



## Orlando \*\*\* Winter Park Branchline

### JANUARY PROGRAM

#### GENERAL MEETING

Saturday

January 8, 2022

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.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Cliburn



Mike Cliburn is a retired environmental engineer who holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida. He has over 40 years of experience in design and construction of water supply and water reclamation facilities for central Florida utilities, including the Orlando Utilities Commission, Toho Water Authority, the cities of Orlando, Kissimmee, and Haines City, plus Seminole and Orange Counties.

Since retiring, he has become active in the Friends of the Wekiva River, currently serving as Vice President, and previously as its representative on FDEP's Advisory Committee for the Wekiwa & Rock Springs Basin Management Action Plan. He is also Secretary of the Florida Springs Council, an organization of springs protection advocacy groups.

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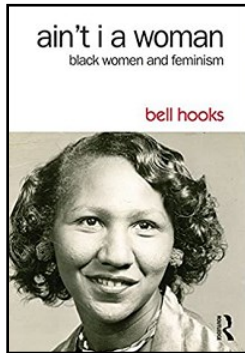
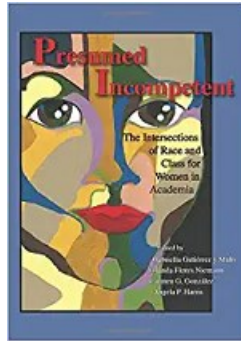
January is named after Janus, a two-faced god who could look backward and forward at the same time. It took him twice as long as the other gods to get ready for work in the morning, since he had two faces to wash. Also he found it uncomfortable to sleep on his back. But there were advantages. For instance, the gods felt more relaxed when he was on sentry duty. In addition to giving his name to January, it was Janus who coined the expression, "I don't know whether I'm coming or going."

# From the President



It is the time for jingle bells and ringing in the New Year with individual and collective optimism and determination for bettering our health, wealth and politics. We have all experienced a plethora of bell jars with repeated COVID surges and the requisite isolation.

However, one bell will not be ringing. It has tolled. As I write this column, the news is fresh of the loss of one of the most prominent black feminist writers of our generation, bell hooks—dying too young—perhaps the victim of the pressures of the academic environment and the intellectual communities that still question the presence of women of color [Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia by Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs, Yolanda Flores Niemann, et al., Oct 31, 2012 ]



As a student at Stanford University in the 1970's, hooks was shocked at hearing classmates express contempt and hatred toward people who did not come from the right backgrounds. She then began to write her best known work: *Ain't I a Woman: Black Women and Feminism* published in 1981 and a career as a fierce cultural critic writing on the intersectionality of race, gender, and capitalism. She published 30 books and many articles. She mellowed a bit in the 2020's writing *All about Love* (2000) adapting the definition of love from Eric Fromm: "the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth."

AAUW has also defended women in higher education with an initial survey in 1885 that debunked the myth that higher education was bad for women's health, particularly mental and reproductive health. Of course, this study did not address the issues of race and class. Only recently has AAUW addressed the disparities in experi-

ences—and possibly health risks—of women of color who are professors and academic administrators.

Although most of AAUW's research compares and contrasts the academic careers and barriers for women vs. men, the AAUW website notes that only 4 to 5.2% of all tenured faculty are Black. AAUW is committed to developing robust diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) curriculum guidelines for Branches and workshops at local, state, and national levels that include critiques of educational issues. AAUW members fiercely defend gender equity in education, and this continues to nurture our own and others' spiritual and intellectual growth.



Happy 2022,  
Leslie

*Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.*

President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch  
Professor Emerita UCF

## Orlando/Winter Park Branch Policy Regarding COVID-19 (12/7/21)

1. You must be vaccinated to attend any Orlando/Winter Park Branch activity.
2. Virtual options (Zoom) for activities will be made available when feasible.
3. Masks must be worn at all times at activities with the exceptions of: a) when people are eating and drinking and b) all group members agree it is safe to unmask (e.g., outdoor activities with social distancing).
4. This policy will be reviewed and changes may be made by the Board as new information or circumstances regarding COVID-19 become available.

## Save the Date

March 5, 2022  
AAUW Annual Spring  
Literary Luncheon  
Interlachen Country Club  
Speaker: Kristin Harmel





Holiday time has flown by quickly. We hope you enjoyed this time with friends and family. Our friends at PACE Center were given a wonderful Christmas send-off on December 17, thanks

to so many of our members who supported a student with a Miracle Bag, a morning of craft making, and a lovely brunch arranged by our AAUW PACE Committee. The girls decorated ornaments under the direction of Pat Stamm, Sue McDonald, and Georgiana Havill. The gorgeous ornaments were a huge success!

