



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

### APRIL PROGRAM



#### **SPEAKER: SHELLEY W. LAUTEN** Central Florida Commission on Homelessness

Shelley W. Lauten is the CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, serving in that capacity since October, 2016. The Commission is a tri-county organization whose mission is to create a regional system of care that makes homelessness rare, brief, and a one-time occurrence.

Prior to the Commission, Lauten was a Founding Partner of the consulting firm triSect; served as President of *myregion.org*, a seven-county strategic planning initiative; and held senior executive positions at Walt Disney World and the Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company.

A native Floridian, Shelley has been married to her husband Fred for 36 years and has called Orlando home for most of that time. They have two grown children, a son-in-law and a granddaughter.

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.

### GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY**  
April 13, 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



A huge THANK YOU to all our members and guests who made this year's Literary Luncheon and silent auction tremendously successful. It was fun, delicious, intellectually moving, rewarding to those who took home auction items or tickets to events, and it raised over \$4000 for our Branch scholarships. Kudos to Myra

Gaziano, the Literary Luncheon Committee, and volunteers who made this event a highlight of our Branch's 2018-19 year. Myra is already thinking about next year!

I recently received materials from AAUW Florida and was asked to share our Branch's many successes at the statewide Leadership Conference, April 6-7. I will report on the conference at our April meeting. We are the second largest Branch in Florida—behind Venice with 239 members. Also, we are one of only 10 Branches of the 36 in Florida that had an increase in membership from 2018-2019. Thank you to Maria Bonnet, Vice President of Membership, Rosemary Vendena and Phyllis Hall, Co-Directors of Finance, and current members who recruited new members. Statewide membership is over 2,030.

AAUW-FL held its Legislative Lobby Days March 12-13 to discuss with legislators and their staff AAUW national and state priorities. In the Florida State Legislature, 11 bills have been targeted for particular interest. As you are aware, pay equity is a top priority with many sponsored bills, online training *Work Smart* and *Start Smart* workshops, and publications on a number of financial issues that disadvantage all women (and disproportionately minority women) across the life course from student debt to lower salaries and retirements characterized by low incomes and financial insecurity. These bills are the Helen Gordon Fair Pay Protection Act that would prohibit employers from offering less favorable employment opportunities based on sex, retaliating against an employee for discussing salaries or using past salaries as a basis to determine the salary during the hiring process. The Dorothy Hukill Bill would require the addition of a half credit course in financial literacy and money management for high school graduation. The Equal Rights Amendment would be a broad approach to multiple arenas of discrimination including employment issues.

On the national level: April 2 is EQUAL PAY DAY. If you have two minutes, become a [two-minute activist](#) to encourage Congress to pass the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#). The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on this soon.

Other bills targeted by AAUW that have seen some movement through the Florida Legislature are: HB 49, SB 332: Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act to insure that women can easily obtain feminine hygiene products and restrict male employees from conducting pat-down searches or entering areas where women are unclothed; H 259, S 982: Human Trafficking Education in Schools requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to develop educational campaigns and operate a hotline to report human trafficking, and H 851, S 540: Human Trafficking requiring public lodging establishments to train employees and create policies related to human trafficking and the establishment of a registry of convicted offenders. We will be hearing more about these issues with April's speaker, Shelley Lauten, CEO, Central Florida Commission on Homelessness.

Other bills of importance include: those on reproductive health from access to contraception to termination of pregnancies to protecting access to clinics that offer reproductive health services and a bill to add language to the Florida Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. You can track the progress of these bills on the AAUW website or through the link on the opening page of the *Branchline* by clicking Legislative Updates.

April, among other designations, is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Stress Awareness Month, but balancing this is the fact that it is also National Humor Month. Wishing you all less stress and more joy with family and friends celebrating Easter, Passover, Laylat al-Bara'at, Rama Navami, other holidays, and the NBA Playoffs.

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



## LITERARY LUNCHEON FOLLOW-UP

While we're on the subject of thanking all who participated in making our Literary Luncheon a resounding success, let's not forget the many merchants and private individuals who donated gifts to the silent auction. Let's show our appreciation to these donors by supporting and visiting their places of business.

