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JULY/AUGUST 2020—SUMMER EDITION

From the President

Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."



[Representative John Lewis, via Twitter, 2018]

It took a century of active women's suffrage organizing, writing, protests, arrests and abuse before we achieved the right to vote in the U.S.

[Central Florida 2020 Voters Guide: Your guide to your ballot](#)

To access the 2020 Voters Guide, click on the link above.



Reminder: LWVOC

Next month's **Special Edition HOT TOPICS** will be on **Tuesday, AUG 11 from 6-7 p.m.**



Please join us for our **FREE Hot Topics** next month, "[Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation](#)," as we work together to better understand the racial bias in our governmental policies and step into the shoes of people of color as they strive for racial equity. This interactive online session will be delivered and facilitated by Bread for the World www.bread.org #BlackLivesMatter

To access LWVOC and to register
Click on **Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation** above.

Batman after quarantine



FROM LWVOC-----

"Don't you think it's time to let all voters vote?"

Open Primaries is finally on the ballot for NOV 3; it has been officially certified as Amendment 3. If passed, it will allow Florida's 3.7 million independents to vote in every taxpayer funded election.

The LWVFL's position since 2017: *Recommend statewide use of an Open Primary system that would allow for the broadest possible voter participation, including No Party Affiliation and Minor Party affiliated voters.*



Just wait a second – so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others? You're kidding, right!

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?



GET OUT THE VOTE 2020

Registration Deadlines

General Election, Monday, October 5

Voting Deadlines

**Primary, Early Voting, August 8-15
Voting Day, August 18**

**General Election, Early Voting:
September 26- October 1
Voting Day, Tuesday, November 3**

Mail-in-Ballots Sent

40-33 days before the election day

Supervisors of Elections:

**Orange County 407-836-8683
Seminole County 407-585-8683**

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF SEMINOLE COUNTY

SEMINOLE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RACE, DISTRICT 3

August 3rd
7:30pm-8:30pm
via Zoom



Veronica King



Abby Sanchez

**RSVP on our website:
lwwseminole.org/events**



Seminole County Council PTA
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Orlando/Winter Park Branch



VP Membership

A reminder from Membership:

Please send a check for \$85 to:
AAUW Orlando/Winter Park
c/o Phyllis Hall
481 Forest Court
Altamonte Springs, 32714

Even though we are not able to see each other in person and most of our interest groups have been put on hold or moved to Zoom, remember that what we believe in and the goals we fight for are as important as ever.

Thank you to all the members who have already sent in their dues.

Maria Bonnet

Please note the following new address for long-time member Martha Williamson:

1620 Mayflower Court
B 401
Winter Park, FL 32792

Email: Bibliamor@aol.com
407-462-6876 (cell)

The former land line (407-677-1186)
is no longer in service



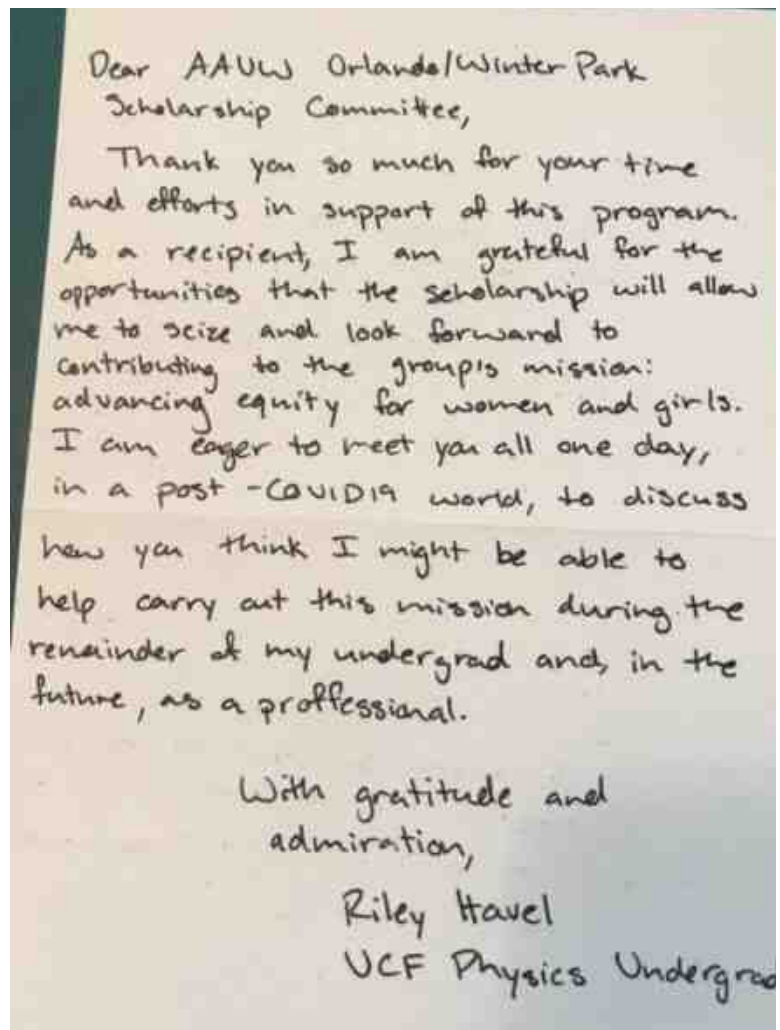
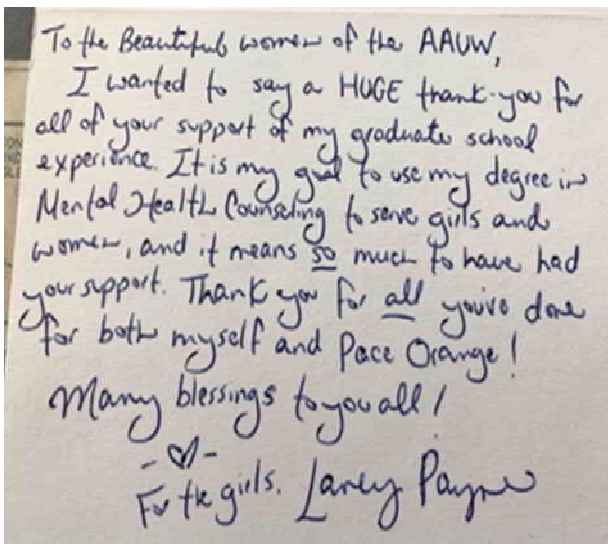
Scholarships

