

## ORLANDO \* WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM



**Heidi W. Isenhardt**

**"Share the Care"**

Heidi Isenhardt, shareholder at Shuffield Lowman & Wilson P.A., is a Martindale-Hubbell AV-rated attorney, practicing in the areas of Elder Law, Medicaid Planning, Estate Planning, Guardianship, Probate and Trust Administration. This year she received recognition as a Five-Star Wealth Manager by *Orlando Home & Leisure Magazine* and is a designated Super Lawyer by *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*. For the past five years Heidi has been recognized as Florida Legal Elite by *Florida Trend Magazine*, and was also awarded Best of the Bar by the *Orlando Business Journal* in 2005.

Share the Care™ is a not-for-profit organization providing services and support to family caregivers, enabling them to maintain their family member at home, delaying or eliminating the need for institutional care.

### GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 9, 2013  
9 a.m.**

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

**\$15.00 per person  
Reservations Required**

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***Blankets! Blankets! Blankets!***

Ladies,

Please gather your old (gently used) or new blankets. They will go to the Health Care Center for the Homeless. Bring them to the February general meeting (Feb. 9). They need to be in good shape and, please, no afghans. Thank you.

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

# From the President's Desk



"For our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers, and daughters can earn a living equal to their efforts." (Barak Obama at the 57th Presidential Inauguration on January 21, 2013.)

Yesterday at my workplace, several staff, including myself, witnessed a rather unusual driving incident. But what took me aback was the negative gender stereotype comment made by a male coworker in the presence of his female supervisor. He blurted, "that has to be a woman, that's women drivers for you!" Most thought it was humorous and harmless. But I found his gender stereotype statement not only politically incorrect for the workplace but offensive. Most realize that gender stereotypes are untrue, simply inaccurate or gross generalizations. Unfortunately, they continue to exist in all societies, tend to be prejudicial and are damaging. The most devastating problem that has been well-documented and confirmed is the effects that gender stereotypes, although often subtle, have on young girls and women's performance. Linda Hallman, AAUW executive director, stated, "from middle schools into labs and board rooms, women face stereotypes that have made real and measurable impacts on performance. Leveling the playing fields requires that we put these stereotypes to rest." Researchers have shed light on how stereotypes have hindered girls from pursuing careers in STEM fields and women from aspiring to positions of true power. Further stereotypes justify gender discrimination that lead to lower paying jobs, gender pay gap, occupational segregation, denial of promotions to leadership, and so on.

As a branch I am proud to note that we are breaking through barriers to bring a change to the "playing field" on several fronts:

Dr. M.C. Santana, our college/university representative, will implement a STEM camp at UCF this summer and has plans for Trek Tech. Unless we make girls aware that stereotypes exist, but are false, how will they be able to overcome them?

As we strive for pay equity of all women, Susan Hoke, our Public Policy chair, is planning a special recognition for Equal Pay Day, April 9.

Barbara Knapp and Attorney Florence Bacas Snow co-chaired an amazing evening event showing *The Invisible War*, a film that addressed the prevalence of rape and violent sexual assault on female soldiers in the military. Dr. Christine Hanlon, an expert on this topic from the University of Central Florida, provided comments and led the Q & A. The audience's response, from many non-AAUW individuals, was overwhelming and called for further action. Florence is following up with a plan. A special thanks to both of you for your hard work and leadership.

Looking forward to seeing you at our February meeting.

\*\* Beth Kassab, our scheduled speaker for January apologized for her schedule mix-up and would happy to speak to our group at another time.

*Myra Gaziano, President*  
AAUW Orlando-Winter Park

Rosemary Vendena has graciously agreed to fulfill the remaining term of Pat Stamm as Finance Director. Pat has resigned due to health reasons. We send good wishes to both ladies.



Thank you Emily Hartmeyer for these pictures from the Jan. 12, 2013, General Meeting at the First Congregational Church in Winter Park.



# From the Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the AAUW—Orlando/Winter Park General Meeting January 12, 2013

On January 12, Branch members and guests met for breakfast to hear Beth Kassab, columnist from *The Orlando Sentinel*. President Myra Gaziano called the business meeting to order at 9:30. In the absence of the scheduled speaker, the meeting continued with the introduction and welcome of new members and guests.

