



Orlando *** Winter Park
BRANCHLINE

*You are cordially invited to the
American Association of University Women
Annual Membership Reception
Saturday, September 10, 2022
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
In the Community Room of the
First Congregational Church of Winter Park
225 South Interlachen Avenue
(at the intersection of New England)*

*No charge Refreshments
Walk-ins Welcome
Please RSVP by September 7 to:*

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From the President

Dear Members:

We have been going through some trying times in the last few years and are looking forward to resuming our regular monthly meetings, greeting friends in person, catching up on Branch activities, and the presentation of ever-interesting/entertaining programs. Our group leaders have been working on our activities and preparing for the coming year. Some of these activities include Book-lovers groups, Dining In, discussion groups, and excursions.

AAUW is active in serving our Community with a large presence in supporting PACE School for girls, the awarding of scholarships for higher education, and promoting STEM studies and TechTrek scholarships.

Our year is starting off with our AAUW Annual Reception on September 10 which welcomes interested potential members to introduce them to our Orlando/Winter Park AAUW branch.



I look forward to serving as President this year and welcome your suggestions for our Branch.

Diana Secor

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Dr. Leslie Lieberman will continue on the Board, not only as President Emerita, but also as our liaison with the National AAUW and other organizations external to our Branch.

We will print a new directory after the September Membership Reception (September 10) and begin distributing it at the October meeting.

TECH TREK

The AAUW and our branch will once again be sponsoring a Tech Trek (STEM) camp for middle school girls who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We will be sending letters to Middle School STEM contacts who will recommend girls for the Tech Trek camps.

We had 60 young women from across the state participating in this year's virtual camp which was very successful. We anticipate that next summer's camps will once again be held in person on 2 college campuses. For more information and to see videos made by the campers, go to the Tech Trek website: techtrek-fl.aauw.net

For questions, please contact Hanna Kruczek at hkruczek@gmail.com

Hanna Kruczek

Electronic Communications Chair and STEM Coordinator

PACE Committee Prepares for Thanksgiving



Welcome back everyone to exciting fall activities in our AAUW Orlando-Winter Park branch. Plans are already underway to make this a memorable fall for all.

For years, AAUW Orlando-Winter Park has had a meaningful partnership with PACE Center for Girls-Orange. One special event we provide is a traditional, delicious Thanksgiving for all PACE girls and their families, complete with all the yummy food you remember from your Thanksgivings of the past.

Please stop by the PACE table at our membership reception on Saturday, September 10, to sign up for the dish you'll provide for this dinner (held during school hours at PACE Center for Girls, 455 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park

on Thursday, November 17).

Some of our members prefer to donate \$25 to cover the cost of purchasing a turkey or already prepared fixin's. And some members have a specialty they like to make for the event. In addition, we always encourage you to come and help serve. However you choose to participate, you will be helping to make this AAUW-PACE event very special. We look forward to seeing you at the PACE table at the reception for sign up.

Remember that it takes a village to put on such a special event. Help AAUW to make this a Thanksgiving to remember for every PACE girl. You'll be happy that you participated!

Please note: Our PACE Committee is actively seeking help from a willing member to assist managing our Thanksgiving project. Please call Pat Stamm (407-312-8544) or Karen Gillett (407-252-3169) to get involved. We'll work together as a team!



It's not only the PACE team that needs volunteers.

Can you help us with any of the following?

Historian (see page 4)

Dining Out (at night) Chair

Interest Groups Chair

Co-Chairs also needed for
Development

Exploring Central Florida

VP Membership



Welcome to Our New Member

Eileen Jordan

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National is no longer giving the 50% discount on National dues to new members. Discount for Shape-the-Future has been eliminated.

Dues will remain at \$88 for now which is what everyone else has paid for this season.

Dues will be going up next year. State dues and Branch dues will remain the same (\$12 for State; \$14 for the Branch). National dues will increase to \$67 in 2023 bringing the total dues for 2023 to \$93.

