



## Orlando \*\*\* Winter Park BRANCHLINE

### JANUARY PROGRAM



#### Katherine Kruczek Salgado

Katherine Kruczek graduated with a degree in psychology from the University of Notre Dame and went on to receive a Dual Masters in Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy from Barry University. She is on track to achieve her licensure in Mental Health Counseling this March. Katherine has worked in the Orlando school system,

local entertainment, and finally found her calling in research.

Katherine began working in general medicine research and quickly moved to working for research in Alzheimer's Disease. She is currently a psychometrist for Bioclinica Research. Through the results of the cognitive tests she administers, research groups can determine the efficacy (or lack of) their treatment for Alzheimer's Disease. She has been published five times in both the *Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease* and for the Alzheimer's Association International Conference.

Katherine is also working on developing a ground-breaking test for the early detection of Alzheimer's Disease. Currently the focus of research is for patients who are pre-symptomatic or in the prodromal stage, in hopes to stop the disease before it becomes completely debilitating. Right now there is no accurate test to determine this stage. Results look promising that this test will be able to determine this population.

### GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY**  
**January 12, 2019**  
**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 Court**  
**Altamonte Springs, FL 32714**

**You must RSVP no later than**  
**Wednesday, Jan 9!**

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

In this issue: **A History of AAUW Booklovers' Community Contributions.** This comprehensive record, compiled by Martha Williamson, can be found on the last page of this newsletter. We encourage all members—even those who are not Booklovers—to see how one of our most successful interest groups has made—and continues to make—an impact on our community.

## From the President



In January of each year, many of us take both physical and fiscal stock of where we are and where we would like to be. Both endeavors often lead to belt-tightening New Year's Resolutions. AAUW has little to say about dieting and physical well-being *per se* but a lot to say about fiscal health, and inadvertently, women's health.

Studies and curriculum by AAUW and a recent report by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR, 2018) have made headlines revealing the life-long reality of the gender wage gap. Although we have been appalled by the stalled "80 cents on the dollar" comparing women's and men's salaries, the reality is that lifetime earnings for US women are **only 49%** of men's earnings. This wage-gap during a woman's working life leads to increased student debt and lower retirement benefits and poorer living standards in later life.

**Why?** Unequal pay for the same job is only one factor. Others include the concentration of women in low-paying jobs and the greater frequency of women to work part time and to take time off from careers for child and elder family care. The share of women working full-time year-round for 12 out of 15 years was only 28% between 2001 and 2015 with women earning 49% of men's salaries [IWPR study]. There are income disparities by race and ethnicity for both men and women but women still fare more poorly: The 2017 ratios are: 53% Hispanic/Latina, 58% Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 61% Black /African American, 62% Native American/Alaskan Native, 77% White (non-Hispanic), and 85% Asian.

### What is AAUW doing?

1. Helped 40 states and Washington, D.C., introduce or consider pay-equity legislation, and six to pass laws (California, Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Vermont, and Washington).
2. Launched **Work Smart** in Kansas City, the first phase of a large-scale initiative to train **1 million** women to negotiate for better salaries across Kansas and Missouri.
3. Launched the free, **online version of Work Smart**, which is instrumental in our efforts to close the gender pay gap by 2030.
4. Joined an *amicus* brief to help move the case forward; the Ninth Circuit ruled that using prior salary alone wasn't enough to justify a wage differential — a huge leap forward in addressing compensation inequity.
5. Published extensively researched books on the pay gap, the complex reasons for its persistence and what to do about it. ***The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap; Playbook on Best Practices for Gender Equity in Tech; Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans; AAUW Policy Guide to Equal Pay in the States.*** See AAUW.org to access the reports and see other publications.

In 2019, AAUW will continue to prioritize the economic security of all women and work with business leaders, educators, and lawmakers to do the same. Optimism exists because of the record number of women elected to Congress and the increasing influence of women leaders in other sectors of the economy.

Wishing all of our Branch members a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019.

*Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D*  
President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch  
Professor Emerita UCF



## Scholarships

It is not too early to remind your friends, family and others that the Branch Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2019. The application is on the website and can be emailed to Karen Buchan. Remember that only women pursuing Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degrees are eligible. Preference is given to students in STEM subjects.



*Karen Buchan*

## V.P. Membership

Our friends and neighbors are our best recruitment resource. How about making a New Year's resolution to invite at least one person to the monthly general meeting or to an interest group?



Wishing a happy and healthy 2019 to everyone and their loved ones.

*Maria Bonnet*

## Director for Development/Fundraising



*The Literary Luncheon* committee is at work during this holiday season preparing for the silent auction. Last year's silent auction was a wonderful success and we are hoping to surpass that in 2019. One popular category of auction

items is **gift cards for dining or coffee**. Keep us in mind if you receive gift cards you don't need to use! You could also consider donating theater or music performance tickets you are unable to use.

