Volume XXX, Issue 2

October 2021



Orlando * Winter Park**

Branchline

OCTOBER PROGRAM SPEAKERS: From the League of Women Voters

Leah Nash Executive Director



Carol Fogelsong



Gerrymandering? Redistricting? You don't want to miss this informative talk

Leah is excited about her new role with the League and the opportunity to serve members and make a positive impact in the lives of Florida citizens. Leah plans to guide the League in a way that fosters teamwork, efficiency and effectiveness. Leah's strong passion for defending democracy will suit the League's statewide operation well. Leah's commitment to the League has been exemplified in her role as Voter Services Chairperson for the League of Women Voters Orange County (LWVOC). Leah has served in the volunteer role since 2017, leading the local chapter's voter services team through a midterm and gubernatorial election cycle, a presidential election cycle and a number of municipal elections. She has also sat on the LWVOC Board of Directors. **GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday

OCTOBER 9, 2021

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Place: Your couch, chair, bed

Cost: \$ 00.00

This event will be 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.

Carol worked for Martha Haynie, former Orange County Comptroller, for approximately 28 years. She handled three departments: Official Records (deed and mortgage records, as well as Tax Deed Sales); Clerk to the Board (minutes for Board of County Commissioner meetings, Value Adjustment Board processes, and Orange County Charter Review Commission); and Records Management (retention and disposal of all Orange County government records). There was seldom a dull or uninteresting day, much less week.

She retired in April 2017 and became active in the League of Women Voters of Orange County since then. She currently co-chairs the Government Committee and is on the Nominating Committee.

Volume XXX, Issue 2

www.aauworlwp.org

October 2021

Page 2

From the President



Dear Branch Members, I recall the crisp—sometimes really cold—night air of Connecticut Halloween trick or treating. It was a treat to get candy, bob for apples and collect money for UNICEF. The rare tricks we played might be TP'ing trees (i.e., draping tree branches with toilet paper)! It is the season so

I have compiled a short list of the current gender equity tricks & treats.

Treats of hayrides, pumpkin carving, cider and corn mazes vs. tricks of theme park horror nights and lots of horrifying, violent, gory-themed, often misogynous, movies.

Treat of a reduction in the overall wage gap down slightly in 2020 to 83% of men's earnings vs. tricks of continued wage disparities and reduction in women's workforce participation in response to the pandemic. During this month in which we celebrate Hispanic Heritage, we also recognize Latina Equal Pay Day (Oct. 21). Yes, it takes almost an additional 10 months for Latinas to have the earnings equal to the median earnings of white males.



Treat of the federal protection of women and girls reproductive rights and choices with the passage of *Roe v*. *Wade* (1973) and tricks of state legislatures to curtail these rights and the particularly malicious Texas laws that embolden vigilantes to sue individuals for \$10,000 rewards.

The treat of the long-overdue passage of the citizeninitiated FL amendment to restore the voting rights of men and women who completed the terms of their prison time convictions but the tricks of the FL legislature that continue to deny this right with barriers and court cases thwarting the implementation of the amendment. Although it is a small number of women, it denies them the right to exercise the long-fought-for 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

My list of treats and tricks could expand, but the editor is waiting for my column for the Branchline. So, in closing, I am encouraging all our members to become activists, empower yourself and others. AAUW is nonpartisan, fact-based, principled, inclusive, and intersectional and guided by a vision of equity for all (aauw.org).

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

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE



Uribe

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR POWER! Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 The pavilion at Cypress Grove Park 290 Holden Ave. Orlando, FL 32839

Activities begin 1 p.m. Short program at 2 p.m. Pack up your family and a picnic lunch, don your family-friendly Halloween costume and join us at The Voter Tree for a fun afternoon with a powerful focus: our right to vote. Free & Open to the Public - Kids Activities - Historical Characters Presentably the Lagged Worker Vites of Grange Courty Is atmosphy with Darge Courty Stard Presentable

DPORKSA

CILLE

VOTE

"And then, if I turn you in, we'll get ten thousand dollars."

www.aauworlwp.org



The PACE Thanksgiving It's Baaaack!

November 18, 2021

445 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park.



