning of the May breakfast meetings.

Note: Those who joined AAUW after March 15, 2012 are included in a 15-month membership, up to June 30, 2013, and do not have to submit another check now. If you are not sure of your status, contact Rosemary at [407-282-1023](tel:407-282-1023) or rovendena@hotmail.com

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE THREE LUCKY PEOPLE TO WIN A REFUND?

Barbara Buchele

Give a grad a gift of a free AAUW membership

AAUW members can give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, or nephew—a free AAUW membership within two years of graduation. If you know someone whom you think would be interested in joining AAUW, log on to the National AAUW website and fill out the form. The graduate will then become a member-at-large, at no cost to you or the grad. If your grad would like to become affiliated with a branch, she or he will have to join a local branch and will be responsible for paying the state and local branch dues.

Barbara Buchele

From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee proposes the following amended slate of officers to serve terms from July 1, 2012-June 30, 2014:

Myra Gaziano for Branch President
Barbara Buchele for Branch Vice President for Membership
Pat Stamm for Branch Finance Director

Our membership will vote at the General Meeting in April, 2012

Martha Williamson

Interest Groups

- Booklovers (6 Groups) *
- Foreign Films
- Colleges & Universities
- Dining Out/Potpourri
- Foreign Affairs
- Garden Group
- Museums/Galleries
- Out-to-Lunch

Foreign Affairs

Co-Chairs:
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TOPIC: "Promoting democracy : foreign policy imperative?"

DATE: Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Hostess/Moderator: Cynthia Tomlinson

For further information, contact Juanita.

AAUW members are urged to check out this stimulating group.

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.

Our next film (TBA) will be presented on Monday, April 30, 2012.

Museums/Galleries

Many of you have expressed an interest in participating, but we need someone to head up this activity. Perhaps two of you would be willing to co-chair? In the past, each member took a turn organizing and planning a visit. It is not difficult or time-consuming. It would be a pity to let this group die because no one is willing to make the effort. Dee Smith would be happy to get you started and assist when necessary. Contact Dee: 407-876-4986 (deedadocent@aol.com)

As if to prove just how many of you are really interested in this group, Dee planned a tour to see a private collection on Saturday, March 31. So many of you signed up for *The Neville-Strass Collection: American Women Artists 1819-1947* (Mrs. Strass will conduct the tour of the 50 paintings) that an additional tour was added that day, and Dee has begun a wait list for a future tour.

What a wonderful opportunity right in our own backyard. Kudos to Dee for putting this together! (ed.)

Booklovers

**AAUW Booklovers are forming two new book groups to meet once each month beginning in September. One group will meet in Winter Park in the afternoon, and the other group will meet in the Dr. Phillips area in the evening. We will have informational meetings (meet & greet with treats) in July or August.

Please email Nancy Osterberg, nsosterberg@gmail.com, or call her at 407-363-0269 if you would like to be included in either group. I hope to see you there!

(Booklovers information continued next page)

Bald eagles aren't bald. In Middle English, *balded* meant "white," and over the years, the word was shortened to *bald*. That's why the American eagle, with its white-feathered head, is called the bald eagle. *Piebald* ("part white") is used to refer to dogs with white spots.

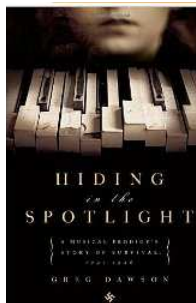


It's called a *flea market* because in the olden days most secondhand items had fleas, right? Actually the term *flea market* comes from Dutch colonial days and their *vallie* (valley) markets. Over the years, *vallie* was shortened to *vlie* (pronounced "flee") and eventually got Americanized to *flea*.



Booklovers

FOR ALL AAUW MEMBERS:



We have a wonderful opportunity to meet Greg Dawson, author of *Hiding in the Spotlight* on **Tuesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Library**. Mr. Dawson, a columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, tells the true story of his mother, Zhanna, who survived the WWII Nazi occupation of her native Ukraine by performing classical music for the unsuspecting Nazi officers.

Greg and his wife, our own Candy Dawson, will be present on April 17 to discuss this fascinating book and to present a very brief film about this story. Both Greg and Candy Dawson will be happy to answer questions from the audience.

The WP Library Community Room seats up to 90 people, so this event is definitely open to all AAUW members (and friends). Several of our members have seen a similar presentation and each was quite moved by the experience.

