



ORLANDO * WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

APRIL PROGRAM

DR. RICHARD LAPCHICK



Sport: An Effective Instrument of Positive Social Change

Endowed Chair and Director, DeVos Sports Business Management Program, human rights activist, pioneer for racial equality, internationally recognized expert on sports issues, scholar and author, Richard E. Lapchick is often described as "the racial conscience of sport." He brought his commitment to equality and his belief that sport can be an effective instrument of positive social change to the University of Central Florida where he accepted an endowed chair in August 2001. Dr. Lapchick became the only person named as "One of the 100 Most Powerful People in Sport" to head up a sport management program. He remains President and CEO of the National Consortium for Academics and Sport and helped bring the NCAS national office to UCF.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
April 13, 2013
9 a.m.

**NEW LOCATION!
THIS MONTH ONLY!**

Best Western Mount Vernon Inn

110 S. Orlando Avenue
Route 17-92
Winter Park 32789

\$15.00 per person
Reservations Required

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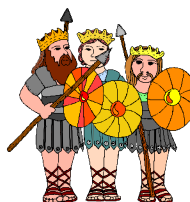
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291 Isle of Sky Circle
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**Reservations must be received
by Tuesday, April 9.**

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

APRILIS

The name of this month is thought to come from the Latin *aperire*, "to open," because this is the season when buds, windows, and umbrellas begin to open. During Nero's reign, it was called *Neroneus*, but as soon as everyone was sure the emperor was dead, the name was changed to April. Otherwise Browning would have written: "Oh to be in England, Now that *Neroneus* is there."



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

April 9 — Equal Pay Day

Do you know why Equal Pay Day will be celebrated on April 9 this year? It symbolically marks the number of extra days women had to work into 2013 in order to earn, on average, as much as their male counterparts did last year. In other words, to match men's earnings, women had to work almost four extra months—January to April 9—to match men's earnings. That is just unbelievable! On a national average, women still earn only 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. The numbers are even worse for minority women who earn only 70 cents for every dollar a man earns. The gulf between men and women's wages also differs depending on the state where you live. The good news for us Floridians, if you can call it good news, women working full time earn about 83 cents to every dollar paid to men. Over a 40-year full-time working career, women lose between \$500,000 to over \$1 million dollars. This wage gap has long-term effects on our financial security. Women have less income for retirement, less Social Security benefits or pension benefits. Additionally, It is not only the loss of wages but our diminished self worth—if work value is reflected in our paychecks, look at the message it is sending to women!

What will it take to remove this financial injustice for over 51% of the US workforce—American women? Pay equity is an AAUW priority and we will continue to fight to end this financial barrier until women are paid 100 cents for every dollar men are paid. This is what we love about AAUW and why we belong, right?

Other reasons we are passionate about AAUW and why we belong . . .

Our 11th annual literary luncheon held on March 9 was just fabulous! Our author, Patricia Friedberg, was a delightful speaker who gave us a very personal account of living during a dark period in history. I think every detail of the glorious day was wonderful, including the delicious lunch, the exquisite spring floral centerpieces, and the beautiful English-themed baskets for raffle. I've received so many positive comments about the event and we sincerely express a big "thank you" to Linda Dunlap, our chair, and everyone on her team who worked so hard to make this event a SUCCESS!

The 2013 AAUW Florida Convention "Turn Challenges into Celebrations," will be held on April 19-21, at the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland. Don't miss the deadline for registration, April 1 for savings. Details are in the current issue of FloriVision.

April's general meeting promises a dynamic speaker that you will not want to miss, Richard Lapchick, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Diversity. Also, Nominating Committee chair, Martha Williamson will present the proposed slate of officers that will be voted by our general membership.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our important April meeting and the state convention.

Myra Gaziano, President
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park

Nominating Committee 2013

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers to serve terms from July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015:

- ◆ Sherry Levy for Branch Vice President for Programs
- ◆ Christine Brown for Branch Recording Secretary for Board Meetings
- ◆ Debbie Raczek for Branch Recording Secretary for General Meetings

Our membership will vote at the General Meeting in April, 2013.