We have some very special treats in store for this year's auction, including a **catered Italian dinner party** provided by the great cooks in our Dining In interest group. Imagine setting your table for a party of 8 and then just relaxing to enjoy your own party in your own home! Or, what about a special order cake for a special birthday or occasion baked by a Branch Member baker.

Be sure to contact any committee member if you have other ideas for us, and remember to make your reservations early.

Linda Hammersla, auction committee  
Karen Buchan, auction committee  
Myra Gaziano, Literary Luncheon chairperson  
Rosemary Vendena, Director of Fundraising/  
Development

*Rosemary Vendena*

The Branchline does not publish members' addresses and phone numbers. Information on all our members can be found on our website (Orlando-fl.aauw.net) under the Members Only menu. Contact Linda Fessel (LFessel@embarqmail.com) or Maria Bonnet (Marpazbonnet@gmail.com) for the password to the Members Only menu.

It's been a policy of our chapter for many years that if members make a reservation for the general meeting, do not attend and do not cancel at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, they are still required to pay. This ensures that the chapter can meet the expenses for the meeting. The \$18 pays for the room rental, a gratuity for the speaker as well as the food. We notify the caterer of the reservations number, then we pay the caterer based on the actual meeting head count or the reservations number—whichever is higher. So, if a member doesn't show up, we still have to pay the caterer for that person's inclusion in the head count.

## PACE

Our friends at PACE asked us if we could help them with their English Program. And Booklovers responded by

purchasing 16 new copies of *I Am Malala*, 16 new copies of *Hamlet* and 16 second-hand copies of *The Glass Castle*. This will provide many hours of good reading for the PACE girls. A big thank you to Booklovers.

*Anne Landrum*

## More from PACE

PACE has also asked us for some items for their STEM projects. Below is the list of their needs as I received it. Please do not ask me to explain things like Wikkistix or coding kits. I have no idea what these might be.

Rolls of masking tape & scotch tape  
2-3 boxes of uncooked spaghetti noodles  
Wooden blocks/ building blocks  
Clear, plastic cocktail cups (9oz)  
Ping pong balls  
Small, rubber bouncy balls  
Pipe cleaners

Cardboard tubes (toilet paper and paper towel tubes)  
Rolls of aluminum foil, saran wrap, and wax paper  
Match box cars  
Small action figures  
Flexi straws  
Toothpicks  
Marbles  
Paint sticks  
Milk jug and/or water bottle caps  
Brads  
Large Ziplock bags (2 or 3 gallon sized)  
String: yarn, twine, fishing line  
Small pebbles or rocks  
Rubber bands  
Clothespins

Wikkistix  
Magnets  
Duct tape  
Straws  
Cupcake liners  
Coffee filters  
Playing Cards  
Christmas Lights  
Circuit (electric) kits (EX; Makey-Makey)  
Batteries (various)  
Robotics Kits (EX: cublets robot blocks, sphero sprk)  
Coding (simple) Kits  
Foam paper, Felt paper

*Anne Landrum*  
[alandrum2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:alandrum2@cfl.rr.com)

## Still More from PACE

### New Member Collects for PACE Food Pantry

The residents who live on Summerfield Road at Westminster Winter Park have a tradition of annually collecting food for a needy organization. This year, Linda Hammersla, a new AAUW member who resides on that street, convinced them to contribute to the PACE

Orange Food Pantry. Residents in 23 homes collected numerous bags full of everything from soup to nuts! Linda and Karen Buchan did not count before delivering to PACE, but there were easily over 100 non-perishable items. PACE was overjoyed with the donation, and the girls were given a bag of food to take home for the holiday break.

Submitted by Karen Buchan

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Every year AAUW members eagerly await a shipment of beautifully illustrated note cards featuring the contest finalists' art. While we do not specify a theme, subject, or medium, this year we are giving special preference to submissions that reflect AAUW's mission and values.

You must be an AAUW member, or student associate to enter. Entries will be accepted from January 8 through February 8. Artists may submit up to two pieces of original art. Any entered art piece must be created by the entrant. During the voting period, **Members may VOTE ONE TIME for their 10 favorite images.**



Check out the website for more information about the art contest.