Soft cover books are available online from Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Hope to see you there.

Nancy Osterberg

April 2012 Selection

All Booklovers groups will be reading *Hiding in the Spotlight* by Greg Dawson.

May 2012 Selection

All Booklovers groups will be reading *Cross Creek* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Pulitzer Prize-winning author). Originally published in 1942, *Cross Creek* has become a classic of modern American literature. This is the story of Kinnan Rawlings' experiences in the remote hamlet of Cross Creek and her concern for the ecology before the term was popularized.

BOOKLOVERS COORDINATOR: Nancy Osterberg 407-363-0269 nsosterberg@gmail.com

Booklovers I: meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month in Winter Park. Contact Doris Scott doris27m@aol.com 407-831-6652

Booklovers II: meets on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month in assorted locations. Contact Marianne McKinney; mmckinran@cfl.rr.com; 407-492-3003

Booklovers III: will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, at the home of Lyn Shapiro in Maitland. Moderator: Carrie Patterson. Contact Juanita Blumberg at 407-327-0398 (juanitablu@yahoo.com.) or Lynda Hinkley — hinckley_j@bellsouth.net for information.

Booklovers IV: meets on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month in Lake Mary. Contact Christine Brown. catbird@cfl.rr.com 407-774-9501

Booklovers V: meets on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month in south Orange County. Contact Lois Kolski. Lkolski@aol.com 407-352-1146

Booklovers VI: will meet at the home of Grace Smith, 8600 Port Said St., Orlando, FL 32817 (424-744-0104), at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Grace Smith: gsmith1131@gmail.com.

PACE



A great big thank you to AAUW member Candy Dawson for an awesome job with educating and entertaining the PACE girls and the audience with a sprightly-written script around Women's History Month.

She was able to combine her work with AAUW (adding one more year of providing a program for PACE during Women's History Month) with her Altrusa membership (an annual fashion show fundraiser) by writing a script to educate us about awesome women through the decades and having the PACE girls perform in costume. And Altrusa generously provided 50% of the profits to PACE! This was a win-win for three organizations!

A wonderful addition was borrowing an authentic bomber jacket from member Barbara Buchele for the portrayal of Amelia Earhart. Barbara's Mother was a WASP in World War II and Barbara had pictures of her mother in uniform and wearing the bomber jacket. Another thank you to all



the AAUW members who attended.

With the slow economy and the cuts in the Governor's budget, the annual fundraiser for PACE will be more important than ever. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 25, 12 noon to 1 p.m.** for the **Portraits of PACE luncheon** at the **Doubletree Hotel at I-4 and Lake Ivanhoe**. As many of you know, there is no charge for this luncheon and parking is free. You will be asked for a donation but it is not mandatory because it is also an awareness event where we can introduce PACE to those who don't know of its existence. If you have friends, neighbors or relatives who may be interested in supporting an organization like PACE, please tell them about it and invite them to the luncheon. Barbara Knapp, Pat Stamm and Joan Rinaldi are Table Captains and would love to have names to submit. Please check your directory and call one of them to make your reservation now.

Thank you for all you do for the PACE ladies!

Barbara Knapp

Message From the Finance Director

Spring is a busy time for Branch financial activity. We are ready to begin collecting dues for the 2012-2013 year. The annual dues will remain \$75 for National, Florida, and Branch combined. You can pay at the April or May meetings, or mail your check (made out to AAUW Orlando/Winter Park) to:

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The Executive Board has approved a branch budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. A copy of that budget will be on your tables at the April 14 General Meeting. As part of our Annual Meeting, the members will be asked to ratify the budget. I encourage you to take a few minutes to read it over, along with the regular monthly Financial Reports for February and March.

Rosemary Vendena



Message From the Director of Fundraising

I extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who supported and worked to make our 2012 literary luncheon a success.

It was truly a pleasure to be a member of such an organized and detail-oriented team. Together our AAUW branch raised approximately \$1,300. All proceeds support the educational foundation to ensure that AAUW's 130 year mission—"to educate women for a lifetime of success" continues.

Myra Gaziano

From Our Members



Linda Dunlap and Martha Williamson will present installment two of their Tolstoy Series. On Thursday, May 17 at 10 a.m. they will review *Anna Karenina* at the University Club of Winter Park. One of two famous novels of adulterous passion (the other is *Madame Bovary*), most of us read it in our own peak romantic years. How does it hold up when read later in life? Come and see.