Martha Williamson
Nominating Committee Chair

From the Finance Director

We are ready to collect dues for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. You may bring a check to the April or May meeting, or mail to:

Rosemary Vendena
291 Isle of Sky Circle
Orlando, FL 32828

Refer to the February Branchline for requirements for checks issued from your on-line banking service, or give me a call if you have questions. The total for National, Florida, and Branch membership is still \$75—a real value. Remember, of your \$49 National dues, \$46 is a tax-deductible contribution to AAUW Funds.

Rosemary Vendena
Director of Finance

From the Recording Secretary

Minutes from the Annual Literary Luncheon
March 9, 2013

Patricia Friedberg, author and journalist, charmed 104 AAUW members and guests at the 11th Annual Spring Literary Luncheon, March 9, 2013. President Myra Gaziano opened the program by welcoming attendees at the University Club of Winter Park and recognized community partners from the League of Women Voters and PACE Center for Girls. Following the buffet lunch provided by PLUS Catering, Linda Dunlap introduced Mrs. Friedberg who spoke of the background and inspiration contributing to her novel *21 Aldgate*. Three lucky attendees won gift

baskets and 50/50 raffles, the proceeds of which will benefit the Education Foundation. The author's literary agent, MaryAnn Amato, won the 50/50 and immediately donated her winnings to our branch.

As the program adjourned, Myra thanked Ann Winn and her committee for creating the amaryllis centerpieces and led a round of applause to honor Linda Dunlap, Literary Luncheon Chair, and her committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Baker
Recording Secretary

From the V.P. Membership

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:

Julie Huntley
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Windermere, FL 34786
Email: Julie.huntley@gmail.com
Tel.: [720-937-8722](tel:720-937-8722) (home)
Columbia College, B.A., Business, 1994
University of South Carolina, Masters of Human Resources, 1995

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

The 2012-2013 Membership year will end on June 30, 2013. It is time for you to renew your AAUW Membership now. Over the summer we like to work on the directory and it makes our job easier, if we don't have to spend the summer reminding people to renew their AAUW memberships so that they can be included in the 2013-2014 Directory.

If you would like to win a free national membership for the 2013-2014 AAUW year, send in your check today. All the names of the people who renew their dues before the May general meeting 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.

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SAVE THE DATES!**APRIL 19—21, 2013**

AAUW 2013 Florida State Convention
April 19-21, 2013
at the Sheraton Orlando North,
Maitland, FL

MAY 8, 2013

"Portraits of PACE" luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 8, from 12-1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center in Maitland.

June 9—12, 2013

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

From the V.P. Membership

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Make your \$75.00 check payable to "AAUW-Orlando/Winter Park" and mail to: Rosemary Vendena, 291 Isle of Sky Cir., Orlando, Florida 32828

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, 2013, are included in a 15-month membership, up to June 30, 2014, and do not have to submit another check now. If you are not sure of your status, contact Rosemary at 407-282-1023 or rovendena@hotmail.com

Barbara Buchele

From the Recording Secretary

Minutes from the General Meeting
February 9, 2013

February 9, 2013, 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, Myra Gaziano greeted 46 members and guests who finished breakfast as Joan Rinaldi introduced the morning's two speakers. Heidi Isenhardt, attorney specializing in elder law, spoke of federal and state laws concerning older citizens. Mary Ellen Grant, CEO of Share the Care, Inc., spoke of the needs of the elderly and their families. The speakers generated lots of interest, and many in the audience posed thoughtful questions.

The general meeting included these announcements:

- ◆ Rosemary Vendena assumed the role of branch Financial Director following Pat Stamm's resignation for health reasons.
- ◆ January's airing of *The Invisible War* garnered a wonderful audience response and netted \$179 for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.
- ◆ The April 13 general meeting will be held at the Best Western Mount Vernon Inn at 110 S. Orlando Ave. Winter Park due to a one-time scheduling conflict at the church.
- ◆ January's speaker, columnist Beth Kassab, offered her apology for missing the meeting due to her scheduling error and also offered her hope to speak at a future branch meeting.
- ◆ The AAUW state convention will be held April 19-21 at the Sheraton North/Maitland. Please let Myra Gaziano or Rosemary Vendena know if you will be attending.

