

# Orlando \* Winter Park BRANCHLINE

# FEBRUARY PROGRAM



# **Brett C. Railey** Chief of Police Winter Park, FL

As an accomplished law enforcement professional, Chief Railey has over 38 years of experience in allied fields, 34 of those years as a member of the Winter Park Police Department. His career has included extensive experience in operational, investigative, and administrative assignments at

progressively higher levels of responsibility through the rank of Chief of Police.

For more than 30 years, Chief Railey has been a practitioner in the field of traffic safety. He was selected to teach traffic safety and zero tolerance enforcement to law enforcement officials in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Navajo Nation Police, and the Brazilian National Police Force. He has traveled extensively (i.e., Canada, Kuwait, Columbia, Mexico—to name just a few) to introduce the Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety.

Some of the Chief's impressive awards include:

- J. Stannard Baker Award (I.A.C.P.) recognizing lifetime achievement in Highway Safety (October 2014)
- NHTSA Public Service Award for Highway Safety (April 2014)
- Winter Park Police Department Officer of the Year
- Neighborhood Watch Officer of the Year
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving Officer of the Year
- Winter Park Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Month (awarded twice)
- Multiple Winter Park Police Department Service Ribbons
- Orlando Police Department Award of Commendation

Chief Railey will talk about safety in general in Winter Park vs. surrounding communities. He will highlight several of the programs the WPPD utilizes to stay in touch with the community and tools for the community to communicate with them efficiently.

# **GENERAL MEETING**

SATURDAY February 13, 2016 9 a.m.

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

\$15.00 per person Reservations Required

RSVP Contact: Rosemary Vendena 407-282-1023 rovendena@hotmail.com

# Cash or check payable at the door

(Checks should be made out to "AAUW Orlando/ Winter Park")

> Or mail your check to: Rosemary Vendena 291 Isle of Sky Circle Orlando, FL 32828

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

# From the President's Desk

#### AAUW EMPOWERS WOMEN!

Let's take a moment to review the programs and accomplishments of our 130-year-old organization. Here is a capsule view of AAUW programs.

**<u>Research</u>** We analyze gender equity issues in education and the workplace.

<u>Campus Leadership</u> We help shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders.

**<u>STEM Education</u>** We are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

**<u>Public Policy</u>** We advocate for policies that advance equity for women and girls.

<u>**Case Support</u>** We support challenges to sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.</u>

**Educational Funding** We provide educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women.

<u>Global Connections</u> We respond to the global development needs of women, helping them contribute to the economic and social development of their countries.

<u>Member Leadership</u> We provide leadership development opportunities to AAUW members.

And here are three examples of our 2015 accomplishments:

- \$3.7 million awarded in fellowships and grants to support 241 women in their professional and academic careers in 2015 alone;
- 1,200 congressional office visits to protect college access and affordability, reauthorize VAWA, prevent bullying and harassment, pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, and eliminate workplace discrimination;
- 140 college campuses reached with \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops.

Quite formidable, wouldn't you say?

Max Reed President

# From the VP Membership

Thanks to our wonderful members spreading the news about our special AAUW branch, we are thrilled to have four new members joining us. I think we continue to grow because we are a great group of people who enjoy each other's company, and we are happy to do good deeds in the community. We share time, excitement and interesting experiences. Who wouldn't want to join up with us? Oh, yes, and we make our money work hard for women in our community and the country. In other words, we are the best value anywhere!!

For those who have expressed confusion as to charges for dues, please know that **first** time joiners may often (but not always) get discounts as permitted by National and also proration factors may create a lower cost. However, the annual and regular renewing dues are still \$75, and the membership year runs from July 1-June 30. Without doubt, this is the best value in my personal budget!