[Tatiana Samoilova as Anna in the 1967 Soviet screen version of Tolstoy's novel]

FROM THE LITERARY LUNCHEON MARCH 10, 2012: GUEST SPEAKER - POET CAROL FROST



President, Carol Ancona



Finance Director Rosemary Vendena



Cathy Giordano



Carol Frost and Christine Brown



Linda Dunlap and Susan Hoke

Taxpayer's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we beseech you in our hour of need to look down kindly on your humble taxpaying servants, who have given all we possess to the almighty Internal Revenue Service. Grant us that we have completed our Form 1040 correctly so no power will find fault with it. We pray to God that we have added lines 7 through 22 accurately, and that we have subtracted line 31 from line 23 so our adjusted gross income is computed to their divine satisfaction. We ask you, O Lord, to protect our exemptions and bless our deductions as outlined in Schedule A (Form 1040, see pages 17 through 20 of instruction booklet). Have mercy on those of us who failed to wisely estimate our payments during the year and must now borrow from Peter to pay Paul. Blessed are they who spent more than they earned and contributed so much to the economy. Give us the strength, Lord, so that we may dwell in a lower tax bracket forever and ever (as outlined in Publication 17, the revised 1984 edition). Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of bankruptcy (see tax tables, tax rate Schedule X, Y, Z, or, if applicable, Schedule D or Schedule G), there is no one to comfort us.

Art Buchwald

Public Policy

Women Earn Less than Men at Every Educational Level

A U.S. Census Bureau report found that in every field, at every level of education, women earn less than men. This is even the case in professions typically dominated by women, such as education and the liberal arts. Furthermore, as men and women achieve higher levels of education, the pay gap widens. According to the report, women are required to seek increasingly higher degrees if they hope to equal the pay of their less-educated male peers.



AAUW has long fought to end wage discrimination and believes that equal pay for equal work is a simple matter of justice for women. Wage discrimination affects the economic security of families today and directly affects retirement security as women look down the road.

AAUW strongly supports initiatives that seek to close the persistent and sizable wage gaps between men and women, and minorities as well. To that end, AAUW supports legislation to promote pay equity.



Take Action! Raise awareness about the gender pay gap by getting involved in Equal Pay Day (April 17), the day women finally catch up to what men made, on average, in the previous year! See the AAUW pay equity "Ideas for Action" page on the website.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Supports Title IX Suit against Ball State University

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Legal Advocacy Fund announced that it will provide case support to the Title IX retaliation lawsuit *Bull v. Board of Trustees of Ball State University*.

The lawsuit was filed by Kathy Bull, the former head coach of Ball State University's (BSU) women's tennis team, a position she held for 21 years. She filed the suit under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 after BSU fired her midseason in 2009. Bull alleges that her firing was unlawful retaliation for her vocal advocacy for gender equity in the school's athletics department.

"This case is unbelievable," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Across five years, 11 of the 12 head coaches for women's sports teams resigned or were fired from BSU. Bull spoke out about the treatment she endured and has been penalized for doing so. We are proud to stand with her in her pursuit of fairness for herself and all advocates of equity." The case will go to trial on April 9, 2012, in the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana. AAUW's financial support will help offset the plaintiff's legal costs.

Female Senators Call on House to End Contraception Battle

All dozen female Democratic senators have called on House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) to drop his promise to hold a

vote on the House version of the Blunt amendment. The senators, led by Patty Murray (WA), sent a letter to Boehner on International Women's Day. The letter asks that Boehner not move any more birth control-related legislation. The Senate voted 51-48 to defeat the Blunt amendment, which would have allowed employers to deny coverage of health services, including birth control, based on their own personal objections.

The debate on contraceptive coverage sparked sexist and offensive comments by conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

Limbaugh directed his comments at Georgetown Law student Sandra Fluke, who was recently prevented from testifying at a House hearing on contraception. AAUW condemned Limbaugh's aggressive personal insults and called upon advertisers to pull support from his show. Roughly 50 companies have pulled their business, and one of Limbaugh's shows saw five minutes of dead air.



