



Orlando *** Winter Park
BRANCHLINE

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*American Association of University Women
Annual Membership Reception
Saturday, September 14, 2019
2–4 p.m.*

*Community Room of the
First Congregational Church of Winter Park
225 South Interlachen Avenue
(at the intersection of New England
Entrance on New England)*

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REWARD

- *Refreshments, Conversation, New Friends*
- *Opportunities for Community Involvement*
- *A chance to share in AAUW's mission in promoting education and equity for women and girls*
- *Participation in Book Discussions, Foreign Films, Current Issues, Mahjongg, and other Educational and Social Activities and Interest Groups*

From the President



I am proud to be serving in my second year as President of the Orlando/ Winter Park Branch. Our 90-year-old Branch is the 2nd largest in Florida and was the most honored Branch at the FL- AAUW statewide convention this spring. Board members have been very busy over the summer so that this

year's calendar has a roster of excellent speakers and performers, PACE events, interest group activities, and special celebrations. Elsewhere in the *Branchline* there is more detailed information on interest group activities, the Literary Luncheon, and special events.

The Board and other members are working on a special event that celebrates the Centennial in 2020 of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment that required all states to grant women the right to vote. This was the culmination of decades of women's suffrage activities, starting before the Civil War but often marked by the 1848 Seneca Falls, NY, Conference. The last round of elections saw unprecedented gains in women running and elected for offices at all levels of government. We need to do this again in 2020 to assure a continued trend in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

At the national level, AAUW has a new CEO, Kimberly Churches, and has refocused their strategic plans. For example, instead of targeting individual funds for donations, like the Legal Advocacy Fund or Campus Action Projects, members are requested to give to the Greatest Needs Fund, allowing AAUW to distribute donations where they are needed in three priority areas: Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. All programs and funds fall under these areas. In keeping with the strategic plan, the Branches have been asked to fulfill a number of requirements to receive stars in the Five Star Program. I will write more about this next month. Also, all members have been asked to go online and take the *Work Smart* training as part of a national initiative to have 10 million women trained in salary negotiation by 2022. Although many of our members are retired, you can share this information with daughters and granddaughters and the men in your lives too. *Work Smart* is part of the larger program address-

ing economic insecurity for women of all ages ranging from low salaries to large student debt to inadequate retirement income.

At our first Board Meeting this year, a decision was made to embrace the theme of '**Helping Hands**' this year. This was initiated in response to last year's installation of officers in which Barbara Knapp, our Parliamentarian (and so much more!), gave photographs of helping hands to the new officers, then passed out the remaining ones to those in attendance.

I look forward to meeting current members, new members, prospective members and friends at the September 14 Annual Membership Reception. This event is a handy way to see old friends, meet new members, learn about the interest groups and enjoy some finger food.

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



At our General Meeting on May 11, 2019, Barbara Knapp (on right) installed the following officers: (L to R) Karen Gillett, V.P. Programs; Pat Nichols, Secretary (Board Meetings); Ginny Gillmer, Co-V.P. Finances; Christine Porter, secretary (General Meetings)

Scholarships



During the summer, the Scholarship Committee was busy reading and evaluating applications for our Valencia Foundation Endowed Scholarship for women studying business.

We reviewed ten applications. All were worthy of receiving our financial support and it was hard to decide on one or two. Although the fund was only \$1300, we split it between four applicants. At Valencia, this amount will almost cover the tuition for one class.

Please note: AAUW members can support this endowed scholarship fund by making contributions and memorials to AAUW Fund # 1178. Contact: Elvin Cruz, Administrative Manager, Foundation Scholarships, Valencia College Foundation, 1768 Park Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32835. Phone: 407-582-3150; or www.Valencia.org.

There has been increased interest in the PACE Next Step Grant and we are working with a couple of girls to complete their paperwork and meet with the PACE Committee.

Karen Buchan

VP Membership



If you are one of the 26 people who hasn't already renewed your dues, bring your check to the Annual Membership Reception on Saturday, September 14, or mail it to Phyllis Hall, 481 Forest Court,

Altamonte Springs 32714. Make your \$85 check payable to AAUW Orlando/Winter Park. 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.