The January 50/50 drawing raised \$62 for the national Education Fund! Board members and committee chairpersons gave brief reports. Pat Stamm, Director for Finance, reported on the 2012 year-end branch contributions to the national Education and Legal Advocacy Funds. Barbara Buchele, membership Vice President, reported that during 2012 our Branch welcomed 38 new members. She also reminded us that the half-year reduced rate for National dues makes this an especially good time to bring friends and introduce potential new members to AAUW. Florence Snow asked for more volunteers for the January 14 film event, *The Invisible War*. Barbara Knapp reported on the successful "Miracle Box"

event for the PACE students. She also announced the location for the annual PACE fundraiser luncheon which will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Maitland this year. Susan Hoke, Public Policy chair, reminded us of the April 9 recognition of "Equal Pay Day," and the need for our continued attention to this issue. Dr. M.C. Santana, our University Partner Representative at UCF, announced the "Elect Her" workshops to take place at UCF on March 23, and asked for volunteers from the Branch. Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator, summarized activities of the special interest groups. Eleanor Cowan thanked the Branch members who have donated blankets for the homeless center and noted that those donations are gladly accepted at any time. Jean Walker, Director for Development, reported a profit of about \$300 for the Holiday Boutique event. Linda Dunlap, Corresponding Secretary, reminded us to notify her if we know of Branch members who are ill or have death in the family so she can be sure everyone receives the good wishes of the Branch. Joan Rinaldi expressed regret that the speaker had not arrived.

Submitted by Rosemary Vendena  
(for Missy Baker, Recording Secretary)

# From the Membership Committee

If your information in the AAUW directory is incorrect or has changed since its publication, please contact Barbara Buchele and give her the correct information.

(babuchele@gmail.com)

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If you are not receiving email messages from us to notify you that the Branchline is posted on our website, contact Hanna at hkruzcek@illinoisalumni.org.

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If you have any friends, neighbors or family who are interested in trying out AAUW, now is a good time to join as they only have to pay \$40.00 if they join anytime between January 1, 2013 - March 15, 2013.

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  
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## 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.

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**SAVE THE DATES!**



**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.

For more information, see page 13.



**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 (check future Branchlines for more details).

*The Invisible War*: AAUW's special event at the University Club of Winter Park, January 14, 2013.



At least 30 percent of the 255 generals, admirals, and other senior military commanders fired by the U.S. armed forces over the past eight years lost their jobs because of sexual misconduct, including harassment, assaults, and adultery.

*The Week*

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Interest Groups Need Calendar

Our groups have become so active that several events conflicted in January. We shall, therefore, begin compiling a chronological list of group, committee, board and general meeting dates. It will be posted in the Branchline and on the website. Future event-schedulers can check the list before scheduling an event. Hopefully we can avoid future conflicts this way.

If you aren't part of a Special Interest Group yet, please welcome 2013 by contacting one of the leaders below.

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Walking Group: Chair Lois Kolski 407 352-1146 [lkolski@aol.com](mailto:lkolski@aol.com)

### Celebrating Black History Month

Sojourner Truth (1797—1883) was a feminist in a male-dominated abolitionist movement and an ex-slave activist for African American rights in a suffragist movement dominated by middle-class white women. Born Isabella Baumfree, she was born into slavery in Ulster County, N.Y., but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826. After going to court to recover her son, she became the first black woman to win such a case against a white man.



During the Civil War, Truth helped recruit black troops for the Union Army; after the war, she tried unsuccessfully to secure land grants from the federal government for former slaves.

Her best-known extemporaneous speech on gender inequalities ("Ain't I a Woman?") was delivered in 1851 at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, electrifying the assembled. See Page 12 for her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.

**INTEREST GROUPS**

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**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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**TOPIC:** "Myanmar"

**DATE:** Sunday, February 17,  
at 2 p.m.

**PLACE:** Home of Barbara  
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407-369-4826

**We welcome new members!**

**FOREIGN FILMS**

**At the Home of Linda Fessel**  
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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 (*Moolaade*) will be presented on Monday, Feb. 25, 2013 at 1 p.m.

**DINING-OUT GROUP**

We will dine out in Altamonte Springs the second week in February. Restaurant to be announced. Look for the special email.