- ◆ Thanks to the efforts of local AAUW member M.C. Santana, a Tech Trek one-week camp will be offered to rising 8th grade girls this summer at UCF. The state AAUW requests member donations to fund additional participants. As incentive, a drawing from donor names will be held at the state convention. The winner receives a stay at the Sheraton North/Maitland, a \$1000 value.
- ◆ Rosemary Vendena is forming a committee to draft next year's branch budget. The budget proposal will go to the board in April. Please let Rosemary know if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- ◆ Linda Dunlap's committees are preparing for the Literary Luncheon March 9. Members are asked to help publicize the event/fundraiser. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 6.
- ◆ Karen Buchan reported scholarship applications are due March 1.
- ◆ Martha Williamson updated members on Interest Group activities. She noted that Nancy Osterberg is handing the coordination of Booklovers Groups to Ellen James. Donning another hat, Martha also noted that the Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the board positions of Recording Secretary and Vice President Programs.
- ◆ Eleanore Cowan thanked members for their blankets donated for the homeless.

Myra adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Baker

Recording Secretary

Where does spaghetti come from? On April 1, 1957, the BBC news program *Panorama* tackled the question with a segment about a Swiss town's robust spaghetti crop, brought on by a warm spring and the disappearance of the spaghetti weevil. "For those who love this dish, there's nothing like real homegrown spaghetti," anchor Richard Dimbleby said.

Viewers ate it up. On April 2 the BBC was flooded with hundreds of phone calls from people eager to grow their own noodles, then a rare treat for British

diners.

Keeping the whimsy going, the BBC instructed anyone interested in a pasta-bearing tree to "Place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."



(*Mental_Floss*, March-April 2013)

INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Traveling Widely/Deeply

Our groups have been traveling literally to Nehrling Gardens, Yellow Dog Eats, Blumberg Gardens, Lake Cherokee Historic District, PACE's front portcullis, Seasons 52, Mimi's, Morse Museum, Orlando Museum of Art and Panera. Our groups have also been traveling imaginatively to London's Jewish East End, Africa, Burma/Myanmar, S. Korea, Crosscreek, Tiffany's New York studios, and aurally with "Old Blue Eyes." Join an interest group and join our physical and mental trips.

To avoid conflicting meetings we published a chronological list of already scheduled group, committee, board & general meeting dates in the Branchline. Please check the list before scheduling a new event. Please also check the list for errors so we can correct them before your friends are no-shows or show up on the wrong date. Above all, please send me your new dates so I can get them on the schedule post haste. Don't let the long-range planners crowd out all the best dates.

Progress for Women's Abby Lemay wants to begin a blog for our branch. Writers, this will be a new outlet for you. Our retiring Booklovers Coordinator, Nancy Osterberg, has been helping new Coordinator, Ellen James, learn how to manage her new empire. All Booklovers sincerely appreciate Nancy's energetic efforts on our behalf. She started three new groups during her tenure and coordinated the rest while bearing the burdens of a "sandwich generation" woman. Thank you very much, Nancy.

Since our Museums and Galleries group Chair, Dee Smith, resigned to deal with a family emergency we are searching for a new Chair. Watch out! If nobody volunteers soon, I shall come up with some idea that may be way too crazy for normal people.

If you are new, try one of our Interest Groups. Contact one of the leaders below.

Martha Williamson

407-677-1186

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

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) buchankq@webster.edu

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

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

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

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

Museums/Galleries Group: Looking for new Chair, For now contact Interest Group Coordinator Martha Williamson 407-677-1186 or bibliamor@aol.com

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

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) buchankq@webster.edu

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

INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

TOPIC: "Humanitarian Intervention"

DATE: Sunday, April 21, at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Cynthia Tomlinson

We welcome new members!

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

This group is looking for a new Chair. If you'd like to chair or co-chair this group, contact Interest Group Coordinator Martha Williamson at 407-677-1186 or bibliamor@aol.com

Martha Williamson

WALKING GROUP

Thursday, April 18, 2013
9:30 a.m.

The Lakeside Inn,
100 N Alexander St.
Mt Dora, Florida 32757

Meet at the Lakeside Inn. The Inn, founded in 1883, is the oldest continuously operated hotel in the State of Florida. From there we will take a guided walk through Mt. Dora and gain more information about this historical city. Lunch and shopping opportunities will follow. A detailed/reminder email will be sent out the 2nd week in April to those on the Walking Group Contact List. If you would like more information or want to be added to this list, contact Lois Kolski, Lkol-ski@aol.com, phone 407 352 1146; or Missy Baker-bakerworks@gmail.com, phone: 407 644 5661.