Welcome to our New Member

Barry, Janet

JCBMarl@aol.com

Boston Coll. B.S. Nursing, '72

Boston Univ., M.S. Nursing, '76

Maria Bonnet

****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.**



Congratulations to Pace Orange Executive Director Rosene Johnson who was selected as one of Scott Maxwell's 10 people who make

Orlando a better place to live! "The work Johnson and her team do isn't always easy, but it can make a lasting difference."

Pace Center for Girls statewide has been honored to receive the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 2019 Impact of the Year Award, which recognizes those who "rethink, reimagine and redefine" justice for children and families.

AAUW will once again be preparing a Thanksgiving lunch for PACE girls and their families. We will need volunteers to prepare, bring and serve food. Anyone who is able to cook and slice a turkey is very much needed and appreciated. (Pat Stamm recently encountered a young woman who was a PACE girl 6 years

ago. When Pat asked her if she remembered the Thanksgiving meal, she responded that all PACE girls remember that very special day.)

Last year's Miracle Box day was a joy-filled day. This year there are more girls so your participation is even more needed. We will need boxes, servers, and, most importantly, several people to organize craft activities for the girls.

Pat Stamm and Anne Landrum

PACE – SAVE THE DATES:

**THANKSGIVING LUNCH –
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**MIRACLE BOXES/HOLIDAY BRUNCH –
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Interest Groups

September

Announcing—for your convenience—a concise list of the current array of Interest Groups offered by our AAUW chapter to our membership.

Please see below or go to the website at orlando-fl.aauw.net to learn more about the groups and to locate the leaders' contact information.

The group leaders will also present overviews of the year's activities at the Annual Membership Reception on Saturday, September 14, from 2-4 p.m.

We hope you will take the plunge and join a new group!

BOOKLOVERS (9 GROUPS) BOOKLOVERS LITE COOKING GLOBALLY CURRENT ISSUES DINING COUPLES DINING IN DINING OUT (AT NIGHT) EXPLORING CENTRAL FL. FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOREIGN FILMS LUNCHING OUT MAH JONGG SOLE SISTERS (A WALKING GROUP)	THEATRE GROUP-- For details about all the shows, see page 7. TROLLOPIANS (meets during the summer) Have an idea for an additional group? Please contact Joan Liberman for assistance with getting it going! Announcing--for your convenience a concise list of the current array of Interest Groups offered by our AAUW chapter to our membership.
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Joan Liberman
 Interest Group Chair
libermanjoan@gmail.com

Booklovers

Some Booklovers read over the summer, but most took a rest. Now everyone is ready for fall reading. Most Booklover Groups will read either *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George or *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

This year, Booklovers is donating \$1000 to the Riales Scholarship. This money comes from dues collected in January of each year. In addition, donations will be made to PACE upon request for school materials.

New Members? Yes, we do have room for new members, so if you are a reader, please contact the Book-

lovers Coordinator and we'll get you in a group. Ellen James, 407-857-004; ellenjames54@gmail.com
 See page 5 for the list of the 2019-2020 reading selections for Booklovers and Booklovers Lite.

Booklovers Lite (aka Booklovers III): Booklovers Lite meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-3 at the Marbeya Club Condominiums (at the intersection of 436 and Lake Howell Rd.). We will be meeting on Wednesday, September 25, to discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.

For information and questions, contact Karen Deo at 407-967-0786 or Karen.deo@gmail.com.

Cooking Globally: This is a fun group that gathers quarterly to try new cuisines and everyone brings a dish. Members and guests are always welcome!

In May members enjoyed a delicious and festive Korean-themed dinner. The first Cooking Globally dinner this year is planned for Friday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. An exciting theme has been chosen: African foods. Dinners are held at Westminster Winter Park's Club 24 at 1824 Summerfield Road, in Winter Park off Lakemont Avenue. An email with more information will be sent in early October. For more information contact Karen Buchan, kbg@unknownegg.org.

