



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE



GUEST SPEAKER
Anne Coppenhaver

**"Let's Think of How We Elect
Presidents,
Process, Not Candidates"**



Anne Coppenhaver hails from the southwestern corner of Virginia and was reared in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Duke supported a career in public education at the K-12 level as a social studies teacher, transitioning to school administration where she was a high school principal in Texas for 10 years. The final decades of her career were as graduate faculty at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, teaching prospective public school administrators how to coach teachers with whom they worked.

She and her husband Dorian (whom she met at Duke more than 50 years ago) retired to the Winter Park area in 2017, joining her husband's family who have lived here since 1957. They reside in the Westminster Baldwin Park Community with a growing number of her AAUW friends as neighbors. Anne is also active in the League of Women Voters of Orange County as a member of the Government Committee. She is also a founding member of Floridians for National Popular Vote, chairs the state-wide group of volunteers, and sits on their steering committee.

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GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Time: 10 to 12 noon

**First Congregational Church of W.P.
225 S. Interlachen Avenue, Winter Park**

COST: \$18 (cash or check)

Pay at the door or mail to

Parveen Wahid

10527 Via Del Sol

Orlando, FL 32817

**(The cost covers food, room rental,
set-up, clean-up)**

Reservations required

**You must RSVP no later than
Wednesday, October 5**

**You are responsible for payment in full if
you do not keep your reservation.**



Today's discussion:

Anne attended the biennial convention of the League of Women Voters U.S. in June. Her conversation today will focus on developments in the League's "Making Democracy Work" national program and will include her work during the past five years with Floridians for National Popular Vote.

From the President

Dear Members:

With the start of Fall (calendar – not weather!) we are all looking forward to this coming year with AAUW. Our active year started with our well-attended, well-presented AAUW Member Reception held September 10. Thanks to Ann Burnham, her membership committee, and all our members who participated. Good to see our members attending in person! Our Interest Group presentations—both tables and personal—were interesting and gave a snapshot view of our activities and interest groups.

Our new schedule of programs for the coming year, to be presented at our Brunch meetings, (second Saturday of the month) have been arranged by Pat Wilson, head of our programming committee, and will, as always, be informative, interesting, and also entertaining. Among the speakers will be Derek Demeter, Director of the Emil Buehler Planetarium (Nov.) and former Mayor Linda Chapin (Jan.)



Page 1 features our speaker for October. With mid-term elections almost upon us, our member, Anne Coppenhaver, will give a timely talk on “Let’s Think of How We Elect Presidents, Process, Not Candidates.”

In closing – be safe, be well, and have fun!!

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.

New directories will be distributed at the October meeting.

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

Judy McDonald
murren@bellsouth.net



Dear Sisters-in-AAUW,

I am truly sorry I could not be with you at the reception. However, health sometimes has to take precedence.

Today, I ask each of you to participate in the PACE Thanksgiving in whatever way you are comfortable. Of course, we could use your culinary delights to enhance the feast.

If you feel that you would like to contribute a turkey, you may send \$25.00 to Karen Gillett or myself. Any and all of your donations will go toward giving our PACE Girls, their families, and the staff the best Thanksgiving dinner memory ever.

Also, you know we need people to serve our feast. If you can give us two hours to serve, please call Pat Stamm (407-312-8544) or Karen Gillett (407-252-3169). All the members of the PACE Interest group thank you for whatever part you wish to play in this very special event. Bless you.

Pat Stamm

Karen Gillett: karen555g@hotmail.com

Pat Stamm: patsnpans@yahoo.com

WANTED PACE Board Member

Looking for a member who is passionate about PACE Center for Girls – Orange.

I have served on the PACE Board for over three years, and it has been an incredible, rewarding experience – BUT – it is time for someone new to serve as our AAUW Branch's representative on the Board. Our Branch has supported PACE for over 20 years, and our service is greatly appreciated. Notably, our Branch was named the PACE Volunteer of the year – 2019!