# Welcome to our new members:

Mary Ann DeVillavilla <u>madvill@earthlink.net</u> BSC Nursing, University of Manitoba, 1956

Bonnie Renfro <u>bonfro@me.com</u> AB and MD, University of Michigan, 1970 and 1975

Susan Rosoff <u>srosoff@atlantic.net</u> BA English, Briarcliff, 1970; MA, Art History, Norwich University, 1992

Pauline (Polly) Saunders saunderspauline02@gmail.com Nursing, Framingham Union Hospital, 1964; BS Science, New College of California, 1978

> Judy Alper 407-788-5740 judyalper@aol.com

# From the Director of Finance



We are now in the second half of our AAUW Fiscal Year. It's time to convene a Budget Committee. I am asking for volunteers to serve on a committee which completes a very important task with minimal time commitment. If you have served in the past, don't hesitate to sign up

again. Our deadline is to have a budget ready for membership to ratify at the General Meeting on April 9, 2016. Our Branch is not wealthy, but we are very stable financially. The \$14 you pay each year for Branch dues makes it possible for us to accomplish BIG things through volunteer efforts, fundraising, and individual donations. The annual budget keeps us focused on our important missions. <u>Reminder 1:</u> If you haven't tried the on-line banking services at your bank or credit union, AAUW Brunch is the ideal occasion to try it out. Just set up AAUW Orlando-Winter Park as the payee and use my street address for mailing. Our members who use the service say they are glad to be relieved of the need to carry a checkbook to our meeting.

<u>Reminder 2</u>: Please make your reservation for General Meeting Brunch by **Thursday evening--2 days before the meeting.** That's the time I call our caterer, Drew, to let him know how many will attend. Of course, we always allow for last minute additions, so please don't ever turn away a friend!

# **Rosemary Vendena**

Director for Finance

# From the Director of Development

Because of our growing membership and your generosity, our 50/50 raffle prize has been increasing. The Board has decided that if the raffle yields more than \$100.00, we will draw for two winners to split the money. So take a chance at our February meeting and I will help "sweeten" the deal with chocolates available to ticket buyers.

# Joanne Taurence

In honor of Black History month, this issue will feature three African-American women who have made some amazing, but not necessarily well-known, contributions.

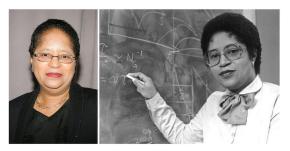
# Dr. Shirley Jackson

Born August 5, 1946, Shirley Jackson is an American physicist, and the eighteenth president of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She received her Ph.D. in nuclear physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1973, becoming the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate at MIT.

Born in Washington, D.C., her parents, Beatrice and George Jackson, strongly valued education and encouraged her in school. At Roosevelt High School, Jackson attended accelerated programs in both math and science, graduating in 1964 as valedictorian.

Jackson began classes at MIT in 1964, one of fewer than twenty African-American students and the only one studying theoretical physics. In 1968, she earned her bachelor's degree writing her thesis on solid-state physics. Jackson elected to stay at MIT for her doctoral work, in part to encourage more African-American students to attend the institution. She worked on elementary particle theory for her Ph.D., which she completed in 1973, the first African-American woman to earn a doctorate degree from MIT. Jackson was also the second African-American woman in the United States to earn a doctorate in physics.

Some of the Telecommunication Technology developed by Dr. Jackson include portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fibre optic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.



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# Scholarships



#### AAUW Scholarship Recipient Success Story

I was contacted recently by Ruby Heintze, recipient of a 2013 and 2014 branch scholarship. She updated me with a copy of the success story she wrote for **iRelaunch**, the return-to-work experts.

After a 22-year break in her career as a Software/ Industrial Engineer, during which time she homeschooled her three children, she is now employed as a Quality Engineer with Lockheed Martin in Orlando.

In her story, Ruby related the following: *"I applied for a scholarship from the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and fortunately, they selected me as a recipient. This was a tremendous help, as it allowed me the resources to enroll in graduate engineering classes at the University of Central Florida (UCF). Less than halfway through the Certificate program, the high rate of* 

# Relaunch

graduate tuition had consumed the entire scholarship. Yet AAUW was committed to my success, and they graciously renewed the scholarship for the following year to allow me to complete, with a 4.0 GPA, the Graduate Certificate in Quality Assurance conferred by the college of Engineering and Computer Science."