Creative Japanese crochet was headed by Karen Bran-nen, a friend of AAUW, along with another crafty volunteer, Suzanne. The girls were quick to catch on, and some found a way to attach theirs to the ornament they had created. All in all, the girls seemed to have a really good time and were pleased with their results.

A lovely brunch followed. Several of our members contributed yummy food for the girls and the staff. Roberta Cooper made egg fritattas, Karen Buchan and Linda Hammersla made sausage balls, while other members and friends stepped in to provide sides and help with serving and cleanup.

Many of you made wishes come true for the girls. Members signed up to sponsor a girl, and others provided exciting items to fill the stockings. Because of our generous members, each girl received a Miracle Bag filled with their choice item plus many extras that teen girls love. Thank you to all who were able to contribute in some way. Together we can feel satisfied that we were able to make a brighter holiday for our PACE friends.

Submitted by Karen Gillett



20th ANNUAL LITERARY  
LUNCHEON  
MARCH 5, 2022

SAVE THE DATE

GUEST SPEAKER  
KRISTIN HARMEL



Kristin Harmel is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author who has written over a dozen novels, which have been translated into twenty-nine languages and sold all over the world. At our 20th Annual literary Luncheon, Kristin will speak on her latest heart-

wrenching and suspenseful novel, *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*.

Kristin grew up in Peabody, MA, Worthington, OH, and St. Petersburg, FL. At the age of 16, she gained her first professional writing experience as a sports reporter for the *St. Petersburg Times* while attending Northeast High School in St. Petersburg.

After stints covering health and lifestyle for *American Baby*, *Men's Health*, and *Woman's Day*, she became a reporter for *PEOPLE* magazine while still in college. She then spent more than a decade writing for the publication, covering everything from the Super Bowl to high profile celebrity interviews. Her favorite stories at *PEOPLE* were the "Heroes Among Us," featuring tales of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. In addition to a long magazine writing career (which included articles published in *Travel & Leisure*, *Glamour*, *Ladies' Home*

*Journal*, *Every Day with Rachel Ray*, and more), Kristin was also a frequent contributor to the national television morning show *The Daily Buzz*.

Kristin graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in journalism from the University of Florida. After spending time living in Paris and Los Angeles, she now lives in Orlando with her husband and young son. A list of her books include:

*The Forest of Vanishing Stars* 2021

*Book of Lost Names* 2020

*The Winemaker's Wife* 2019

*The Room on Rue Amelie* 2018

*When We Meet Again* 2016

*How to Save a Life* 2016

*The Life Intended* 2014

*The Snow Globe* 2012

*After* 2010

*Italian for Beginners* 2009

*When You Wish* 2008

*The Blonde Theory* 2007

*The Art of French Kissing* 2007

*How to Sleep with a Movie Star* 2006

***The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel  
may be purchased at the Writer's Block Bookstore:  
316 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park or on Amazon.**



"I used to call people, then I got into e-mailing, then texting,  
and now I just ignore everyone."



The December General Meeting kicked off with a holiday performance by the Dickens Carolers

# HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY, PEARL



The celebration began at the December General Meeting, then continued (below) in Mt. Dora on December 14 at the Lakeside Inn for lunch followed by a boat ride to see Christmas lights. [The Mt. Dora portion was the first activity planned this year by the Exploring Central Florida group.]



Mayor Buddy Dyer proclaimed December 14 as Pearl Steele day to honor her 100th birthday. This was accomplished by her friend's daughter.



A lovely sunset ends a lovely day. Thank you, Christine.

## From Our Members

We love featuring pictures from the Dining-In Group!



Adrienne's famous trifle



We all enjoy cooking and sharing our recipes. Since we no longer "have to cook" for our grown families, we appreciate the opportunity to use our cooking and creative skills.

We've also collaborated to prepare gourmet meals for a dozen guests at private homes (one year was an Italian-theme and one year was French.) The meals (including a butler) were auctioned as fundraisers for thousands of dollars to fund educational opportunities for women and girls.

Our individual contributions were the food and our labor.

Our group rotates homes once a month, where each of us hosts the group. The group has traveled internationally (pre-Covid) to participate in culinary programs.

If you have family recipes you love, please share them!

Hugs from Adrienne

Booklovers II (left) celebrated the season with a pot luck at the home of Anne Landrum. Booklovers Lite (right) went to Dubsdread.





## AN EMPIRE STATE OF MIND

By Geri Ossana

### Our International Concern For Other Women

Newer members of AAUW may not know all the past history of AAUW's links to other countries. AAUW traditionally has always been concerned not only with American women, but women everywhere. We have always been involved with accomplished and innovative women. We gave Marie Currie the funds to buy Uranium needed for her research.

AAUW was a long time member of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) founded in 1919 and headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Tri-annual conferences were held throughout the world. Members of the New York branches, as well as others around the country, attended conferences in Finland, England, and other countries.

