



Orlando *** Winter Park Branchline

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE BY



The Orlando Gay Chorus (OGC) is one of the largest mixed gay choirs in the country. Founded on Valentine's Day in 1990, OGC has been a fixture in the Central Florida area for over 27 years. In addition to the full chorus, OGC has four small ensembles that perform at the annual concerts and cabarets, as well as at community and private events: (1) OUTLOUD!, the oldest running ensemble; (2) Nothin' But Treble, the all-female ensemble; (3) Menage, the jazz ensemble; and (4) Spectrum, the mixed ensemble.

The Orlando Gay Chorus is comprised of individuals from all walks of life, all ages, and all orientations: gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender volunteers – as well as many straight allies. OGC warmly welcomes all who would like to join them in their goal of changing hearts and minds in Central Florida and throughout the world.

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday

December 12, 2020

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Place: Your couch, chair, bed

Cost: \$0

(Bring your own coffee, tea, juice, donuts, yogurt, fruit, breakfast burrito, etc.)

Brought to you by ZOOM

You will receive your email invitation about one week before the General Meeting.

DO NOT click on the http address until the morning of the meeting.



From the President



Dear Branch Members,

As I write this, the election is almost resolved. Politically, it has been a roller-coaster year that has included—for me—silent and vocal screams of theme-park-ride exhilaration and terror. It has reminded me of the historical depictions of the suffragists' battles and final achievement of the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Women won!

It is pre-Thanksgiving and I look forward to a bi-coastal Zoom holiday with family that may be repeated again on Christmas. Of course, we isolate now so we can all be together in 2021. I wish all our members, their families and friends, safe, healthy and happy holidays that celebrate the people and pets in our lives, our comfortable lifestyles, our kindness to all and generosity to others less fortunate. Happy Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanzaa.

Peace and Joy,

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.

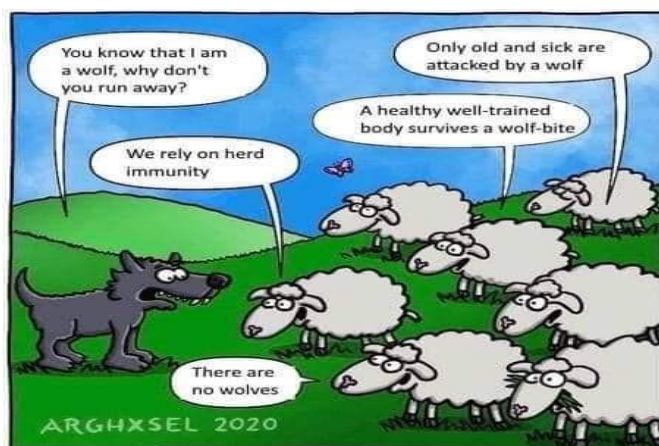
President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch
Professor Emerita UCF

Scholarships



The deadline for our Branch Scholarship is fast approaching – March 1, 2021. Please let your college friends/family/neighbors know about this opportunity. A few notes: We prefer that applicants have been accepted and enrolled at a local regionally accredited college/university. This includes online programs. We give priority to women studying in STEM areas. The application is on our website and should be emailed to me. Thanks!

Karen Buchan



From PACE on Facebook:

Every year, our girls and families are treated to an amazing Thanksgiving Luncheon hosted by the AAUW Orlando Winter Park Branch.

This year looks a little different due to the pandemic, but our AAUW family did not forget about Pace girls! They just dropped off a grocery gift card for every single Pace family! AAUW reminds us, even in such a difficult year, we have so much to be grateful for! Thank you, AAUW Orlando Winter Park Branch

Thanks to all our members who donated to our PACE Thanksgiving. Each girl received a \$50.00 gift card from Publix to purchase a memorable meal for her family. We greatly appreciate your generosity.



Because our PACE holiday party is not an option this year, we're making the holidays bright for the PACE girls with a Miracle Bag.

Each girl is selecting her gift wish through Amazon (up to \$25). Many members and friends have signed up to sponsor a girl, and there is still time for others to participate. Just write a check for \$25.00 to AAUW Orlando/Winter Park and mail to Ginny Gillmer, 588 Citrus, Oviedo 32765. You'll be notified of your girl and her choice. Once each girl's wish has been fulfilled, your money will supplement needed extras for the girls. All help is greatly appreciated, and there will be smiles all around! Thank you for participating!!!



Pat Stamm

Anne Landrum

Barbara Knapp

Karen Buchan

Karen Gillett

Interest Groups



Anne Coppenhaver, our Interest Group Chair, has agreed to support the interest group chairs as they navigate their way through this Zoom/virtual period.

Her contact information is 832-704-2854 (cell) or ccoppenhaver@me.com.

Anne Coppenhaver
Interest Group Chair

Booklovers:

Booklovers are busy this month. Normally each group plans a social but because of the virus, things have changed. Please see page 4 to find out what your group is doing.

Ellen James
Booklovers Coordinator
(ellenjames54@gmail.com)

Cooking Globally: Will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Adrienne Katz at kat-zaid@yahoo.com

Couples Dining Party: (Formerly Dining Couples) will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Eileen Garrison at 407-620-9703

Current Issues: Has not been meeting during the Pandemic.