Lois Kolski



FOREIGN FILMS

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

Call me at the number or e-mail shown above if you would like to be added to the list in order to receive more information about each movie. If you're a new attendee, please call me in advance for directions.

Each participant is asked to contribute \$2 to help cover the cost of refreshments and the film.

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

DINING OUT

Pat is unable to do the dining out group and is asking if one of the group would take it over for the next two months.

Thank you.

A NOTE FROM BOOKLOVERS III

Booklovers III is looking for members to meet the first Thursday of the month in members' homes in Maitland or Winter Park areas. When this group had too many members, it was decided that some would split off and meet in the afternoon and others would meet in SW Orlando area in the evening. The current (mostly original) group of 6 is interested in gaining some new members who are interested in lively discussions about books selected and socializing each month.

Lynda Hinckley

Did you know . . . ?

Contrary to popular myth, lemmings do not commit mass suicide. The origin of this lemming tale is traced to the 1958 Walt Disney film, *White Wilderness*.



The filmmakers staged the suicide scene, but when the lemmings refused to voluntarily go over the cliff, they were tossed over by the film crew.

Did you know . . . ?

Footballs are made from cowhide, not pigskins; and Catgut is made from chemically treated intestines of sheep.

Did you know . . . ?



Hyper-aggressive, height-impaired men are said to have a Napoleonic complex. This would come as a surprise to the Emperor of France because he actually stood five-foot-six-and-a-half inches. The confusion arose because, during his autopsy, he was measured using the old French system ("royal foot") which was longer than the modern foot.

INTEREST GROUPS (Cont'd)

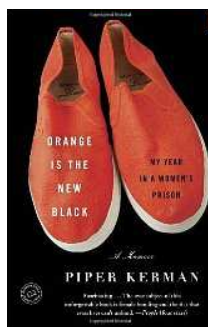
BOOKLOVERS

BOOKLOVERS III

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK:
My Year in a Women's Prison

By Piper Kerman

Heartbreaking, hilarious, and at times enraging, Kerman's story offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison—why it is we so many away and what happens to them when they're there.



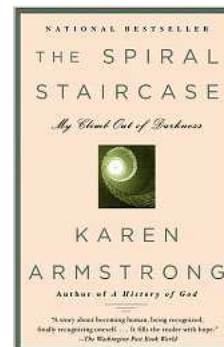
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BOOKLOVERS I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII

THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

By Karen Armstrong

In this month's book selection, *The Spiral Staircase*, British author, Karen Armstrong relates the extraordinary account of her spiritual journey. Ms. Armstrong entered a convent at the age of 17 and rejoined the secular world 7 years later in 1969. This true account shares her struggle with faith, and her subsequent career as a student and writer of comparative theology.



THE GARDEN GROUP

Since the year is coming to a close it seems like a good time to share an update of the Garden Group's activities. Many of you know that the garden group supplies flowers for the general meetings on Saturdays. This year we also provided the flower-filled teapots for the newcomers' tea in the fall as well as the amaryllis arrangements for the literary luncheon. Thanks to your support in purchasing the latter, the flowers were at no cost to the Literary Luncheon Committee. I think it's the first year that most of the flowers were grown by Garden Club members; so only the vases and filler had to be covered.

Recently, we received a request from PACE for our assistance in brightening up their entryway. Late last month,



Garden Group members Ellen James, Martha Williamson, and Ann Winn met at PACE armed with plants and pots from their personal collections and supplies purchased with donations from other members as well as themselves, met at PACE to compose four very large pots to decorate the

entrance. The pots were filled with a mix of dracaena, ivy, fountain grass and other assorted foliage. Students were also provided hand-written instructions and a moisture tester to ensure their success in maintaining the new plantings. Staff and students sent an enthusiastic note of appreciation.

In mid-March members of the group enjoyed a fascinating morning at Nehrling Gardens. AAUW member Angela Withers gave us an historical tour of the gardens and home that used to belong to the Nehrling family. The labyrinthine efforts required to obtain and develop this unique property as well as sustain funding were very interesting.



We are looking forward to visiting Juanita Blumberg's garden later this month.

If these activities sound right up your garden path, please join us.