*Pat Stamm*

**MUSEUMS  
&  
GALLERIES**

**WHEN:** Wed., Feb. 20 at 12 noon

**WHERE:** Dali Museum, St. Pete

**WHO:** AAUW members, mates, significant others, friends, relatives

**WHAT:** We are tentatively scheduled for a private tour at a cost of \$28.75 (\$26.75 for Seniors).

The tour is one hour, then we can go across the street to the small airport and have lunch at the Hangar. This requires a reservation and headcount as well.

A bus is too expensive so we will be carpooling. More details about carpooling will come later. There is some parking on the Museum lot, but there is a parking garage right next to the Museum.

The Museum requires a two-week notice, so let me know ASAP if you are going, along with the names of others who also plan to go. The latest I can take your reservations (and your checks!) will be on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the general meeting.

Even if you have been there before (and I have), it is something worth seeing and experiencing.

Contact Dee Smith at any time with questions or suggestions for tours.

407-876-4986

E-mail: [deedadocent@aol.com](mailto:deedadocent@aol.com)

**WALKING GROUP**

**Cherokee Lake area and  
Greenwood Cemetery Excursion**

Meet at 9:30 a.m. on February 28 at the corner of Lake Avenue and Agnes Street—on the West side of Lake Cherokee. Following a short presentation on the history of the three remaining Honeymoon Row Houses in the area, we will take a short drive to Greenwood Cemetery for approximately a one-hour tour to learn intriguing information about our "early settlers." Dinky Gefvert will be Walk Leader for the day. Lunch will follow at the Mills Street Market at approximately 11:30 a.m. Contact Lois Kolski at [lkolski@aol.com](mailto:lkolski@aol.com) or 407-352-1146 by February 20 if you plan to attend or would like additional information.

*Lois Kolski*

**DINING-IN GROUP**

Our second event this year is coming up soon!

February 15, 7 p.m.

Appetizer and Dessert Party

Karen Buchan's home

3332 S. M. U. Court, Orlando 32817  
(East Orlando between Colonial Dr.,  
University Blvd., Goldenrod Road and  
Econlockhatchee Trail)

Bring an appetizer or dessert

Beverages will be provided

Members are welcome to bring a guest. Don't forget to RSVP.

For more information, contact Karen

407-427-3501 or

[buchankg@webster.edu](mailto:buchankg@webster.edu)

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February branch meeting

*Karen Buchan*

## INTEREST GROUPS

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### BOOKLOVERS



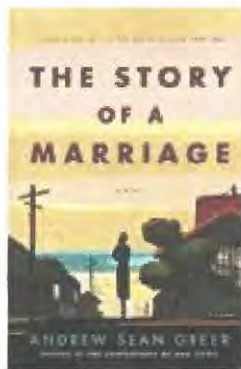
Anna Lillios' *Crossing the Creek* is the first book to examine the productive and complex relationship between these two major figures.

"Is there truth to the story that Hurston offered to work as Rawlings's maid? Why did Rawlings host a tea for Hurston in St. Augustine? In what ways did each write the friendship into their novels?

Using interviews with individuals who knew both women, as well as incisive readings of surviving letters, Lillios examines these questions and many others in this remarkable book." (Amazon)]

Booklovers III will read *The Story of a Marriage* by Andrew Sean Greer.

"We think we know the ones we love." So Pearlie Cook begins her indirect, and devastating exploration of the mystery at the heart of every relationship—how we can ever truly know another person.



Booklovers III will read *Crossing the Creek* in March.

(Our apologies to Booklovers IV. This article was inadvertently omitted from the January newsletter.)

~ ed. ~

This year, Booklovers IV, instead of having our own special Holiday luncheon and treating ourselves, decided to "make a little difference." On December 5, our members donated \$25.00 each to the Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando. This home is run almost entirely on donations. We were served a wonderful tea in a charming tea room and then we were given a tour of the Russell Home. We were impressed by the obvious affection the caregivers have for their residents as well as the residents for their caregivers. Some of the residents have lived there for many years. Booklovers IV members attending were Christine Brown, Brenda Jepson, Teresa Langston, Nancy Freeman, Jean LeaMond, Neta Villalobos-Bell, Charmaine Sell, Ginger Woodward and Joanne Taurence.



*Brenda Jepson*

### THEATRE GROUP



Karen Buchan and Jean Bubriski will be attending the Thursday, February 7, 2 p.m. matinee production of the Central Florida Premiere of *My way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra.*"

Take a stroll down memory lane with this loving tribute to "Ol' Blue Eyes," one of the greatest entertainers of the 20th century. With career successes spanning more than 50 years, you're sure to hear some of your favorite songs.

