



ORLANDO * WINTER PARK BRANCHLINE

From the President's Desk

Thank you!



As my term as your branch president comes to a close, it is a very bittersweet moment. The last two years have been an amazing personal journey for me. My job as president was directed as well as lightened by the legacies of dedicated and creative officers, chairs and members who came before me. Together, as a branch, we grew and accomplished much! I sincerely thank each of you not only for the constant encouragement and support that you gave me but also for the

numerous tasks you tackled and completed with commitment and passion. As we pass the "torch" to Max Reed and next year's officers and chairs, I am very confident that they will do an excellent job! And AAUW's mission—to promote equity for women and girls—will be reflected enthusiastically in our programs and activities.

Just a reminder—there is no scheduled speaker in May. This was planned so that we would have adequate time for the installation ceremony of our new officers, creatively and inspirationally conducted by Barbara Knapp. Also, we look forward to the presentation of the 2014 scholarships to our outstanding recipients by Scholarship Chair, Karen Buchan.

Once again, thank you so much for all you do. I look forward to seeing you at our final meeting for the year.

Myra Gaziano, President

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
May 10, 2014
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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You are responsible for
payment in full if you do not
keep your reservation.

PACE

IMAGES of PACE

Thank you!

Many, many thanks to all of you who attended the "Images of Success," PACE Center for Girls annual fundraiser. I hope you all enjoyed the luncheon as much as I did. I was so proud of our young ladies who did the dramatic reading and Asia who read her thank you poem and Chelsea and her mother who related their success stories. We cannot tell you enough how much your support is appreciated!



By
Asia

I am thankful for my inner grace
That I have learned while attending PACE.
We are the poets. We are the singers.
We've overcome hardships.
For that we are thankful.
We have determination, and a will to work.
Hatred is our enemy. Forgiveness is dessert.
We are honesty. We are youth.
Thankfulness is essential. How thankful are you?
Words cannot explain how grateful we are
You've given us hope from afar.
Some say money is the root of all evil,
But it can also be used to bless people.
I don't think you all know what you've done.
The girls believe in themselves.
They're saying "I can," instead of "I can't."
They have the urge to prosper
And know the meaning of respect.
To all donors and supporters,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Continue to walk with us on our journey,
And we will forever be thankful!

I received several inquiries into tours of PACE. Please let me know if you are interested in spending an hour at PACE and being given a tour of the facility by the girls and finding out exactly what is offered there. I would love to take a group for a tour! Barbara: 407-282-5449 or jbknapps@cfl.rr.com.

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From the Director of Finance

Annual Dues

Our new AAUW fiscal year will begin on July 1, 2014 and end June 30, 2015. We will have a drawing for 3 free National memberships (\$49 each) at the May 10 general meeting. Everyone who has paid 2015 dues of \$75 by May 10 will be entered in the drawing. If you will not attend May 10, you can still win. Just mail your check to Rosemary Vendena or use your on-line banking to have a check sent by your bank. Review the tips for on-line banking in the February issue of Branchline.

Mail to:
Rosemary Vendena
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Orlando, FL 32828

Don't forget to keep in contact with prospective new members during the summer hiatus and invite each one to the September Tea.

Rosemary Vendena

Scholarships

Two Branch Scholarships Awarded

Our Branch Scholarship Committee met in March to review the 2014 scholarship applications and agreed to award \$1500 scholarships to two very deserving ladies.

SHERIKA HORNES earned a BA from Florida Atlantic University and is pursuing a Masters in National Security Affairs with a concentration in International Relations in Nova Southeastern University's online program. This summer she will be participating in a Department of State internship in California. Sherika will complete her degree program this fall and is a young lady on a mission to succeed and to secure a position with the federal government in the Department of Homeland Security, Department of State or Federal Emergency Management Agency.

RUBY HEINTZE received a Branch Scholarship last year that enabled her to begin her pursuit of a Graduate Certificate in Quality Assurance offered by the UCF Industrial Engineering Department. Having earned BS and MS degrees in Engineering at University of FL and UCF over 20 years ago, she realized that updated skills were required to reenter the workforce. She will complete her final two classes by December and is currently eligible to sit for the American Society for Quality (ASQ) Certified Quality Associate exam and eventually the ASQ Certified Quality Engineer.