Our AAUW partnership with PACE School continues, and our annual Thanksgiving dinner which we provide for the girls, their families, and the staff is set to happen once again – with slight modifications. We will be eating outside at tables spaced apart, and masks will be required when not eating. The wonderful camaraderie we experience in providing this traditional Thanksgiving meal will be so welcome, and **your help will be very much needed and appreciated**. The list below shows the items

Turkey (or send \$20-\$25 donation to purchase one baked and sliced)

ALSO NEEDED:

Dressing	Rolls and butter
Gravy	Veggies
Mashed Potatoes	Dessert
Sweet Potatoes	Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Cake, Cookies
Cranberry Sauce	

ARRIVE WITH FOOD (HOT) BY 11 A.M. SERVING WILL BEGIN AT 11:30

Which item or items would you like to donate? Call or email Pat Stamm or Karen Gillett right away to reserve your specialty (addresses below). If you choose to donate turkey money, please put either Pat or Karen's name in the "To" and "PACE Thanksgiving" in the memo line of your check. Any extra donation money will be used for other supplies for PACE events. Please plan to attend and serve. What can you provide? Can you help serve? Please let us hear from you ASAP! Call or email - just contact us! Everyone is welcome! If there are any changes to our plans, you will be immediately contacted.

Thank you! Your PACE Committee

Pat Stamm	Karen Gillett
patsnpans@yahoo.com	karen555g@hotmail.com
1730 Fox Glen Court, Winter Springs 32708	555 Karen Avenue, Altamonte Spr. 32701
407-971-0565 (home)	407-252-3169
407-312-8544 (cell)	407-824-7222 (for messages oply)
407-312-8544 (cell)	407-834-7223 (for messages only)



MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN THE PICTURE THIS YEAR!

October 2021



AN EMPIRE STATE OF MIND

By Geri Ossana

BEFORE ROSA

We all know the story of Rosa Parks, but have you heard the name Elizabeth Jennings? New

York State was far ahead of the rest of the country in its fair treatment of citizens of color. To read a little known historical account about Elizabeth, look for the book *Streetcar to Justice* by Amy Hill Hearth.

In 1854 in New York City, Elizabeth stood up for her rights just as Rosa did. Late to church, Elizabeth took the first local streetcar she saw and was told to get off because people of color were not allowed on that particular one. She refused and was carried kicking and screaming off the streetcar. "I screamed murder with all my voice," she said in her account of the incident. The AAUW Islip Area Literature Group learned about her experience by reading their book club's selection and were surprised to learn about this determined woman.

Insisting on her rights, she might have been equally famous to Rosa had there been more daily newspapers at that time. Most average people did not read the newspaper and could not afford to buy one.

Elizabeth followed her humiliating incident with a lawsuit against the streetcar company. This led to more liberal treatment of streetcar riders of color in New York City. Elizabeth, who was well educated, was fortunate to have as her lawyer Chester A. Arthur, a future president of the United States. With his help, she won the case and was awarded \$225 plus 10% for court costs, a huge settlement at that time as well as a great victory against discrimination.

[Thank you, Geri, for another interesting article. ed.]

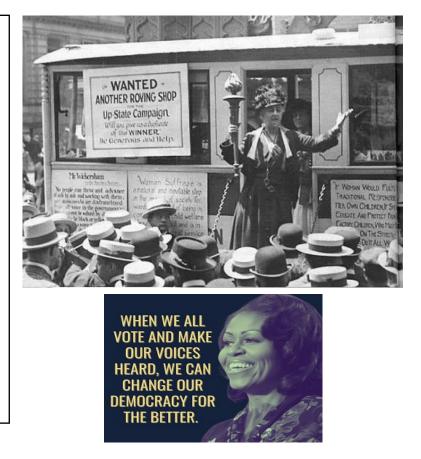


Last month, Geri wrote about how her Islip (N.Y.) branch of AAUW replicated in 2017 the passing of the Olympic torch by suffragists in 1915. A photo of one of those torch-bearing suffragists accompanied the article. Despite the postage stamp size of the photo, it was recognized by Susan Rosoff who, in the words of Paul Harvey, provided *the rest of the story*!

The woman holding the torch is Louisine Havemeyer, an important art collector who donated 2000 pieces from her collection to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Thanks to her friendship with Mary Cassatt, the Met is now home to one of the best collections of impressionist art in the world

After her husband died, she actively worked for women's suffrage. She marched, gave speeches, and raised money for the cause. During a rally in Washington, she was arrested and jailed along with other marchers. She could have been released from jail if she paid a \$5 fine, but in a show of solidarity, she elected to stay in jail with the other suffragettes. When Louisine went to speak about women's rights in Syracuse, a photographer wanted a picture of her standing next to a policeman. She said, "You better shake my hand or people will think that you're arresting me again."