AAUW has long believed that politicians should not insert themselves into the reproductive health care decision-making process and supports the right of every woman to access safe and comprehensive reproductive health services. AAUW is part of The Coalition to Protect Women's Health Care, which opposes any measure that attempts to restrict or limit the regulation on preventive care services and contraceptive coverage.

State, Local Education Funding Offers Fewer Dollars Per Student

Although state and local funding for higher education remained nearly stagnant in 2011, growing enrollment numbers meant fewer government dollars were spent per student. Numbers for next year are expected to be even worse as enrollment grows and state funding decreases.

AAUW strongly supports making higher education affordable and accessible for all Americans. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that, on average, a worker's annual earnings will nearly double with a college degree compared to a high school degree, and the increase is even higher for women. A college degree also brings economic and social benefits such as increased tax revenues, decreased reliance on public assistance programs, lower unemployment rates, and increased voting, volunteering, and other civic activities. To achieve this, emphasis must be placed on helping students shoulder the economic burden of college attendance costs.



Voter Education Training

At a pre-convention seminar, you're invited to attend an intensive voter education, registration, and turnout campaign training seminar hosted by AAUW of Florida. Florida's training will (con't. next page)

Public Policy (Continued)

be April 20, 2012, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina in Stuart, Florida.

At the training, which is free of charge, you'll learn about building a voter turnout plan, targeting potential voters, the AAUW Action Fund campaign's special focus on women of the Millennial generation (aged 18-30), and using social media and traditional media for public relations. We'll talk about building rela-

tionships with key voting groups and connect you with your state's coalition.

Please attend if you can, and visit us at www.AAUWAction.org to learn more about how you can get involved in the AAUW Action Fund "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" voter turnout campaign!

Barbara Knapp

Legal Advocacy Fund

Don't let them slash the Women's Bureau

The economic outlook is improving, but there's no denying that many American women and families are still struggling to make ends meet. The Department of Labor's Women's Bureau has stood with women workers since 1920 to help women weather recessions and depressions, and they're standing with us today.

Tell your senators: Oppose the heavy proposed cuts to the Women's Bureau budget and staff!

Since its founding almost 100 years ago, the Women's Bureau has helped represent and protect the needs of women in the workforce. In recent years, the Women's Bureau has worked to help women in economic transition obtain employment in high-growth and nontraditional occupations and improve their families' security and well-being. Yet the Obama administration's proposed fiscal year 2013 budget slashes funding for the Bureau by one-fifth and its full time employees by almost 40 percent.

Help lead the charge for women in the workforce: Tell your senators the vital programs of the Women's Bureau should not be abandoned or undermined while women still face substantial and systemic inequalities at work. Ask her or him to oppose these steep cuts to the Bureau!

To send a message asking your senators to oppose cuts to the Women's Bureau, visit [AAUW Two-Minute Activist](#).

Help the Legal Advocacy Fund fight for fair status for women in the workforce to stem the constant favoritism that gives men all positions of authority in businesses. Women CAN do the job!

Joan Rinaldi

What's real fame? When your name becomes generic, like *sandwich* or *guillotine*. Marie Tussaud achieved it; her name is synonymous with "wax head," as in Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, begun in London in 1802.

Oddly enough, Marie's story involves guillotines as well. For years, she'd doodled around, modeling wax heads, taught by her uncle who owned a museum of the things. Eventually she got a part-time job as art tutor to the king of France's sister. You'd think it would add cachet to be a royal hanger-on. But when the French Reign of terror began in 1793, Marie got introduced to a dungeon, imprisoned without even so much as a chunk of Play-Doh.

Things looked grim. Then: *le breakthrough!* While heads were rolling from the guillotine disassembly line, Marie got hired to make death masks from the freshly severed noggins. It wasn't the best job in the world. Some of those severed heads had belonged to her friends.

But Marie gritted her teeth and persisted, producing a frightful array of wax portraits of the famous and infamous departed, including Marie Antoinette. Once the French Terror had subsided, Tussaud (who'd inherited the family collection) moved to London with her family in 1802 so that her heads could find a good home. Ghoulish Londoners went mad for Madame T's Exhibition, especially its Chamber of Horrors, a stroke of marketing genius. She soon had to move to a bigger location on Baker Street.



