



# **ORLANDO \* WINTER PARK**

# BRANCHLINE

# MAY PROGRAM



# **ARNOLD BREMAN**

### FAMOUS 'MOM' CELEBRITIES

In honor of Mother's Day, retired Impresario

Arnold Breman will present a lighthearted look at a number of well known women celebrities whose children played an important role in their careers and their lives. This humorous and poignant presentation will include stories, pictures and video's of some of the most famous entertainers that we have treasured and enjoyed.

Impresario, author, arts administrator, and professor, Arnold N. Breman presented more than 2000 artists and attractions in the performing arts as Executive and Artistic Director of: The Samuel L. Clemens Performing Arts Center in Elmira, New York; Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Florida; The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach, Florida; and The Joffrey Ballet Company in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Breman is the author of Laughter In the Wings.

Many languages (including German, Swahili, Icelandic, and lots more) use the word *mama* for mother. But not all of them. In Georgian, *mama* means father and moms are called *deda!!* 

**Polytoky:** The condition of having borne many children. **Polytokia** was the ancient Greek word for fecundity. From *poly* (many) + *tokos* (offspring).

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### **GENERAL MEETING**

SATURDAY May 9, 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.

# From the President's Desk



Our Branch year is drawing to a close. And what a wonderful year it has been! I am so happy to note that we have been super-successful on so many fronts! And that, of course, is totally due to the work of so many of you.

One end-of-year event is still to come. On Thursday, May 7, we are sponsoring a serious and significant gathering. It's a community forum on the Human Trafficking Crisis, an issue in which, shamefully, Florida leads the rest of the nation. This is a cause that should involve us all. Young women and children are the victims.

**Metropolis**—From the Greek combination of *meter* 

(mother) and *polis* (city). A metropolis is a "mother

**Matter**—*Materia*, from Latin *mater* originally referred to a tree's trunk, the mother of all its branch-

city."

I hope you will all be there on May 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the University Club. You will come away enlightened, concerned, and shocked, but we must all be informed about the horror that exists on our doorstep.

Our last general meeting will be Saturday, May 9, and Sherry has another great program ready for us. Arnold Breman will present his take on famous show-biz Moms—particularly timely, given the proximity to Mothers' Day.

Then we adjourn for the summer – and prepare for another banner year! Plan to bring all your summer friends to the Membership Tea!

Max Reed

ScholarshipS The Scholarship Committee proudly announces the five 2015 scholarship recipients, all studying in STEM areas: Paola Berrocal-Bravo is a Rollins College junior pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a minor in Chemis- try. She has her sights set on becoming a Doctor. Jennifer Gray is a Florida Southern College junior study-	<ul> <li>Patricia Thomas is also at UCF working on a Ph.D. in Texts &amp; Technology; she earned her BA and MA at the University of New Orleans.</li> <li>Jennifer Torchalski is a junior at UCF pursuing a Bache- lor's Degree in Environmental Science; she plans to attend graduate school in Florida and eventually earn a Ph.D. in Marine Environmental Science.</li> <li>These outstanding ladies will each be awarded a \$1000 scholarship. They have been invited to our May brunch</li> </ul>		
ing Nursing with a goal of becoming a CRNA, Certified Nurse Anesthetist. <b>Dawn Mills</b> is pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry at UCF; she earned her Bachelor's Degree at Northern Arizona Uni- versity and her Master's Degree at Southeast Missouri State University.	meeting and will have the opportunity to make some brief comments about their academic achievements a goals. Barbara Buch		
More tidbits about mothers: <b>Alma Mater</b> —From the Latin for "nourishing mother." Now refers to the school where one has presumably received some mental nourishment.	es. It came to stand for wood in general ("madera" in Spanish), then extended to building materials, then more generally to stuff out of which something is made, then even more generally to a subject under consideration.		

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**Matripotestal**—relating to the authority or power of mothers.



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## From the Director of Finance Annual Dues

Don't forget to mail your renewal dues to Rosemary if you will not attend the May 9 General Meeting. We are collecting dues for 2015-2016 membership year which begins July 1, 2015. For regular Branch members, the total due is \$75. For Lifetime members, the total amount due is \$26. That's \$12 for Florida plus \$14 for our Branch.

