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Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

You are cordially invited to the American Association of University Women Annual Membership Reception Saturday, September 8, 2018 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In the Community Room of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park 225 South Interlachen Avenue (at the intersection of New England)

Cost: \$5 for AAUW members No Charge for Guests or Prospective Members

Reservations and snacks appreciated

RSVP: Phyllis Hall 407-265-7164 phylliscath814@gmail.com

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From the President



Dear Members, Lam proud to be servi

I am proud to be serving as your President during this 90th anniversary year of the founding of our Orlando/Winter Park Branch in 1928.

Anniversaries are for reflections on our past successes in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Both as individual members and collectively as a Branch, we have had an impact in all these areas through 2-Minute Activist voting, Legal Advocacy donations, mentorship, material and financial contributions to PACE as well as college and university women.

We have broadened our intellectual horizons through Booklovers, Foreign Films, breakfast presenters and other discussion groups; enhanced our aesthetic scope with plays, museums and scenic excursions; and expanded our gustatory experiences both dining in and out.

Anniversaries are also a time to look to the future. This year we have a full plate of issues that both threaten some of our past successes (workplace harassment policies, reproductive rights) and offer new challenges ('gun slinging' lobbyists, fake news, humanitarian crises with immigration).

Since there is strength in numbers and diversity, I have invited women from other Central Florida groups to our Membership Reception on Sept 8.

AAUW and other organizations have inspired and trained a record-breaking number of women to seek elected offices nationwide. The primaries have led to astounding successes for candidates who espouse views concurrent with the mission of AAUW, inclusive of gender equity, safe and nurturing educational, workplace, and health care environments, and policies. In this election year, it is crucial to go to the ballot box or mail in your votes.

Your vote in the year of our 90th Anniversary may well determine the equitable future of AAUW members in our centennial year.

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D

President



Septembris

September, the seventh month of the old Roman year, got its name from the Latin septem, seven. When it became the ninth month, it retained its original name. This becomes less and less confusing as fewer and fewer people know how to count in Latin. Those who believe September was named after septum, a partition inside the nose, are probably thinking of the Roman nose, in which it reached its height. The Anglo-Saxons called it Gerst-monath, barley month, because barley, which was harvested at this time, could be made into malt and malt into mead. After a few tankards of mead, an Anglo-Saxon trying

to say Gerst-monath was a scream.



[The following letter was received from Ellen Roche, Chair, Nominating Committee, regarding the search for members to serve as AAUW Florida officers.] Dear Branch President, The AAUW-Florida Nominating Committee knows that all our branches have talented and enthusiastic mem- bers. We trust that some of them will be interested in running for the state officer positions to be elected in April 2019.	If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Leslie Lieberman, who will be able to assist you in retrieving the necessary forms.			
	These offices are essential. Note that the candidate <i>vita</i> form must be received by the committee chair no later than <u>November 15, 2018.</u>			
	Thank you so much for your efforts to recruit the best state officers. If you have questions please contact any one of the Nominating Committee members listed be- low. Sincerely,			
We value your suggestions to insure that we have good candidates, and encourage you to inspire and promote members to become a candidate for the following state office positions whose terms begin July 1, 2019: President-Elect; Director for Programs; Director for Finance; Director for Public Policy.	Ellen Roche Chair AAUW Florida Nominating Committee Members of the Nominating Committee: Maria Barbosa (drbarbosacounseling@hotmail.com), Gloria L. Hilton (GloriaLHilton@verizon.net), Carolyn Brox			
nank you for sharing this information with all of your ranch members via e-mail, newsletter, and at your next ranch meeting emphasizing the knowledge and experi- nce they can provide to AAUW-Florida.	 (thebroxlake@gmail.com), Synthia Fletcher (SLSFoxx@att.net), and Ellen Roche (eroche9425@aol.com) Alternates are: Sally Bailey (Northern Palm Beach County), <u>sbailey.140@aol.com</u>, Virginia Farace, 			
The following position descriptions and the Candidate <i>Vita</i> form may be downloaded from the AAUW Florida Website.	AAUWFLfarace@gmail.com Past State President consultant/advisor is Carol Newr (carolnew@verizon.net)			

Director for Development



Welcome to a new season of our AAUW Branch. This year, our first major fundraising event will be at the November general meeting. We will be collecting individual donations for the Legal Advocacy Fund at that meeting. By moving this

annual event to the Fall season, members can easily make a donation eligible for charitable tax deduction before year-end. You can expect to be inspired by updates about our nation-wide efforts to support major cases now in the courts. EVERY donation counts!