Ruby plans to attend the May breakfast meeting. Sherika cannot attend as she will already be at her summer internship.

Karen Buchan

These women were truly stars!

If you've been watching "Cosmos," nearly all the physicists and astronomers featured thus far have been men. So what a revelation when tonight's episode (April 27) focused on some of the women who made contributions in the field of astronomy—at a time in history when it was thought that education and a career would endanger their health. You will find some of these women featured on different pages in this newsletter.

Although most of us have never heard of her, Annie Jump Cannon is one of the most famous female astronomers. At a young age, Mary Jump taught her daughter Annie the constellations, thus igniting her interest in the stars. In 1880,

at the age of 17, Cannon was sent to Wellesley College in Massachusetts, one of the top academic schools for women in the U.S., where she studied physics and astronomy and learned to make spectroscopic measurements. In 1892 she traveled to Europe to photograph the solar eclipse with her Blair Box Camera. Soon afterwards, she was stricken with scarlet fever that rendered her almost completely deaf. This hearing loss made it difficult for her to socialize, so she eventually immersed herself within her work and never had the "traditional" life of marriage and children.



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These women were truly stars!

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In 1896, Cannon became a member of "Pickering's Women." (As women in the 1900s were not permitted to operate the telescopes, men at the laboratory did the "labor" of operating the telescopes and taking photographs while the women examined the data, carried out astronomical calculations, and catalogued those photographs during the day). She is credited with the creation of the Harvard Classification Scheme, which was the first serious attempt to organize and classify stars based on their temperatures.

Cannon could classify three stars a minute just by looking at their spectral patterns, and she classified more stars in a lifetime than anyone else, male or female, with a total of around 500,000 stars.

On May 9, 1922, the International Astronomical Union passed the resolution to formally adopt Cannon's stellar classification system, and with only minor changes, it is still being used for classification today.

The **American Association of University Women** presents the Annie J. Cannon Award annually to female astronomers for distinguished work in astronomy.

Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin

Born in 1900, Cecilia Payne's father died when she was four years old, forcing her mother to raise



three children on her own. Her mother would only spend money for her brother's college education. She won a scholarship to Cambridge and completed her studies, but was not awarded a degree because Cambridge did not grant degrees to women until 1948.

If she remained in the U.K., her only career option would be teaching, so she resolved to move to the U.S. In 1925 she became the first person to earn a Ph.D. in astronomy from Radcliffe College (now part of Harvard). Her thesis on "Stellar Atmospheres, A Contribution to the Observational Study of High Temperature in the Reversing Layers of Stars" was considered by a fellow astronomer to be "undoubtedly the most brilliant Ph.D. thesis ever written in astronomy."

Her thesis established that hydrogen was the overwhelming constituent of the stars and thus the most abundant element in the Universe.

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What is Nickwhistle?

Orlando/Winter Park AAUW is once again proud to assist a student at UCF to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Thanks go to Dr. Maria Santana who selected Amy Maitner to be UCF's representative. She recently won one of 12 Service Learning Awards for 2014. Below is part of her essay explaining why she would like to attend:

"I believe that attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders would greatly benefit me both as a leader and an activist. I am very passionate about women's rights and raising awareness of media's false images of women, and plan on using my Advertising/Public Relations major and Women's Studies minor to change the way women are portrayed in the media through body-positive messages. Women are so often objectified and oppressed through media's images of unachievable perfection, and there needs to be a larger representation of diversity and body shapes for young girls to look up to. Sadly, the focus on appearance and weight in society has placed huge amounts of stress and pressure on women, and I believe it is directly connected to the rise in eating disorders. I have begun my own project at UCF to raise awareness and support of eating disorders on campus, and would utilize the conference to network with other leaders, introduce my original project, and develop as a dynamic leader and individual.

"With the assistance of the Counseling and Psychological Services, I created a certification training for UCF faculty

and staff that would inform them of eating disorder symptoms, medical consequences, and resources available on campus. Once certified, they receive a Purple Ribbon sticker to place on their office window or door to signify that their office is a safe place for students to express eating or body image concerns. We have just begun implementing the program on campus, and so far have been able to certify approximately 40 UCF employees. I also directed, filmed, and edited a Public Service Announcement video advertising the program to UCF students.

"Attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders would give me the opportunity to network with other schools and women student leaders. After researching the conference online, I am confident that the keynote speakers and workshops would be inspiring and life-changing to hear and experience. While attending the conference, I would be able to introduce other women student leaders to the Purple Ribbon Program and ask for their opinions, resources, and assistance in incorporating the program at their own colleges and universities. I would like the opportunity to bring the information from the conference back to UCF and use it to further implement the Purple Ribbon Program on campus, as well as increase my skills as a women's rights activist and leader."

We hope to meet Amy next fall and hear about her experience at NCCWSL.

Barbara Knapp

These women were truly stars!

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When Payne's dissertation was reviewed, astronomer Henry Norris Russell dissuaded her from concluding that the composition of the Sun is different from that of the Earth, contradicting the accepted wisdom at the time. However, he changed his mind four years later after deriving the same result by different means. After Payne was proven correct, Russell was often given the credit, although he himself acknowledged her work in his paper.

In 1931, Payne became an American citizen. On a tour through Europe in 1933, she met Russian-born astrophysicist Sergei I. Gaposchkin in Germany. She helped him get a visa to the United States and they married in March 1934, settling in the historic village of Lexington, Massachusetts, a short commute from Harvard.

At one point she considered leaving Harvard because of her low status and poor salary. However, efforts were made to

improve her position, and in 1938 she was given the title of "Astronomer."

When Donald Menzel became Director of the Harvard College Observatory in 1954, he tried to improve her appointment, and in 1956, she became the first woman to be promoted to full professor from within the faculty at Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Later, with her appointment to the Chair of the Department of Astronomy, she also became the first woman to head a department at Harvard. The trail she blazed into the largely male-dominated scientific community was an inspiration to many.

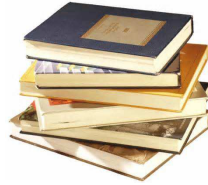


Joan Feynman

One of those inspired by Payne was Joan Feynman, younger sister of the physicist Richard Feynman.

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INTEREST GROUPS



While May is the last month of our official branch meeting season, we are not closed down for the summer. In the individual Interest Group notices, you will see many activities during the summer.

Between September and May our groups provided education, entertainment, volunteer service and friendship to members of our branch and our community partners.

- ◆ Juanita Blumberg launched a new interest group, Current Issues, which has grown each month.
- ◆ Linda Fessel turned bridge into a Mah Jongg group so popular they meet weekly.



- ◆ Two Co-Chairs became solo Chairs:
Joann McCaffrey/Foreign Affairs
Diane Kennedy/Museums & Galleries.
- ◆ Several of our established groups have gained new leadership:
Booklovers Coordinator: Ellen James
Booklovers I Chair: Susan Hoke
Booklovers V Chair: Maggie Kinst
Booklovers VII Chair: Diana Secor

Martha Williamson
Interest Groups Coordinator

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

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

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

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

Mah Jongg: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) Karen.deo@gmail.com and
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Museums/Galleries Group: Chair Diane Kennedy (407-834-3992) kennedd@aol.com

PACE Center for Girls Support Group: Co-Chairs Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) alandrum2@cfl.rr.com and
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Walking Group: Chair Lois Kolski 407 352-1146 lkolski@aol.com

INTEREST GROUPS

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JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com

TOPIC: "Food and Climate"

DATE: Sunday, May 26,
at 2 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Delia Fuentes
407-629-0865
dfuentes1@cfl.rr.com

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

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.

Due to the holiday, no film in May.
Foreign films will continue through the summer. Next film: June 30

Linda Fessel

DINING IN

Friday, May 2, 2014
Home of Sherry Levy
6:30 p.m.

Sherry will decide on the menu and send your "assignment" plus directions to her house. See you there.

Sherryklevy@aol.com
407-8696773

Dee Fuentes

**MUSEUMS
&
GALLERIES**

May 21, 2014
11 a.m.

Mennello Museum
Of American Art

This will be a docent-led tour. The museum is located at 900 East Princeton. There is lots of free parking; the cost is \$4.00 for seniors.

This is the Mennello's 15th anniversary. They are celebrating the art of the American West. Please RSVP to: Diane Kennedy (kennedd@aol.com.)