At the May 9 meeting, we will hold a drawing for FIVE FREE national memberships. Winners will receive a check by mail for the \$49 prize. You need not be present to win, just paid up. If you are not planning to attend the meeting, just mail your check to Rosemary Vendena by May 5. Of course you may pay at the meeting. If you use on-line banking services, be sure to set up AAUW Orlando-Winter Park as the payee for your check. Mail payments to the address below:





Will YOU be one of the lucky 5?

# From the VP Membership

Well, it is almost Mothers' Day and we all have mothers!! Why not honor your mother by renewing your AAUW membership NOW? Our new membership year runs from July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, and early renewals save our volunteers a ton of work and expense. Go ahead, give yourself the \$75 gift of AAUW renewal and/ or honor your mother and future mothers. I am serious. It is truly important to support the AAUW goals of education and equity for women. You can help do that simply by renewing your membership for the upcoming year. AAUW has been busy empowering women since 1881, but it still has a long road ahead and your support is valuable. Our branch grew more than ANY other branch in Florida this past year. WOW! That was wonderful and we are grateful to all who made that happen. However, we must not pause too long glowing in that accomplishment! We remain committed to our goals. It takes dues-paying members to help make things happen. Remember too, that our branch keeps the FUN in its functions. So, do a good deed, give a good gift, and keep having fun in your significant branch of AAUW.

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

# Welcome to our New Members

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Make these Corrections/Changes in your directory.

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### SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015 7-8:30 p.m.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING CRISIS

Featuring: Emily Pasnak-Lapchick

At the University Club of Winter Park 841 North Park Avenue Winter Park, FL

> Tickets: \$5 Phone: 407-869-6773 Email: Sherryklevy@aol.com

An AAUW-sponsored community forum

Friday, June 18 - Sunday, June 21, 2015

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

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... and some more tidbits about mothers:

**Matrix:** From Latin *mater* plus the feminine suffix—*trix*, this first meant womb but later came to mean any kind of protective, supportive structure.

**Matrimony**: From *mater* + abstract noun for state. State of motherness.

**Matroclinous**: Exhibiting the biological characteristics of the mother.



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# **INTEREST GROUPS**

#### Modern Slavery: Human Trafficking & Our Interest Groups

Interest group members are so proud that our branch is sponsoring a community forum to address Orlando's shameful secret that slavery is alive and flourishing right here in Orlando. This forum on Thursday, May 7, is not the first time some of our interest group members have discussed how our beloved community hides disgraceful abuses. Last year our Current Issues group discussed Human Trafficking at our May meeting in Lynda Hinckley's home. This year our Foreign Affairs group will discuss Human Trafficking at Karen Deo's home.

Each time this subject comes up, most of us are shocked to learn that there are more slaves in the world today than there were at the time of the Civil War. Most of us also thought slavery was only found in third world countries. But no, slavery is well established in wealthy countries like our own. When we realize how ignorant we well-educated women are on this subject, we may begin to guess how little our local citizenry knows. Our mutual ignorance is fueling the problem. That is why we are holding this forum with an internationally known speaker, Emily Pasnak-Lapchick, and a panel of local experts who are fighting the battle right here where we all live. They represent UNICEF, the Human Trafficking Task Force, the Department of Children and Families and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. Do bring your friends to our branch's Human Trafficking Crisis Community Forum at the University Club of Winter Park. You will truly be amazed!

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Martha Williamson

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Lunching Out Group: Chair Linda Fessel (407-677-0317) <u>Lfessel@embarqmail.com</u>					
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>					
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#### LUNCHING OUT

DATE: Monday, May 11

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

### DINING IN (#1)

Ten members of Dining In #1 met at Max Reed's home in Orlando on Friday, April 10. Appetizers and drinks were shared before dinner.

The menu was planned around the main dish: Spring Styled Ham, beautifully prepared by Max with different side dishes prepared by other members.

It was a delightful sit-down dinner by the pool. We shared our recipes, laughs, and camaraderie—an evening of fun, learning and friendship.

Our next meeting will be on Friday , May 1, at Diana Secor's home. Diana has selected "Cooking with Wine" as the theme.