We received two very nice handwritten notes from two of our Branch Scholarship recipients.

I often receive email thank you notes, so receiving two the old-fashioned way via snail mail is kind of special.



Karen Buchan



Scholarships (Cont'd.)

AAUW Valencia College Foundation Scholarship

This is an endowed scholarship which generates income that can be disbursed annually for scholarships. This year we have \$1400.00 to disburse. The scholarship is only open to women and they must be pursuing a degree in some area of Business.

Right now our Scholarship Committee is reading and evaluating the 13 applications provided to us by Valencia. The quality of the applications seems to improve every year, and it is tough to choose the top 2, 3, or 4.

As always, I greatly appreciate the time our committee spends on this worthwhile summer project. THANK YOU to Ellen James, Barbara Knapp, Judy Chatelain, Sherry Kragler and Sue McDonald.

Karen Buchan

EXPLORING CENTRAL FLORIDA



The contact list for ECF has always been quite large, but many of you have not replied as to whether or not you plan to continue with the group. For purposes of scheduling outings, we need to

know how many we can count on to attend some of the planned activities. Please contact Christine Porter at portercl7166@gmail.com or Linda Fessel at lfessel@embarqmail.com if you wish to be kept on the contact list.

More ways to help increase voter access and reduce voter suppression: equity for all

AAUW National aauwaction.org **Congressional Voting Records, Voter Issues Guide, AAUW's Policy Positions,**

AAUW- Florida AAUW-Fl.aauw.net **Public Policy Program "Every Voice/Every Vote"**

LWV—100 Days and 100 Ways to Get Ready for Election Day — see: LWV.org

"VoterAccess & Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic" Click [HERE](#) to see the video, then scroll down to **April 22, 2020.**

CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 3 —School Board Members, District 3, 7:30—8:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wed., Aug. 5 — Booklovers IX 10 a.m. (Zoom)

Mon., Aug. 10—AAUW Board Meeting 1-3 p.m.
All members are invited to attend (Zoom)

Wed., Aug. 12 — Booklovers Chairs 10 a.m.
(Zoom)

Sat., Aug. 8 to Sat. Aug. 15—early voting for
Primary

Tues., Aug. 11 — LWVOC: Racial Wealth Gap Simulation — Hot Topics) 6-7 p.m. (Zoom)

Tues., Aug., 18 —Primary Election In Florida **Wed.,**

Aug. 26 — 1 p.m. Booklovers Lite (Zoom) **Sat.,**

Sept. 12 — 9:30 a.m. (Zoom) **Welcome Meeting of the Orlando/Winter Park Branch, First of the 2020-21 Year. Speaker: Florida Representative Anna Eskamani**

Sat., Oct. 10 —9:30 a.m. (Zoom) **Branch Meeting Speaker: From the LWV on the Ballot Amendments - Pros and Cons**

Tues., November 3 — Election Day