Location: Winter Park Playhouse, 711 Orange Avenue, Winter Park 32789; [407-645-0145](tel:407-645-0145) for more information and tickets (\$28.00). All are welcome.

Call today. Matinees are usually sold out in advance.



## From our Members



One hundred ninety-one 191(!) calendars which highlighted numerous causes varying from Easter Seals, Habitat, World Wildlife, MS, Earth Justice, Special Olympics, Pet Lovers

to Nature Conservancy, Veterans causes, historic land-

marks, clean waterways, and more which succinctly reflected the diversity of our membership. These beauties were passed out to delighted residents of assisted housing programs rather than increasing our landfills. Special thanks to all who assured that these calendars, (small items to us, but an unaffordable investment to others) were enjoyed by those who needed them.

Many thanks,

*Lynda Hinckley*



After the last Booklovers II meeting at the home of Linda Fessel, the ladies went into the yard and were invited to pick star fruit (carambolas)—that strange looking fruit you often see in Publix marked at \$2.49 each.

Elinor Parker took some home—not to eat but to paint!



On Thursday, Jan. 17, the Museums/Galleries group met at Dubsdread for lunch followed by a tour of the Contemporary Glass Sculpture exhibit at the Orlando Museum of Art.



*Angela Withers visited Washington, D.C. recently and shares the following information with us. When she saw the AAUW signs, out came the camera! ~ (ed.) ~*

Every four years, Americans elect a president. And every four years, battle lines are drawn as presidential candidates and reporters face off in the conflict zone known as "the campaign trail."

The Newseum's new election-year exhibit, "Every Four Years: Presidential Campaigns and the Press," explores how media coverage of presidential campaigns has evolved from William McKinley's 1896 front porch campaign to Barack Obama's 2008 Internet campaign, as candidates and reporters tangle over issues, images and control of the story.



## PACE

Good things are happening at PACE! Mr. Ruiz, the Academic Dean at PACE, recently met with Superintendent Barbara Jenkins and Alternative Education Principal Mr. Tovine of Orange County Public Schools. The meeting was very productive as OCPS was very receptive to PACE and very willing to work with the Center. Mr. Tovine's vision for alternative education is:

1. More opportunities for girls
2. Open alternative education school as not all students are college bound but can be on a good educational track
3. Opportunities to retrieve credits at a faster rate
4. Apex Lab

Apex Lab is an online activity which can provide classes in Social Studies, Science, Math and History. It will be necessary to fund the license fee with a goal to create 30 licenses and also hire a lab tech to run the program. This addition to PACE will allow the girls to proceed with accelerated courses that are not currently taught at the Center and will allow them to continue at their own rate. It will help make PACE available to more girls. Both OCPS and the Department of Juvenile Justice already use Apex Lab. Phase II will be to expand the lab into a GED track.



More information to follow.

*Barbara Knapp*

## FROM OUR COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

The competitive AAUW program **Elect Her!** is coming to UCF on Saturday, March 23, 2013. This is a one-day workshop to inspire college students to enter student government politics. UCF has only one SGA female president in 50 years of history. It is time to change that! Students will engage in activities provided by communication and politics experts. Our branch is participating as a collaborator. The following members are going to assist with the event's registration onsite: Barbara C. Knapp, Joan Liberman, Amy Love, Carol Emmett, Pat Stamm and Melissa Kweller.

Thank you to all the ladies who wrote index cards with inspirational words to the 50 college-age women participants of the event. I am sure they will cherish having you think of them. We are a little bit short of 50 index cards so I plan to bring more for our February monthly meeting.

