

## From the Nominating Committee



**BUT WE NEED YOU!**

### WANTED VP Programs

Two-year term begins July 1, 2019.

Primary tasks are:

- To arrange for 6-7 speakers yearly for our General Meetings;
- To attend 4-5 yearly board meetings to report on status of upcoming speakers;
- To confirm time and date prior to speaking engagement;
- To request speaker's bio and photo to send to newsletter;
- To introduce speaker at meeting

All speakers are usually booked during June, July, and August.

This position can be handled by one person, or there can be two VP Program Chairs;

A Programs Committee can be formed to assist in carrying out this position. (Several people have already volunteered their assistance.)

There is already a sizeable list of speaker contacts.

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in filling or co-chairing this position:

Linda Fessel: lfessel@embarqmail.com  
Phyllis Hall: PhyllisCath814@gmail.com  
Nancy Flaherty: nef.public@gmail.com  
Karen Buchan: kgb@unknownegg.org

### Saluting:

#### Nancy Grace Roman



(May 16, 1925 – December 25, 2018) was an American astronomer and one of the first female executives at NASA. She is known to many as the "Mother of Hubble" for her role in planning the Hubble

Space Telescope. Throughout her career, Roman was also an active public speaker and educator, and **an advocate for women in the sciences**

#### Bernice Sandler

(1928—2019)

Brooklyn-born Bernice initially became aware of gender bias when she saw that boys got to do the best jobs in school. No feminist, it was her husband who sparked her interest in sex discrimination. Working with the Women's Equity Action League, she uncovered evidence of discrimination in almost all aspects of higher education. She filed hundreds of complaints against colleges, and was hired by Congress to research gender bias in academia. The result became **Title IX, the federal law that prohibits gender discrimination in education**. No longer could schools provide top-of-the-line facilities for male athletes and second-rate gear for women. Quotas that limited women's access to programs in law and medicine were abolished.



#### Aileen Cole Stewart

(ca. 1893—ca. 1997)



Aileen Cole Stewart passed her board examinations to be a nurse the same year the US entered WWI. Dedication and courage helped her climb the ranks, eventually becoming one of the first African American women to serve in the Army Nursing Corps.

# Interest Groups

## FEBRUARY

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

**Sole Sisters** will start walking in February. See next page for more details. Please email Dee Fuentes or Ginny Gillmer if you are interested.

**Scrabble Anyone?** There has been some interest in forming a Scrabble group. Contact me if you would be interested in starting a group. Once we have a leader, she can announce an organizational meeting to plan the details.

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

**Booklovers:** The beginnings of the FBI have been interwoven in the books that Booklovers are reading these past two months. In February, most Booklovers are reading *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. However, Booklovers VII will read *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. The new Book lovers VIII meets the first Wednesday morning of the month at 10 at Westminster-Lake Baldwin, Apt. A 101, Aberdeen.

For more information about Booklovers, contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator (407) 857-0044 or [ellenjames54@gmail.com](mailto:ellenjames54@gmail.com)

**Booklovers Lite (aka Booklovers III):** Booklovers Lite meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. This group is closed just now with a full membership. There is a waiting list for those interested. Contact Martha Williamson, [bibliamor@aol.com](mailto: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. Susan Turo will be coordinating the menu. For more information, contact: Karen Buchan, [kbg@unknownegg.org](mailto:kbg@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](mailto:Kysilka@bellsouth.net)

**Dining Couples** New February date for the AAUW Dining Couples. Open to AAUW couples interested in joining us for dining adventures.

### Cocktail Party

When: February 23, 2019; 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Home of Robbi and Bob Willenkin  
1580 Grove Terrace  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
What: Bring one savory appetizer  
RSVP: Robbi and Bob Willenkin (407) 960-4151

Looking forward to see you at our home.