> **Rosemary Vendena** Director for Development/Fundraising

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the **only thing** that ever has." (*Margaret Mead, anthropologist, author*)

V.P. Membership



Our membership event on Sept. 8 is an opportunity to invite your friends and/or family members to hear about our organization and to meet its members. In order to continue to make our voices even louder on critical issues that impact women and

girls, we need your help to attract new members.

Please check your emails as there will be more details forthcoming.

María Bonnet V.P. Membership

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From our PACE Liaison

Welcome to another year of supporting PACE Center for Girls! They have been going great guns all year, and I hope many of you are seeing their activities on Facebook.

The following story is one I have heard over and over again in the 15 years I have been working with PACE; it is one of many—but so inspiring—and what makes us take PACE under our belts.

Remember the tours go on at least once a month and although they are normally at 8:30 a.m., Kayla will do a tour around lunchtime if several of you are more inclined at that hour. Just let me know: 407-620-7357.

We hope that everyone will be able to bring one or two non-perishable food items (no glass, please) with you to the membership reception for the PACE Pantry. Every little bit helps!

Barbara C. Knapp



Marietta's Story

Marietta put on her cap and gown and walked into a room filled with the cheers of her PACE sisters. For a long time, she didn't think this day would come. When Marietta first came to PACE Orange, she was quiet and reserved, convinced no one would like her because she was from a different country.

The barriers she faced as a bilingual student in an entirely new environment were beyond difficult. It was hard at home, too. After school, Marietta worked nights to help her family make ends meet. She came to PACE broken, coping with being a survivor of abuse and neglect, working to overcome depression. At PACE, things changed. Marietta leaves PACE a straight-A student, a member of the student leadership council, and UCFbound to pursue her dreams of becoming a pediatrician.



More from PACE

A big THANK YOU to the members of the Thursday Mah Jongg group and the Dining-In group who made contributions to the PACE Food Pantry this summer. Thanks also to the members who periodically bring non-perishable food to PACE and to Roberta Cooper who is coordinating this initiative. The well-stocked pantry items are discreetly distributed to any girl in need.

Karen Buchan



Scholarships

Thanks to the Scholarship committee (Ellen James, Barbara Knapp, Judy Chatelain, Karen Buchan) who reviewed 13 appli-

cations for our AAUW Valencia College Foundation scholarship. Three ladies will each receive over \$430 toward their Fall tuition.

Karen Buchan

HOME INTERIOR DESIGN INTEREST GROUP OUTCOME

To all who expressed interest in joining this proposed group, I hereby apologize for my inability to find a suitable designer as group leader. I envisioned a problem-solving approach, bringing design dilemmas which stumped us, rather than a series of field trips. THANKS SO MUCH to Barbara B., Linda F., and our Board for all your advice and support!

Lindy Freeman

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Interest Groups

September

The interest groups are an important part of our AAUW community. I want to thank the interest group coordinators for their very capable leadership roles and to encourage each member to dive right in to try one. In addition, please contact me if you have an idea for a new group--such as a Walking-Walking Group to replace the one that has now morphed into the more inclusive (and less aerobic) Exploring Central Florida group (see below and next page).

Joan Líberman

Interest Group Chair libermanjoan@gmail.com

ANNOUNCING A "NEW" INTEREST GROUP



The Walking Group has officially changed its name to "Exploring Central Florida." The leaders of this group felt that as the group is more than just for walkers, the new name would be more inclusive to encom-

pass a larger variety of interesting places, events, and fun experiences. In addition, the members of Museums/Galleries will now be a part of "Exploring Central Florida." Food, of course, will still be involved!

Booklovers: In September all Booklovers are reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. If you would like to join a Booklovers Group, please contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator: (407) 857-0044 or at ellenjames54@gmail.com

Cooking Globally: This group will not meet this month. For information on future events, see page 7 or contact Karen Buchan: kgb@unknownegg.org or Rana Tiwari: Ranatiwari@usa.net.

<u>Current Issues:</u> This group will meet on Monday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Westminster Towers. The topic is *"Historic Preservation vs. Homeowners' Rights."* Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: Kysilka@bellsouth.net **Dining In**: Meets Sept. 7 at the home of Diana Secor. RSVP to Diana at 407-260-1425. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcrosen@hotmail.com

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out will meet at Olive Garden (665 North Orlando Ave., Winter Park) on Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or shoke@cfl.rr.com

Exploring Central Florida (formerly the Walking Group) The new **Exploring Central Florida** group begins the new season (and its new name) with a visit to <u>The</u> <u>Chocolate Museum and Café</u> on Thursday, September 13. To become a member of this group and receive more details about this visit, contact Max Reed at 407-625-1664 or MaxReedFL@gmail.com. See next page for more details.