For more information, contact Delia Fuentes,

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

# INTEREST GROUPS

### COOKING GLOBALLY

Cooking Globally will hold their next dinner on Friday, May 8, at Westminster Winter Park's Club 24 at 7 p.m. The menu is German and everyone



will bring/prepare a dish. The group welcomes new participants – only requirement is to be an adventurous eater.

Contact one of the co-chairs:

Karen Buchan, 407-678-1212 or kgb@unknownegg.org;

Rana Tiwari, 407-810-6781 or ranatiwari@usa.net.

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#### CURRENT ISSUES

DATE: Monday, May 18

TIME: 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

PLACE: Home of Erima Vaughan 2826 Harbor Grace Ct. Apopka 407-314-1285

**TOPIC**: Gun Control (moderated by Juanita Blumberg)

Please let Erima know if you will NOT attend. Please bring your lunch; Erima will provide beverages and cookies.

> Juanita Blumberg 407-327-0398) juanitablu@vahoo.com

On the last page of this month's Branchline, you will find a reproduction of Whistler's Mother." This masterpiece makes a dandy Mothers' Day gift for that special lady or ladies in your life. This is a one-time offer. Get yours while supplies last. Frame and mat not included.

### DINNER OUT (Evening Group)

DATE: May 12

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Turkish Bar and Grill 260 Douglas Avenue Altamonte Springs (Going North on 436, Douglas Avenue is just past the I-4 ramp to Daytona Beach. From I-4, take Altamonte exit. Coming from the north, go right; coming from the south, go left.

Please make a reservation with me. Susan Hoke shoke@cfl.rr.com 407-637-6857

### 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

# INTEREST GROUPS (C

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#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

- DATE: Sunday, May 24, 2015 2 p.m.
- TOPIC: SYRIA'S REFUGEE CRISIS
- PLACE: Home of CYNTHIA TOMLINSON 2305 Edgewater Drive Orlando, Florida 32804

#### We welcome new members!

Jo-Ann McCaffrey

#### FOREIGN FILMS

#### At the Home of Linda Fessel 407-677-0317 LFESSEL@embargmail.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.

There is no film in May as the last Monday is Memorial Day.

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

Foreign Films will continue through the summer. See the calendar for dates.

Linda Fessel

#### WALKING GROUP Enjoy a



tour of Debary Hall, the magnificently restored

hunting estate of wine importer, Frederick DeBary. Once the retreat of millionaires, Debary Hall Historic Site, in the city of Debary, now offers historic tours.

Our tour will begin 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14. Regular admission is \$5 (\$4 for Seniors over 50). We will first meet at the Gift Shop which opens at 10:00 a.m.

There is a lunch planned at Antonino's, approximately a mile and a half from Debary Hall. Here is the website:

www.AntoninosWoodFiredPizza.com.

After lunch, an optional walk through Gemini Springs Park will be available.

About a week before the trip, more details will be sent to those who are planning to attend. Those details will include the list of attendees, identifying those who want to arrive by car.

If you would like to become one of the Walkers, contact Missy Baker:

(407) 644-5661 bakerworks@gmail.com

**NOTE:** If you are interested in attending this walk, contact the May 14 walk organizer, **Joanne Taurence** at,

joannetaurence1@juno.com or call 386-668-3321 (See pictures from the Rollins College walk on April 9 on page 11)

#### MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

The Museum and Galleries group will be touring the Maya Lin exhibit, "A History of Water," at the Orlando Museum of Art on Wednesday, May 6 at 10:a.m. This will be a docent-led tour.

COST: If you are a member of the Museum, it is \$1, seniors \$7. Please let me know if you are a member, so OMA can check their data base. PLEASE PAY ME at the Museum. This will make it easier for our Docent.

LUNCH: Once I know how many are coming to the exhibit, we can discuss luncheon options.



While many interest groups take a break over the summer, there are some which will still meet.

Mah Jongg meets every Thursday.

Foreign Films will meet Monday, June 29, July 27, and August 31.

Lunching Out will meet Monday, June 8, July 13, and August 10.