Community Donors

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 Ken Vendena  
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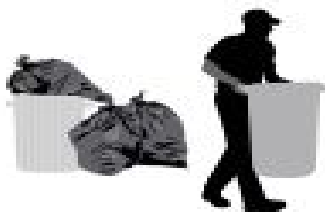
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Members of Dining In Group  
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 Pearl Steele  
 Rosemary Vendena

Door Prizes

Linda Fessel

On **April 22, 1990**, hundreds of thousands of people gathered for Earth Day in New York City's Central Park to express their support for environmental programs. When the event was over, fifty park sanitation workers picked up an estimated 1,543 tons of litter that the concerned demonstrators had left behind.



## A Special Thank You!

Our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Luncheon with guest speaker Charlene Edge was a great success! Together our branch raised about \$4,400 on the luncheon, silent auction, and 50/50 drawing.

It was truly a pleasure to work with such an organized and detail-oriented team. A very special thank you to our amazing committee chairs:

Diana Secor for handling the reservations and seating arrangements;  
Adrienne Katz for public relations;  
Linda Hammersla and Karen Buchan for soliciting the items for the fabulous silent auction  
Rosemary Vendena who coordinated the silent auction along with the 50/50 drawing;  
Ann Winn who designed the beautiful flower arrangements;  
Linda Fessel who designed and printed the programs and flyers;  
Linda Dunlap who provides ongoing consulting to me as well as a wonderful introduction of our speaker;  
Maria Bonnet for providing membership information which recruited one new member to our branch;  
Christine Brown for assisting our speaker's book sales; and  
Hanna Kruzcek for the numerous and timely email blasts.

Also, a big thank you to the many members who worked behind the scenes on the day of the luncheon and kept things moving. You were invaluable to making the day a success.

And most importantly, thank you to all of our members who attended the event bringing guests and potential members. It would not have been a success without all of your support! THANK YOU!

Myra Gaziano  
 Literary Luncheon Chair

On **April 8, 1513**, Ponce de Leon, in his search for the fountain of youth, landed on the coast of Florida near the present site of St. Augustine. Because the discovery occurred at the time of the Easter feast (**Pascua Florida**), he named the land La Florida and claimed it for Spain. In his quest for the fountain of youth, Ponce de Leon discovered the retirement capital of America—the fountain of old age.



## Scholarships



The Scholarship Committee met on March 29 to review the 16 scholarship applications received. Applicants ranged in age from 17 to 34. Most are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree; five are pursuing a Master's or Doctoral Degree. Those chosen to

receive a scholarship will be invited to our May general Meeting.

## VP Membership

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



Welcome to our new member:

**Anna Elias**

annamelias@gmail.com  
UF, B.S. Broadcast 1986

Please note this change for  
**Ginny Gillmer:**

[aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com)

**Max Reed** has moved. Her phone and email remain the same. Her new address can be found on line in the Members Only Section (see note below).

Will you be one of **THREE LUCKY WINNERS**? Those who renew their dues on or before the May general meeting will be eligible to have a portion refunded (the National Organization's portion of \$59)! Renew early and you might be one of **three lucky winners**.



**Maria Bonnet**

Marpazbonnet@gmail.com

## V.P. Finance

Dues renewal is nearly upon us. 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*

phylliscath814@gmail.com

## Did you know?

Emily Dickinson wrote a total of 1,789 poems. But in her lifetime only seven were published—all anonymously and probably without her knowledge.

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*The Life and Adventures of a Cat* was a "racy" and risqué book published in England in 1760. The book centered on a ram cat (the name male cats went by back then) named Tom the Cat. The book was so amazingly popular that from that point on, male cats have been commonly called tomcats.

\*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.

## From the Nominating Committee

We will be voting for our Branch officers during the April General Meeting.

Please attend this meeting so that you can vote for our new and returning officers.

