



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

### We have a double program for November!

Did you know that Nickwhistle (NCCWSL) has nothing to do with whistles? NCCWSL was born in 1983, when representatives from national gender equity organizations saw the need for a leadership space dedicated to empowering collegiate women. Since then, AAUW has taken the helm of the conference and NCCWSL has transformed into an essential experience for any woman serious about creating meaningful impact on her campus, mobilizing her community, and preparing for personal and professional success after graduation.



With more than 10,000 attendees over the conference's history, NCCWSL is the premier leadership event for college women in the United States and globally.

Oh, by the way, Nickwhistle stands for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (now you know why we call it "Nickwhistle.")

And that brings us back to our first program today.

Our Branch-sponsored three students from UCF: Shaye Glover (pictured below), Kirsten Cherry, and Mariah Fernanda will present a short talk and video on their experiences attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) last May.



Turn to the next page for details on the 2nd program.

### GENERAL MEETING

#### SATURDAY

November 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: Ginny Gillmer  
505-379-5484**

or

**[aauw.Virginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:aauw.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, November 6!**

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

## SPEAKER: LESLIE LIEBERMAN

## The Evolution of Obesity



Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D., is a biomedical and nutritional anthropologist and currently an Emerita Professor of Anthropology and Affiliated Faculty in the College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida. She was the founding Director of the UCF Women's Research Center and former Professor of Anthropology and Pediatrics and Executive Director of the UF Center for Research on Women's Health. In 2010-14 she was a European Union Visiting Scholar teaching public health to students from African, Asian and European countries. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, masters from the University of Arizona, doctorate from the University of Connecticut and was a post-doctoral fellow at Penn State University.

Most of her research has focused on obesity, diabetes and eating behaviors from an evolutionary, human adaptation perspective. She has also completed projects on breast cancer among African-American women, sexual harassment on the UCF campus, women in engineering, advancing women leaders in Central Florida, smoking cessation and prevention among many other projects. Her research and scientific activities have been supported by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Florida Department of Health, Lockheed Martin, FL High Tech Corridor, Florida Hospital, Winter Park Health Foundation, among others. She has co-authored or edited 11 books and published 89 journal articles and book chapters and more than 200 other published works: course books, reports, reviews, abstracts and editorials.

From 2001-11 she was the UCF University Representative for our AAUW Branch and served on the Board in other capacities. She is the former President of the Na-

tional Association of Academies of Science, the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition and the Biological Anthropology Section of the American Anthropological Association, and the Florida Academy of Science, among others. She is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and has received many academic and leadership awards. She has one son, one dog, 2 cats and 2 fish and loves Zumba.

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## From the President

Dear Branch Members,



I hope that all of you have many friends and family, activities, your health and living circumstances for which to be thankful for this year. Our 2019-20 theme is helping hands and Thanksgiving gives us opportunities to carve turkeys for our families, serve stuffing at PACE or for the homeless and a myriad of ways to be thankful and share with others. November is also the month we donate to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) to support (mostly) women who need an AAUW helping hand with expenses related to cases involving Title 9 and sex discrimination in institutions receiving federal funds, often colleges and universities. Our Branch members have been very generous in the past and this year the need is even greater as the US Department of Education has rescinded some of the legislation that has been protective of women's equal treatment. Thank you in advance and Happy Thanksgiving,

*Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.*

President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch

Professor Emerita UCF



## Director for Development



This is the time of year for planning annual charitable donations. At our Nov. 9 meeting, we will collect our annual donations for the Legal Advocacy Fund. We will have plainly labeled envelopes on the tables for your cash, checks or credit

card slips. Because of a busy program schedule that day, the presentation will be brief, but our Branch members are well aware of the urgency for us to continue to protect hard-won rights through every means necessary—including through the courts. Courageous women and men are fighting for equal opportunity in education, jobs, and compensation. We are proud to aggregate our contributions when we send money to Washington as a symbol of how even the smallest contribution has great power when we join together.

The National Board of Directors is encouraging us to focus more of our support on the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund so that the Board can take advantage of opportunities like matching grants, as they arise. As always, those choices are your own, so I encourage you to include that in your personal planning. You can have confidence that ALL your donations will serve the mission we have held since 1881.