Diane Kennedy

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MAH JONGG

Karen Deo (407-679-6186)
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Linda Fessel (407-677-0317)
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BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thurs. at 1 p.m.
Locations vary. Call chairs for details.

We will continue to meet throughout the summer.

Karen and Linda

WALKING GROUP

Thursday, May 8, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Downtown Deland
Deland Mural Walk

Hear fact and lore of this "Athens of Florida," founded in 1882, while we peruse its 15 outdoor murals commemorating bygone days.

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Boston Coffeehouse in downtown DeLand. Two options will follow the morning walk: a casual lunch back at the coffeehouse and an afternoon tour of the 10,000 square-foot Stetson Mansion built in 1886 by the hat maker/philanthropist John B. Stetson.

Walking Group members will receive e-mailed details in late April. The RSVP deadline will be May 5.

If you would like to join the Walking Group and be included in this May 8 event, please contact Lois Kolski at lkolski@aol.com.

Finally, mark your calendar for our May 15 planning meeting. We'll want to hear your suggestions for our 2014-15 schedule. Meeting details will follow in a group email.

Lois Kolski

DINING OUT

Monday, May 12, 11:30 a.m.
The Greek Corner
1600 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32804

RSVP to Linda Fessel by May 8.
LFESSEL@embarqmail.com
407-677-0317

Linda Fessel

INTEREST GROUPS**(Cont'd)****CURRENT ISSUES**

Monday, May 19, 2014

10:30 a.m.

Hostess: Lynda Hinckley

Topic: Human Trafficking

Our group is still accepting new participants.

For details, contact Juanita Blumberg

407 327-0398 or
 juanitablu@yahoo.com

Juanita Blumberg

But before we get to the weighty problems of the world, anyone for a quick snack? . . .



Discussing current issues must be exhausting, but apparently also quite amusing.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES**LOVING FRANK**

On April 10, the Walking group toured the campus of Florida Southern College in Lakeland, which has the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright designs in the world. The ten walkers pose by a statue of the architect.

DINING IN

The June meeting will be at Max Reed's home.

The July meeting will be at D. Fuentes' home on the lake. Plans are for a picnic-style gathering with kayak instructions, practice and swimming.

The August meeting will be at Barbara Buchele's home.

The September meeting will be a re-organizational meeting to determine the guidelines of our group for 2014-15. No food or drink at this meeting. Place and time to be determined.

Dee Fuentes

407-310-1154

INTEREST GROUPS

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BOOKLOVERS MAY 2014

My Beloved World, by Sonia Sotomayor



Sonia Sotomayor begins her story at the age of seven learning how to administer insulin to herself, a juvenile diabetic. As she moves through her childhood into high school then college—Princeton University and then on to law school—she recounts the many challenges she faced. The *New York Times Book Review* notes that “The book delivers on its promise of intimacy in its depictions of Sotomayor’s family, the corner of Puerto Rican immigrant New York where she was raised, and the link she feels to the island where she spent childhood summers. This is a woman who knows where she comes from and has the force to bring you there. Sotomayor is clear-eyed about the flaws of the adults who raised her—she lets them be complicated. ‘I’ve spent my whole life

learning how to do things that were hard for me.” Becoming a Supreme Court Justice was no exception.

The book is well-written, and she recounts her many stages of life with wit, humor, and honesty.



[The four women who have served on the Supreme Court: Sandra Day O'Connor, Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Elena Kagan]

Ellen James
Booklovers Coordinator

Summer Booklovers Schedules

Booklovers I: This group meets the first Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Library. Visitors are welcome. At the June meeting attendees discuss what they are reading. They will choose books then for the rest of the summer. For more information, contact Susan Hoke.

Booklovers II: Does not meet.

Booklovers III: This is a small group and they go out to dinner during the summer for book discussions. Visitors are welcome. Lynda Hinckley is the contact.

Booklovers IV: Does not meet.

Booklovers V: Does not meet.

Booklovers VI: Maybe will meet. Contact Missy Baker, if they do, visitors will be welcome.

Booklovers VII: Meets in Pary’s Corner downstairs in the Winter Park Towers the first Wednesday at 1. At the May 7 meeting they will choose books for the summer.