One year, the conference was held in Ottawa, Canada, and several members of our Islip Area Branch attended.\* After 2004, AAUW national could no longer pay the dues to IFUW because of our raise in dues and our limited national budget. By 2007, our AAUW membership in IFUW ended. What we had already paid kept us until that time.

In 2015 IFUW changed its name to Graduate Women International (GWI) which now has 52 affiliates and believes in education and equity for all. AAUW continues

to sponsor AAUW International Fellowships that are awarded for full-time study and research in the United States for women who are not U.S. Citizens or permanent residents.

A group of women who had led AAUW in the past, joined together in 2007 and formed a new organization, Women Graduates USA (WG-USA), to continue AAUW involvement in the international area. They wanted to keep the contact of their organization with graduate women throughout the world. A membership in WG-USA includes a membership in GWI. WG-USA is basically a virtual organization. It uses zoom meetings and webinars. There is an Annual General Meeting which is in-person every two years.

Their involvement with the UN is with workshops and being presenters at the Commission on the Status of Women held at UN headquarters in NYC for a week in March. A few convened groups are Good Women's Health, Educational Working Group, Violence Against Women, Professional Networking Group and Advocacy. If you would like to know more, visit their website [www.wg-usa.org](http://www.wg-usa.org).

*\*[Geri continues her long-term membership with the Islip, N.Y. Chapter.]*

## POET'S CORNER

### Insight from the Unjaded

"Just because you're good at something doesn't mean you have to keep doing it."

A blithe spirit was twenty, and quitting art school.  
Startled, parental worry, what remained for her?

Plenty, apparently, as she explored  
a journey of heart and head.

A thousand days later, she marched,  
degree in hand, in psychology.

Over the years: Marriage. Children.

A master's in social work.  
Her gifts and wits and creativity  
artfully aid the souls she's counseling.

By Georgiana Atkins Havill

["This was my recent entry to the City of Orlando's *Words & Wonders* poetry contest to fit an assigned theme of 'lessons and wisdom learned from youth.' It did not win, place, or show."]

[Do you have a poem you'd like to share? We're looking for entries for our new "Poet's Corner." ed.]

## VP Membership



*Please welcome our new member:*

Carol Harris  
carhar0707@aol.com  
CUNY @ Brooklyn, B.A. Psych, 1972

### Address Change:

Ruth Webb has moved to the Towers  
70 S. Lucerne Circle Apt 616  
Orlando, Fl, 32801. (Phone and email are the same.)  
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Ladies,

We know how exciting it was to meet in person and get to see people we haven't seen in months. However, don't forget to reach out and engage those new members and guests or members you haven't yet taken the time to meet. Sometimes we need to be reminded to help make everyone feel welcome.

*María Bonnet*  
marpazbonnet@gmail.com

**ARE YOU TIRED OF THOSE PEEL-OFF, STICK-ON NAME BADGES?**

**NOW YOU CAN GET A REAL AAUW NAME BADGE THAT WON'T FALL OFF.**

Durable (and wipeable!) plastic, this 3" x 1.5" name badge comes standard with a Pin Clasp, but can be ordered with a Magnetic Clasp for an extra \$2.00.

Get yours today!

Note: Customized Name Badges arrive in approximately 7-10 business days via US Mail after ordering. (This item will ship separately from any other Shop-AAUW item(s) ordered.)

Shipping is FREE for this item!

Option:

With pin backer — \$9

With magnet backer — \$11.50

Here's the link. Order yours today.

<https://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=1576&itm=131042>

## From Our Members

Ruth Webb has recently moved to Westminster Towers and has her home up for sale. She is having an estate sale and several of the members of her book group have expressed an interest in coming to it. She would like to open this to the entire membership. Normally, the Branchline does not do this type of advertising; however, Ruth has graciously offered to give 10 percent of her profit to PACE or AAUW. That seemed too much of a win-win to pass up. With so many of our members moving these days, a similar arrangement would be most welcome. We hope this starts a precedent.

The sale will take place Dec. 31 through Jan 2.  
The address is 3060 Bay Tree Drive, Orlando 32806  
(South Orlando between Bumby and Ferncreek)  
Time: between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Fiesta

Old trains, ( my husband was into collecting)  
The back seat of a 1965 Packard (or whatever year the last Packard was built). (Again, my husband enjoyed restoring old Packards.)  
Lots of tools for working on cars.  
The steamer trunk that went with me to Stetson in the 1950's  
Lots of gardening tools and pottery, (I was in to gardening.)  
Furniture, linens, and kitchen stuff.  
Set of Royal Worcester china.  
Several odds and ends from the 50,s and 60,s.  
A very nice yard lounge I recently bought.  
A year-old washer  
Old kitchen gadgets (i.e., old-fashioned cookie press from the 1920's)  
Lots of jeans and pants