Originally, Ruby phoned me and I encouraged her to apply for a scholarship. She graciously attended two May Branch meetings and upon completion of each class sent me her grade (ALWAYS an "A"). She ended her story with an expression of thankfulness: *"I am grateful to God who gives me hope, my husband and children for their love and encouragement, AAUW for their financial and moral support, the professors and staff at UCF for their wisdom, and my friends at ASQ (American Society for Quality) for their inspiration."* 

Karen Buchan



To all my AAUW Sisters:



I wish you could have seen the faces and heard the oohs and aaahs when the calendars were delivered. Word spread quickly that "the calendar

lady" was in the house! We placed the calendars on various tables in the reception areas or in their library depending on the venue. Residents flocked in to select their favorite calendar wanting to assure that they got their first pick. The animal lovers poured over the ASPCA calendars with the pictures of dogs and cats. Those who had been in the military or had family serving wanted those associated with the Wounded Warriors Project or with military monuments. Still others clamored for those with artistic flair from museums or artists. Many snapped up those containing pictures of national parks, remembering vacations taken there years ago. Habitat calendars went to residents who had grandchildren or great-grands who either lived in a home built by Habitat volunteers or who knew volunteers who built those homes. The calendars featuring flowers from Easter Seals were popular because they had large spaces for each date which were perfect for writing in doctor, dentist, hair or recertification appointments.

These calendars were distributed to four (4) elderly housing sites in Winter Park and Orlando and contributed greatly to resident conversations and interactions.

Thank you once again for the part you played in making this possible. Your generosity made many elderly and/or disabled residents happy to have a free item of value that was truly needed. It gave us all pleasure to have these calendars go into hands that could use them rather than into landfills that couldn't.

My grateful heart goes out to each of you once again.

Lynda Hinckley

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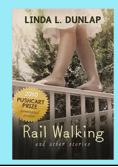
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Annual Literary Luncheon Saturday, March 12, 2016 Speaker: Our Branch member, Linda L. Dunlap Author of *Rail Walking and* Other Stories



See last page for literary luncheon flyer and reservations form

# FEBRUARIUS

February gets its name from a Roman festival of purification that was held on the fifteenth of the



month. The festival was a great success, most Romans eating and drinking themselves into a stupor. However, a few purer-than-thou types, like the Vestal Virgins, would have no part of it. In the original Roman calendar, February was the last month of the year, preceding January. What was gained by the shift is anybody's guess.

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# From our Members

#### A word from M.C. Santana about Woman to Woman (W2W) Conference (2009- )

Every spring, UCF's Women's and Gender Studies program, and its director Dr. Maria C. Santana with the Farmworker Association of Florida plan a one-day conference for women farmworkers in the Apopka area. The conference is conducted in English, Spanish and Creole for the benefit of the participants. Some of the topics discussed are women's health, domestic violence, trauma, financial freedom, self-esteem and overall empowerment.

All expenses are fundraised by the Women's and Gender Studies program, including lunch for women and children, T-Shirts and tote bags full of hygiene products per family.

Support WomanToWoman! We have around 150 people to serve and help on March 26, 2016.

- A check for \$30.00 supports one family tote bag with products;
- A check for \$50.00 helps us give W2W T-Shirts to 20 women;

A check for \$100.00 is a fourth of the lunch budget we need.

But any amount is welcome too! I will be at the AAUW February meeting to answer any questions and collect any donations. My contact information is (407) 233-5240 and my email is Santana@ucf.edu

Thank you for thinking about those who put food on our tables and plants in our homes.

Dr. María C. Santana Director, Women's and Gender Studies





Anna V. Eskamani, director of public policy and field operations for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida.

Last month, we reprinted an article

from the *Orlando Sentinel* written by new member Anna Eskamani.

Following is another article as it appeared in the *Orlando Sentinel* on Wednesday, January 6, 2016:

"There is election season, and then there is session. Next week our state legislators make the fateful trip back to Tallahassee and we begin to ask ourselves, 'Did they ever actually leave?' But in all seriousness, now is the time for some serious power building. I will be traveling to Tallahassee myself next week with an incredible group of passionate Planned Parenthood volunteers. I encourage each one of you to make the trip to Tallahassee, or at the very least tune in to the Florida Channel to keep a watchful and thoughtful eye on your elected officials. If we don't hold them accountable, then what is the real purpose of their existence?"



# Member Goes to the Dogs

Activism abounds among our members. Irene Clark is busily collecting signatures for a ballot amendment. The Greyhound Protection Act requires the track to report injuries to the public, reveal the fate of dogs who leave the track, and subject racing greyhounds to County licensing and inspection laws. Seminole County registered voters may contact Irene at 407 331-4788 or irenesclark@gmail.com to help.