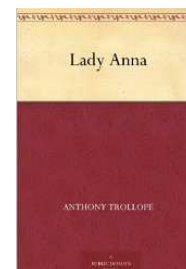
Visitors are welcome. Contact Diana Secor for more information.

Booklovers VIII: This group will meet on the second Thursday of the month at Beth McCarty’s at 7 p.m. Contact Beth McCarty for information. Visitors are welcome.

Trollopians will meet July 16 at 1 p.m. in the Seminole County Library: 215 N. Oxford Rd., Casselberry 32707.

This Year’s Trollope selection is *Lady Anna*. As you read Trollope’s controversial book written with great wit and wisdom, you’ll find it hard to believe that it was written in the 1800s because so much of it sounds like 2014. All AAUW members are cordially invited.

For more information, contact Joyce Folsom at 407-696-0769 or jfollev@yahoo.com



General Meeting Minutes

Summary of the AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch
First Congregational Church of Winter Park
April 12, 2014

At 9:15 a.m. President Myra Gaziano (Myra) welcomed attendees. She reminded them to sign up for the Equal Pay Day red outfit group photo available for purchase in 4x5 or 5x7 formats.

Program VP Sherry Levy introduced guest speaker Dr. Ena Heller, Cornell Museum of Fine Arts Director.

Myra called the meeting to order and announced that Susan Hoke and Hannah Kruczek attended President Obama's visit to Valencia College.

Myra announced Barbara Knapp's acceptance of the 2nd place award for Ed. Foundation contributions from our branch at the state convention. She said our branch membership has increased 14% and has 162 members.

Rosemary Vendena, Financial Director, asked members to answer a branch survey and to resubmit their membership information forms to update data and provide emergency contacts.

Martha Williamson, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the slate of officers up for election for the terms running from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2016: Max Reed for Branch President, Rosemary Vendena for Branch Finance Director and Judy Alper for Branch VP/Membership. An election was held and the above slate was elected according to our by-laws. She thanked outgoing officers, President Gaziano and Membership VP

Barbara Buchele for their outstanding service. Pat Stamm and Ellen James were elected to a new Nominating Committee for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 season.

Karen Buchan, Scholarship Committee Chair, praised her committee's cooperation. Myra said scholarship winners and new officer installation will be featured at the May general meeting. Martha Williamson, Interest Group Coordinator, said summer activities will appear in the Branchline.

Barbara Knapp, Karen Buchan and Susan Hoke attended the Orange County Board of Commissioners Meeting on April 8. Susan spoke about Pay Equity and presented Mayor Jacobs a Proclamation to sign. (Barbara Knapp presented the information at the April meeting in Susan's absence.)

Jean Walker, Director for Development, announced that Sandy Goldstein won the 50/50 raffle.

Members were encouraged to attend the PACE Luncheon April 16.

Myra Gaziano adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Raczek, Secretary

The summary of the General Minutes is a brief recapitulation for our Branchline newsletter. All members are encouraged to read the full Minutes which are kept by the branch as part of our official branch records.

These women were truly stars!

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Like her physicist brother, Richard Feynman, Joan Feynman (born 1927) was an inquisitive child, and she exhibited an interest in understanding the natural world from an early age. However, her mother and grandmother both dissuaded her from pursuing science, since they believed that women's brains were not physically capable of understanding complex scientific concepts in the way that men's brains could. Despite this, her brother Richard always encouraged her to be curious about the universe. One night, he coaxed her out of bed to witness the northern lights flickering above an empty golf course near their home. Later, she became convinced that she could, in fact, study science, when she came across a graph based on research by noted astronomer Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin.

Feynman is known for developing an understanding of the origin of auroras. She is also known for creating a model that predicts the number of high-energy particles likely to hit a spacecraft over its lifetime, and for uncovering a method for predicting sun spot cycles.

In 1985, Feynman accepted a position at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, where she remained until her retirement in 2003. But she continued to work, publishing as recently as 2009 on the influence of solar activity on the climate of the first millennium.

Feynman has been married to fellow astrophysicist Alexander Ruzmaikin since 1987.

During her career, Feynman was an author or co-author of more than 100 scientific publications. She also edited three scientific books.

