



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

OCTOBER PROGRAM



Anna V. Eskamani

We are delighted to present Anna Eskamani, newly elected to the Florida House of Representatives from District 47, and former member of our AAUW chapter. (The following is from Representative Eskamani's Facebook page.)

Anna V. Eskamani is an Orlando native and daughter of immigrants who has worked relentlessly her entire life to protect all members of our community through effective advocacy, bold leadership, and strategic management.

A community organizer and nonprofit professional, Anna has a proven track record in building consensus while fighting unapologetically for progressive values. She attended Orange County Public Schools, K-12 and went to the University of Central Florida. Here she earned two Bachelor Degrees, and two Master Degrees.

When Anna was thirteen years old, she lost her Mom to cancer. This loss—coupled with her Mom's courage—is what inspires Anna each day to fight for Florida's families.

For the last six years, she served as the Senior Director of Public Affairs and Communications for Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida. Here she managed a team of six across 22 counties and 11 health centers. She is known in the legislature and across the nation as an advocate for women's health and equality. Today she works at NEO Philanthropy as their State Strategic Advisor.

Anna is also a Ph.D student in Public Affairs at the University of Central Florida and, when she has time, serves as an adjunct professor teaching Intro to Women's Studies. She is currently developing a new course for UCF on community organizing for nonprofit professionals and also serves on numerous community boards.

Tough, authentic and unafraid, Anna is a progressive who has proven herself as a leader who works hard, delivers results, and gets things done. Through her campaign, she has raised nearly \$500,000 from more than 3,000 individual donations. Her team has also knocked on more than 27,000 doors with the help of more than 400 volunteers. This is a grass-roots campaign that is people-focused and fueled by you.

To learn more about Anna, visit her website (<http://annaforflorida.com>) or send her a direct message on Facebook.

GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY

October 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: Ginny Gillmer
505-379-5484**

Virginia.gillmer@gmail.com

**Cash or check
payable at the door
(Checks should be made out to
"AAUW Orlando/Winter Park")**

**Or mail your check to:
Ginny Gillmer
588 Citrus
Oviedo, FL 32765
You must RSVP no later than
Wednesday, October 9!**

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

From the President



Dear Members,

We started the year off right! Thank you to those who attended our Membership Reception, and a special thank you to Maria Bonnet, Vice President for Membership, her hard-working committee, and everyone who contributed to our gourmet selection of food. Joan Liberman, Coordinator, organized a dynamic round of presentations by the interest group leaders. We have an exciting year of Saturday morning speakers and singers invited by Karen Gillett, Vice President for Programs. These are listed on your handy refrigerator card designed by Linda Fessel. Please get one for yourself and a few more for friends! We always welcome guests and had 20 at our Membership Reception.

At the national level, AAUW has asked both the states and individual branches to become more involved with mission-focused activities in the three strategic areas of Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership.

I would like our Branch to consider applying for a Community Action Grant, so I am soliciting both your ideas on what we might do and your willingness to work on the implementation of the grant if we are awarded one. Please call 321-231-2007 or email me lsliberman@gmail.com with your ideas by October 10. The deadline for submission of a proposal is December 1, 2019.

Community Action Grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organizations as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Grant projects must have direct public impact, be nonpartisan, and take place within the United States or its territories. Special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering, or math.

One-year grants provide funding for community-based projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls. Two-year grants provide startup funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equity for women and girls.

Here are some of the winning projects for 2019-20:

1. PowerPlay NYC, Inc. (2011) uses physical activities and Olympic sports as a way to develop confidence, team building skills, and life skills in minority girls living in Brooklyn. PowerPlay NYC connects girls with female role models in areas that focus on fitness, mentoring, and education.
2. WriteGirl (2009) is a leadership program that provides young and incarcerated women the opportunity to write, edit, and create blogs for WriteGirl.
3. ECO Girls (2012) seeks to foster environmental awareness, leadership, ecological literacy, cultural education, and self-confidence. The organization focuses specifically on reaching girls of color and girls in economically challenged areas of Southeast Michigan who have limited access to green spaces.
4. Hidden Herstory (2010) is a national educational networking tour that features a screening of the documentary *Top-Secret Rosies: The Female Computers of WWII*. Targeting universities, museums, and archives, the tour seeks to connect women professionals working in math, science, and computer technology with high school girls and college women interested in pursuing careers in these fields.
5. Camp GirlForward (2012) is an innovative summer education program for refugee girls ages 14-19. With a social justice-based curriculum, Camp GirlForward empowers girls to understand who they are, where they are from, and how they can make a difference in the world around them. The program includes research projects, presentations, journal writing and reading, and weekly field trips around Chicago.