If you are unable to attend on Saturday, Nov. 9, mail your check made to AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND to

Rosemary Vendena  
291 Isle of Sky Circle  
Orlando, Florida 32828  
407-282-1023

*"I firmly believe in the rule of law as the foundation for all of our basic rights."* Justice Sonia Sotomajor

A child who goes to the store and forgets what his mother sent him for will most likely grow up and go to Congress.

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On November 30, 1900, Oscar Wilde died in Paris. One of his last remarks was a comment about the wallpaper in his room: "One of us had to go."

## VP Finance

At the October 21 board meeting, the board re-affirmed the meeting reservation and payment policies which are available on the web site under Members Only. [Contact Linda Fessel (LFessel@embarqmail.com) or Maria Bonnet (Marpazbonnet@gmail.com) for the password to the Members Only menu.]



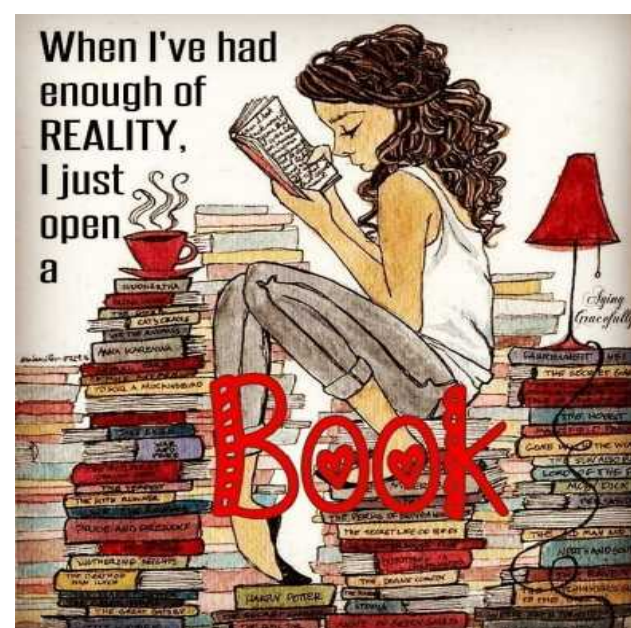
Members are expected to make advance reservations for all general meetings and other events.

Branch members, guests, and no-shows at monthly general meetings and the literary luncheon will pay the same amount **regardless of whether refreshments are consumed.**

The monthly meeting charge of \$18.00 per person includes room rental and catering (set up, clean up, food, and beverages) for the buffet brunch.

For reservations (required by Wednesday prior to the Saturday meeting), call or email Ginny Gillmer at 505-379-5484 [aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com).

*Phyllis Hall &  
Ginny Gillmer*



Submitted by Karen Deo



## VP Membership

Welcome to our New Members



Emily Cook  
emilyhcook00@gmail.com  
University of Alabama, B.A. Art, 1968  
University of South FL, M.E., Edu., 1980

Nancy Napier  
nnapier10@yahoo.com  
Western Kentucky University, B.A., English, 1970  
UCF, M.A., English, 1992

Betty Wasicek  
Betty.wasicek@gmail.com  
Stanford, B.B.A., Business, 1964  
University of Houston, M.B.A., 1979

Madeline (Lynne) Wiley  
madjensar@aol.com  
Middlebury College, B.A., Political Science, 1963  
NYU, M.A., Social Work, 1994

Please note that Susan Hoke has a new email address:

[shoke5581@gmail.com](mailto:shoke5581@gmail.com)

*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.**

## SAVE THESE DATES!!

**NOV. 21—PACE Thanksgiving**

**DEC. 12 —EXPLORING CENTRAL FLORIDA  
BOK TOWER**

**DEC. 20—PACE Holiday Party**

**MAR. 7 — Literary Luncheon**

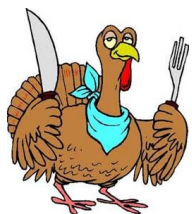
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Clara Belle Drisdale Williams [1885-1993] was the first African-American graduate of New Mexico State University. Many of her professors would not allow her inside the classroom, she had to take notes from the hallway; she was also not allowed to walk with her class to get her diploma. She married Jasper Williams in 1917; their three sons became physicians. She became a great teacher of black students by day, and by night she taught their parents, former slaves, home economics. In 1961, New Mexico State University named a street on its campus after Williams; in 2005 the building of the English department was renamed Clara Belle Williams Hall. In 1980 Williams was awarded an honorary doctorate of laws degree by NMSU, which also apologized for the treatment she was subjected to as a student. She died at 108 years old.