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News From and About Our Members

Congratulations to Dr. M.C. Santana Recipient of the 2014 Service-Learning Faculty Recognition Award

Dr. Maria Cristina "M.C." Santana is a media expert and a trained photojournalist with experience dealing with language minority populations in the United States. She has taught courses like Global Feminism, Diversity and Community; Gender and Community Activism; Visual Communication Theory; First and Second Wave Feminism; Introduction to Women's Studies, and Research for Gender Studies. Her research interests are women, visual communication, media and history. Dr. Santana has presented her work on Human Trafficking and other topics in international forums in Rio de Janeiro, Montreal, Spain, Italy, and France

Dr. Santana has a Ph.D. in International Communication from Temple University and is also a graduate of the Documents and Archival Program of Delaware University. She has more than 20 years of higher education experience as a college professor. Her skills in the classroom won her four teaching excellence awards at UCF in the last 10 years. At UCF she is the Director of the Women's Studies program and has taught for the CREAT program, Nicholson School of Communication, Honors College, the School of Visual Arts and Design, and Women's Studies. She is a member of the League of Women's Voters, Orlando Museum of Art, **American Association of University Women**, National Women's Studies Association, National Museum of Women, a Development Board

committee member of the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council, a national committee member of the College and University Representatives with AAUW, and the Hispanic American Professional Business Women Association.

A small sample of service-learning projects completed in Women's Studies classes with Dr. Santana include:

Farmworker Association of Florida - Toxic Tour and Woman 2 Woman conference for farmworker women in Apopka for the last five years. (every spring)

Sewall-Belmont House Museum- Adoption and conservation of an original Nina Evans Allender political cartoon from 1923.

Catholic Charities, Refugee Resettlement - Furnishing a new apartment for a refugee family (kitchen and bathroom items).



Leandra Preston-Sidler, M.C. Santana, and Meredith Tweed celebrate after the event.

These women were truly stars!

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Henrietta Swan Leavitt

(July 4, 1868 - December 12, 1921)
She graduated from Radcliffe College, then called the Society for the Collegiate Instruction for Women, with a bachelor's degree in 1892. It wasn't until her fourth year of college that

Leavitt took a course in astronomy. In 1893, Leavitt started working at the Harvard College Observatory as one of "Pickering's Women," examining photographic plates in order to measure and catalog the brightness of stars. Because Leavitt had independent means, Pickering initially did not have to pay her. Later, she received 30 cents an hour for her work!

Though she received little recognition in her lifetime, it was her discovery that first allowed astronomers to measure the distance between the Earth and faraway galaxies. After Leavitt's death, Edwin Hubble used her discoveries to determine that the Milky Way is not the only galaxy in the observable universe, and that the universe is expanding. To his credit, Hubble himself often said that Leavitt deserved the Nobel Prize for her work. Gösta Mittag-Leffler of the Swedish Academy of Sciences tried to nominate her for that prize in 1924, only to learn that she had died of cancer three years earlier. (The Nobel Prize is not awarded posthumously.)

Leavitt was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the **American Association of University Women**, the American Astronomical and Astrophysical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an honorary member of the American Association of Variable Star Observers.

REPORT FROM AAUW FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

The 83rd AAUW Florida State Convention was held in Tampa on April 4 and 5, 2014. I was gratified to represent the Orlando/Winter Park Branch.

Friday night's opening began with a report of Tech Trek 2014 which will be held July 13-19 at Eckerd College. Fundraising has been going well but more is needed to complete the budget. Incoming co-president Virginia Farace explained the One Member, One Vote bylaws change (called OMOV for short). The meeting was called to order, the Girl Scouts presented the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Election of officers was done by acclamation as there were no nominations from the floor: Virginia Farace and Susan Berlin were elected last year as Co-Presidents-Elect; Director for Membership-Carol Richardson of Miami; Director for Development-Joan Dick of Lake Wales; Director of Communication-Carol Napper of St. Augustine; and Secretary-Patricia Dewitt of Jacksonville.

The proposed AAUW Florida Public Policy Program for 2014-2016 will be voted upon by all members beginning on April 21 and ending on May 20 at midnight. Those voting by email should have received a message from Fong Cheng that tells you how to vote. If you haven't yet received it, first look in your spam and if it isn't there, contact connect@aauw.org. If you would like more information about One Member One Vote (OMOV) please read this [One Member One Vote article](#) on the state website: aauw-fl.aauw.net. Those who do not have email should receive the ballot in the US mail.