Let's do something big and bold! And Happy Halloween.



Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.

President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch
Professor Emerita UCF

Scholarships



Just a reminder that our AAUW Branch has three different scholarships:

Branch Scholarships – Given in April-May to women attending a regionally accredited college/university and studying in STEM areas;

Valencia College Foundation Endowed Scholarships – For women studying business at Valencia College;

PACE Next Step Grants – Offers financial assistance for women who have attended PACE and graduated from high school.

At the Welcome Reception, Booklovers Coordinator Ellen James presented a \$1,000 contribution to the Branch Scholarship Fund. This very generous contribution was an accumulation of Booklovers' annual dues. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the Booklovers' members!

Don't forget that contributions to any of these scholarships can be made at any time.

Karen Buchan



VP Finance

Reminder: The year-end 2018-2019 Cash Flow Report is available under the Members Only/Finance section of the web site. The monthly cash flow report is

posted as soon as it is available.

(To access the Members Only section, contact Linda Fessel or Maria Bonnet for the password.)

*Phyllis Hall &
Ginny Gillmer*

**Sixty might be
the new forty
but 9:00 is the
new midnight.**

When I say "the other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 35 years ago.

VP Membership

Welcome to our New Members

Christine Dudding
cdudd44@hotmail.com
Indiana U., 1961-63
DePaul U., B.A., Anthropology,
1971-74
Rollins College, MLS, 1988
UF, Post-Grad., Botany, 2004-7



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UCF, B.A., Elem. Ed., 1979
Nova Southeastern, M.A., Ed. Ldshp.

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Shanghai Jiao Tung University, B.S. E.E., 1982
UCF, Ph.D., E.E., 1991

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FSU, M.A., Accounting, 1990

Virginia Elizabeth Powers-Byrd
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East Carolina Univ., BSN, Nursing, 1973
University of Virginia, MSN, Nursing, 1983

Havill, Georgiana
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Returning Member:

Manfredi, Lynn Paredes
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Seminole Junior College
Rollins College, B.A., 1976
UCF, M.A.
Barry University, Ph.D., FI BD
Gwynedd Mercy University, Ed D. 2020

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.**



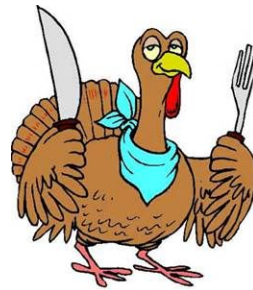
Thanks to all who continue to be interested in supporting the girls at PACE. Please keep in mind:

PACE Food Pantry -- Donations of items that can be used to make dinners are especially needed by families and by some girls who are living on their own because of family issues.

Thanksgiving Lunch – Thursday, 11/21. Please sign up with Karen Gillett and Diana Secor to bring food and volunteer to serve. See column on right for Karen's and Diana's contact information.

Miracle Box and Holiday Brunch – Friday 12/20.
In early November, we will have information from PACE on the names and wishes of the girls.
We are looking for women who can offer a craft activity.

Pat Stamm and Anne Landrum



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! It's our AAUW Orlando/Winter Park tradition to provide a turkey dinner with all the fixings at the PACE Center for Girls for all of our PACE friends and families the week before Thanksgiving. This year our dinner

will be held on November 21 from 11:30 to 1:30. Please come experience this event with us by providing food, making a monetary donation, or being a server—or all of the above! This will be a very memorable event and a good opportunity to meet PACE girls, families, and staff (and to mingle with fellow AAUW sisters.)

We'll have a sign-up sheet at the October 12 meeting. If you can't be there, you can email or call Diana Secor or Karen Gillett. We'll welcome you as a team member for this festive event—and we're certain you'll leave with memories and a smile.

Diana Secor
407-929-3735

dianasecoraaauw@gmail.com

Karen Gillett
407-252-3169

karen555g@hotmail.com



Phyllis Hall is not only our VP Finance. Since becoming a member of our Branch, she has taken on the awesome responsibility of Chapter Historian. She has compiled a history of the chapter which goes back to 1928 with 18 charter members.

If you are interested in seeing this history or learning more about the chapter archives, contact Phyllis.

AAUW Orlando-Winter Park History Archives

There are two scrapbooks at the Orange County Regional History Center: 1953/1954 and 1954/1955. Both include newspaper articles to promote meetings, the membership tea, state convention activities, and officers. Both include Awards for Excellence in Publicity from the FL division of AAUW.

The remainder of the chapter archives are located in the Winter Park Library. There are scrapbooks from 1996-

2015 containing the Branchline, photos of members at meetings, and other memorabilia. Since 2015, archives have been updated following the archives guidelines from National AAUW and recommendations for the Winter Park Library archivist.

