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APRIL PROGRAM



HEATHER ALEXANDER

Actress . . .

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Wife . . .

Mother . . .

Heather is the Executive Director and Co-founder of The Winter Park Playhouse and has been a proud member of Actors' Equity Association (the professional union of actors and stage managers) since 1992. She received her Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of North Florida and has been working professionally for over 25 years.

Heather has appeared in numerous productions and cabarets at the Winter Park Playhouse including *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change; Sisters of Swing; Shout!; The Mod Musical; Baby* and most recently *They're Playing Our Song.*

Heather has also enjoyed being on camera and has a variety of commercial, industrial, and television credits, including the co-host of *The Florida Lottery's Flamingo Fortune Game Show*.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY April 11, 2015 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.

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From the President's Desk

So how great was that Literary Luncheon? Thanks and kudos to all who made it happen, beginning with Chair



Linda Dunlap! Wonderful event! And how appropriate that we were celebrating Women's History Month in March! (See pictures on Page 10)

And please note that on April 14, we observe equal-pay day-one of AAU-W's most important issues.

The good news membership-wise is

that our Branch has had the greatest growth numbers of any branch in Florida! We even did better than the large branch in Venice! And we have continued to grow since National's numbers were compiled. Some stats:

- Number of members before September's Membership Tea: 145
- Number joining at and shortly after Tea: 29
- Number joining since then: 19
- Present Total Membership: 193

This is more than National credits us with, but there are reasons for the disparity. We will continue to monitor and adjust our numbers.

This growth spurt is surely attributable to Membership VP Judy Alper, to former VP Barbara Buchele, and to the good work done by all of our volunteers! Consider these factors, which certainly play a huge part in attracting our friends and neighbors:

- The excellence of *Branchline*! Judy sees that each prospective member gets a copy.
- The Shape-the-Future option, which allows members to join at a lower rate when their first meeting is open to the public (and ours always are).
- ٠ Our many and varied Interest Groups.
- The excellence of the speakers at our Saturday ٠ Brunches (not to mention the food).
- Our success at philanthropy within our Orlando/ ۲ Winter Park community.

And I am sure there is more. For example, our public relations efforts have been stepped up, giving us more visibility in the community. And for all this, we thank you who have made it happen!

Max Reed

Scholarships

A BIG THANK YOU to the Scholarship Committee: Judy Chatelain, Ellen James, Barbara Knapp and Rana Tiwari who



met on March 16 to review ten applications—the most received in years.

After much deliberation, the committee has chosen five applicants and will recommend awarding a \$1000 scholarship to each. The recommendation will be presented at the March 30 Board meeting for approval. Because preference is given to women who are pursuing a degree or career in STEM (science, technology, engineering or math), it is exciting to announce that the majority of this year's applicants are studying in STEM areas and that all five applicants chosen are pursuing STEM subject degrees.

A BIG THANK YOU also to Dr. Maria Santana at UCF for publicizing the AAUW scholarship opportunity at the university.



From the Director of Finance Annual Dues

It's that time again, friends. Your AAUW dues are DUE! To refresh your memory, I remind you that our membership year ends on June 30 along with our fiscal year. We like to collect dues at the April and May general meetings—or by mail—because our Branch takes hiatus during the summer months. Of course, many of our interest groups continue year-round.

The \$75 paid for your dues breaks down as follows:

\$49 National dues \$12 State of Florida dues

\$14 Orlando-Winter Park Branch dues

Don't forget that \$47 of the National dues is a taxdeductible donation to our non-profit funds.

There's a great incentive to pay your dues by the May 9 general meeting: the chance to win a free national

membership! We are eligible for FIVE free memberships again this year because of our great recruiting efforts. We will hold the drawing for the five lucky members at the May general meeting. The winners will receive a refund check for the \$49. You need not be present to win, just paid up.

You can mail your check directly to Rosemary or use your on-line banking to have your bank do the mailing. If you choose to have your bank do the work, be sure to set up **AAUW Orlando-Winter Park** as the payee and use the mailing address below:



Rosemary Vendena, Finance Director 291 Isle of Sky Circle Orlando, FL 32828

Will you be one of the lucky 5?

Rosemary Vendena

From the VP Membership

Hooray! Spring has sprung and it is beautiful. The great egrets are showing off their plumage at Kraft Azalea Garden. What a thrill it is to see them at this time of year.

Will those of you who joined AAUW before the end of September 2014, please help me do some spring cleaning? If you folks would check the AAUW Directory and see if your information is correct, and then let me know if it is NOT correct, that would be wonderful. I have discovered a couple of errors and would appreciate your help. Our tireless volunteers have updated the membership form, and you may use that when you submit your dues if you wish. The form is available on our website at <u>aauworlwp.org</u>. Our committees will no longer have the option of "manning" booths! (Thank you to a special new member for bringing that to our attention.) AAUW happily accepts men as members, but we don't need to "man" any more booths!!

