



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

RACHEL SIMMONS, ARCHIVIST WINTER PARK LIBRARY



Rachel Simmons is excited to serve the community of Winter Park and provide a spotlight on its unique history. As the library's archivist, she has made it her mission to be a pillar of support not only for history but for creative and literary endeavors across the community. Though she was born and raised in Alabama, she was lucky to be a transplant to the Central Florida area. She received her Bachelor's Degree in History and Masters in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. She has served as Winter Park Public Library's archivist for two years. Rachel enjoys crocheting, spinning her own yarn, cooking, reading (obviously) and hanging out with her sweet husband Josh and their two cats.

UCF undergraduate, Shaye Glover, has been assembling a poster she developed on our history. She will give a short presentation on her research into our history using the archives from our branch. Shaye is an undergraduate in Aerospace Engineering, a Lead Scholar and a Strong Peer Mentor. She is also one of three recipients who will attend the NCCWSL Conference in March.

**Make sure you
stick around for
our 90th birthday
celebration.
YES, there will be
cake AND
Mimosas!**



GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY
February 9, 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, Feb. 6!

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

From the President



Last month I wrote about issues of income inequality as an AAUW priority for defining the scope of the problem and directly addressing it in the courts, in workshops, and in online training (Start Smart, Work Smart Programs). The dual themes of production and reproduction are central fea-

tures in human society that have been the focus of philosophical, political, sociological and legal discourse since Friedrich Engels' seminal work *Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State* (1884). Subsequently, many women writers have contributed to the scholarship on inequalities that are rooted, in part, in patriarchal societies.

This month I will focus on the recent threats to reproductive freedom and equality that AAUW has challenged in court with support from the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). The Trump administration has proposed elimi-

nating the contraceptive mandate from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) thereby allowing employers to cut this benefit to their female employees. AAUW signed on to two amicus briefs in PA and CA that challenged the Trump administration's contraceptive coverage rules that currently guarantee women equal access to preventive medical care, specifically contraceptive care and services. AAUW and other organizations contended that "no-cost coverage of safe and reliable contraception is critical for women's professional and educational success, health, and well-being. The ability to obtain no-cost contraceptive coverage provides a gateway to AAUW's core values of access to education, leadership, and economic security. In both cases, the courts ruled to block the implementation of this patriarchal change to the ACA, but the battle is far from over, and AAUW is ready to support challenges to women's equity and equality combating sex discrimination in education and the workplace. You can read more about legal advocacy priorities at advocacy@AAUW.org.

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

On Saturday, January 19, Orlando hosted the 3rd Women's March at Lake Eola Park in Downtown Orlando from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with speakers, music and vendors. The day was picture perfect, but the MLK parade, occurring at the same time, caused much confusion for the women's groups which had not been given more specific instructions on where to assemble or where or what time to march. Our Branch was represented by Christine Porter, Linda Fessel, and Leslie Lieberman.

Christine Porter and Linda Fessel holding our banner



Christine, Leslie, and Moishe the Parrot



Check out the flyer about Florida Lobby Days on the last page of this newsletter.

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

VP Membership

Please see Phyllis Hall's information (next column) about membership renewal.

Welcome to our new member:

Susan Rodgers*

SVKEN@outlook.com

Univ. NY Farmingdale, AAS dental hygiene, 1959

FIU, B.A. education, 1965

Barry University, B.S. religious studies, 1967

FIU, M.A. religious studies, 1969



Maria Bonnet

Marpazbonnet@gmail.com

V.P. Finance

As you are writing dues renewal notices in the next few months, please include me as the contact person for renewals.



Your check for \$85

should be made payable to AAUW Orlando / Winter Park.

Mail the check to Phyllis Hall, 481 Forest Court, Altamonte Springs 32714

Dues renewal deadline is June 30.

If you are paying at a meeting, **please write a separate check**; i.e., don't include it with the general meeting check. This helps us with accounting.

New members always ask how the \$85 is split up. The major portion of our dues (\$59) goes to the National Organization to support the many programs that AAUW endorses and champions. The FL State organization receives \$12, and our chapter retains \$14 which is used for operations.

Of the \$59 national dues, \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

Phyllis Hall

*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 a member makes a reservation for the general meeting, but does not attend and does not cancel at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, she is 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

A big thank you to all who made our Miracle (Boxes) Day a tremendous success by making the girls so happy. The girls really enjoyed beginning the day with three separate craft activities: Debbie Raczek taught the girls card-making, Pat Stamm had them making ornaments with nail polish, and Karen Branen (friend of Anne's) showed them how to braid yarn to make key chains.

Then they all adjourned to the kitchen for a wonderful brunch. Special thanks to Karen Buchan who cut up many pounds of fresh fruit and to Roberta Cooper who made 90 individual quiches! Finally, miracle boxes were distributed. Each girl got two boxes—one filled with things she had requested and one filled with many items that were unasked for but brought obvious joy.

One girl told us that she was especially grateful for the presents as her family was not going to celebrate Christmas this year since her mother did not have the money to do so. A PACE counsellor called our attention to a particular girl, saying that she had never before seen her smile. There were many, many smiles that day.

Thank you to all who put the miracle in the miracle boxes. You made the PACE girls so happy. And thanks to all who came to help with the crafts and the brunch. We could not have done it without you!

Anne Landrum



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