Phyllis Hall
phylliscath814@gmail.com



If you think historical archives are dull, think again. Barbara Knapp came across a newspaper clipping from a 1952-53 scrapbook. It will now find a permanent home with the rest of our archives at the Winter Park Library. See a copy of it on the next page, and try not to hurt yourself laughing at the matching hats, purses, stockings and heels. Never forget that we are "High IQ Gals!" ed.

SOCIETY

Orlando Sunday Sentinel-Star

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The High I-Q Gals Plan Busy Season

Some 200 women of Orlando and Winter Park are on the membership roll of AAUW.

AAUW—that's short for the formidable sounding American Association of University Women. And these gals are pretty formidable in the I-Q department and their programs concern serious minded topics usually.

Theirs is not just "woman-talk" by any means.

But, on the other hand, they have a lot of fun. Meetings are leavened with social chit-chat and refreshments after-

wards. And to increase the informality and warmth, the membership is broken down into small groups which meet at members' homes.

There are teas and luncheons and picnics, too.

Their main concern, however, is with their program which includes education, wider opportunities for women, international understanding and co-operation, application of training and abilities of college women to complex problems of modern life.

The local AAUW began with nine college women in 1928, now boasts 200-odd members, and plans for more following the membership tea on Oct. 18. At that time they will entertain all women interested and eligible for membership.

Headed this year by Mrs. Dan McKinnon who looks more like a Powers model than a serious minded student of world affairs, AAUW slates an ambitious program of study, research, activity and fun.



AAUW-ITES—Mrs. Dan McKinnon and Mrs. J. A. Riviere stop on the library steps for a chat about proposed activities of the local American Association of University Women this fall. Mrs. McKinnon is president of the 200-member organization.



Interest Groups



The success of our recent Membership Event was greatly enhanced by the participation of our interest group leaders, who all did a marvelous job of welcoming new, old, and prospective members to our AAUW chapter. Thank you!

And now a bit of historical perspective:

Interest groups appear to be a relatively new addition to this chapter's long history of activities. The chapter was established in 1928; and, almost 70 years later, the Booklovers group was formed in 1996 by Martha Williamson (Is anyone surprised?!) with five members. Today there are 11 Booklovers groups and over 100 members. A big thank you to Martha, our literary visionary, who was able to foresee what pleasures and education the group(s) would provide!

As you can see from the following list, the interest in interest groups (!) is growing, and I encourage all of you to join in the fun.

Please call me if you have any questions or ideas for a new interest group.

Joan Liberman

Interest Group Chair
libermanjoan@gmail.com

Booklovers

Fall is here and Booklovers are enjoying the books they selected last spring.

Most Groups are reading *The Address* by Fiona Davis; however, Groups I and VII are reading *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Booklovers welcomes several new members this fall who signed up at our Annual Membership Reception. There is still room for any who would like to be part of one of these dynamic groups. Please contact the Booklovers' Coordinator Ellen James at 407-857-0044 or ellenjames54@gmail.com

Booklovers Lite (aka Booklovers III): The Booklovers Lite group will meet at Marabeya Condominiums on Wednesday, October 23 from 1-3:00 p.m. We will be discussing *Murder on Astor Place* by Victoria Thompson. Come prepared to suggest at least three books for our Spring reading. For any questions please contact Karen Deo at 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!

The first Cooking Globally dinner this year is planned for Friday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. An exciting theme has been chosen: Food from West Africa. 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 Adrienne Katz at katzaid@yahoo.com. Come share your culinary skills and try different foods!

Current Issues: Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Next meeting will be on October 21. The meeting will be held at Westminster Baldwin Park. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: Kysilka@bellsouth.net

Dining Couples: For information about this group, contact Eileen Garrison, Eileengar@msn.com.

Dining In: Meets monthly on the first Friday. Dining In will meet at noon on October 4, at the home of Diana Secor. RSVP to Diana at dianasecoraaauw@gmail.com. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcrossen@hotmail.com.

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, at Miller's Ale House—1351 Lee Road (Corner of Lee Road and Orlando Ave). RSVP to Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or shoke@cfl.rr.com by 6 p.m. Monday, October 14.



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Interest Groups (Continued)

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): On Thursday, October 10, ECF will visit the Bronze Kingdom at the Orlando 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. Foreign Affairs will meet on Sunday, October 27, at 2 p.m. at Cynthia Tomlinson's house. Gemma Dehnbostel will moderate the discussion: *The Rise of populism in Europe*. 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 Monday, Oct.28. For more information contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com.

