



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

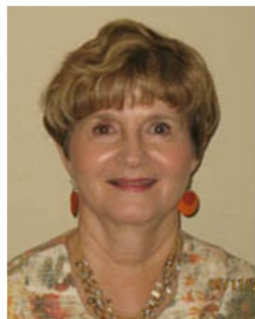
OCTOBER PROGRAM



Have the Florida amendments left you scratching your head? If you vote "NO are you actually voting FOR the amendment? If you vote "YES," are you voting against it? Confused? You're not alone. Fortunately, this month Michelle Levy, from the League of Women Voters, will make sense out of the apparent gibberish.

Michele Levy Orange County League of Women Voters

Michele was born in the Bronx, New York, growing up in the city and attending public schools. She graduated from the City College of New York with a BA in English and a minor in Education. In 1973, Michele's husband was transferred to Orlando, where she began a new career as a social worker and returned to school at UCF. She worked for the State in what was then the Department of Family Services, determining eligibility for welfare, food stamps and Medicaid. Several years later, she began working for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and spent a rewarding career working with children and adults with developmental disabilities.



After 30 years, she retired in 2005 and began her own company, MRL Training Consultants, where she trained job coaches, supported living coaches, and directed care staff. In 2007, she joined the League of Women Voters in an effort to become more involved with community and local politics. She has served as co-president of the Orange County League for three years and as co-chair of the Government Committee for six years. She has worked the polls for the League since the historic election of 2008 and became interested in Open Primaries soon after. Michele chaired the statewide study on Open Primaries, and saw most of the consensus statements approved at our last Convention.

PHYLLIS HALL IS THE NEW RESERVATIONS CONTACT

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
October 13, 2018
9 a.m.

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

\$18.00 per person
Reservations Required

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

Cash or check
payable at the door
(Checks should be made out to
"AAUW Orlando/Winter Park")

Or mail your check to:
Phyllis Hall
481 Forest Circle
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

**You must RSVP no later than
Wednesday, Oct. 10!**

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

From the President



Dear Orlando/Winter Park Branch Members,

We started our 90th Year with an amazing turnout for the Membership Reception with 50% more attendees than we had anticipated. We had a full house of 75 members, potential members and guests! A huge thank you to the hard-working organizers of the event: Maria Bonnet, Vice President for Membership, Phyllis Hall, Rosemary Vendena, Linda Fessel, Joan Liberman, and Ann Winn for the wonderful table arrangements made with flowers from her own garden! Another huge thank-you to all the members who provided a magnificent array of food; and especially to the presenters who succinctly—and with panache—gave us an overview of our Branch's activities and plans for the year. You can always keep up-to-date on the NEW website: **Orlando-fl.aauw.net**.

AAUW remains non-partisan but strongly supports local, state, and national candidates who advocate for legislation, policies and programs that advance gender equity for women and girls to improve their educational and work environments, financial security, health and well-being.

Voting is an essential act in a democracy asserting gender equity as a fundamental right. This year an historically high number of women have run in primaries and won 69% of the time when their opponents were males. Yet, the results of a study found an astounding 42.8 million (32.7%) of registered women DID NOT VOTE in the 2016 election. More than 10 million women who are citizens over 18 years of age were not registered.

Florida ranked 5th among states in the number of eligible people who did not vote (5.9 million). These figures are from the publication, *Missing Voters Project: United*

States, 2016 (Women's Institute for Independent Social Inquiry, www.wiise-usa.org). The hope, of course, is for greater participation in 2018 because our country cannot afford to have 85 million missing voters.

October is noteworthy for women because it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month but also special because we celebrate International Day for the Elderly (10/1) and on average, women live longer than men, Mother-in-law Day (10/28) and many days devoted to food: pumpkin cheesecake, angel food cake, bologna, vegetarianism, cookies, seafood, country ham and cookies.

Halloween is less scary for me than my count of only 73 women, 13.8% of 530 leaders (Top 500 + 30 living legends) just published in *Florida 500™: Florida's Most Influential Business Leaders* (<http://floridatrend500.com>).

Some recent AAUW publications provide insights and solutions to address the paucity of women in leadership positions. Maybe next year will be better!

[*Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership \(2018\)*](#)

[*The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap \(fall 2017 edition\)*](#)

[*Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership \(2016\)*](#)

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.
President



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



**SAVE THE
DATE**

**PACE Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 15
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

More details about PACE Thanksgiving dinner and Miracle Boxes on page 4.

Director for Development



**"Real change, enduring change,
happens one step at a time."
[Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg]**

At the November general meeting, we will make our annual collection of your donations to the AAUW

Legal Advocacy Fund. Of course you can always donate to this effort at any time, but we like to aggregate our Branch donations so we can see evidence of how strong we are together.

At the November meeting, you can donate cash, write a check to LAF, or once again, authorize a credit card transaction. Be part of the change. Help protect our hard-won rights.

Rosemary Vendena

Director for Development/Fundraising

Welcome Reception Committee

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our chapter's 90th Anniversary Members Reception an outstanding success with 75 attendees. That number was way over the 49 reservations we received, so we especially appreciated everyone's flexibility as we took care of additional set-up.