## From Our Members

Dear AAUW Sisters,



Resident with new calendar

Thank you all for contributing calendars yet again. To date, I have amassed 250 new 2019 calendars of all shapes, sizes, and focuses thanks to your generosity. In years passed, I have described the recipients of these calendars who are very grateful for a free useful item. Many recipients have to think twice about whether to buy those extra few groceries or to use that money to pay their electric bill, so to have a new free calendar to remind

them of appointments or just to have a pretty wall hanging is a real bonus! But there are also countless foot-soldiers involved in this project who, year after year, go unsung but spread the word about needed calendars at AAUW meetings, haul them from AAUW meetings to pick-up spots, who patiently explain to AAUW sisters why it is we do this, and who sit quietly on the sidelines gathering calendars without any recognition whatsoever. And they continue to do it year after year! Special thanks to Martha Williamson, Virginia (Ginny) Gillmer,

Nancy Flaherty, Myra Gaziano, and Pat Stamm, who have stepped up and helped me to help others without ever receiving any recognition or accolades for their efforts. I am also including a photo of the staff of the Housing Authority in Winter Park. They help to distribute the calendars to their many sites so that each person who needs or wants a new calendar has access to one. Thank you for supporting this outreach which is a win/win in so many ways. Every good wish in the New Year to you and yours.

*Lynda Hinckley*



WPHA staff picking up calendars



Linda Dunlap visits Rockefeller Center and also gets to see her grandson's dance performance at Julliard.



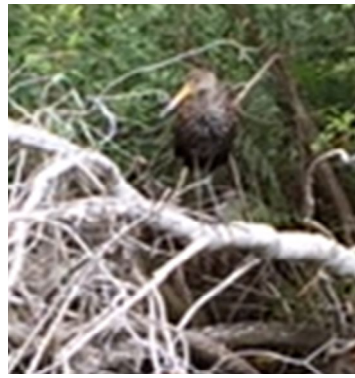
Rana Tiwari and Linda Fessel help celebrate Pearl Steele's birthday.

Is it possible that Pearl is really 97? Well, candles don't lie!

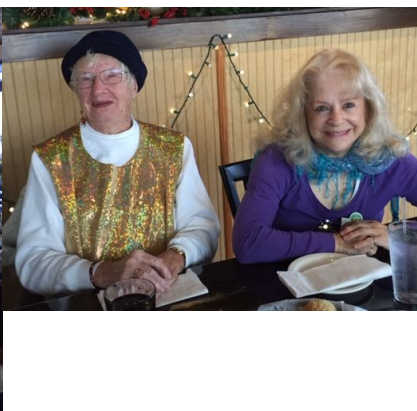


## More From Our Members

On December 13, Exploring Central Florida visited Mt. Dora. An Eco-Tour boat ride along the canals off Lake Dora revealed flora and fauna in all its Florida diversity.



Lunching Out revisits Vinzo's on December 10



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  
murren@bellsouth.net



# Interest Groups

## JANUARY

The interest groups continue to hum along--and increase!

Hats off to the Dining-In Couples Group that is once again up and running--thanks to the determined efforts of the core organizers: Robbi Willenkin, Eileen Garrison, Diana Secor, and Rosemary Vendena. Meetings (dinners) are in different members' homes at a set time each month, and a waiting list has been begun to form a second group. Please call one of the above or Joan Liberman for details.

A New Walking Group (brisk walking, mild exercise outdoors) is still in rough draft form, and the first step will be an organizational meeting in January to come up with a format. The group will start walking in February. Please email Dee Fuentes or Ginny Gillmer if you are interested.

**Joan Liberman**  
Interest Group Chair  
libermanjoan@gmail.com

**Booklovers:** Happy New Year Booklovers! Most groups are reading *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. However, Booklovers VII will read *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. If you would like to be in a Booklovers Group please contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator. We have ten groups so there is a place for you!

Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator  
(407) 857-0044 or ellenjames54@gmail.com

**Booklovers Lite (aka Booklovers III):** Booklovers Lite meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. On January 23, the group will discuss *The Duke and I* by Julia Quinn. This group is closed just now with a full membership. There is a waiting list for those interested. Contact Martha Williamson (bibliamor@aol.com).

**Cooking Globally:** The next dinner will be held on **Friday, February 15, 2019**, at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Winter Park Club 24. The theme is Italy. For more information, contact: Rana Tiwari, ranatiwari@usa.net or Karen Buchan, kgb@unknownegg.org.

**Current Issues:** Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: Kysilka@bellsouth.net

**Dining Couples is Back!** Dining Couples will meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday. Please join us as we begin a new series of dining adventures to meet new friends, explore new foods, and visit different home venues.

*SIGN UP TO JOIN*

Call Robbi Willenkin at 407-960-4151.

**Dining In:** Will not meet in January. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcroser@hotmail.com

**Dining Out (at night):** Dining Out will meet January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Rocco's (Italian)  
400 South Orlando Avenue, Winter Park, FL  
RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or shoke@cfl.rr.com

### **Exploring Central Florida (ECF)**

On Thursday, January 10, Exploring Central Florida will visit Blue Springs, with special emphasis on the manatees. Lunch will be in DeBary at the Swamp House Riverside. An after-lunch boat ride is optional. Contact Leader Collette Davis by Sunday, January 6, for more information or a reservation. 407-682-1912 or [dcolletteaol.com](mailto:dcolletteaol.com).