Ann Winn

PACE

PACE young ladies recently took part in a rally at UCF called "One Billion Rising." This movement is a global campaign to end violence against women and for justice and gender equality. The word billion refers to the statistic that 1 in 3 women will be raped or beaten in their lifetime, or about 1 billion. It is amazing what this movement has already accomplished, and I urge you to check the Internet for "One Billion Rising" to read about the success of the rallies. PACE is certainly in sync with the mission of AAUW!

On Wednesday, March 13, six young ladies from PACE with their Executive Director, Dee Rosado-Chan, and Nicole Epsom, Special Projects Manager, were in Tallahassee for PACE Day at the Capitol. They spent their morning visiting as many Orange County representatives and senators as they could squeeze in. Dee reports that the girls were fabulous at telling the story of PACE and their own stories to these legislators who will have a very large impact on the budget and the monies that PACE will receive in the coming year. PACE was recognized on the floor of the Senate by Senator Kelli Stargil.

I do hope you have Wednesday, May 8 on your calendar for the annual "Portraits of PACE." This luncheon which will be from 12-1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Reception and Con-

vention Center, 1217 Trinity Woods Lane, Maitland, is a wonderful way to hear the story of PACE and meet a current PACE student and an alumna PACE student to see exactly how our donations turn girls around. This luncheon is no cost and a perfect venue for learning all about PACE, its programs and young ladies. There will be more information in subsequent Branchlines, but I urge you to set aside the date.

If any of you would like to tour the facility prior to the luncheon, please contact me and we will arrange it. Please contact me, Barbara Knapp, jbknapps@cfl.rr.com; 407-282-5449 (h) 407-620-7357 (c) or Pat Stamm, patsnpans@yahoo.com or Joan Rinaldi, gingersnap2@centurylink.net to make your reservation.



The PACE girls with Sen. Darren Soto

Barbara Knapp

Our Public Policy Chair, Susan Hoke, had a bad fall while on a tour in San Antonio. She broke her nose, wrist and leg. She continues her intensive rehab at Manor Care in between entertaining visitors. She cannot use a computer. Her temporary contact information is Manor Care Nursing & Rehab Center of Winter Park, 2075 Loch Lomond Dr., Winter Park 32792. Her direct line is 407-628-2714. Don't miss a look at the books her visitors have brought her.

I'm happy to report that long time member and former Board member, Jean Lawton, is feeling better. Joan Rinaldi took her to see the Laurelton Hall addition to the Morse Museum.

Submitted by Martha Williamson



ate them so much!

We extend a very special "thank you" to Ann Winn and her "helpers" for adding a special touch to our breakfast tables each month. With the beautiful flowers she grows in her garden she shares them with us in seasonal centerpieces. We appreciate them so much!

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

Contact: Linda Dunlap
407-678-9995
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AAUW ANNUAL LITERARY LUNCHEON - 2013

Many thanks to all and especially to Linda Dunlap for hosting the 2013 Annual Literary Luncheon for the AAUW (American Association of University Women)

Guest Speaker at the luncheon with 110 women in attendance was Patricia Friedberg who spoke about her enthusiastically received novel, "21 ALDGATE," its back story and why she was motivated to write it.

Following the talk a queue wound halfway around the room for Patricia to autograph their books.



Many of us gladly purchased a copy of *21 Aldgate* at the luncheon on March 9. Once you've enjoyed Patricia Friedberg's novel, please do one more thing: Write a short review on www.Amazon.com under the listing of Patricia Friedberg's *21 Aldgate*. Even a positive sentence or two can catch the attention of folks in the publishing world. Let's help Ms. Friedberg attain "best seller" status

... And this note from MaryAnn Amato, Mrs. Friedberg's literary agent: "You are invited to follow events and updates on the website: www.21Aldgate.com."

... In fact, Ms. Amato has already posted an article and photo about our luncheon on the site! (Link: <http://www.21aldgate.com/2013/03/aauw-literary-luncheon-2013.html>) (See above ~ ed. ~)



Legal Advocacy Fund

UPDATE ON MILITARY JUSTICE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS

On March 13, 2013, the U. S. Senate held hearings on the issue of sexual violence in the military. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), the subcommittee chair, said in her opening statement that the situation had become intolerable and “sexual violence in the military is not new and it has been allowed to go on in the shadows for far too long.” She called the military justice system dysfunctional, noting that less than one out of 10 reported attackers are held accountable. The Department of Defense estimates that military sexual assault claimed 19,000 victims in fiscal year 2011—more than 50 per day.