From FACEBOOK  
[submitted by Martha Williamson]

## THANKSGIVING AT PACE



Our annual Thanksgiving dinner for PACE girls, families, and staff will be held on Thursday, November 21. This is a much-anticipated event where our AAUW branch members provide traditional Thanksgiving food to PACE girls, their families, and staff, and our members serve the food.

Many of you have already agreed to provide food or a monetary donation, or to help at the event, but the more the merrier. Your donations of food, money, and help are always appreciated! Baking pans will be available at the November 9 general meeting for your food items.

It's not too late to join in the fun—sign up at the meeting or contact either of us to let us know what you'll bring.

Arrive by 11 a.m. on Nov. 21 with your hot food. Serving begins at 11:30. PACE is located at 445 North Wymore Road, Winter Park. It's just south of Lee Road, and east of I-4.

Diana Secor  
407-929-3735

dianasecoraaauw@gmail.com

Karen Gillett  
407-252-3169

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## PACE HOLIDAY PARTY

One of our favorite events of the year is our holiday party for PACE. The party will be held on Dec. 20 at PACE Center, 445 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park. At this event, the girls make crafts, have a tasty brunch, and open gifts provided by an AAUW Orlando/Park member who has shopped specifically for that one girl. These gifts have been called Miracle Boxes, and each was beautifully decorated by one AAUW member for one PACE girl. This year Miracle Boxes will become Miracle Bags. They will still be decorated by individual AAUW members for one specific PACE girl, but hopefully bags will be easier for both the giver and the receiver, many of whom ride a bus and have many things to maneuver.

At our November 9 general meeting we will have the wish lists of PACE girls with the 3 items they would love



to receive. You will be able to sign up for your individual girl and receive her wish list and a bag for the 3 items you will be purchasing for that girl. There is a recommended limit of \$25. The filled gift bags are to be returned at our December general meeting or arranged to be picked up.

In addition to 3 items in a bag, please consider also sending separately some generic items that any 12 – 17 year old girls might like to receive. These items from our members will be divided equally among the bags, so girls receive some little



“extras.” Some suggested items might include:

- nail polish, small lotions
- jewelry
- makeup
- socks
- candies
- wallet
- gift cards to McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, etc.
- small bags of Doritos, chips, etc.

## NEEDED

Volunteers to provide a craft for PACE girls at the Dec. 21 holiday party. Volunteer would not need to provide supplies, just lead the craft.

Small, generic items for teenage girls that will be used to supplement the 3 wishes in their Miracle Bag.

Large bags for girls to take home supplies, gifts, and food take-out boxes

Thank you in advance for your help!

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# Interest Groups

## NOVEMBER



The interest groups continue to bring a sense of community and a source of education and exploration to our membership.

BUT, not so much a source of Exercise!! and that means, sad to say, the Sole Sisters Walking Group has been dissolved due to lack of participation!

Please read over the group list and consider trying a new one for fun!

Also, the Exploring Central Florida Group is still in search of an overall leader. The group is a popular one, with 50 participants signed up for this year. The monthly venues are already planned out, and all but a few have volunteers in place for the rest of the membership year. They just need an overall leader. If you are interested in the job, please contact me or Linda Fessel (LFESSEL@embarqmail.com), temporary acting chair.

*Joan Liberman*

Interest Group Chair  
libermanjoan@gmail.com

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### Booklovers

If you are interested in getting involved with Booklovers, please contact the Booklovers' Coordinator Ellen James at 407-857-0044 or ellenjames54@gmail.com.