Lunching Out: Lunching Out will meet on Monday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com

Mah Jongg: Mah-Jonggers will meet on Thursday, **October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31**. Beginners welcome. For more information, contact

Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or
Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

Theater Group: 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 p.m. Then we will also have a get-together after each play for cocktails and conversation plus whatever you may wish to order. 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 in 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 jlbubriski33@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://](https://orlandoshakes.secure.force.com/ticket/PatronTicket_PublicTicketApp#/subscriptions)

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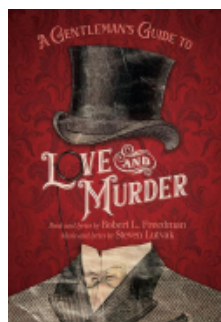
Look for Choose Your Own Series for the Signature Series (as opposed to the Children's Series)

OCTOBER 20, 2019

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

A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

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/>

FROM OUR MEMBERS



Ah, the rolling hills of Orlando. Huh? Orlando has hills? That was what 9 AAUW members (plus one guest) got to see for themselves. Yes the hills are real, and beneath them lie tons of our garbage. The ladies even got to ride up one of them in an air-conditioned 10-seater van—all courtesy of the Orange County Landfill. Who would ever have thought that garbage could be so fascinating and educational!



In its ninth year, the Women of Distinction award by Faculty Excellence and the Center for Success of Women Faculty highlights the achievements of outstanding women faculty at UCF. Three awards – one for one-to-five years of service in academia at UCF, six-to-ten years, and ten or more years—in the theme of “Creative Entrepreneurship”—were given at the event on Tuesday, September 10.

Dr. Anne Bubriski (on left) is the winner in the one-to-five years of service category. In her four years as a lecturer in Women’s and Gender Studies, Dr. Bubriski spearheaded and expanded the Young Women Leaders Program, an after-school curriculum-based mentoring program assigning a 7th grade “little sister” to one UCF student “big sister,” including securing outside funding. After winning a grant and piloting a smaller one-day pro-

gram focused on STEM leadership, she saw an opportunity and transformed the program into **SLAM: Science Leadership and Mentoring** in 2019. Through SLAM, Dr. Bubriski has secured funding to empower girls to be assertive, brave, confident and to develop leadership abilities while exposing them to exciting STEM careers. In partnership with a local middle school, SLAM meets weekly with 20 UCF women in STEM majors and provides programming with workshops and guest speakers.

Each winner will receive one-thousand dollars in professional development funds from the President’s Office. Congratulations, Anne.

MORE FROM OUR MEMBERS

■ For the first time in the U.S. Army's 244-year history, two sisters have attained the rank of general. At a historic promotion ceremony in Arlington, Va., Maj. Gen. Maria Barrett—already a two-star general—presented her younger sister Brig. Gen. Paula Lodi with a beret bearing her new one-star rank insignia. The daughters of a World War II vet father, both siblings have excelled in the military. Barrett, 53, commands NETCOM, which runs the Army's cybernet-works, while Lodi, 51, is director of health-care operations for the Army's surgeon general. "This is not a game of chance," Barrett said of her and Lodi becoming generals. "It is hard work."

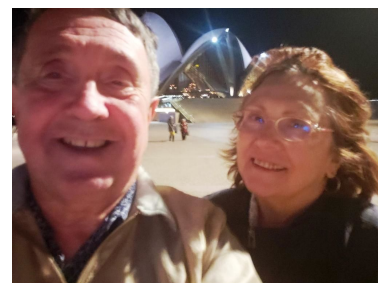


Barrett and Lodi

From *THE WEEK* (September 20, 2019); submitted by Martha Williamson.



The Krusczeks went snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef.



Then it was on to the Sydney Opera House.

Calendars

Don't forget to bring any new 2020 calendars to the October, November and December general meetings. Desk and pocket calendars as well as wall calendars are welcome. Member Lynda Hinckley distributes the calendars to persons of meager means in and around the Winter Park area.

Thank you for this small contribution which typically involves no cost to members and is so valuable to those in need. It also reduces trash in our landfills. (Calendars are now arriving in the mail. Lynda has already collected 25! It's never too early to donate them.)


Annual Members Reception: Saturday, September 14, 2019



Co-Chairs Linda Fessel and Karen Deo of the Mahjongg Group present a check for \$500 to the Chapter's Scholarship funds.



OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	2 <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	3 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	4 <u>12 noon</u> Dining in	5
6	7	8 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	9	10 <u>11 a.m.-2 p.m.</u> Exploring Central Florida <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	11	12 <u>9 -11 a.m.</u> General Meeting
13	14 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out 	15 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	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
20	21 <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	22	23 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers "Lite"	24 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	25	26
27 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	28 <u>1-4</u> Foreign Films	29	30	31 <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg 		

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.