Foreign Affairs: Foreign Affairs will meet on Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m. at the home of Hanna Kruczek: 8513 Sunset Willow Court, Orlando, Florida 32835 TOPIC: MEDIA AND FOREIGN POLICY RSVP to Hanna at 407-290-9479 or hkruczek@gmail.com. [Contact Chair Jo-Ann McCaffrey if you would like to join this group: 407-841-3640 or JoAnnRoux327@gmail.com]

Foreign Films: The next foreign film (TBA) will be on Monday, Sept. 24, from 1-3:30. For more information and to be included on the contact list, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com

Lunching Out: Lunching Out will meet on Monday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com

<u>Mah Jongg</u>: Mah Jongg will meet on Thursday, Sept. 6, 20 and 27. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

PACE Center for Girls: If you would like to be involved with this group, contact Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) or alandrum2@cfl.rr.com

Theater Group: TheChair for this group is Jean Bubriski. Contact Jean if you would like more information about upcoming shows and dates. jeanwiseb@aol.com or 949-278-7293

Walking Group: See Exploring Central Florida

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ANNOUNCING A NEW INTEREST GROUP RELAXATION READING

Do you need a change from heavy duty literary fiction/nonfiction? Do you want to read without using a dictionary? Do you want books that lighten your mood?

Join a **new** group reading relaxing, optimistic books.

Sign up now (at <u>Bibliamor@aol.com</u> or 407-462 6876) or on the sign-up sheet at our Membership Reception on Saturday, September 8 from 2 to 4.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 17
WHAT TIME: from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: 2681 Fitzhugh Rd., Winter Park, FL 32792
WHAT: *Choose books for relaxation reading; **Plan your group.

> Martha H. Williamson Booklovers Book Selection Committee Chairperson

ANNOUNCING A SECOND "NEW"INTEREST GROUP!

The Walking Group has welcomed the members of the **Museums and Galleries Group** (M&G) into its midst, and the new entity has officially changed its name to "Exploring Central Florida." The leaders believe that, as the original group was more than just for walking, the new name would be more inclusive, embrace M&G, and encompass a greater variety of interesting places, events, and fun experiences. Food, of course, will always be involved!

Exploring Central Florida (formerly the Walking Group and Museums and Galleries)

The new **Exploring Central Florida** group begins the new season (and its new name) with a visit to **The Chocolate Museum and Café** on Thursday, September 13. To become a member of this group and receive more details about this and future visits, contact Max Reed (407-625-1664) or MaxReedFL@gmail.com or

Collette Davis (407-682-1912) dcollette@aol.com



EXPLORING CENTRAL FLORIDA (formerly The Walking Group) begins its new season with a "sweet" visit to the Chocolate Museum and Café on I-Drive. Rana is caught in the act of trying to snap off a piece of chocolate from the chocolate dancer (one of many chocolate sculptures featured at the museum).



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Cooking Globally

In August the Cooking Globally group held a "Best of" or "Family Favorite" dinner. Twelve members and one guest brought the most delicious array of dishes imaginable. Selections ranged from melt-in-your-mouth biscuits and cheese grits that had family origins in the pre-American Revolution era to an English Made-Well Tart. PLUS Rana's version of the Southern New Year's Good Luck dish of black-eyed peas was created with the addition of something green–spinach—served over the requisite rice. There were many more favorites. The meal finished with a flambéed Bananas Foster with vanilla ice cream! Some shared the stories behind their choices.

Dinners planned for the coming year are:

October 19 – Dishes from Myra Gaziano's cookbook February 15 – Italy April 19 – Korea June 21 – Switzerland

Cooking Globally is a fun group where there is always yummy food! Please join us!

Contact Karen Buchan: kgb@unknownegg.org or Rana Tiwari: Ranatiwari@usa.net.







Did you know?

On September 1, 1878, Emma Nutt became America's first female telephone operator. Within a few hours, her sister became the second.

September 3, 1752, never happened in England, nor did the 10 days that should have followed it. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted on September 2, 1752, it was required to make an adjustment that dropped 11 days. This decision caused riots because the people thought that the government had stolen 11 days of their lives.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	5 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	6 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	7 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	8 <u>2-4 p.m.</u> MEMBERS RECEPTION
9 Rosh Hashanah begins	10 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Lunching Out	11 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	12	13 <u>11 a.m. thru</u> <u>lunch</u> Exploring Central FL.	14	15
16	17 <u>10 a.m1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	18 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V Yom Kippur begins	19	20 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	21 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	22
23 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	24	25	26	27 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	28	29 <u>30</u>



The Dining In Group celebrates Ginny Gillmer's birthday.



When Linda Dunlap told us she visited North Caroli-na and bought a horse, we were highly skeptical.