Thank you very much,

*M.C. Santana,*

*College/University Representative and AAUW Branch representative for **Elect Her!***

## PUBLIC POLICY

We all received the e-mail from National AAUW urging us all to write our representatives in Washington, encouraging them to reintroduce the Paycheck Fairness Act. This would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act. This is one of AAUW's top priorities for the 113th Congress. If you have not yet written a letter to your representatives, I encourage you to do so. There is a record number of women serving in this Congress which should give us a greater chance of getting the Equal Pay Act on the agenda and perhaps

even passed. PLEASE ACT WITHOUT DELAY -- WRITE YOUR LETTER TODAY. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Along the Equal Pay line, I would like to recommend to you the book *Grace and Grit* by Lilly Ledbetter. It is her life story, including her law suit with Goodyear and the ultimate decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

*Susan Hoke*

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

### WOMEN AND MILITARY INJUSTICE

Congratulations to the Orlando/Winter Park Branch for its successful presentation of "The Invisible War" on January 14, 2013, and to President Myra Gaziano for motivating us to plan this event. Thanks to Barbara Knapp for organizing and pulling together the minutiae inherent in a program of this kind and the many dedicated volunteers who helped her. Special thanks to Dr. Maria Santana for coordinating the "donated admission" program and inviting a dozen "Millennial" female students from UCF to attend the event, and to Christine Hanlon for her expert handling of the Question and Answer period (Christine's doctoral dissertation was entitled, "Recruiting G.I. Jane"). Also, an honorable mention needs to be made for our helpful partners and other males in the audience, as without their support, the struggle for justice for military women cannot be achieved.

"The Invisible War" film, and the lawsuits that AAUW has supported through its Legal Advocacy Fund, have created public awareness and a few government action

groups are, now, addressing this issue. The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights held a fact-finding conference last week and will issue its recommendations in due course. Congresswoman Jackie Spier plans to reintroduce the STOP bill (Sexual Assault Training and Prevention Act) to the new Congress. The Department of Defense, however, has given only a minimal response by moving the complaints of victims up a notch in the chain of commanders, and by agreeing to train advocates (from within the military) to represent the victims. But much more needs to be done!

What's next for AAUW and military injustice against women? Holly Kearn, our LAF representative at AAUW/Washington, is requesting that members of all Branches undertake a program of individual letter-writing addressed to their Congressional representatives. Writers should urge their representatives to order the creation of a panel comprised of both civilian and military experts to study the complaints of military victims. I will present this request to the Board at our next meeting in February.

*Florence Bacas Snow*  
LAF Representative

### *The Invisible War* Nominated for an Oscar



AAUW is thrilled to announce that *The Invisible War*, a film about military sexual assault that features several LAF-supported plaintiffs, received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary. This nomination comes as no surprise after the film received the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival and was

listed as the 10th movie and the only documentary on *Time's* top 100 movies of 2012. Last week, RottenTomatoes.com ranked it as the best film of 2012 based on an aggregate of film reviews.

If you haven't seen this powerful film yet, it is available to rent from Netflix and to purchase from Amazon. AAUW members and college/university partners can also host a showing of the movie for just \$150. Download the Program in a Box for more information on how to do so.

#### Hearings on Military Sexual Abuse

The Invisible War and the lawsuits that AAUW supports have raised the public's awareness about military sexual abuse, and now there is enough public pressure that gov-

ernment leaders are addressing the issue.

On January 11, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held its 2013 statutory enforcement report and briefing on sexual assault in the military, and LAF Program Manager Holly Kearn and Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott attended on behalf of AAUW and Kearn wrote about it for AAUW.

In Congress, the House Armed Services Committee Chair Howard McKeon (CA-R) has committed to holding a hearing on the issue this month in the Military Personnel Subcommittee. It may begin as early as January 23.

In extremely exciting news, the United Nations accepted AAUW's proposal for a panel on sexual harassment in schools during the 2013 Commission on the Status of Women. The theme this year is "Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls." The panel will take place during the parallel events for nonprofit organizations. Kearn will talk about AAUW's findings and recommendations, and several high school students will share their experiences.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to LAF to help balance the scales of justice for women.

### Why Do We Pay \$15 for Breakfast for our Meetings at the Church Hall?

First and foremost, we pay the First Congregational Church \$100 every time we have a breakfast at the hall. They have not increased their charge to us over all the years that we have been meeting there.

Depending on how many members attend, we usually make enough to pay the facility and Drew for their costs for at least 6 of our 7 meetings there.

Example: It takes 33 members contributing \$3 each (plus \$1 more) to pay for the hall.

Secondly, we must pay Drew as the custodian, because he also sets up and cleans up the tables we use, washes the table cloths each time, and keeps the food coming as our lines go through, washing all the dishes, etc., after our meeting is over, and he cleans up the hall before he leaves. So we subtract another \$3 towards the cost of a custodian. That cost has been \$39 minimum for years. I don't know what it is elsewhere right now; Drew has never raised his price for us.