Current Issues: Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Next meeting will be on September 16. Leslie Lieberman will speak on stem cells. The meeting will be held at Westminster Baldwin Park. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Dining Couples: On Saturday, August 31, The Dining Couples are having a get-together Cocktail Soiree at Roberta and Bob Willenkin's home in Winter Park. At that time, we will discuss dates and plans for upcoming Dining Couples dinners. We look forward to meeting some new couples who have expressed interest in our Dining Couples Group! For information about this group, contact Eileen Garrison, Eileengar@msn.com

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Interest Groups (Continued)

Dining In: Meets monthly on the first Friday. Dining In will meet on September 6, 2019, at the home of Myra Gaziano at noon.

Please RSVP to Myra at gazianomyra@yahoo.com. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcrozen@hotmail.com

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out meets at Firebird's (1562 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or shoke@cfl.rr.com

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): Exploring Central Florida will not meet in September. Our next exploration will be on Thursday, **OCTOBER 10**. We will visit the Bronze Kingdom at the Fashion Square Mall followed by lunch at Olive Garden. If you wish to attend this event or be added to the contact list, please contact Temporary Chair Linda Fessel at lfessel@embarqmail.com.

Foreign Affairs: The group meets at members' homes on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 22 at the home of Karen Deo. Karen will moderate: *Nuclear Negotiations: back to the future?*

RSVP to Karen at Karen.deo@gmail.com. For more information about this group, contact Dee Fuentes (407-310-1154) or tucu662@gmail.com.

Foreign Films: Foreign films meets on the last Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Our next film (TBA) is on Sept. 30. For more information contact Linda Fessel. LFessel@embarqmail.com

Lunching Out: Lunching Out will meet on Monday, September 9, at 11:30 a.m. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact LFessel@embarqmail.com

Mah Jongg: Mah-Jonggers will meet on Thursday, **September 5, 12, 19 and 26**. Beginners welcome. For more information, contact

Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or

Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

Sole Sisters: meets **every Thursday at 9 a.m., starting in October**.

The group meets at the pier in Lake Baldwin Park, where Broad Street meets the lake.

For more information contact :

D. Fuentes tucu662@gmail.com or

Ginny Gillmer virginia.gillmer@gmail.com

Theater Group: See page 6 for more information about this year's theater outings.

Booklovers Book Selection Vote 2019-2020

From a ballot of over 50 books, our Booklovers members have voted for the following books to read between September, 2019, and May, 2020:

September: ***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George **OR** ***News of the World*** by Paulette Jiles

October: ***The Address*** by Fiona Davis

November: ***Wide Sargasso Sea*** by Jean Rhys

January: ***Becoming*** by Michelle Obama

February: ***Where the Crawdads Sing*** by Delia Owens

March: ***The Library Book*** by Susan Orlean

April: ***Educated*** by Tara Westover

May: ***Washington Black*** by Esi Edugyan **OR** ***Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*** by Gail Honeyman **OR** ***The Last Days of Night*** by Graham Moore.

Booklovers Lite Book Selections for 2019-2020

September: ***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George

October: ***Murder on Astor Place*** by Victoria Thompson

November: No Meeting (Thanksgiving)

December: No Meeting (Christmas)

January: ***The Pursuit of Alice Thrift*** by Elinor Lipman

Remaining selections will be determined at a later date.

**AAUW THEATRE GROUP 2019-2020 SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY MATINEES AROUND ORLANDO
WITH COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATION AFTER THE PLAY**

Please join us for a tantalizing variety of theater. Each AAUW member needs to purchase her own ticket for the Sunday Matinee performances listed below. We will meet at the theater at 1:45 pm. Then we will also have a get-together after each play for cocktails and conversation plus whatever you may want to order to eat. The restaurants for these after-play get-togethers will be announced by email before the date of the play.