Susan Rosoff



October 2021

Page 5

VP Membership



María Bonnet marpazbonnet@gmail.com

I would like to thank all the members who have continued to support our chapter.

We were hoping to have our membership event live and in person but COVID had other plans.

Our next zoom meeting is a great opportunity to invite a friend or two to hear about our chapter's many activities. Make sure you send them the Zoom link. Hanna will send it as a blast, so watch your email for it. As an added incentive, if they join, they will able to do so at a reduced rate.

Also, this is a reminder that it's past time to pay dues for 2021! If you haven't done so already, here's the info you need to know:

- **\$88** (National \$62; State \$12; Chapter \$14)
- **\$26** Life members (\$12 state; \$14 chapter)

The Deadline has been extended because we want you back!!

Make check to: "AAUW-Orlando/Winter Park" Mail check to:

Ginny Gilmer 588 Citrus Oviedo, FL 32765

\$57 New Member

If someone joins after attending a meeting, they get 50% off the National dues so their initial dues would be: **\$57** (\$31 National; \$12 state; \$14 chapter)

From Our Members



Barbara and Jim Knapp From wedding to anniversary





Interest Groups

Make sure to keep Linda Fessel informed as to what your interest group is planning so she can share your current and future events with everyone through the Branchline. Got an idea for a new interest group? Let Linda publicize it in the Branchline.

Lfessel@Comcast.net

Booklovers

Most Booklovers are reading another dynamic book, *The Swerve* by Steven Greenblatt. However, Booklovers VII are reading *Agent Zig Zag* by Ben Mcintyre. Many Groups are meeting in person, so check with your Group Leader to find out if it's Zoom or In Person. All newcomers are welcome to join a Booklovers Group. Please contact Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator, for more information. ellenjames54@gmail.com

Booklovers Lite: Booklovers Lite meets monthly on the last Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Marbeya Club Condominiums, 1100 Lake Howell Rd., Casselberry, 32707. The reading list is independent from the other book clubs. Booklovers Lite will meet on Wed., October 27, at 1 p.m to discuss *The Sweeney Sisters* by Lian Dolan.

<u>Cooking Globally</u>: Hopes to be meeting soon. For more information, contact Adrienne Katz at katzaid@yahoo.com

<u>Couples Dining Party</u> (Formerly Dining Couples) Hopes to be meeting soon. For more information, contact Eileen Garrison at 407-620-9703.

Dining In: Dining In: Meets for lunch the 1st Friday of the month (except January & July), usually at members' homes. Dining In will be meeting on October 1 in person at the home of Diana Secor. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcrosen@hotmail.com.

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out is looking for a new leader. Contact President Leslie Lieberman if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

Exploring Central Florida (**ECF**): Exploring Central Florida (ECF): No events have been planned for October. To be added to the contact list, please contact co-chairs Linda Fessel at lfessel@Comcast.net. or Christine Porter at portercl7166@gmail.com.

Foreign Affairs: Foreign Affairs will meet Sunday, October 24 at 2 p.m. Karen Deo will present and moderate "Global Supply Chains and U.S. National Security." For more information contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154

Foreign Films: Foreign Films is looking for a new leader. Contact President Leslie Lieberman if you would like to chair this group. Islieberman@gmail.com

<u>Lunching Out</u>: Hopes to meet soon. To be added to the email list, contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@Comcast.net

<u>MahJongg:</u> Is currently meeting (masked) on Thursdays at Club 24 in Winter Park from 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@Comcast.net or Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

> "He who is without ovaries shall not make laws for those who do."

> > Fallopians 5:12

Contact Judy McDonald if you hear of any member who is ill, having surgery, experienced a loss, etc.

> Judy McDonald murran@bellsouth.net

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>12 noon</u> Dining In	2
3	4	5 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	6 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII B-Lovers IX <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	7 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X	8	9 GENERAL MEETING
10	11 Columbus Day Observed	12 <u>3 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	13 <u>10-12 noon</u> Board Meeting	14 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	15 <u>10:30</u> B-Lovers IV	16
17	18	19 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	20	21 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	22	23
24 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs ZOOM	25	26	27 <u>1 p.m.</u> Booklovers III ("Lite") Club Marbeya	28 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	29	30 31 HALLOWEEN



A note from Karen Buchan

If anyone wishes to contribute to PACE with a check, send to:

PACE Center for Girls - Orange ATTN: Rosene Johnson, Director 445 North Wymore Road Winter Park, FL 32789

Note on check: "From AAUW member" Make check to: PACE Orange