The banquet this year held special meaning for those of us involved with PACE. The program was the Woman of Dis-

inction Awards given to three outstanding women. Sandy Oestreich, Founder/President of the National ERA Alliance, Inc., was one and Carolyn Garfein, Past President of AAUW National, was the second and they both gave impassioned speeches. The third Woman of Distinction was Vicki Bryant Burke, Founder of PACE, who detailed the founding and explosion of the program. I know I wasn't the only one in the audience who is connected to a PACE in our state who was feeling proud.

Saturday was a day of Leadership workshops led by National Staff: Membership Recruitment; Filling Your Board with Fresh Faces; Designing Engaging Meetings; and How to Market Your Branch. Deepti Gudipati, Director of Member Leadership Programs; Chardonnay Singleton, Program Manager, and Matthew Eddy, Educational Events Manager, were very able workshop leaders.

The closing plenary session took us through exercises to help us identify opportunities of collaboration between the state and the branch.

Attending a State Convention brings you in contact with members from across the state and gives you a chance to hear what other branches do, i.e., fundraising, programs, projects. Orlando/Winter Park budgets for attendees and although cannot often pay the entire cost, can assist. It is an experience I hope many of you will try in 2015.

Also, don't forget the National Convention which will be held July 18-21 in San Diego, California.

Barbara Knapp



The Branchline is taking off for the summer in order to give its hardworking staff some needed R&R.

If you check the calendars on the next two pages, you will note that several interest groups are NOT taking off for the summer.

As we conclude our fifth year as Branchline editor (we can't believe it's been that long either!), we hope the Newsletter has been a source of information, education, and enjoyment for you.

For us, the experience has been stimulating, challenging, frustrating, oftentimes infuriating . . . but ultimately gratifying, fulfilling, and rewarding.

Enjoy your summer. See y'all in September.

Linda Fessel, editor

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	2 <u>7-10</u> Dining In	3
4	5	6 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers I	7 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers II <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers VII	8 <u>9:30—?</u> Walking grp. <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	9	10 9—11:30 a.m. General Mtg.
11	12 <u>11:30—1:30</u> Dining out	13 <u>1:00 - 3:00</u> B-Lovers VI	14	15 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg	16	17
18 <u>2 - 5:00</u> Foreign Af- fairs	19 <u>10:30—1:30</u> Current Is- sues	20 <u>1:30—3:30</u> B-Lovers V	21 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-Lovers IV	22 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg	30	31

Schedules for June, July and August are on the next page. If you do not see an activity scheduled, please contact the chair of that group (page 6) to find out what events, if any, are planned for the summer.

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <u>1 - 3:30</u> B-lovers I	4 <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers VII	5 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	6 <u>7-10</u> Dining In	7
8	9 <u>11:30—1:30</u> Dining out	10	11	12 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <u>1-4</u> Mah Jongg	27	28
29	30					

July

Tues. July 1 Booklovers I (1:30—3:30)
 Wed. July 2 Booklovers VII (1-3)
 Thurs. July 3 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. July 3 Booklovers III (7 p.m.)
 Thurs. July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
 Thurs. July 4 Dining In
 Thurs. July 10 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. July 10 Booklovers VIII (7 p.m.)
 Mon. July 14 Dining Out (11:30—1:30)
 Wed. July 16 Trolloprians (1-3:30) Sem. Library
 Thurs. July 17 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. July 24 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. July 24 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Mon. July 28 Foreign Film Group (1-4)

August

Fri. Aug. 1 Dining In (7-10)
 Tues. Aug. 5 Booklovers I (1:30—3:30)
 Wed. Aug. 6 Booklovers VII (1-3)
 Thurs. Aug. 7 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. Aug. 7 Booklovers III (7 p.m.)
 Mon. Aug. 11 Dining Out (11:30—1:30)
 Thurs. Aug. 14 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Thurs. Aug. 14 Booklovers VIII (7 p.m.)
 Thurs. Aug. 21 Mah Jongg (1-4)
 Mon. Aug. 25 Dining Out (11:30-1:30)
 Thurs. Aug. 28 Mah Jongg (1-4)

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