**Booklovers Lite (aka Booklovers III):** Meets at Marbeya Condominiums on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Booklovers Lite will not meet in November and December because of the holidays. Our next meeting will take place on January 22, and we will discuss the book "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift" by Elinor Lipman. We have a few vacancies, and if anyone is interested please contact Karen Deo at [Karen.deo@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Dinners are held at Westminster Winter Park's Club 24 at 1824 Summerfield Road, in Winter Park off Lakemont Avenue. For more information, contact Adrienne Katz at [katzaid@yahoo.com](mailto: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 November 18. The meeting will be held at Westminster Baldwin Park. For more information, contact Marcy Kysilka: [Kysilka@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kysilka@bellsouth.net)

**Dining Couples:** Meets at Roberta and Bob Willenkin's home on November 16, 2019. For information about this group, contact Eileen Garrison at [Eileengar@msn.com](mailto:Eileengar@msn.com).

**Dining In:** Meets monthly on the first Friday. Dining In will meet at noon on November 1, at the home of Jane Rosen. 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 meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, at

Linda's LaCantina

4721 East Colonial Dr., Orlando

RSVP by noon on Monday, November 18 to:

Susan Hoke: 407-637-6857 or [shoke5581@gmail.com](mailto:shoke5581@gmail.com)

**Exploring Central Florida (ECF):** On Thursday, November 14, ECF will visit the Butterfly Encounter at Lucas Nursery in Oviedo, followed by lunch at The Rock and Brew. The cost is \$6. If you wish to attend this event, contact Collette Davis at [dcollette@aol.com](mailto:dcollette@aol.com) by November 4. More details will be sent later to those who sign up to attend. To be added to the contact list, please contact Temporary Chair Linda Fessel at [lfessel@embarqmail.com](mailto:lfessel@embarqmail.com).

**Foreign Affairs:** The group meets at members' homes on the 4th Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. We will meet this month on the THIRD Sunday, November 17 at the home of Parveen Wahid. Parveen will moderate: *Middle East, Regional Disorder*. For more information about this group, contact Dee Fuentes (407-310-1154) or [tucu662@gmail.com](mailto:tucu662@gmail.com).

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## Interest Groups (Continued)

**Foreign Films:** Meets on the last Monday of the month at 1 p.m. Our next film (TBA) is on Monday, November 25. For more information contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com.

**Lunching Out:** Lunching Out will meet on Monday, November 11, 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, **November 7, 14, and 21.** Beginners welcome. For more information, contact

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

**Theater Group:** **There is no play scheduled for November.** Our next play will be *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly* by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon on Sunday, December 8 at 2 p.m.



You need to purchase your own ticket. We will meet at the theater at 1:45 p.m. After the play, we will meet 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.

Orlando Shakespeare Theater  
(Orlando Shakes)

812 E. Rollins St., Orlando, FL 32803  
(407) 447-1700

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

## FROM OUR MEMBERS

### Blankets! Blankets! Coats & Jackets

Please gather your old (gently used) or new blankets AND coats. They will go to the Health Care Center for the Homeless. Bring them to the next general meetings. They need to be in good shape and, please, no afghans.

Someone will collect them at the November and December general meetings. Thank you.

*Eleanore Cowan*

### Calendars

Don't forget to bring any new 2020 calendars to the 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 more than 25! It's never too early to donate them.)

Welcome to the new game we're calling:  
Where in the world is Hanna?

She has recently traveled to Cuba, Australia, New Zealand. Anyone want to guess where Hanna and Hubby are in these pictures?





## MORE FROM OUR MEMBERS



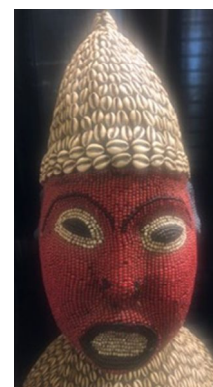
On October 8, Leslie welcomed guest speaker, Anna Eskamani, newly elected to the Florida House of Representatives from District 47.



Exploring Central Florida did not have to travel very far to see authentic works of art from West Africa. This 2,000-plus piece private collection is currently housed at Fashion Square Mall. On Thursday, October 10, Eighteen members and guests viewed and learned about pieces in bronze, wood, beads, cowrie shells and marble.



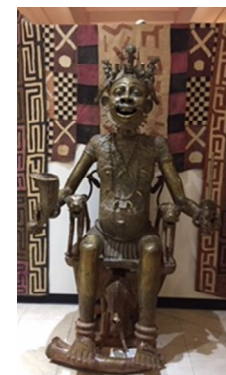
The owner and collector joined us during the tour to explain how he got started and gave us a detailed explanation of the lost wax process, the system used to create many of the pieces.