The Board meets at the PACE Center on Wymore Road monthly on the first Monday at 8 a.m. The meeting is usually about an hour. It is preferable to attend in person, but there is also a ZOOM option. The Board members are asked to make a personal financial contribution and help secure sponsorships for the fund-raising events. AAUW has been very generous with monetary contributions/ sponsorships and very generous with contributions of food and other items for the girls in need. The Thanksgiving lunch and the Miracle Bags/Crafts/Brunch in December are two significant ways that we also support PACE.

For more information, please contact Karen Buchan, 407-678-1212, kgb@unknownegg.org.

Karen Buchan

As in years past, Lynda Hinckley will be collecting



2023 calendars until the December AAUW general meeting. She would like to deliver all by mid-December. As in prior years, all calendars will go to people living in assisted housing in Orlando and Winter Park. Let's encourage socialization, provide needed colorful calendars to those who might not be able to afford to purchase one, and let's save the landfills!

Thanks!

Lynda Hinckley

Want equal pay? Be a blacksmith!



During the 1700s, you could find female blacksmiths in many of the colonies. Often they were women like Jane Burgess of Maryland, who'd pitched in to help her husband while he was alive, and found herself the sole smith after his death in 1773. Was there consumer resistance to females doing such undainty labor? Heck, no. In fact, the shortage of labor in this pre-industrial period meant that blacksmiths and other workers, whatever their gender, usually got equal pay.

From the President Emerita



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](#)



30th Anniversary Celebration luncheon for the Central Florida International Black Women's Congress at the home of Leslie Lieberman with AAUW branch members Leslie and Susan Windmiller. We partnered with them on the 19th Amendment Centennial celebration in 2020.

AAUW- GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV)

Note : Deadline to register to vote is 10/11/22. That includes changing address or updating signature. You can check your status here:

<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/online-voter-registration/>

More from the President Emerita

AAUW's National and State Priorities 2022-23

AAUW has prioritized the Senate passage of the **Women's Health Protection Act** that the House passed in 2021. The act codifies *Roe v. Wade* ensuring the reproductive health care rights, including abortion, for women and other genders (transgendered females, nonbinary). AAUW has issued a strong statement condemning the Supreme Court's decision in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/aauw-statement-strongly-condemning-the-u-s-supreme-courts-opinion-on-dobbs-v-jackson-womens-health-organization/>) *"Abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity." The statement emphasizes the economic impact in a country of unequal maternal health care, lack of paid family leave or affordable daycare. Secondly, as we celebrate the numerous achievements made and the 50th anniversary of Title IX, AAUW prioritizes the ongoing need to actively support legislation to guarantee equality in all aspects of education, including sports in federally subsidized programs for cis and transgendered women.*

The state of Florida AAUW priorities are similar: calling for support for public education that is inclusive and diverse of both people and ideas and support for funda-

mental civil rights eliminating voter suppression and pursuing legislation for affordable health care, pay equity, and controls on gun violence and human trafficking. (More on these priorities next month!)

Fulfilling these priorities will require electing both state and national representatives who share AAUW members' mission and vision of equity for all. Legislative initiatives are even more important this year because of the dominance of politically appointed conservative judges in federal and state courts. One approach to changing the composition of the courts is to NOT automatically renew their terms. By doing so, you allow the newly elected Governor to make appointments to the bench.

Important Dates:

Last Day to Register to Vote – October 11

Last Day for Vote By Mail Request – October 29
(VBM Ballots can be dropped off at any polling place during early voting if you do not mail it but only at the Supervisor of Elections Office on November 8.)

Early Voting- October 29- November 5

Election Day- November 8

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.



October, the eighth month of the old Roman year, was temporarily renamed several times, to honor such emperors as Germanicus and Hercules. It was even named Faustinus in honor

of Faustina, the wife of Emperor Antoninus, which was sweet of the emperor and cheaper than building her a triumphal arch or an aqueduct. Things were in a state of flux for a while, and it must have been pretty upsetting to be told, "I'll pay you back the first of Germanicus," and then when that time of year came around find it was Hercules or Faustinus and be laughed at when you tried to collect.