Please note that those who wish to join AAUW as new members may now pay the \$75 annual dues, AND they will be able to participate in all our activities and interest groups from NOW through June 30, **2016**. In other words, they will have 3 FREE months!

One final reminder: you don't need to HAVE a college education to participate in AAUW, but you do need to BELIEVE in education for women.

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

Welcome to our New Members

Christine Hanlon, <u>Hanlon@ucf.edu</u> Flagler College, BA Communication 1996 UCF, MA Communication 2000 UF, PhD Communication 2013 Susan Turo, <u>Tomsuet@aol.com</u> Worcester State College, BS Business 1976

Correction:

Joyce Culver: email is joyceculver@hotmail.com

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SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 1, 2015

"Portraits of PACE" Wednesday, April 1, 2015 12-1 p.m. Holy Trinity Reception and Conference Center in Maitland 1217 Trinity Woods Lane, Maitland



Fri. April 17 - Sat. April 18, 2015 AAUW-Florida Leadership Conference Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne

Friday, June 18 - Sunday, June 21, 2015

AAUW 2015 National Convention Sheraton Hotel and Marina San Diego, CA



DID YOU KNOW ... ?

On April 14, 1865, one of President Lincoln's last acts before retiring for the evening was establishing the Secret Service (originally for the purpose of preventing counterfeiting of currency). Later that night, John Wilkes Booth assassinated the relatively unguarded Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. www.aauworlwp.org

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INTEREST GROUPS

Interests of Interest Groups Make the News

Help Wanted

Theater Group: Member to manage this interest group is needed.

Interest Group Tidbits

Current Issues welcomed new member Mary Ann Dougherty. Chairpersonship of the group will transition from Juanita Blumberg to March Kysilka at the end of our current season.

Foreign Affairs welcomed Cecilia Shade, an AAUW superstar in her former branch and state organizations.

Walking: On our delightful New Smyrna trip, we met 3 members already staying there, Rosalee Serros, Collette Davis, and resident, Nancy Baker.

Local News

Several recent *Orlando Sentinel* articles had special significance for interest group members.

Headline #1: "*Fruitland Park police chief who dealt with KKK allegation resigns*." Yes, Lake Co. still contends with hate groups 60 years after the outrages that Booklovers read about in *Devil in the Grove*.

Headline #2: "*Ex-art-gallery manager sen*tenced to 2 years in prison for \$1.6 M

scam." Members of the Museums & Galleries group visited the fabulous Millennia Gallery several years ago, not once but twice. That's where I met Hospitality Chair, Dee Smith, and invited her to join. Alas, the Gallery was victimized by a "manager crook."

The more we participate in our interest groups, the more we understand our community.

Martha Williamson

Interest Groups Coordinator bibliamor@aol.com 407 677-1186

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

Cooking Globally: Co-chairs Karen Buchan (407-678-1212) <u>kgb@unknownegg.org</u> and Rana Tiwari (407 810-6781), ranatiwari@usa.net

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

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Dining-In #2: Chair Lynda Hinckley (407-857-4619) Hinckley_j@bellsouth.net

Dining-Out At Night: Chair Susan Hoke (407 637-6857); shoke@cfl.rr.com

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

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Lunching Out Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embargmail.com

Mah Jongg: Co-Chairs Karen Deo (407-679-6186) <u>Karen.deo@gmail.com</u> and Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@embargmail.com</u>

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) <u>alandrum2@cfl.rr.com</u> and Pat Stamm (407-971-0565) <u>patsnpans@yahoo.com</u>

Theatre Group: Contact Martha Williamson, Interest Groups Coordinator, 407 677-1186; bibliamor@aol.com

Walking Group: Chair Missy Baker (407-644-5661) (407 346-6561-cell) bakerworks@gmail.com



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Dinner Out (Evening Group)

DATE: Tuesday, April 14

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Boca Restaurant 352 North Park Ave. Winter Park (Located at the corner of N. Park Avenue and Canton in downtown Winter Park)

Please make a reservation with me.

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

Dining In (#1)

Friday, April 10 7 p.m. At the home of Max Reed in Orlando

As most of the members were out of town and/or unable to attend in March, the group met at a local restaurant, followed by a night around town.

Please call or email D. Fuentes if you would like to attend on April 10.

> Dee Fuentes dfuentes1@cfl.rr.com 407-310-1154

Lunching Out

DATE: Monday, April 13

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.