## 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** The Winter Solstice has passed and the days are getting longer. Booklovers have enjoyed the holiday and are ready to read again. All Booklovers will read *Upstairs at the White House* by J.B. West. Booklovers I will meet this time in the new Winter Park Library. If you are interested in joining a Booklovers Group, please contact Ellen James at 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 those of the other book groups. Booklovers Lite meets on January 26 at 1 p.m. to discuss *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

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

**Couples Dining Party** (Formerly Dining Couples) 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. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcroser@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) will not meet in January due to the upsurge in new Covid cases. We will contact you when we feel it is safe to resume our planned events. 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**: We have no information on when this group is meeting this month. Please 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. lsieberman@gmail.com

**Lunching Out**: Will not meet in January due to the upsurge in new Covid cases. We will contact the group as soon as we feel it safe to once again meet in person at public locations. To be added to the email list, contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@Comcast.net

**MahJongg**: 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

I like to make lists.  
I also like to leave them  
lying on the  
kitchen counter  
and then guess what's  
on the list while  
at the store.

Fun game.

As we are in another  
lockdown, why don't they  
train all the Amazon  
delivery people to give  
the vaccine? The entire  
population would then be  
immunized by Saturday.  
Wednesday if you've got  
Prime.

YOU COME FROM DUST,  
YOU WILL RETURN TO  
DUST.  
THAT'S WHY I DON'T  
DUST.  
IT COULD BE  
SOMEONE I KNOW.

# JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
2	3	4 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	5 <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	6 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	7	8 <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>  <b>10-11:30 ZOOM</b>
9	10	11 <u>3 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	12 <u>10-12</u> Board Mtg.	13 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	14	15
16	17 <b>Martin Luther King</b>	18 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	19	20 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X	21 <u>10:30</u> B-Lovers IV	22
23	24	25	26	27 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	28	29
30	31					

**Felt uncomfortable driving into the cemetery. The gps blurted out you have reached your final destination.**

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

Judy McDonald  
murrnan@bellsouth.net



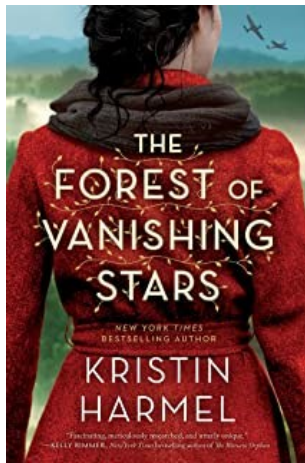
# 20th Annual Spring Literary Luncheon

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022**

**11 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**Interlachen Country Club  
2245 Interlachen Ct., Winter Park, FL**

**SPEAKER: Kristin Harmel**



Kristin Harmel is a *New York Times* and a *USA Today* best-selling author. She has written over a dozen novels that have been translated into 28 languages and sold all over the world.

Harmel will speak on her latest heart-wrenching and suspenseful novel, *The Forest of Vanishing Stars*, an evocative coming-of-age World War II story about a young woman who uses her knowledge of the wilderness to help Jewish refugees escape the Nazis—until a secret from her past threatens everything.

Inspired by real groups of Jewish refugees who hid in the forests to escape persecution during World War II, Harmel incorporated historical events in her novel, including what the forest refugees actually ate, the way they sheltered, and the way they fought back.

## Reservation Form

Name (Clearly print first and last name) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please Reserve: \_\_\_ seats @ \$ 45 Total: \$ \_\_\_ Number of Vegetarian Entrees: \_\_\_

**All reservations, including payment, MUST be received by February 26, 2022.**

Please mail this form and checks payable to AAUW Orlando-Winter Park to:

**Ginny Gillmer, 588 Citrus Ave, Oviedo FL 32765**

Use reverse side of this form (see next page) to list everyone you prefer included at your table.

Questions? Contact Ginny Gillmer at [aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com) or 505-379-5484.

I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to AAUW

By supporting AAUW, you provide educational opportunities and legal advocacy for women and girls.

[www.orlando-fl.aauw.net](http://www.orlando-fl.aauw.net)

Please **Clearly PRINT** the names of all individuals you wish to be seated at your table. Sorry, sometimes we cannot accommodate all requests but we do our best!

Only 8 persons are allowed at each table per the facility fire regulations and COVID accommodations.

Please **include payment** for all individuals listed below.

**Reservations must be received by Saturday Feb 26.**

If you or anyone is feeling ill, please email or phone last minute regrets to Ginny Gillmer: [aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com](mailto:aauwvirginia.gillmer@gmail.com) or 505-379-5484. Sorry, we cannot provide refunds due to advance reservation requirements.

**NAME and PHONE NUMBER of persons requesting to sit at the same table :**

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

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