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Interest Groups					
Contact me if you are interested in starting a new group or are willing to lead the Museum Group.		meet. Below is a list of the 2016 Special Group Leaders.			
It is time to try out a new AAUW Special Interest Group this year. Just contact the leader of the group and ask her if you can come to her group next time they		<b>Barbara Buchele</b> Special Interest Chair babuchele@gmail.com or 321-972-9114			

Booklovers: Coordinator (10 groups) Ellen James (407-857-0044)	jamese3@bellsouth.net
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Lunching Out Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@e	embargmail.com
Mah Jongg: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) <u>Karen.deo@gm</u> Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@emba</u>	
Museums/Galleries Group: TBA	
PACE Center for Girls Support Group: Co-Chairs Anne Landrum (40 Pat Stamm (407-971-0565)	
Theatre Group: Chair: Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele	<u>@gmail.com</u>
Walking Group: Chair Missy Baker (407-644-5661) (407 346-6561-	cell) <u>bakerworks@gmail.com</u>

# In honor of Black History Month (continued) Marie Van Brittan Brown

Brown was born in Queens, New York, in 1922 and died there in 1999 at age 76.

The crime rate in their neighborhood had increased, and police response time in their area was notoriously slow. Marie wanted a way to feel less vulnerable.

In 1966 the idea for a home surveillance device seemed almost unthinkable. That was the year African-American inventor Marie Van Brittan Brown, and her partner Albert Brown, applied for an invention patent for a closed-circuit television security system – the forerunner to the modern home security system. Brown's system had a set of 4 peep holes and a camera that could slide up and down to look at each one. Anything and everything the camera picked up would appear on a monitor. Also, a resident could unlatch the door by remote control. The system included a device that enabled a homeowner to use a television set to view the person at the door and hear the caller's voice.

Far ahead of her time, Marie Van Brittan Brown created an invention that was the first in a long string of home security inventions that continue to flood the market today.



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# Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, February 8 TIME: 11:30 a.m. PLACE: TBA

The Lunching Out Group meets on the second Monday of each month. We seek out interesting (often ethnic) non-chain restaurants.

If you would like to join us, please contact me to get on the list.

(407) 677-0317 LFESSEL@embarqmail.com

Línda Fessel

# Díníng In

Dining In did not meet in January due to the holidays. We will resume our gastronomic delights with a Venetian Carnivale celebration at the home of Lynda Hinckey on Feb. 5.

Beth McCarty

# Foreígn Affaírs

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

When: Sunday, February 28, 2016 \*\* 2 p.m.

Topic: CUBA AND THE U.S.

Where: Home of Cecilia Shade 8705 Palm Lake Drive Orlando, Florida 32819 407-704-7024

\*\*(Date may change, so make sure you RSVP to Cecilia or Jo-Ann prior

# Walking Group

#### Celebrating the Asian New Year (Year of the Monkey)



Our Ladies of the Sneakers depart from their usual schedule in February to experience an unusual treat.

Ricky Ly, food blogger (tastychomps.com; wmfe.org/ vietnam), author, (*Food Lovers' Guide to Orlando: The Best Restaurants, Markets & Local Culinary Offerings*), civil engineer, and community activist will lead walking group members through the Asian community along Colonial Drive on Saturday, February 6. Walkers will tour an Asian market and sample foods from restaurants along their walk.

The deadline to participate in our Celebrating the Asian New Year Walk has passed. However, if you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive details of our future walks, please contact Missy Baker.

*Míssy Baker* bakerworks@gmail.com

407-644-5661.

# Museums & Galleríes

We are still looking for a leader for M&G. Please contact Barbara Buchele if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

# Foreign Films

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

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

Next movie (TBA) will be Monday, February 29 at 1 pm.



# Mah Jongg

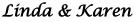
Co-chairs: Karen Deo (407-679-6186) Karen.deo@gmail.com

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#### **BEGINNERS WELCOME**

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month except for this month when we will meet all 4 Thursdays).

Contact Linda or Karen for more information.





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# Díníng Couples

If you and your partner are willing to host a dinner in your home, think about signing up. You prepare a main course of your choice and the other guests bring either an appetizer, side dish or salad and a dessert. There will be a total of eight people at your house for dinner. The proposed dates for the next three dinners are the following Saturdays:

Feb. 20, 2016

April 16, 2016

June 18, 2016.