Our president and officers gave inspirational descriptions of our chapter's goals and vision. The special interest group leaders provided enticing presentations on their plans for the upcoming year. We heard there may even be another Booklover group formed.

We expect to gain at least 20 new members as a result of this event, so we especially extend our thanks to members who invited and brought special guests.

And a special bouquet to Ann Winn for her wonderful centerpieces, created with flowers from her own garden.

*María Bonnet, V.P. Membership
Rosemary Vendena
Phyllis Hall
Linda Fessel*

A Message from Cathy

Cathy Messenger is one of our Honorary Life Members. She has been a member of AAUW since 1954 and recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Even though she moved to Ohio to be near her family, she has maintained her membership in our Branch. Here's the message she sent with her renewal dues.

"I did not find a group to join here. I miss my good Florida friends. Even if I had, transportation and health problems would be difficult. I have been able to attend a book group locally and enjoy that every month. My thanks to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards!"

Love, Cathy

Who says Mah Jongg is just for "li'l ol' ladies"?

"On this day, 21 September 1978, Japan's imperial household was rocked by revelations that senior police officers played mahjong while on duty guarding Emperor Hirohito. The officers, who would face disciplinary action after a full inquiry, were part of a 34-man guard squad. A police spokesman said the officers apparently played the tile game with the understanding the loser would buy dinner and drinks for the other players."

(From the *South China Morning Post*, submitted by Lois Lihn)

On October 18, 1767, the Mason-Dixon Line was established between Pennsylvania and Maryland, by two English surveyors who, by an odd coincidence, were named Mason and Dixon. Everything north of the line came to be known as the North, and everything south as the South. What this country has always needed is a line down the middle so we could be sure of what is

the East and what is the West. This could lead to all sorts of interesting possibilities such as another Civil War, fought in a different direction.



PACE

Dear Sisters-in-AAUW,

The Miracle Boxes are shoe boxes or the equivalent that are wrapped in holiday paper. The top and bottom of the box are wrapped separately.

At the November meeting, we will have a list of all of the PACE girls. Each girl is permitted a wish list of three (3) items they would like in their box. The money limit is between \$20-\$25.

If we have more AAUW women than PACE girls, we ask you to make a box anyway and put in items you feel a girl between 12 and 17 would like to receive. What kind of things? Here are just a few suggestions:

- Watch
- Perfume
- Wallet or Purse
- Jewelry
- Make-up
- Fuzzy Socks
- Scarves

If you have any questions, please ask Anne Landrum, Karen Gillette, or Barbara Knapp.

When you have finished your box, please put some type of decoration on the top of the box—perhaps a tree ornament, a fancy bow, or something to make the box more festive.

All boxes are due by the December meeting. They will be given out on the last day of school. You are welcome to attend.

Thank you for all you do for our girls at PACE.

Pat Stamm



More from PACE

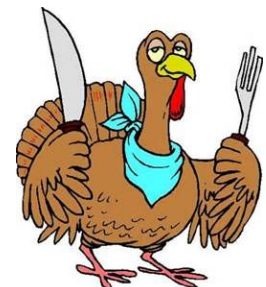
We are thrilled to report that we are assisting a PACE graduate who is enrolled in her first term at Valencia College. She graduated from Wekiva High School in May and is pursuing an Associate's Degree in Sonography. During Middle School she needed some ultrasound tests and she stated that while looking at the screen, "It was so fascinating to me and I just wanted to know all about it. That was the moment when I decided I knew what I wanted to do for a career."

Karen Buchan



Thank you everyone who made a donation to the PACE Thanksgiving. As of now I am short in these areas:

- Sweet potatoes
- Stuffing
- Other vegetables, like broccoli, etc. (no corn, please)
- Green salad, or a salad of your choice
- 2 Large Apple Pies



- ◆ If you choose, you may make a financial contribution.
- ◆ Don't forget: this is an early date for Thanksgiving at PACE—November 15.
- ◆ All food donations must be at PACE by 11 a.m., and we must be ready to serve at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Anyone willing to serve should be there at 11.
- ◆ Karen Gillette will be at the October meeting to take your contributions.

Interest Groups

October

We have 12 interest groups going strong this fall. If you would like to start a new interest group, please contact me.

Interest has been voiced for starting a "**Walking-Walking**" Group for members who want to leg it out together once a month and for a **Business and Finance Group**--and the next step would be to have volunteers to lead them.

Joan Liberman
Interest Group Chair

Booklovers: Most Booklovers are reading either *The Scarlett Pimpernel* by Baroness Emmuska Orczy or *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene. However, Booklovers VII will read *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

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: The next dinner will be held on Friday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Winter Park Club 24. The theme is a celebration of dishes from our past President Myra Gaziano's cookbook: "*Generations – A Collection of Polish and Eastern European recipes handed down for over 100 years through five generations*". For more information, contact: Rana Tiwari, ranatiwari@usa.net or Karen Buchan, kgb@unknownegg.org.