Recording Secretary (General Meetings)  
Christine Porter (has agreed to serve another 2-year term)

Recording Secretary (Board Meetings)  
Pat Nichols (has agreed to serve another 2-year term)

Director for Finance: Ginny Gillmer

V.P. Programs: Karen Gillett

### This year's Nominating Committee

Linda Fessel: lfessel@embarqmail.com

Phyllis Hall: PhyllisCath814@gmail.com

Nancy Flaherty: nef.public@gmail.com

Karen Buchan: kgb@unknownegg.org

Installation of officers will take place  
at the May General Meeting.

The installation ceremony will be presented  
by Barbara Knapp



An organization can only succeed  
when its members get involved.

## Please Read

### [Unexciting, but Important]

Our Orlando/Winter Park Bylaws state that the membership must be given 15 days written notice before the meeting when bylaws changes are to be brought to a vote. A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present and voting will be needed for approval. Therefore you are now receiving written notice about the proposed changes which will be voted upon at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 13:

### **As currently written:**

Article IX

Section 1a:

The elected officers shall be president, vice presidents for membership and programs, secretary and director of finance.

### ***Rewritten proposal:***

*The elected officers shall be president, vice presidents for membership and programs, recording secretary for general meetings, recording secretary for board meetings and two directors for finance.*

### **Current Section 1g:**

The president, vice president of membership and director for finance shall be elected in even-numbered years. The vice president of programs and recording secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

### ***Rewritten proposal:***

*The president, vice president of membership, and one director for finance shall be elected in even-numbered years. The vice president of programs, recording secretaries and one director for finance shall be elected in odd-numbered years.*

Currently there is no Section 1h

### ***Written proposal for Section 1h:***

*Two vice presidents of program and/or two vice presidents of membership may be elected. If that occurs, then one would be elected in even-numbered years and one would be elected in odd-numbered years.*

**Rationale for changes:** If the job is handled by two people, it is less work and less time-consuming for both. If they are elected in different years, there would always be one person with experience to help train the second.

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

## APRIL

If you have any issues regarding any of the interest groups, please contact the Interest Group Chair.

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

**Booklovers:** What a treat it was to hear Charlene Edge speak about her experiences at the Annual Literary Luncheon. Many of us purchased her book, *Undertow* and will have the opportunity to follow the path she chose to escape from the cult. Moving on to the books we are reading:

This month most Booklovers groups will read *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, but Booklovers VII will read *End of the Affair* by Graham Green.

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 will meet on Wednesday, April 24, at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse at Marbeya Club Condominiums. This month, the group will read Lauren Weisberger's *The Devil Wears Prada*. For more information about Booklovers Lite, contact Martha Williamson: [Bibliamor@aol.com](mailto:Bibliamor@aol.com)

### **Cooking Globally:**

Friday, April 26 – Swiss theme

Barbara Buchele coordinator

Friday, June 21 – Korean theme

Joan Liberman coordinator

For more information or to be on the email contact list:

Rana Tiwari: [ranatiwari@usa.net](mailto:ranatiwari@usa.net) or

Karen Buchan: [kgb@unknownegg.org](mailto:kgb@unknownegg.org)

**Current Issues:** Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In April, Karen Buchan will present *Food Coloring/Chemistry*. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: [Kysilka@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kysilka@bellsouth.net)

**Dining Couples** The April Dining Couples Group will meet on the evening of April 20 at 6 p.m. at the home of Eileen Garrison. RSVP to Eileen Garrison: 407-620-9703.

**Dining In:** On April 5, Dining In will meet at the home of Karen Buchan. RSVP to Karen at [kgb@unknownegg.org](mailto:kgb@unknownegg.org).

Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or [mjcrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcrosen@hotmail.com)

**Dining Out (at night):** April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Agave Azul (Mexican)

900 South Orlando Ave (17-92), Winter Park

RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or [shoke@cfl.rr.com](mailto:shoke@cfl.rr.com)

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

On Thursday, April 11, ECF plans a nature walk of slightly more than a half mile around the Rollins College campus. Lunch will follow at one of Rollins' student restaurants. For more details and to RSVP, contact Karen Buchan, [kgb@unknownegg.org](mailto:kgb@unknownegg.org) or 407-678-1212.