Our guide, Terrence Johnson explained much of the symbolism used in the pieces.



Queen for a day!



Queen forever!!



## MORE FROM OUR MEMBERS

### SPECIAL REPORT

#### Preventing human trafficking requires education, long-term solutions | Commentary

By MARY MARX AND CRYSTAL FREED  
GUEST COLUMNISTS, Jacksonville Sun  
OCT 04, 2019 | 8:59 AM



Human trafficking for labor and sex is one of the most disturbing forms of human rights abuse, today. A child victim of human trafficking in the U.S. is defined as any child under the age of 18 engaged in commercial sexual exploitation (regardless of force, fraud, or coercion) or labor exploitation by force, fraud or coercion.

While human trafficking can affect children across a broad spectrum, some children are at higher risk. Children who lack stable housing, runaway and homeless youth, and sexual and gender minority youth face an increased likelihood of trafficking for sex or labor. Last year, the Florida Department of Children and Families collected more than 2,100 reports of human trafficking and Florida consistently ranks in the top three states for the number of calls made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

Coordinated, community-based efforts to address a range of vulnerabilities across diverse groups may prevent human trafficking before it begins. At the state and federal levels, awareness about human trafficking and the risks that make individuals and communities vulnerable has increased significantly, but awareness alone is not sufficient to prevent human trafficking. To succeed, prevention strategies require a data-driven approach that guides collective action across local agencies and institutions, tailored to the specific vulnerabilities and needs of individuals and communities.

Schools play an important role in promoting student health and well-being; an essential step in preventing, identifying, and addressing trafficking of minors. For example, school-based programs focused on promoting healthy relationships and preventing ado-

lescent dating violence provide the opportunity to discuss sexual and labor exploitation as another form of violence against adolescents. Training school personnel to recognize trafficking of minors and to make appropriate referrals to address the needs of these youth is critical.

Victims of human trafficking, whether adults or minors, very rarely view themselves as victims, much less self-identify as such. Children and adolescents who are at risk for these kinds of exploitation also may not recognize their individual risk. Special efforts are needed to increase the awareness of children and adolescents to help them avoid becoming victims, and to help victims and survivors obtain needed assistance.

**PACE** Center for Girls has a specific focus on preventing sex trafficking. One in five girls come to **PACE** having reported prior sexual abuse and 96% have risk factors in three or more areas that make them vulnerable to sexual exploitation, including family instability, unmet health and mental health needs, juvenile justice or child welfare systems involvement, and histories of victimization. **PACE** Center for Girls works towards long-term solutions by building resiliency through gender-responsive services and support; social emotional learning; and the development of coping skills.

Despite laws in every state, including Florida, that prosecute individuals who purchase sex with a minor or function as exploiters/traffickers, and despite the hard work of prosecutors and law enforcement in many jurisdictions, those who exploit children have largely escaped accountability. Efforts to address labor and sex trafficking of minors in Florida and across the U.S. need to confront demand and the individuals who commit and benefit from these crimes.

The recent passage of HB 851 in the Florida Legislature establishes a direct support organization for trafficking survivors; increases training to better identify and aid victims of human trafficking for law enforcement, hotel workers and medical professionals; and develops a database of traffickers and those who solicit sex. While there is still much to be done, Florida has taken a stand on curbing the profitability of the sexual exploitation of our state's most vulnerable children.

Mary Marx is the President and CEO of the **PACE** Center for Girls, an education program for at-risk teenagers, which has 21 locations across Florida including one in Winter Park. Crystal Freed is on the center's Board of Trustees.

# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>12 noon</u> Dining in	2
3  Daylight Savings Time Ends	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>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	8	9 <u>9 -11 a.m.</u> <b>General Meeting</b>
10	11 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out	12 <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	13	14 <u>11 a.m.-2 p.m.</u> Exploring Cen- tral Florida  <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	15 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	16
17	18 <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Current Issues	19 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V  <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Dining Out	20	21 <u>11-1</u> <b>PACE</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers X  <u>1 p.m.</u> Mah Jongg	22	23
24 <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	25 <u>1-4</u> Foreign Films	26	27	28  <b>HAPPY Thanksgiving!</b>	29	30

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.