**Dining In:** On February 1, Dining In will meet at the home of Adrienne Katz. RSVP to Adrienne at [katzaid@yahoo.com](mailto:katzaid@yahoo.com). Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or [mjcrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcrosen@hotmail.com)

**Dining Out (at night):** Dining Out will meet on Feb. 12 at 6:30 at Red Lobster (Across from Fashion Square) 3552 East Colonial, Orlando  
RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or [shoke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:shoke@cfl.rr.com)

### Exploring Central Florida (ECF)

On Thursday, February 14, ECF will visit the Oakland Nature Preserve near Winter Garden. The site offers environmental activities for all ages. Lunch follows at Urban Flats (not yet confirmed). Contact Christine Porter, 407-703-4389 or [PorterCL7166@gmail.com](mailto:PorterCL7166@gmail.com) before Monday, February 11. If you wish to be added to the contact list, contact Max Reed at 407-625-1664 ([MaxReedFL@gmail.com](mailto:MaxReedFL@gmail.com).) or Collette Davis at 407-682-1912 ([dcollette@aol.com](mailto:dcollette@aol.com))

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

**Foreign Films:** The next foreign film (TBA) will be on Monday, February 25, from 1-4 p.m. For more information and to be included on the contact list, contact Linda Fessel: [LFessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:LFessel@embarqmail.com)

**Lunching Out:** Lunching Out will meet on Monday, February 11, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: [LFessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:LFessel@embarqmail.com)

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## Interest Groups (Continued)

**Mah Jongg:** Mah Jongg will meet on Thursday, February 7, 14, 21, and 28. Beginners welcome. For more information, contact

Linda Fessel: [LFessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:LFessel@embarqmail.com) or

Karen Deo: [Karen.deo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:alandrum2@cfl.rr.com)

**Sole Sisters:** (formerly the walking group) will meet every Thursday at 9 a.m. at Lake Baldwin at the pier (where Broad Street meets the lake).

There will be two levels :

**Level 1:** the whole circle around the lake, 2.5 miles, moderate walk; 1 hour and 15 minutes;

**Level 2:** a shorter walk from the pier to the dog park, 0.7 miles.

We will start on THURSDAY February 7, at 9 a.m.

We will meet every Thursday at the same place. (Time will change in the summer.)

No need to RSVP. We will be there. Just join us.



We will have coffee, etc., afterwards. There are several nice places to choose from across the pier.

If interested, please sign up initially by contacting

D. Fuentes [tucu662@gmail.com](mailto:tucu662@gmail.com) or

Ginny Gillmer [virginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.gillmer@gmail.com)

**Theater Group** (see below)

### 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 two remaining plays:

Feb. 23, 2019 2 p.m.

*John Proctor is the Villain\*\**

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](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.

\*\*In this new play relating to the *Me Too* movement, **John Proctor is the Villain** takes place in present-day rural Georgia where a high school class explores the seminal American classic, *The Crucible*. As scandal swirls in their community and old heroes are unmasked, the English assignment becomes uncomfortably relevant for the students. The line between witch and heroine blurs in this post-*Me Too* examination of power, love, and sex education. This world premiere production is presented in collaboration with The Farm Theater of New York City.

### Mark your calendars for this one-night only event:

March 23, 2019, @ 6 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom

Join us for our annual FREE student-led production of *The Vagina Monologues*, a play that celebrates female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. Performed in cities across the world and on hundreds of college campuses, the play has inspired V-Day – a dynamic grassroots movement to end violence against

women and girls. Witty and irreverent, compassionate and wise, Eve Ensler's Obie Award-winning masterpiece gives voice to women's deepest fantasies and fears, while raising awareness of the violent atrocities that continue to affect women and girls on a global level. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m.



## Interest Groups (Continued)

On Thursday, January 10, Exploring Central Florida met at Blue Spring State Park for the return of the manatees and to enjoy the magnificent park views.

The Spring is not just for manatees.

A visitor to the park brought her parrot. Pretty soon, Moishe had made the rounds of hands, arms, and shoulders.

Imagine our surprise when the same woman and her parrot showed up at the women's march on Jan. 19. (See photo on page 2)

One more "coincidence," and we'll have to make Moishe our mascot!



Pearl Steele and Linda Fessel pose with Moishe.



Hanna Kruczek, Betzy Ingle, Martha Williamson, and Judith McDonald armed with hats, earmuffs, gloves, jackets. Cold, ladies? Time to join the manatees in the 72 degree water!