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:** The Foreign Affairs Group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month. Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Martha Williamson will moderate and lead the discussion of *State of the State Department & Diplomacy*. 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, April 29, 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, April 8, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: [LFessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:LFessel@embarqmail.com)

**Mah Jongg:** Mah Jongg will meet on Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, and 25. Beginners are 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)

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## Interest Groups (Continued)

**Sole Sisters:** will meet every Thursday at Lake Baldwin at the pier (where Broad Street meets the lake). No need to sign up, just join us. We'll be there.

**Starting in April we will meet at 8:30 a.m.**

For more information contact:



D. Fuentes [tucu662@gmail.com](mailto:tucu662@gmail.com) or  
Ginny Gillmer [virginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.gillmer@gmail.com)

**Theater Group:** The Chair for this group is Jean Bubriski, [jbubriski33@gmail.com](mailto:jbubriski33@gmail.com) (or 949-278-7293). See below for more information about the last show of this season.

### AAUW 2018-2019 Theatre Group (Group Leader: Jean Bubriski)

The Theatre Group will be going to its final matinee at the Annie Russell Theater at Rollins College.

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 the final play.

## From Our Members

**Exploring Central Florida** visited another Florida wetlands in March—Orlando Wetlands Park in Christmas. Our tour was conducted by two volunteers who transported us in style via open-air trams. It was a picture-perfect day for taking lots of pictures from the smallest wild flower to an eagle's nest the size of a mattress. This is the first large-scale man-made wetland designed to treat reclaimed water (the average home produces about 400 gallons of waste water daily). Up to 35 million gallons a day are sent to this man-made wetlands where



aquatic plants continue the clean-up job before ending up in the St. John's River. The system provides habitat for over 200 bird species, otters, foxes, deer, turtles, snakes,

and, of course, alligators.



Below: The ladies (and gentleman) climbed Oyler Overlook, an earthen mound created from thousands of yards of muck and cattails. Although only 30 feet tall, it gives an outstanding view of the surrounding wetlands.



## More From Our Members



Sole Sisters meet for their weekly walk around Lake Baldwin. Come join them—starting now at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday.



Leslie Lieberman (at podium), Hanna Krusczek (STEM Coordinator), and Anne Bubriski-McKenzie (our University rep—not shown) attended a workshop on AAUW STEM research and curriculum. It was presented at the Florida Engineering and Education Conference at UCF on March 1. So what does STEM have to do with “Elephant Toothpaste?” Ask Hanna. She’s holding it in her hand!



Linda Fessel and Rana Tiwari on safari in Winter Park



Dining Couples celebrated Bob Wilenkin’s birthday at the home of Robbie and Bob Wilenkin in February.

On March 23, Dining Couples met at Rosemary and Ken Vendena’s house for an Italian Picnic Dinner.



Hanna Kruczek and hubby were in Havana. They went to the restaurant in this car. But missed going to the Copacabana show due to a tornado that hit, killing three people.



In March Christine Porter, her daughters and granddaughter visited France, Italy and Spain. Above: the family at Casa Battlo (Barcelona); Left: Christine with her granddaughter at the Eiffel tower

If you have any photos you would like to share, please send them to me at [LFessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:LFessel@embarqmail.com) with a short description. Don’t just leave them on your phones. Share them with your AAUW sisters.

# APRIL 2019

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 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	4 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sole Sisters  <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	9 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI  <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	10	11 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sole Sisters  <u>9 a.m. thru lunch</u> Exploring Central FL  <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	12	13  <u>9—11 a.m.</u>  <b>General Meeting</b>
14	15 <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	16 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	17	18 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sole Sisters  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X  <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	19 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV   <b>Passover Good Friday</b>	20    <u>6 p.m.</u> Dining Couples
21  <b>Easter</b>	22  <b>Earth Day</b>	23	24 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III ("Lite")	25 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Sole Sisters  <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	26  <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Cooking Globally  <b>Arbor Day</b>	27  <u>2 p.m.</u> Theater Group
28 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	29 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Films	30				



If you would like to see more pictures from the Literary Luncheon, go to the Photo Gallery online.