If you wish to be added to the contact list, contact Max Reed at 407-625-1664 (MaxReedFL@gmail.com.) or Collette Davis at 407-682-1912 (dcollette@aol.com)

**Foreign Affairs:** Next meeting will be on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 2 p.m. [Contact Chair Dee Fuentes (407-310-1154) or tucu662@gmail.com for more information.

**Foreign Films:** The next foreign film (TBA) will be on Monday, January 28, 2019, from 1-4 p.m. 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, January 14, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com

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## Interest Groups (Continued)

**Mah Jongg:** Mah Jongg will meet on Thursday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. 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, jbubriski33@gmail.com (or 949-278-7293). See below for more information about upcoming shows and dates.

### 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 names of the plays:

Feb. 23, 2019	2 p.m.	<i>John Proctor is the Villain</i>
Apr. 27, 2019	2 p.m.	<i>Sweet Charity</i>

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

YOU NEED TO BUY YOUR OWN TICKET FROM THE BOX OFFICE. My seat is F124. When you call or email the Annie Russell Box Office, 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](mailto:annieboxoffice@rollins.edu).

The Box Office Manager, Chelsea Highland, knows about our group.

Please email Jean at [jbubriski33@gmail.com](mailto:jbubriski33@gmail.com) or call 949-278-7293 if you are planning to join us for any of the plays.

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

**NATIONAL SACHER TORTE DAY** is observed annually on **December 5**. Sacher Torte, also known as *Sachertorte*, is a unique type of chocolate cake (or torte) that was invented by Austrian Franz Sacher in 1832. Dining In celebrated the day with—what else?—a Sacher Torte.





# JANUARY 2019

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



## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY

MARCH 2, 2019

11 A.M.

## 18TH ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON

Author: Charlene Edge

*Undertow: My Escape from the Fundamentalism & Cult Control of the way International*

For more information, check out the website ([Orlando-fl.aauw.net](http://Orlando-fl.aauw.net))

## History of AAUW Booklovers' Community Contributions (2018)

The Orlando/Winter Park branch of AAUW inaugurated its first Booklovers reading group in 1996 with five members. Over the 22 years since then, our groups have multiplied to ten. Early on, we chose to support book and reading-themed projects in our community from annual member donations. Because of our membership expansion over years, we have been able to generate increased funding. From Booklovers annual \$10 per member donation, we have funded the following community resources:

### Winter Park Day Nursery

(2001-2004): Booklovers initiated a program to donate new and used books, donating over 1,000 books stamped with our branch name. We donated over \$700 worth of new books from the WPDN wish list. These books enabled the nursery to stock a dedicated library addition built by the nursery for that purpose. Parents working full time were unable to afford the time to visit public libraries or the finances to buy books to read to their small, preliterate children after their work days.

### PACE Center for Girls: (1998-present)

- **CLASSROOM**

(May, 2009) We purchased a number of films selected for their qualities of female empowerment, inspiration and exposure to a broad range of international and national experiences of girls and women. This project was coordinated by Anne Landrum (\$374.89).

(2010-present) Booklovers purchased books and STEM supplies requested by the faculty (\$1,257.85).

(2015) We funded a summer reading program (\$198.91).

- **LIBRARY**

Booklovers initiated the organization of their library collection under the guidance of member/school media specialist, Peggy Hatton, in 1998. There was no dedicated room in which to house their collection. We purchased and donated a vocational series called *Cool Careers Without College* in July, 2008 (3 sets of 8 books each), chosen by Peggy Hatton and the sale negotiated by Anne Landrum (\$386.85).

Upon the retirement of Booklovers Coordinator Martha Williamson in 2010, members gave the PACE center a memorial bookcase marking a formal beginning of the PACE library. In 2013, a Booklovers committee organized by Anne Landrum undertook formal organization of the PACE library in a dedicated room of their school. The collection consisted of donated and purchased new and used books. We purchased books and the library supplies to process them (\$1,006.89). We paid for the computer, cataloging software program, and bar code reader (\$549). PACE staff did most of the data processing but branch members assisted. Maintaining the Library is an ongoing project of Booklovers.

- **SCHOOLWIDE:** We donated \$500 (2014-2017) annually to the Images of PACE fundraiser luncheon. We funded an outing (2017) for the girls to see the *Hidden Figures* film (\$300) and uniform tee shirts (\$100.01). We donated \$500 (2018) to our branch Rialis scholarship.

[Submitted by Martha Williamson]