Substitutes may also be needed during the year and will be expected to bring part of the meal, but do not have to host. If you are interested, contact

> Suzy Kerr at 407-960-1376, SuzyKerr@msn.com or

Barbara Buchele at 321-972-9114 babuchele@gmail.com

Suzy and Barbara

# Theatre Group

- <u>What</u>: Orlando Ballet: The Fire bird and To Familiar Space in a Dream
- <u>When</u>: Fri., Feb. 5, 2016 at 8 p.m.
- Where: Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts



*The Firebird* For the first time, Orlando Ballet premiers this epic fairy tale ballet and orchestral concert work by

composer Igor Stravinsky with choreography by Orlando Ballet Artistic Director Robert Hill. Based on Russian folk tales of a magical glowing bird that can be both a blessing and a curse to its owner, this tale of enchantment begins with an encounter between the magical Firebird and a young Prince Ivan. Energetic and elaborate displays of dance highlight this tale of bewitched creatures, a

#### fight for love and the desire to find happiness. This is a must-see with breathtaking virtuoso dancing and music from a 20th-century genius.

#### To Familiar Spaces in Dream

Choreographer Jessica Lang's compelling new work with music by Philip Glass, John Cage, and Craig Armstrong. This contemporary performance includes a striking set of eight white columns representing the white keys on the piano. This regional premiere progresses with dancers moving on, over, and through the columns, and then, increasingly, across the stage to create a shifting, dreamlike architectural environment. Lang's choreography builds a deepening emotional current that, by the end, appeared to engulf dancers and stage alike. To Familiar Spaces in Dream digs deep, charting rich new visual territory for the company and its audience.

> Barbara Buchele (321-972-9114) babuchele@gmail.com

# Díníng Out at Níght

DATE: Tuesday, February 9 TIME: 6:30 p.m. PLACE: Smokey Bones (on 436 just north of Howell Branch Road).

RSVP to:

Susan Hoke shoke@cfl.rr.com 407-637-6857

# Cooking Globally

- DATE: February 19 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
- PLACE Club 24
  - (1824 Summerfield Road, Winter Park)

Barbara Reuter will lead the group in Brazilian night.

Contact one of the following for more details.

Rana Tiwari (ranatiwari@usa.net), Karen Buchan (kgb@unknownegg.org) In honor of Black History Month (continued)

#### Marian Anderson



In 1939, the black contralto was forbidden from singing before an integrated audience at a venue owned by

the Daughters of the American Revolution. In protest, Eleanor Roosevelt organized an open-air concert for Anderson at the Lincoln Memorial. 75,000 people attended.

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# Booklovers

Book discussions will be varied but dynamic in February. Below are the two books that Booklovers are reading.



#### **Booklovers VII**

**Rebecca** This classic, written by (Dame) Daphne du Maurier in 1938 takes us back to England to meet the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter.

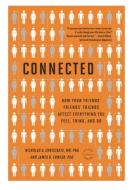
"Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again . . ." With these words, the reader is ush-

ered into an isolated gray stone mansion on the windswept Cornish coast, as the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter recalls the chilling events that transpired as she began her new life as the young bride of a husband she barely knew. For in every corner of every room were phantoms of a time dead, but not forgotten—a past devotedly preserved by the sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers: a suite immaculate and untouched, clothing laid out and ready to be worn, but not by any of the great house's current occupants. With an eerie presentiment of evil tightening her heart, the second Mrs. De Winter walked in the shadow of her mysterious predecessor, determined to uncover the darkest secrets and shattering truths about Maxim's first wife—the late and hauntingly beautiful Rebecca.

#### **Booklovers (Most groups)**

**Connected:** The Surprising Power of Our Social **Networks and How They Shape Our Lives** by Nicholas Christakis and James H. Fowler.

"Happiness is contagious...Your friends and your friends' friends can make you fat—or thin." These are among the startling findings disclosed in *Connected*. The Internationally renowned scientists Nicholas A. Christakis and James H. Fowler reveal how our real-life social networks drive and shape virtually every aspect of our lives. How we feel, whether we fall ill,



how much money we make, and whether we vote on Election Day all depend on what others around us—even those who are only distantly connected to us—are doing, thinking, and feeling. Our social networks underlie financial scams, eating disorders, substance abuse, and suicide clusters, but also innovation, altruism, and "random acts of kindness."

This fascinating and provocative book offers a revolutionary new paradigm—that, like school of fish changing direction in unison, we are unconsciously led by the people around us. *Connected* will forever change the way we look at one another—and ourselves.