A waxy Michael

Later, she took her head shop on the road, touring the British Isles with her gallery of rogues, royals and red-hot celebrities. Such was the demand that Madame T. stayed on the circuit for 33 years. After her demise at 90, fire destroyed her building (and most of the earlier French wax heads) in 1925. Three years later, it reopened to the fascination and acclaim it continues to have today.

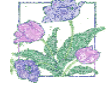


A waxy Charlie

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



GLADYS V. COX (1914—2012)



Gladys V. Cox was born in 1914 to a farming family in Fowler, IN. Gladys went to a business college and became secretary at a meat plant, then earned her Bachelor's degree in dietary studies at Purdue University, becoming a registered dietician. She worked in several hospitals going from manager to clinician to administrator and spent 22 years at Orlando Regional Medical Center. After she retired, she joined a group of other dieticians selected to tour Russia to learn about dietary practices there. Gladys was a member of the Orlando Chapter of the United Nations of America-USA for over 25 years, rising from Membership Chair to President. She was a weekly driver for Meals-on-Wheels for 29 years, retiring on her 93rd birthday. Gladys is a shining example of her own advice to "stay involved" and her goal to help people

"stay connected," belonging to organizations such as the League of Women Voters, United Methodist Women, American Dietetic Association, AAUW and many others.

Gladys joined AAUW on July 1, 1956; our branch celebrated her 50th anniversary in AAUW in 2006. She moved from her house to Westminster Towers about four years ago and attended our January meeting though she had begun to suffer with congestive heart failure. It was always so pleasant to see Gladys's big smile and welcoming hand, as those of us who knew her can attest. She will be sorely missed.

Gladys's final resting place will be at Fowler Cemetery in Indiana where a memorial service will be held.

Gladys Cox

Long before diet-and-exercise
became the mantra
for a long and healthy life,
there was Gladys Cox.

Gladys Cox worked
as a dietitian, clinician,
manager and administrator
at several Orlando area hospitals.

Gladys Cox worked
twenty-two years
at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Gladys Cox was very health conscious—
always ate her vegetables,
always ate very small portions.

Gladys Cox embodied
the ideal of successful aging.
Her mind was sharp,
her apartment filled with books.

Gladys Cox walked and swam,
kept active with travel abroad,
women's groups and Meals-On-Wheels.

Gladys Cox, ninety-seven;
when her health began to fail,
her decline was swift.*

Gladys retired from her position as Booklovers Treasurer in September, 2004. We presented her with a printed certificate of appreciation at the General Meeting in November. She retired because her increasingly severe hearing impairment left her unable to participate fully in book discussions. As our Treasurer we remember how Gladys carried our funds in a coin purse and beseeched us to claim reimbursement for our photocopying.

She was a member of Booklovers II. Most of us lived in the NE quadrant of Orange County. Eventually, however, a meeting was scheduled at Irene Pruzan's home in Williamsburg (South Orange Co.) We had never been there before and were extremely apprehensive. We planned the expedition with great trepidation, repeatedly asking Irene for clarification of directions and consulting maps (pre-GPS era). Finally we decided to carpool in 3 cars. Linda Fessel, the boldest driver, dared to use the Expressway route. The rest of us chose I-4. Meanwhile, Gladys, who lived in central Orlando, said she would drive by herself.

When 2 of the 3 cars arrived at Irene's house, their passengers emotionally drained from the hunt, we were astonished to find Gladys already seated on a couch. About 40 minutes later Linda's car arrived, having been caught behind a wreck on the Expressway. Gladys never revealed her route but denied having any difficulty whatever. At that time Gladys was 29 years older than I was.

As we discussed Willa Cather's *The Song of the Lark* Gladys revealed that she too grew up on a farm without indoor plumbing. She was a true pioneer and a model for her younger admirers.

Martha Williamson

Gladys was a very supportive member of our branch and very excited when she got her niece, Sebra Greenberg, to join. Within a couple of years Sebra was elected President. Gladys was thrilled!

Barbara Knapp

**This poem written by Catherine Giordano, a member of AAUW, is part of a series of poems she has written called News Print Poetry. Each day she takes an article from the Orlando Sentinel, and creates a poem by selecting words from the story, keeping them in their original order, and not adding any new words. This poem was based on the obituary of Gladys Cox that appeared in the paper on March 25, 2012. (Catherine confesses to breaking her "rules" a little with this poem, by reordering some of the stanzas.)*

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