Dinner Out will meet Tuesday, June 9, July 14, and August 11.

Booklovers: See pages8 and 9 for summer schedule.

## Booklovers

## May 2015 Selections

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai



This 16-year-old Pakistani girl has spent her young life fighting for education of females in her country. Her fight put her in harm's way. The book chronicles her story from the shooting to healing and the horrendous ordeal she had to endure. The author also gives us great insight into the Taliban and *jihad* as well as other aspects of Pakistani life

and the government. (See box below.)

# **Booklovers III**

#### The Death of Santini: The Story of a Father and His Son by Pat Conroy

Donald Patrick Conroy was a towering figure in Pat's life. The Marine Corps fighter pilot was often brutal, cruel, and violent. As the oldest of seven children who were dragged from military base to military base

across the South, Pat bore witness to the toll his father's behavior took on his siblings, and especially on his mother Peg, his lifeline to a better world—that of books and culture. While the publication of **The Great Santini** brought Pat much acclaim, the rift it caused with his father brought even more attention. Their long-simmering conflict burst into the open, fracturing an already battered family. The *Death of Santini* is a heart-



wrenching account of personal and family struggle and a poignant lesson in how the ties of blood can both strangle and offer succor. (*Amazon* Best Book of the Month, November 2013; *Washington Post* Best Books 2013)

Summer Reading

Most of our daytime Booklovers Groups "take the summer off" but Booklovers I usually meets during their regular time—first Tuesday at 1:30 at the Winter Park Library. Susan Hoke is the Group Leader...

Booklovers I has announced the following summer reading schedule:

June 2: What are YOU reading these days?

July 7: The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

Aug. 4: Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande

Call Susan if you would like to participate.

Both night groups usually meet during the summer and their group leaders can provide their reading lists.

Contact Ellen James to find out which other Booklovers groups are meeting during the summer.

Booklovers from any group may visit during the summer to participate in the discussions.

Ellen James Booklovers Coordinator

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When Amy Mainzer discovered an asteroid in 2010, she knew she wanted to name it after someone important. Last week, the NASA astrophysicist chose Malala Yousafzai. "Very few [asteroids] have been named to honor women," Mainzer wrote to Yousafzai, announcing her namesake space rock, 316201 Malala, which circles the sun between Mars and Jupiter every five and a half years.

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# **More Booklovers**

# The Trollopians

The Anthony Trollope group will meet July 22, 2015, at 1



p.m. at the Seminole County Library in Casselberry. Please contact Joyce Folsom at 407-696-0769 or jfollev@yahoo.com, if you plan to attend. The book we will be doing this year is **Ralph the Heir**. A mature story of property and propriety, **Ralph the Heir** tells of two cousins, both named Ralph, and the problem of their inheritance of Gregory New-

ton's estate. Newton dearly wishes to leave his land to his son, an honest and trustworthy young man but illegitimate. Instead, he feels compelled to bequeath it to his nephew, a charismatic profligate who, Gregory knows, will treat his inheritance irresponsibly. Here, too, is the portrait of Sir Thomas Underwood, who is a brilliant lawyer but so withdrawn and unsociable that he only visits his daughters, Patience and Clarissa, and his ward, Mary, out of duty. Through Sir Thomas's doomed attempt at running for Parliament and the injustice of the law regarding the illegitimate Ralph, Trollope reflects, sometimes darkly, sometimes with humor, on the unfortunate nature of destiny and personality.

**Ralph the Heir** was published in novel form in 1871, shortly after Trollope himself was unfairly defeated as parliamentary candidate at Beverley.

From the Penguin Books edition of *Ralph the Heir*.

# From our College/University Partner Representative

Dr. Maria Santana



I was happy to represent our chapter in the joint meeting of St. Augustine and Palm Coast AAUW with the speech "The Half-Way Truth about Gender Pay Gap."



Following is an e-mail received by Dr. Santana from Sandra Campbell, Program Co-Chair of AAUW Flagler Branch:

#### Dr. Santana,

I just wanted to thank you again for your talk on Saturday. I think it was well received and I know I really enjoyed it. Although I was very aware of the pay gap, you definitely opened my eyes to some of the shocking results that I had not considered before.