Ann Burnham

VP Membership

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New Faces of Homelessness Forum

Our AAUW Branch along with the Seminole County League of Women Voters helped sponsor the New Faces of Homelessness Forum held on August 18 in Sanford. Leslie Lieberman, Linda Hammersla and Karen Buchan were impressed with the knowledgeable and passionate panelists but distressed with the facts presented. Some information to note:

- 1 Homelessness is defined as shared housing, living outside—such as in the woods or a tent, living in a vehicle, staying in a shelter, or being unaccompanied such as a minor “kicked out” of their family home.
- 2 The median monthly rent in Metro Orlando is \$1810, with a vacancy rate of 5.5%.
- 3 There is at least one homeless student in EVERY public school in Seminole County (a relatively small, affluent county.)

Two ways to help

- 1 Urge elected officials to not divert Sadowski funds to other causes. [The Sadowski Fund became Florida law in 1992 as a dedicated annual revenue source to keep affordable housing projects thriving across the state. The Sadowski Coalition is a collection of about 30 statewide organizations which agree that the state and local housing trust funds should be used for only one thing: Florida’s housing programs.]
- 2 Mentor a student in the Take Stock in Children program. This is a big commitment to mentor a child from 9th to 12th grade and high school graduation at which point the child gets two years of college paid.

Submitted by Karen Buchan

Phyllis Hall has stepped down after many years of being our **Branch’s historian**. She has prepared the following to assist any member who would like to continue this valuable tradition:

Each month: print the Branchline newsletter and keep it in a folder for the annual deposit to the Winter Park Library archives. The library archivist has recommended that the newsletters be printed on cotton or linen paper. Put additional items of historical interest in this folder such as the printed directory, National and State recognition certificates, etc.

Annually in June.

Update the compiled history Word document to add change in president, literary lunch speaker and items of interest for each month. This is summarized from the newsletters. Hopefully someone will use this history for the 100th anniversary celebra-

tion of the chapter.

Make an appointment with the library archivist to take the year’s archive items to the Winter Park library for storage.

Put the newsletters and other items of historical interest in a large manilla envelope and take them to the Winter Park Library. Label the outside of the envelope with the contents so a future researcher will know what’s in the envelope.

Update the inventory of the box that the year’s archive was put in. This inventory is sent to the library archivist, plus keep an electronic copy for your file. The archivist has also requested that each box include an inventory of the box contents.

FYI: Diana Secor has the historian folder with everything printed plus a flash drive of the historian files.

Here are some of the things you may have missed in May



Barbara Knapp thanks our outgoing officers: (L to R) Leslie Sue Lieberman, President; Pat Nichols, Secretary; and Phyllis Hall, VP Finance



Barbara Knapp installs our newly elected officers: (L to R) Ann Burnham, VP Membership, Rosemary Vendena and Parveen Wahid, Co-VP Finance; Linda Fessel, Secretary; Barbara Knapp; Diana Secor, President



Jean Wright, an Aerospace Composite Tech, was our speaker at our May General Meeting.



Karen Buchan poses with 5 of our scholarship recipients



The Dining In Group met at Sherry Levy's house for a southern picnic complete with hummingbird cake made by our chairwoman, Jane Rosen.

"We took up a collection for Pace and purchased a variety of needed school supplies just in time for the new school year!"





PACE Orange Believing in Girls Breakfast

WHEN: Thursday, June 9, 8:00 a.m.,

WHERE: Citrus Club in Downtown Orlando

WHAT: Believing in Girls Breakfast

WHY: The event directly supports the girls at PACE Center for Girls-Orange with academic and mental health programming.

Our AAUW Branch is a \$1000 event sponsor! As a PACE Board member and Table Captain, I was responsible for filling my table. Thank you to the AAUW members who joined me at the breakfast: Leslie Lieberman, Diana Secor, Barbara Knapp, Linda Hammersla, Pat Nichols, Debbie Travis, Mary Himes, and Carol Gort (friend of PACE).



Karen Buchan



Pace Supply Drive

Every girl should have the tools she needs to succeed.

college ruled paper

spiral notebooks

composition books

pocket folders

post it notes

pencils

dry erase markers & erasers

pencil top erasers

poster board

colored paperclips

copy paper

1 inch binders

gift cards

ziploc bags

tissues

shampoo

conditioner

body wash

toothpaste

toothbrushes

deodorant

lotion

hairbrushes

combs

playdoh

construction paper

small white boards

elmers glue

Donations can be shipped to or dropped off at

ATTN: Allison Chandler 445 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park, FL 32789 | M-F | 8 AM-3:30 PM

ALL FORE PACE



Join us for a fun TopGolf Tournament
to benefit

PACE Center for Girls, Orange.