Current Issues: This group will meet on Monday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Westminster Towers. Bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Dining Couples is Back! If you are interested, come to the Dining Couples Organization Meeting:

Friday, October 5, 2018, at 10 a.m.
Home of Roberta (Robbi) Willenkin
1580 Grove Terrace
Winter Park, FL 32789
RSVP to Robbi: 407 960-4151

Dining In: Meets Oct. 5 at the home of Dee Fuentes. RSVP to Dee at Tucu662@gmail.com. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcrozen@hotmail.com

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out will meet on Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at The Hangry Bison (Winter Park Village - across from the theaters) RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or shoke@cfl.rr.com

Exploring Central Florida (formerly the Walking Group and Museums/Galleries) On Thursday, Oct. 11, Exploring Central Florida travels to the picturesque town of Micanopy to visit the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park. Explore the literary landmark of the author of *The Yearling* and *Cross Creek*. Park admission is \$3 per group. We will lunch at the Yearling Restaurant followed by optional side trips to historical sites in the area. RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 4 to

Rana Tiwari
407-810-67781

RanaTiwari@usa.net

To become a member of this group and receive more details about this visit, contact Max Reed at 407-625-1664 (MaxReedFL@gmail.com.) or Collette Davis at 407-682-1912 (dcollette@aol.com)

Foreign Affairs: Foreign Affairs will meet on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. at the home of Cynthia Tomlinson 2305 Edgewater Drive #1415, Orlando, Florida 32804
Telephone: 407-317-8415; 407-538-2992
Ctomlin317@aol.com

[Cynthia and Gemma will lead the discussion]

TOPIC: *Russia's Foreign Policy*

Don't forget your RSVP to Cynthia

[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, Oct. 29, 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, Oct. 8, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com

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Mah Jongg: Mah Jongg will meet on Thursday, Oct. 4, 18, and 25. Beginners welcome. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

PACE Center for Girls: The PACE Library, which was set up and organized by AAUW a few years ago, is in need of some resorting and renewal. If you would be able to join the group that will be improving the library, please contact Anne Landrum (407-539-1667) or alandrum2@cfl.rr.com

Theater Group: The Chair for this group is Jean Bubriski (jeanwiseb@aol.com or 949-278-7293). See below for more information about upcoming shows and dates.

Walking Group: See Exploring Central Florida

AAUW 2018-2019 Theatre Group Group Leader, Jean Bubriski

The Theatre Group will be going to Saturday matinees at the Annie Russell Theater at Rollins College. Here are the dates and name of the plays:

Oct. 6	2 p.m.	Twelve Angry Jurors
Dec. 1	2 p.m.	Avenue Q
Feb 23, 2019	2 p.m.	A New Play (based on the <i>Me Too</i> movement)
Apr 27, 2019	2 p.m.	Sweet Charity

If you do not have the brochure about these plays, please go to the www.rollins.edu/annie website, or call Jean at (949) 278-7293 and Jean can mail one.

IF YOU WANT TO GO TO ALL FOUR OR JUST ONE OR TWO OF THESE PLAYS, YOU NEED TO BUY YOUR OWN TICKET FROM THE BOX OFFICE. My seat is F124, so you can call or email the Anne Russell Box Office and ask to be seated near Jean Bubriski and the AAUW Theatre Group. Their phone # is 407-646-2145 and the email/website is annieboxoffice@rollins.edu. The Box Office Manager, Chelsea Highland, knows about our group.

Already signed up for the four plays of the 2018-2019 season are:

Dee Fuentes	Joanie Liberman
Barbara Buchele	Susan Hoke
Jean Bubriski	

Please email Jean at jbubriski33@gmail.com or call (949) 278-7293 if you are planning to join us on October 6 or for other plays at Rollins. The season subscription price for all four plays is only \$60 for seniors. The plays are student productions, but in my experience, Rollins does an amazing job performing a variety of theater.

LET'S ALL MEET IN THE LOVELY ROSE GARDEN WHICH IS BETWEEN THE ANNIE RUSSELL THEATER AND THE COLLEGE CHAPEL AT 1:45 FOR EACH PLAY!



OCT. 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	3 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	4 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	5 <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	6
7	8 <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Lunching Out Columbus Day (observed)	9 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	10	11 <u>11 a.m. thru</u> <u>lunch</u> Exploring Central FL.	12	13 9—11 a.m. General Meeting
14	15 <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	16 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V <u>1:30 p.m.</u> Board Mtg.	17	18 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	19 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Cooking Globally	20
21	22	23	24	25 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	26	27
28 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	29 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Films	30	31 Halloween			



Terry Herndon, Jim Williamson, Potter Herndon, Martha Herndon Williamson at Bob's Red Mill in Portland Oregon

October, the eighth month of the old Roman year, was temporarily renamed several times, to honor such emperors as Germanicus and Hercules. It was even named Faustinus, in honor of Faustina, the wife of the Emperor Antoninus, which was sweet of the emperor and cheaper than building her a triumphal arch or an aqueduct. Things were in a state of flux for a while, and it must have been pretty upsetting to be told, "I'll pay you back the first of Germanicus," and then when that time of year came around find it was Hercules or Faustinus and be laughed at when you tried to collect.