Christopher Columbus was not the only person of his time who believed the world was round. But he did believe, incorrectly, that it was much smaller than it is. Since the twelfth century, educated people had been aware of the earth's actual shape. Columbus's plan to sail west to the Indies was not initially rejected because European royalty thought the earth was flat. It was rejected because royal advisers thought—rightly—that Asia was too far away for an easy westward sea route. Columbus, however, estimated the distance at 2,500 miles. The distance is actually about 12,000 miles. Columbus didn't know of the Americas. Had they not been in his path, his trip would have ended in death on a seemingly endless sea.



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: Booklovers began the reading year and are also beginning their search to select books for next year. The selection process is a bit different this year, and we encourage groups to begin choosing books for next year's list. In the meantime, most groups are reading *The Pioneers* by David McCullough. BL VII is reading *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriola Garcia. BL Lite is reading *The Ninth Month* by James Patterson along with *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum, held over from September.

Ellen James, Booklovers Coordinator
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. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday October 26, at 1 p.m. We will be discussing two books: *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocum (rescheduled due to Hurricane Ian) and *The Ninth Month* by James Patterson. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

Dining In: Dining in will meet at noon on October 7 at the home of Diana Secor. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcroser@hotmail.com.

Dining-In Couples: Due to the Pandemic, this group has only met a few times—sometimes in members' homes and sometimes in restaurants. Please contact Eileen Garrison at 407-620-9703 to state your preferred venue: in home? or in restaurants?

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): ECF will tour the new Winter Park Library and event center on Friday, October 14, with lunch following at Sixty Vines. 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: Foreign Affairs will meet on October 23 at 2 p.m. at Parveen Wahid's home. We will discuss: "Myanmar's Never-Ending Crisis." Parveen will moderate the discussion. For further information, please contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154

Global Dining: See page 7 for details about this month's meeting.

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



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

Can you help us with any of the following?

Historian

Dining Out (at night) Chair

Interest Groups Chair

Co-Chairs also needed for

Development

Co-Chairs for Exploring Central Florida

VP Membership



After the three month summer hiatus, our members clearly enjoyed socializing in person at our Annual Membership Reception on September 10. Approximately 50 members and guests enjoyed nibbling on a delicious array of sweets and savories while hearing about the roster of polished speakers who will address our Saturday

morning brunch meetings in the upcoming year. Interest group leaders gave enticing summaries of activities on deck for 2022-2023. In addition to our Board of Direc-

tors, Judy McDonald, Georgiana Havill, Pat Wilson, and Christine Porter pitched in to help with this event. A special "shout out" goes to former VP Membership, Maria Bonnet, who provided invaluable experience and support. Another "shout out" goes to Ann Winn for the beautiful rose centerpieces which she arranged for each table. And kudos to all those who provided goodies despite the last-minute request.

I apologize to anyone whose name I may have accidentally omitted! It definitely "takes a village" to host this annual event.

Ann Burnham

VP Membership

annmburnham@gmail.com



Global Dining



"Global Dining," aka "International Cooking" is making a comeback, albeit slowly. Those of us who have participated have enjoyed the delightful company and delicious food!

We meet the THIRD TUESDAY of the month at 11:30 a.m., in Club 24, (1824 Summerfield). Your dishes can be

brought already cooked or cooked in our oven on site.

October 18 is our next gathering and will highlight

ROMANIAN food. We welcome suggestions, if anyone has tasted dishes they enjoyed from this culture. We divide responsibility for appetizers, main course, side dishes, salads, desserts, and beverages.

We currently are putting together this month's menu--please call Adrienne Katz Katz, 321-695-4445, for information and to join in the fun.

Myrna Ossin has offered to make our main course in October, so everyone else can research what appeals to them.

Adrienne Katz Katz



A Return to the Annual Membership Meeting! Saturday, September 10, 2022



How many members can you name? Less than five? Maybe it's time to get more involved. Many activities are currently in need of more participants, a chair, or co-chair.



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Halloween in Florida



climate change hits New York