Second annual fund-raising event:

Thursday, October 6, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

TOPGOLF - 1010 Greenwood Blvd.,

Lake Mary

Get a group together or come and join a team.
Food, beverages, silent auction, and prizes!

Register: pacecenter.org/allforepace

More information: allison.chandler@pacecenter.org

Interest Groups

We need an Interest Group Chair to act as liaison between the groups and the Branchline editor. This is not a difficult or time-consuming job. Got an idea for a new interest group? Let Linda publicize it in the Branchline. LFessel@Comcast.net

Booklovers

Some Booklovers have been reading all summer while others are looking forward to meeting again this fall to discuss their "Book of the Month." Most Booklovers are reading *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge but Booklovers VII will read *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Letteri. Booklovers Lite will read *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum.

If you haven't signed up for a Booklovers Group, see me at the Membership Reception on Sept 10. We'll find a place for you.

Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator
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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 will read *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

Cooking Globally: No information available at press time.

Dining In: Might not meet in September. 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 Linda Fessel at LFessel@Comcast.net if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): Tours will be starting up as soon as there is no longer any danger of being swept away by flood waters. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Linda to get on the email contact list at LFessel@Comcast.net Linda is also looking for someone to help co-chair this group.

Foreign Affairs: The Foreign Affairs Group will meet on Sunday, September 25 at 2 p.m.. We will discuss CLIMATE CHANGE. Hanna Kruczek will moderate the discussion. For further information, please contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154

Lunching Out: Lunching Out will resume once the threat of monsoons has died down. Contact Linda to be added to the list: LFessel@Comcast.net

MahJongg: Is currently meeting on Thursdays at Club 24 in Winter Park from 1-4 p.m. Want to learn the game? We will teach you. For more information, contact Linda Fessel: LFessel@Comcast.net or Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com

Florida Election Resource Links

[Florida Division of Elections](#)

[Florida Voter Information](#)

[Florida Online Voter Registration](#)

[Florida Offices Up for Election & Retention 2022](#)

[Find Your County Supervisor of Elections](#)

[Ballotpedia Sample Ballot Lookup](#)

LWV 2022 Primary Election Voters' Guide - <https://www.vote411.org/ballot>

2) AAUW National Resource Links

[Public Policy Priorities](#)

[Become a Two Minute Activist](#)

[Voter Education Tool Kit](#)

[AAUW Quick Facts](#)

[Policy Insights series](#)

[Advocacy Tool Kit](#)

[GOTV Tool Kit](#)

[Voter Registration Tool Kit](#)

[Virtual Candidate Forum Guide](#)

[Election Do's and Don'ts](#)

[Social Media Tool Kit – Sample Tweets](#)

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1-4 Mahjongg	2 12 Noon Dining In?	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 1 p.m. B-Lovers I	7 9:30 a.m. B-Lovers IX 10 a.m. B-Lovers VIII 1 p.m. B-Lovers II 1 p.m. B-Lovers VII	8 1-4 Mahjongg	9	10 ANNUAL MEMBERS RECEPTION 2 — 4 p.m.
11	12 3:30 B-Lovers VI	13 11:30 Global Cook- ing ? 1 p.m. B-Lovers V	14	15 1-4 Mahjongg	16 10 a.m. B-Lovers IV	17
18	19	20		22 1-4 Mahjongg 1:30 B-Lovers X	23	24
25 2 p.m. Foreign Affairs	26	27	28 1-3 B-lovers Lite	29 1-4 Mahjongg	30	

Without coffee, I'm always walking
into rooms and forgetting why I
went in there. With coffee, I still
don't remember,
but at least I
have something
to sip while I try
to figure it out.



-Nanea Hoffman-



Really, Ginny, are you sure
you'd rather be cuddling a
baby than crunching num-
bers for AAUW?