Linda Fessel (407) 677-0317 LFESSEL@embarqmail.com



In March, the Lunching Out group checked out "Bikes Beans & Bordeaux.



Bon Appetit!

King Charles VIII of France, after ascending to the throne in 1483, became paranoid with

the thought of someone trying to poison him. As a result, he began eating less and less and suspecting people more and more. But all that ended on April 7, 1498, when the 27-year-old King died, not of poisoning, but of malnutrition.

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Dining In (#2)

We seem to lead such busy lives! At the AAUW Tea there was an overwhelming response to joining Dining In. Lynda Hinckley agreed to chair a new Dining In group (Dining In #2) that was interested in cooking, meeting new friends, and having fun with food. Unfortunately, new members to this group have had difficulty with scheduling and/or responding to information about the first two or three meetings. At this time, Lynda Hinckley thought it may be better to postpone starting this group in earnest until the fall when snowbirds are back in town and life has settled down for some members. Look for more information in the Branchline about Dining In #2 in September.

Lynda Hinckley

Mah Jongg

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

Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) Lfessel@embarqmail.com BEGINNERS WELCOME

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month). Contact Linda or Karen for more information on times and locations.



Karen & Linda

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

DATE: Sunday, April 26 2 p.m.

TOPIC: Human Trafficking

PLACE: Home of KAREN DEO 3901 Orange Lake Drive Orlando, Florida 32817

> Tel: 407-679-6186 Karen.deo@gmail.com

Please RSVP to Karen

We welcome new members!

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. If you're a new attendee, please call me in advance for directions.

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

Our next film (*TBA*) will be shown on Monday, April 27, at 1 p.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES



The Museums and Galleries Group will be headed to the Guang Ming Buddhist Temple on Wednesday, April 15. The tour will be led by a member of the temple staff. We have been invited to take part in the Tea Ceremony and lunch.

We need to be at the main temple between 10 and 10:30 a.m. The tour is free; however there is an \$8.00 fee for the tea and lunch. The food is vegetarian.

The temple is located at 6555 Hoffner Ave. The phone number is 407-821-8482. No special dress requirements for the tour, but they ask us not to wear open toe shoes or strapless dresses.

> Diane Kennedy 407-834-3992 kennedd@aol.com

THEATRE GROUP

Do you enjoy the theatre or even the theater? A chair is still needed for this group. Contact Martha Williamson who will tell you exactly what's involved.

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WALKING GROUP

"Ladies of the sneakers" will visit a next door neighbor in April. Thanks to the organizing skills of Judy McDonald and Lois Kolski, the AAUW Walking Group will tour the Rollins College campus in Winter Park on April 9. Lunch will follow at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen.



If you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive our walk details, please contact Missy Baker at

bakerworks@gmail.com or 407-644-5661.

(See pictures from the New Smyrna Beach walk-next page)

CURRENT ISSUES

- **DATE:** Monday, April 20
- TIME: 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- PLACE: Home of Juanita Blumberg
- **TOPIC**: Reproductive Rights (moderated by Erima Vaughn)

RSVP: Juanita Blumberg

Juanita Blumberg407-327-0398) juanitablu@yahoo.com www.aauworlwp.org

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WALKING GROUP

On March 12, the Walking Group toured New Smyrna Beach guided by "Her Honor Mayor Hanna Bonnet" (Bon-nay), then lunch at the Riverview Hotel, followed by strolling/shopping along Flagler Avenue, with a final stop at New Smyrna Museum of History. We packed a lot into a morning and afternoon, but still only scratched the surface of this unique town. Most of the walkers expressed a desire to re-visit another time.









Most of us have lived blissfully ignorant of the history of this area with regard to enemy attacks all along the eastern seaboard during WWII.

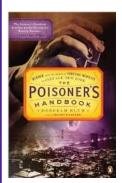
This plaque commemorates the people who were charged with protecting this part of Florida from attack.



May 1942 US Army Air Force Coronado Beach Watch and Warn No plane—be it friend or foe must pass unchallenged AWS Observers (Turtle Mound Lookout)

The Riverview Hotel We found out that the hotel was originally just two stories. How did they build a 3rd story? Simple: they raised the existing two floors and built the lobby and restaurant underneath them! Just one of many interesting facts we learned from "Her Honor."

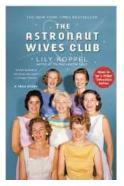
Booklovers April 2015 Selections



Most Booklovers will be reading The Poisoner's Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York by Deborah Blum.