> Ellen James Booklovers Coordinator jamese3@bellsouth.net

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: Judy McDonald murran@bellsouth.net



# **Current Issues**

The Current Issues meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month. This month we will meet on Monday, Feb. 15. We are permanently meeting at the Westminster Towers in Winter Park from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room located in the lobby area of the Towers. Westminster Towers is the former Winter Park Towers facility. Bring your lunch and join us for some interesting discussions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone 407-855-3321 or by email <u>kysilka@bellsouth.net</u>

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# EQUAL MEANS EQUAL A talk by Gini Sikes

February 25 at 2:30 p.m.

Morgridge International Reading Center 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando 32816



Please join the UCF College of Graduate Studies on February 25 at 2:30 p.m. for invited guest Gini Sikes.

Sikes is a documentary filmmaker, investigative journalist, editor, and author. Her areas of expertise are women's and youth issues captured in two of her most notable works- **8** Ball Chicks: A Year in the Violent World of Girl

Gangsters and her recent documentary Equal Means

**Equal** which highlights women's eroding rights in the U.S. today. Among her honors, she was awarded a Knight Fellowship for journalists from Stanford University and a Planned Parenthood Maggie Award for exceptional media coverage of reproductive health. She earned a Masters from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

The UCF College of Graduate Studies Speaker Series celebrates 15 years of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs at UCF and aims to engage UCF and the Central Florida community in meaningful interdisciplinary conversations. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, email GradIDS@ucf.edu or visit: www.graduate.ucf.edu/CGSSpeakerSeries.

Check out Ms. Sikes' *Equal Means Equal* documentary trailer before coming to her talk.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3250590/...

Dr. María C. Santana Director, Women's and Gender Studies

Here's what you missed if you didn't attend the Walking Group on January 14, 2016.

A walk around Lake Ivanhoe was followed by a tour of the amazing Villa ConRoy. Then on to lunch at Dubsdread.



The Kerouac House was established as a haven for up-and-coming writers as a tribute to the literary legacy of Jack Kerouac. Each writer is provided free lodging at the house, along with a food stipend so they can concentrate fully on their work. The first writer-in-residence moved into the house for her three-month residency in the fall of 2000.

# **FEBRUARY 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Black History Month Begins	2 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers	3 B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	4 <u>12:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	5 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	6 <u>a.m. thru</u> <u>lunch</u> Walking Grp.
7	8 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out (Chinese New Year)	9 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	10	11 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	12	13 <u>9 a.m.</u> General Mtg.
14	15 <u>10 a.m.</u> Current Issues	16 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	17 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	18 <u>12:00</u> Mah Jongg <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers X	19 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Cooking Glob- ally	20 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining Cou- ples
21	22	23	24	25 <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg	26	27
28 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	29 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign films					

## **MARCH 2016**

Tues.	1	Booklovers I (1 p.m.)
Wed.	2	Booklovers IX (10 a.m.)
Wed.	2	Booklovers II (1 p.m.)
Wed.	2	Booklovers VII (1 p.m.)
Thurs.	3	Mah Jongg (1 p.m.)
Thurs.	3	Booklovers III (7 p.m.)
Fri.	4	Dining In (7 p.m.)
Tues.	8	Booklovers VI (1:30 p.m.)
Thurs.	10	Walking Group
Thurs.	10	Booklovers VIII (7 p.m.)
Sat.	12	LITERARY LUNCHEON (UNIVERSITY CLUB)
Sun.	13	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Mon.	14	Lunching Out (11:30–1:30)

Tues.	15	Booklovers V (1 p.m.)
Wed.	16	Booklovers IV (1 p.m.)
Thurs.	17	St. Patrick's Day
Thurs.	17	Mah Jongg (1 p.m.)
Thurs.	17	Booklovers X (1 p.m.)
Sun.	20	Palm Sunday
Sun.	20	Foreign Affairs (2 p.m.)
Mon.	21	Current Issues (10 a.m.)
Thurs.	24	Mah Jongg
Fri.	25	Good Friday
Sun.	27	Easter
Mon.	28	Foreign Films (1 p.m.)
Thurs.	31	Mah Jongg

# ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON



# SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

11:30 a.m.

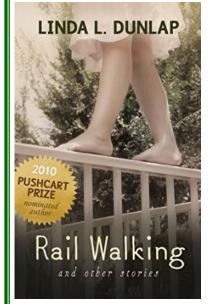
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