## Miscellaneous



*The Branchline would like to pay tribute to Anne Winn for her generous contribution of flowers at our general meetings, as well as our member receptions, and literary luncheons—many of which have come from her own garden. Your beautiful arrangements have always been the icing on the cake (or the table). You are truly one of our unsung heroes, working quietly in the background. Please know you are appreciated as a vital participant of our branch.*

Kirsten Cherry, Mariah Fermin, Shaye Glover  
WHO?

These are the lucky UCF students that our chapter has financed to send to NCCWSL in March. Don't be surprised if you recognize one of their names on a voting ballot some day. They are our future leaders! If you don't remember what NCCWSL is, please go to our website.

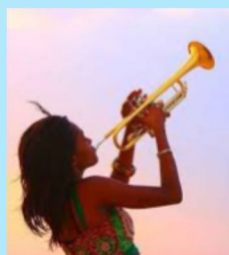
Katherine Kruczek Salgado was our speaker in January. Several members asked for her contact information. Here it is: [KaKruczek@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:KaKruczek@alumni.nd.edu).

Total women in the U.S. House of Representatives

1989:	16 Democrats	13 Republicans.
2019:	89 Democrats	13 Republicans

# FEBRUARY 2019

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



## SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY**

**MARCH 2, 2019**

**11 A.M.**

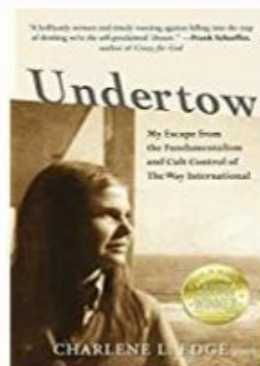
## 18TH ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON

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))

See next page for flyer and registration form

# ANNUAL SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Interlachen Country Club**  
**2245 Interlachen Ct, Winter Park, FL 32792**

**SPEAKER: CHARLENE EDGE**



The Orlando/Winter Park Branch of the American Association of University Women proudly presents

## The 18th Annual Spring Literary Luncheon

Author Charlene Edge will discuss her new book:

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

\*Sit-down Luncheon

\*Silent Auction

\*Opportunity Drawing

\*Book Sales and Signing

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### Reservation Form

Reservations required by Monday, February 25, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45 (individual seat) Seating Request : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 360 (table for 8) (List names of guests on the back of this form.)

☐ Check here for vegetarian entrée.

I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to AAUW.

By supporting AAUW, you provide educational opportunities and legal advocacy for women and girls.

Tear off Reservation Form & mail with check payable to: "AAUW-Orlando-Winter Park."

Mail to Diana Secor at 4153 Leafy Glade Place, Casselberry, FL 32707.

For Additional Information Contact: Gazianomyra@yahoo.com or (321-363-1105)



# AAUW Florida Lobby Days 2019

## March 12-13, 2019



### Be There at the Capitol!

- Training session on Monday evening, March 11 at the hotel
  - ◇ Visit and advocate with your own legislators and team up with others
  - ◇ Information on committee meetings and sessions to attend
  - ◇ You will be provided with a concise list of bills to support or oppose that have been vetted by the national office, with talking points. We will also have AAUW materials for you to leave with the legislators' offices.
- Dinner together Tuesday evening TBA
- Rally, Information Table on Wednesday
- Stipend: graduated scale (\$50-\$80) depending on your driving distance plus \$50 to help with lodging. This is to help with expenses, not cover them.

### What to Do Now

- Contact Pat DeWitt, [aauwfldewitt@gmail.com](mailto:aauwfldewitt@gmail.com), to be put on the email list for updates. No obligation! (I will help match up roommates if desired)
- Make an appointment with your senator or representative NOW. Call and ask for the person who does the scheduling for them (warning: events may conspire to cause the legislator to cancel)
- Build a team from your branch!
- Register at the hotel, Country Inn and Suites, Midway, FL (10 miles from the Capitol): check in 3/11 and check out 3/13. Register at the hotel by Monday, Feb. 18. Call (800) 456-4000 or use the website [www.countryinn.com](http://www.countryinn.com) and the promotional code 1903AAUW under More Search Options. Reserved rooms have two queen beds. Rate is \$99 single, \$108 double plus 9.5% tax, or \$108.41 single and \$118.26 double.