Take the \$3 from each person's \$15 for the church hall and another \$3 for the cleanup charge. Subtract the \$6 from the \$15 we each pay, and Drew gets \$9 for breakfast. Remember that we get unlimited refills of food and drink as long as there is any there to take.

Lastly, \$9 (which includes our individual tips) is a very reasonable charge for the kind of breakfasts we get. No one pays extra for the breakfast. Everyone who comes each time pays for the costs of that day alone—as they are listed above. We hope everyone understands and enjoys our venue and breakfast.

Note: When we have more than 39 people attending, the breakfast paid for by the "extra" people goes towards paying for our 7 guest speakers' breakfasts—each month September through May, excluding the months of December and March. December has been a \$50 fee for music during our "holiday shopping" and March is our Literary Luncheon. This \$155 that has no income is paid for by the accumulation of breakfasts paid by the "extra people" over 39 breakfasts each month. There may be an accumulation from \$100 to \$200 each year (depending on how many members attend over the required 39 each meeting) at the end of our Branch meetings which, of course, goes into our treasury.

We pay \$15 for our "breakfast meetings" each date at the First Congregational Church so we may all get together and visit with our friends, have a wonderful breakfast and enjoy a speaker who has come (for free) to entertain us—the Orlando/Winter Park Branch of AAUW.

\*\*\* The nineteen new Republican House committee chairmen are all white males. \*\*\*

### Soujourner Truth's "Ain't I a Woman?" speech in 1851 at the Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio

Well, children, where there is so much racket there must be something out of kilter. I think that 'twixt the negroes of the South and the women at the North, all talking about rights, the white men will be in a fix pretty soon. But what's all this here talking about?

That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud-puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman? Look at me! Look at my arm! I have ploughed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man—when I could get it—and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children, and seen most all sold off to slavery, and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me! And ain't I a woman?

Then they talk about this thing in the head; what's this they call it? [member of audience whispers, "intellect"] That's it, honey. What's that got to do with women's rights or negroes' rights? If my cup won't hold but a pint, and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half measure full?

Then that little man in black there, he says women can't have as much rights as men, 'cause Christ wasn't a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman! Man had nothing to do with Him.

If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them.

Obliged to you for hearing me, and now old Sojourner ain't got nothing more to say.

American Association of University Women  
**Spring Literary Luncheon**  
Guest Speaker  
**PATRICIA FRIEDBERG**

Patricia Friedberg, internationally acclaimed British author and journalist, will discuss *21 Aldgate*, her best-selling novel of one Jewish woman's story during the London Blitz in World War II.

- ◆ Attended Henrietta Barnett School in London and the London School of Journalism
- ◆ Journalist and creator of documentaries for Rhodesia newspapers and television



- ◆ Host of NBC television talk show, "People of the Book"
- ◆ Composer of music for theatre and dance choreographer for ballet
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**Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 11:30 a.m.**

**The University Club of Winter Park**

**841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL**

**(At the intersection of N. Park Avenue and Webster Avenue)**

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Reservation Form (*Advance Reservations Only*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 35 (individual seat) Seating Request : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 280 (table for 8)

I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to AAUW \*

Mail Reservation Form & check payable to: "AAUW-Orlando-Winter Park" to:  
Susan Hoke, 558 Oak Reserve Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792 (407) 637-6857

\* Proceeds go to AAUW Educational Fellowship Grants, Legal Advocacy Fund

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 <u>1:00-3:30</u> B-lovers I	6 <u>1:00</u> B-lovers II  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers VII	7  <u>2:00</u> Theater Grp.  <u>7-10 pm.</u> B-Lovers III	8	9 <u>9 a.m.-</u> General Mtg.  RSVP for Dali tour on 2/20
10	11  <u>12:30</u> Book Selec- tion Comm.	12  <u>1:00-3:00</u> B-Lovers VI  <u>3:00</u> Board Mtg.	13	14	15   <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining-in Grp.	16
17  <u>2:00—5:00</u> Foreign Af- fairs	18	19  <u>Afternoon</u> B-Lovers V	20  <u>10:30—4:00</u> Dali Museum  <u>1:00-3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	21	22	23
24	25  <u>1:00-4:00</u> Foreign Films	26	27	28  <u>9:30.a.m.</u> <u>Thru Lunch</u> Walking Grp.		

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