All the performances are at 2 p.m. on Sundays, BUT the plays are at 2 different theaters around Orlando. The Orlando Shakespeare Company has several of our plays this year, BUT they often sell out their performances. As of July, there are single seats available for each of the Orlando Shakes plays on our list, but by October, they may be taken. **Therefore, consider buying your tickets SOON.** You can purchase a series of three or five for a reduced rate. You can ask the Box Office to be seated near Jean Bubriski.

For questions, please email Jean Bubriski at jbubriski33@gmail.com or call or text her at 949-278-7293.

OCTOBER 6, 2019

Orlando Shakespeare Theater, Sunday, 2 p.m.

EVITA



Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lyrics and Book by Tim Rice. The iconic musical charts the young and ambitious Eva Peron's meteoric rise to sainthood.

Orlando Shakespeare Theater
(Orlando Shakes)
812 E Rollins St, Orlando, FL 32803
(407) 447-1700

Website: https://orlandoshakes.secure.force.com/ticket/PatronTicket_PublicTicketApp#/subscriptions
Look for Choose Your Own Series for the Signature Series (as opposed to the Children's Series)

OCTOBER 20, 2019

University of Central Florida (UCF) Theater,
Sunday, 2 p.m.

GENTLEMEN'S GUIDE TO LOVE

Book and lyrics by Robert L. Freedman
Music and lyrics by Steven Lutvak

Winner of the 2014 Tony Award for best musical, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* is a murderous romp

filled with unforgettable music and non-stop laughs. When the low-born Monty Navarro finds out that he's eighth in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family, he figures his chances of outliving his predecessors are slight and sets off down a far more ghoulish path.

UCF Theater 12722 Pegasus Dr., Orlando, FL 32816
(407) 823-1500

Link for Campus Map: <https://map.ucf.edu/locations/6/>

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Orlando Shakes, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly

by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon

Middle sister Mary finally takes center stage in this charming and clever sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

See information about Orlando Shakes above.

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Orlando Shakes, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Becoming Dr. Ruth

by Mark St. Germain

America's Sex Therapist Ruth Westheimer recounts her extraordinary life's journey from fleeing the Nazis to struggling to succeed as a single mother in America.

See information about Orlando Shakes above.

APRIL 5, 2020

University of Central Florida Theater
Sunday, 2 p.m.

URINETOWN

Music by Mark Hollmann and Lyrics by Hollmann
and Greg Kotis and Book by Kotis

A side-splitting send-up of greed, love and revolution (and musicals!), in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. (See information about UCF Theatre above.)

APRIL 19, 2020

Orlando Shakes, Sunday, 2 p.m.

Oh Lord, What a Night

By Deborah Brevoort

This insightful new play sheds light on the true story of the unlikely friendship between Albert Einstein and Marian Anderson, the legendary African American contralto.

FROM OUR MEMBERS

AAUW Member, Sue McDonald contributed this article to the Orlando Sentinel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public schools still best answer

I'm writing in response to Friday's "Tips, questions to ask to find right school for your child," written by a charter school principal.

Parents, here's the important question for you to ask as the school year approaches: Where can you be assured of certified teachers, an established accountability structure, adherence to academically rigorous curriculum standards, safe buildings with additional facilities, varied magnet school offerings, and a wide range of extracurricular activities?

The answer: Your traditional public school.

Not charter schools. Integrity Florida reported last year in "The Hidden Costs of Charter School Choice" that though some have functioned successfully, charter schools are an unnecessary, dual-education system that drains public funds. Charter schools are increasingly run by for-profit companies.

They often close, sometimes in the middle of the school year, for a variety of reasons such as poor academic performance, declining enrollment, financial mismanagement, or criminal corruption.

Not voucher schools. The Orlando Sentinel reported in "Schools Without Rules" in 2017 that voucher schools are not required to have certified teachers or principals, to follow the state curriculum, to have building requirements, to make their budgets public, nor to report graduation rates.

Parents, go online to OCPS, visit your neighborhood public school, and learn about the world of opportunities available to your children that will guarantee them a solid footing in their future path.

Excellence is the reason why the vast majority of Florida's children attend their traditional public schools.

Sue McDonald Orlando

The author is a member of the League of Women Voters of Orange County Education Committee.