Dining In: Normally meets monthly on the first Friday. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcroser@hotmail.com. Our Dining In Group is going to Zoom meetings for the rest of the year. Our actual meetings ended in February. The meal hosts will be the members who did not get a chance to host a meeting in March, April, May or June. We will develop our 2021 schedule to start in January. Our plan is for the host of the month to select a theme. Each member will then submit a recipe for that theme to me. I will distribute the recipes to everyone before the meeting. Ginny will host all the Zoom meetings but the Hostess of Month will be:

December 4, 2020 - Adrienne Katz

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Susan Hoke at (407-637-6857) or shoke5581@gmail.com

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): To be added to the contact list, please contact co-chairs Linda Fessel at lfessel@embarqmail.com. or Christine Porter at portercl7166@gmail.com. Participation in last year's excursions does not guarantee your place on the new email contact list. The old list has been deleted. You MUST contact Linda or Christine to get on the new list. See last page for details on an upcoming visit to Orlando Science Center.

Foreign Affairs: For more information, please contact Delia Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com

Foreign Films: Foreign Films will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com

Lunching Out: will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com

MahJongg: will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact co-chairs:
Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or
Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

"We must criticize without wounding and debate without dehumanizing our opponents. Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The Official flag of 2020



I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

Booklovers (Cont'd)

Booklovers I	First Tuesday, at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Share a book that isn't on the list.
Booklovers II	First Wednesday at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Book trivia quiz.
Booklovers III	(aka Lite Reading) No meeting in December. Next meeting is Wed., January 27, 2021.
Booklovers IV	No meeting in December. Next meeting is January 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.
Booklovers V	Third Tuesday at 10:30 (new time this month only) on Zoom. Share a book that isn't on the list
Booklovers VI	Second Tuesday at 1 p.m. Picnic lunch (BYO food) at Barbara Buchele's patio. Book exchange and optional discussion of Maeve Binchy's <i>Chestnut Street</i> . If rain, revert to Zoom.
Booklovers VII	No meeting in December.
Booklovers VIII	First Wednesday (Dec. 2) at 10:00 on Zoom. Share a book that isn't on the list.
Booklovers IX	BKLV IX will zoom at the regular time in December (first Wednesday at 10 a.m.) and each member will briefly discuss a book she has read that she thinks other members would enjoy. Most suggested reading something uplifting to counteract the effects of this unusual time!
Booklovers X	Third Thursday at 1:30. Meet at Cynthia Pesch's backyard. Reading <i>The Vanishing Half</i> by Brit Bennett. Bring a dozen cookies to share.

Booklovers VI takes to the open air.

After a rainy morning November 10, blue skies welcomed the BL Sixers in Dee Fuentes' backyard. (Dee, always 'hostess with the mostess,' was the photographer, so we don't get to see her here.) Dee provided individually wrapped snacks, though some members brought their own repasts. The Sixers have resolved to dress for the weather and have set plans for outdoor meetings, socially distanced, in December and January.



We can all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to, 'Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?'

I'm getting tired of being part of a major historical event.

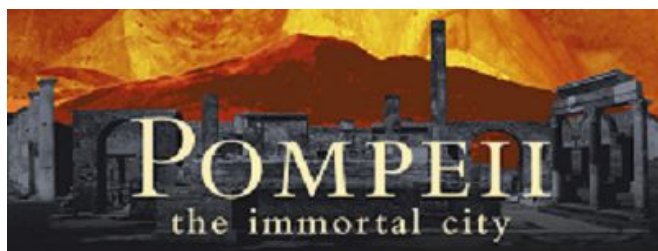
Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

During the middle ages they celebrated the end of the plague with wine and orgies. Does anyone know if there is anything planned when this one ends?

Husband and I went grocery shopping with masks, got home, took off masks, brought home wrong husband. Stay alert people. .

DECEMBER 2020

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 ZOOM <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX ZOOM <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II ZOOM	3	4 <u>12 noon</u> Dining In ZOOM	5
6	7	8 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI Picnic	9 <u>1:30—3 p.m.</u> Board Meeting ZOOM	10	11	12 10 a.m. General Meeting
13	14	15 <u>10:30.</u> B-Lovers V ZOOM	16	17 <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X Outside	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



On display until January 24, 2021.

This remarkable exhibit has come to the Science Center for a limited run. Orlando will be one of only three sites in the United States to host *Pompeii: The Immortal City* thanks to the Orange County Government through the Arts & Cultural Affairs Program.

<https://www.osc.org/pompeii/>

Exploring Central Florida starts the new year with a bang! On Thursday, January 14, members will explore the 10,000 square foot exhibit at the Orlando Science Center. Some of the group have already purchased their tickets for the 10:40 a.m. show. If you wish to join us, you must purchase your own ticket online. If the 10:40 slot is full, try to get the tour before or after. We will gather for lunch at a time and place to be decided at a later date. Your wrist band is your admission back in after lunch if you care to resume your visit to other floors and exhibits. All safety precautions are being followed. The cost is \$33 per person (senior price). The price includes entrance to the OSC, the Pompeii exhibit, parking, and advance ticket reservation fee. As this event is not limited to members of AAUW, you are welcome to invite friends and family to join you. But if you and your guests want to join the group for lunch, please RSVP to Linda Fessel or Christine Porter so we can make the appropriate number of reservations.