Please keep in touch. We always like to hear what the other branches are doing or any other good programs that you are aware of. If you would like, I can have you put on our distribution list for our newsletter to keep you informed of what we are doing.

Thank you, Sandra Campbell Program Co-Chair AAUW Flagler Branch

#### Sandra Campbell and Dr. Maria Santana



Dr. Maria Santana

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PACE held their "Images of PACE" luncheon on April 1, and I am so proud of Orlando/Winter Park AAUW who peopled FIVE tables of 10! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who attended and all who donated. A very special thank you to Pat Stamm, Susan Hoke, Linda Fessel and Rana Tiwari who were table captains along with my husband and myself. At this time I do not have the totals, but I am sure I will have them soon.

Update on the ED search: a second round of interviews was held in April, and we are waiting for the results to be announced. The Development Director position is also open, but it has been decided to put that on hold until the new ED takes up his/her position so that they may have input in the hiring.

Вачвача Кпарр



The Walking Group heads back to college—Rollins College, that is—for a tour around the campus.





Touring backstage at the Annie Russell



At the Rollins College radio station



General Meeting held Saturday, April 11, at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park with guest speaker Heather Alexander



# Report from Barbara Knapp



#### Leadership the Eleanor

**Roosevelt Way** was the theme for the Florida State Leadership Conference held April 17-18, 2015. Barbara Knapp and Nancy Megill were Orlando/Winter Park attendees.

The Opening Plenary was a film from the 2013 National Convention with one of the

guest speakers, Robin Gerber, an attorney, teacher, and motivational speaker, who coined the phrase that was our theme. She spoke about how Eleanor became a leader primarily because she communicated in every way she could. She was the first President's wife to hold press conferences, and she held her first one three days before Franklin held his first one!

She kept holding press conferences and she wrote a column in *McCall's* inviting citizens to write to her. My favorite quotation from Eleanor is: "A woman is like a teabag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Here are some more quotes from Eleanor:

"Your presence speaks loudly" (I think of our work with PACE, "The Invisible War," and our upcoming "Human Trafficking.")

- "It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself."
- "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."

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"Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all."

Workshop sessions included "Tech Trek STEMsation" about the upcoming Tech Trek at Eckerd College; "We're on a Mission" discussing mission-based programming; "Thinking Outside the Box" learning how to grow and diversify membership; "Public Policy: We Can Do It" hearing an update on Lobby Days and suggestions on branch public policy; and "Help Wanted – Cultivating New Leaders to Get More Done" which gave innovative ways to engage members.

Guest leaders who held workshops, handled the Town Hall, and were there for our interaction were: Malinda Gaul, AAUW National Board Member (she's running for another term); Mollie Lam, AAUW Senior Manager, Legal Advocacy Fund (who was the luncheon speaker); and Erika Stout, AAUW Training and Program Manager, Member Leadership Programs.

Two years ago Florida AAUW decided not to hold a convention every year, but to have a Leadership Conference the year we had a National Convention and a State Convention during the "off" year. This was our first Leadership Conference and was done very well. Our State Convention will be held next year in Palm Beach Gardens on April 15- 17. Mark your calendars now!

#### 2015 AAUW National Election One Member One Vote is now open



Every member should have received an e-mail sometime in the last two weeks giving full information about how to vote online for officers, amendments to bylaws, and proposed changes to the

Public Policy Program. All the details about the candidates and the issues are in your *Spring/Summer Outlook*, but you can also access them online at www.aauw.org. Those without e-mails, or those who prefer, can contact National and have paper ballots mailed to them. Voting began on April 15 and continues through June 19, but you are urged to vote as soon as possible so you don't forget. Members fought long and hard to get the One Member One Vote so that everyone is part of the process and not just those who attend the National Convention. Do your part—VOTE.

#### **Election of officers:**

President-Elect (to take office for 2016-18 on July 1, 2016): Shirley Reid (currently Tech Trek Chair)

Director for Program: Jacqueline D'Alessio (currently NCCWSL Chair)

Director for Finance: Nancy Puro (for second term)

Director for Public Policy: Pat DeWitt (currently Secretary)

### **MAY 2015**

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

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