This is a Jazz Age tale of chemistry and detection, poison and murder. In early twentieth-century, New York was an easy path to the perfect crime. Science had no place in the

Tammany Hall-controlled coroner's office, and corruption ran rampant. However, with the appointment of chief medical examiner Charles Norris in 1918, the poison game changed forever. Together with toxicologist Alexander Gettler, the duo set the justice system on fire with their trailblazing scientific detective work, triumphing over seemingly unbeatable odds to become the pioneers of forensic chemistry and the gatekeepers of justice.

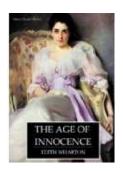


Booklovers III

Booklovers III will read *The Astronaut's Wives Club* by L. Koppel. Beginning with the announcement in 1959 of the seven Mercury astronauts, Koppel paints chatty, personal portraits of each woman as she adjusts to dramatic changes: one day she's living the life of an ordinary military wife, the next she's married to a major celebrity. The wives were closely monitored by NASA and expected to be perfect, right down to what they wore and what food they served their husbands. The U.S. moon program ended in 1972—but many of these unique women still remain connected, friends now for more than 50 years.

Booklovers VII

Booklovers VII are reading **The Age of Innocence** by Edith Wharton. This classic novel takes place in old New York. Newland Archer prepares to marry May Welland tender and impressionable, with equal purity of mind and manners. But his world is changed forever by



the return of the mysterious Countess Ellen Olenska, a woman of quick wit sharpened by experience, not afraid to flout convention and determined to find freedom in divorce. Newland is drawn to the socially ostracized Ellen Olenska. He knows that in sweet-tempered May, he can expect stability and the steadying comfort of duty. But what new worlds could he discover with Ellen? Edith Warton's masterpiece is a tragic love story and a powerful homily about the perils of a perfect marriage (Pulitzer Prize-winner).

> Ellen James Booklovers Coordinator

Most Booklovers are reading *Poisoners Handbook* this month, so we thought we'd look at some literary names who wisely opted out of medicine!

John Keats trained as a surgical apprentice, but was distracted and weakened by TB and dropped out of training to write poetry.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle couldn't make it as an ophthalmologist. He

based Sherlock Holmes's powers of deductive reasoning on the method he learned in med school.

Anton Chekov alternated between writing and medicine, focusing on one when the other wasn't going well.

Michael Crichton started writing his trademark scientific suspense novels while studying at Harvard Medical School.

Nostradamus: Everyone's favorite

soothsayer tried to study medicine in Montpelier but was expelled after it was learned that he'd worked as an apothecary.



Of course, being Nostradamus, he should have seen that coming.

AAUW Nominating Committee Report (February 14, 2015)

Max Reed has agreed to serve the second year of her term.

Sherry Levy will be the Vice President Programs.

Christine Brown will be the Secretary of the Board, Co-Secretary.

Collette Davis will be the Secretary of the Monthly Meetings, Co-Secretary.

(Nominating Committee: Pat Stamm (Chair), Ellen James, Jean walker, Ann Winn)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Portraits of PACE $\frac{2-4}{B-lovers II}$ $\frac{1:30-3:30}{B-Lovers VII}$		2 <u>12 - 4</u> Mah Jongg <u>7 - 10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4 PASSOVER
5 EASTER	6	7 <u>1:30 - 3:30</u> B-lovers I	8		9 <u>10 - ?</u> Walking grp. <u>7 p.m.</u>	10 <u>7 - 10</u>	11 9 -11:30 a.m. General Mtg.
					B-Lovers VIII	Dining In (#1)	
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<u>May</u> Fri. 1 Dining In (7-10 p.m.) Tues. 5 Booklovers I (1:30—3:30) Wed. 6 Booklovers II (1-3:30) Wed. 6 Booklovers VII (1:30—3:30) Thurs. 7 Booklovers VII (7-10 p.m.) Thurs. 7 Mah Jongg (12- 4 p.m.) Fri. 8 Cooking Globally (7-10) Sat. 9 General Meeting (9-11 a.m.) Mon. 11 Lunching Out (11:30—1:30) Tues. 12 Booklovers VI (1:30-3:30)				Thurs. 14 Booklovers VIII (7 - 10 p.m.) Mon. 18 Current Issues (10:30 - 1:30) Wed. 20 Booklovers IV (1-3:30 p.m.) Thurs. 21 Mah Jongg (1-4) Sun. 24 Foreign Affairs (2-5) Mon. 25 Film Group NOT MEETING Thurs. 28 Mah Jongg (1-4)			

Tues. 12 Dining Out (6:30 p.m.) Thurs. 14 Walking Group (all day)

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Advocating for Women and Girls

Equity is the legal right of all women and girls. AAUW frames and fosters factual, in-depth, objective dialogue among legislators and changemakers that results in political, institutional and legal support for women's equity in all areas of life and work.

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