The Defense Department needs to overhaul how the military justice system handles sexual assaults, including stripping commanders of authority to oversee cases and overturn guilty verdicts, U.S. senators said Wednesday.

Lawmakers are angry in particular over a case in Italy in which a U.S. general voided an Air Force lieutenant colonel's conviction of aggravated sexual assault and resulting year-long sentence. Ms. Gillibrand said the Senate should consider moving sex-assault cases out of the military chain of command.

Members of the AAUW can help by writing to their Congressional Representatives and Senators and requesting that they resolve the issue of military sexual abuse. Holly Kreal, AAUW/Washington LAF Representative said that a hand-written note gets more attention than dozens of petitions. Below are the names and addresses that you need. Please take a moment—today— and send a note to your representatives requesting that your representative consider moving sex-assault cases out of the military chain of command. Let’s get this done! Our military women have given so much to each of us, and now, it is our turn to give something back to them.

Florence Bacas Snow
LAF Representative

Congressional

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Senators</u>
3	Ted Yoho	Bill Nelson
5	Corrine Brown	Marco Rubio
6	Ron DeSantis	
7	John Mica	
8	Bill Posey	
9	Alan Grayson	
10	Daniel Webster	
11	Richard Nugent	

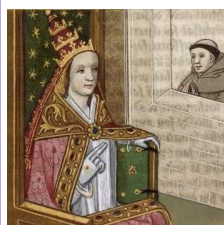
Address for Representatives

U. S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Address for Senators

U. S. Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20510

Pope Joan and Pope Manfreda



A medieval artist's rendition of Pope Joan

Popes have always made news, but not as much commotion as two popes from the past.

Joan, the first wanna-be, came from a German-English background, and got to pope city via Athens, where she'd gone with her lover to study. Her awesome knowledge of scriptures

supposedly got her elected Pope John VIII in 854. After two years in office, Joan experienced a miracle. Unfortunately, it was the miracle of birth—and it happened while on procession along a busy Roman street. Promptly stoned to death, the pregnant pope made a great bad example for centuries. Various chroniclers in Joan's time vouched for her existence, but her historicity has been

quarreled over ever since.

In the late 1200s, Manfreda of Milan was touted as the first in a new series of feminine popes. Although Pope Manfreda had a good run, she and her followers were persecuted to the max. In 1300, this not-even pregnant spiritual leader was sent to the stake in Lombardy by the Inquisition.

The post-pope trauma caused by these impertinent females brought about a new open-air policy: now papal candidates had to sit naked above a hole in the floor; from the view room below, the selection committee would holler joyfully, “He has testicles, and they hang just fine.” (It sounds a bit more dignified in Latin.)

Vicki Leon's Uppity Women of Medieval Times

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers I 6:30—8:30 Brd. Mtg.	3 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers II <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers VII <u>7-8:30 p.m.</u> Prog. For Women	4 <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	5	6
7	8	9 Equal Pay Day <u>1:00 - 3:00</u> B-Lovers VI	10	11 <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	12	13 9 a.m. General Mtg. At Best West- ern Mt. Vernon
14	15	16 <u>Afternoon</u> B-Lovers V	17 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	18 <u>9:30 a.m.—</u> <u>afternoon</u> Walking Grp.	19 AAUW	20 STATE
21 CONVENTION <u>2 - 5:00</u> Foreign Af- fairs		23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <u>1 - 4:00</u> Foreign Films	30				

May

Wed. 1 Booklovers II (1:30)
 Wed. 1: Booklovers VII (1:30 p.m.)
 Wed. 1: Prog. for Women (7-8:30)
 Thurs. 2: Booklovers III (7-10 p.m.)
 Tues. 7: Booklovers I (1-3:30)
 Wed. 8: Portraits of Pace (12-1)
 Thurs. 9: Booklovers VIII (7pm)
 Sat. 11: General Meeting 9-11 a.m.
 Tues. 14: Booklovers VI (1-3 p.m.)
 Wed. 15: Booklovers IV (1-3:30 p.m.)
 Sun. 19: Foreign Affairs 2-5
 Mon. 27 Film Group NOT MEETING

June

Wed.—Sun.-12-16:
 AAUW National Convention
 Mon. 24: Film Group (1-4)

July

Mon. 29: Film Group (1-4)

August

Mon. 26: Film Group (1-4)

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