Karen Buchan (left), Linda Hammersla (right) at the Fringe Festival on Memorial Day with Leah & David, members of The Ukulaliens band.



Dining Out (at night) visits Fiddlers' Green on May 21. From left, clockwise, Ruth, Susan, Linda, Jim, Mary, Cheryl, John and Christine. John was a regular attendee of this group. He will be missed.

FROM OUR MEMBERS



The following article was taken from the August 12, 2019, edition of the Orlando Sentinel. Anna Eskamani, former AAUW Orlando-Winter Park member, and scheduled speaker at our General Meeting on October 12, is making her voice heard in Tallahassee as a Freshman representative from Orange County's 47th District.

Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, filed a bill to ban discrimination against gay, transgender and disabled students in private schools that take Florida vouchers. The bill, like its counterpart in the Florida Senate, seeks to make sure the private schools that accept school vouchers, or scholarships, don't deny admission to certain students as some now do.

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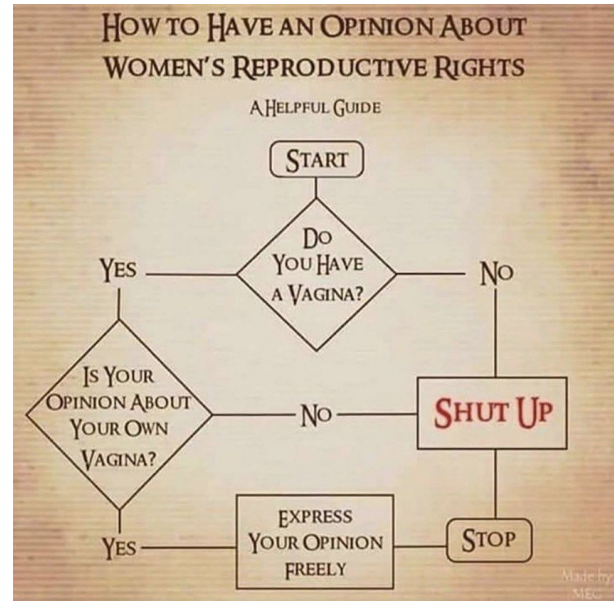
Eskamani, in announcing her bill, said she hoped companies that fund the tax credit program will either push for lawmakers to support the legislation or follow Rosen's lead and stop their donations. "Public dollars should support the growth and safety of all kids, not just some kids," her statement said.

You might be private, but if you're taking public dollars you can't be committing discrimination," said Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, who filed the House bill late Friday. Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, announced he was drafting such legislation in June and filed his bill Aug. 2. Eskamani's bill is identical to his.

Both are similar to a measure that was proposed and turned down in the Republican-dominated Legislature last spring. But Eskamani said she is more hopeful now, after the *Orlando Sentinel* and prominent hotelier Harris Rosen announced his company would no longer donate to Florida's largest voucher program because it supports schools that discriminate against gay students.



Sent by a member who found this on Facebook.



EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED FROM A BOOK

@introvertdoodles

Want equal pay? Be a blacksmith!

During the 1700s, you could find female blacksmiths in many of the colonies. Often they were women like Jane Burgess of Maryland, who'd pitched in to help her husband while he was alive, and found herself the sole smith after his death in 1773.

Was there consumer resistance to females doing such undainty labor? Heck, no. In fact, the shortage of labor in this pre-industrial period meant that blacksmiths and other workers, whatever their gender, usually got equal pay.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	4 <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	5 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	6 <u>12 noon</u> Dining in	7
8	9 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out	10 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	11	12 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	13	14 <u>2-4 p.m.</u> Annual Membership Reception
15	16 <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	17 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	18	19 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	20 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	21
22 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	23 <u>1-3</u> Board Meeting	24	25 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers "Lite"	26 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	27	28
29	30 <u>1-4</u> Foreign Films					

We strive to get all the days and times in the correct boxes. Sometimes we miss the mark. If we've misplaced your event or scheduled you for the wrong time, or day, please let us know so we can correct the mistake going forward.