



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

NOVEMBER

Derek Demeter, Director

Emil Buehler Planetarium
Seminole State College of Florida



Derek began working at the Emil Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida in 2003. In 2007, he became the Planetarium Director and immediately began the process of writing and producing shows for the Planetarium. Since then, his passion for teaching people about the wonders of the universe has earned him many accolades and worldwide recognition. Derek recently served as president of the Southeastern Planetarium Association. Derek enjoys promoting science beyond the Planetarium with his work as an astro-photographer. He has been featured in NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day, Astronomy Magazine, and other publications.

[Editor's Note: Derek is one of the most interesting, humorous speakers I have ever heard. Don't miss it!]

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 10 to 12 noon

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

COST: \$20* (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, November 9.**

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

*** The board has approved a \$2 increase for
our Saturday brunches. This increase was
needed to avoid a deficit on the books each
month.**

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From the President



Dear Members:

VOTE!

November is our "Get Out the Votes" month – please make sure to make your choices known and

VOTE. Every year our votes are important, but with today's political climate, it is more important than ever to exercise this right. November is Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) for AAUW. Once per year we ask for donations for this national AAUW effort that combats sexual discrimination in the workplace and in educational institutions by providing financial, organizational, legal and emotional support.

Usually November is spoken of as the start of the Holiday Season. But—did you know that in addition to our more recognized holidays in November, i.e., Veterans' Day Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24; and National Native American Heritage Day Nov. 25, there are an additional 115 days listed in the November National Days

calendar?

Some are tending toward practical or remembrance such as: Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 5; Marine Corps Birthday Nov. 10; World Kindness Day Nov. 13; National Seat Belt Day Nov. 14; and Cyber Monday, Nov. 28.

We now have another 109 National Days left – and they include: National Donut Day, National Love your Red Hair Day, National Pickle Day, National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day, National Carbonated Beverage with Caffeine Day, National Raisin Bran Cereal Day –and let us not forget Mickey Mouse's Birthday, Nov. 17.

Wishing our members a good November, including families, friends and celebrations!

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.

REMINDER:

Our General Meeting brunch is now \$20. The former \$18 charge is no longer sufficient to cover the monthly costs.



PACE EVENTS ARE RIGHT AROUND
THE CORNER

... and you're invited and
encouraged to participate!



PACE THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILIES

Every fall, our AAUW branch gets better and better at participating in PACE Center for Girls' activities. Many of you have volunteered for bringing food, donating cash, or helping to serve at the annual PACE Thanksgiving for families. **Every bit of help is very much appreciated!**

The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 17, at 11:30. Hot food should arrive at 11. PACE is located at 445 N. Wymore Rd., Winter Park.

We expect large numbers to attend, so if you can, please decide how you could best help. Cash or checks made

out to Karen Gillett are greatly appreciated for turkeys and to supplement food where needed (\$25 is suggested, but we welcome whatever you can give.) Traditional dishes from home add to the festivities. We can use more mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, stuffing, rolls and butter, cookies and brownies. As always, your attendance at the event makes it even more special! You can finalize your plans at Saturday's morning meeting on November 12, or contact Karen Gillett at 407-252-3169 or karen555g@hotmail.com to sign up.

HOLIDAY PARTY FOR PACE CENTER

December 15, 2022

Our big holiday event has evolved over the years and is such fun for the girls! We will provide 3 separate crafts for each girl to make, a delicious brunch, and a Miracle Bag for every girl. Our AAUW members sign up at any time in November and very early December to provide an item for one girl, up to the value of \$30. The girl selects what she would really like from an Amazon catalog, our committee matches you with one particular girl and then orders that gift for you to give to your girl. The gift is shipped directly to PACE. Our committee fills the bag with your name, the gift the girl wished for, and other smaller items to make it a special holiday for every girl.



It's such a special event – and all members are invited to come and enjoy the time with the PACE girls and with our members who are able to attend. If you can make a miracle happen for one

PACE student, please donate \$30 (cash or check made out to Karen Gillett) and we will assign you the name of your student as soon as they have made their wish. The PACE Committee will collect donations at the November meeting, or you can mail to Karen Gillett, 555 Karen Avenue, Altamonte Springs 32701 as early as possible since the party is being held earlier in December this year and gifts must be ordered and shipped.

Please put the morning of December 15 on your calendar. It will put you in the spirit of the holiday!

The Origins of Turkey Day

Masked children roaming door-to-door, begging for treats. Adults dressing up for costume parties. Sounds like a normal Halloween—except it wasn't. Less than a century ago, this was Thanksgiving. For decades before WWII, Turkey Day was the day for putting on false faces.

How did Thanksgiving take such a detour? In the early 19th century, poorer Massachusetts residents started knocking on doors on the holiday's eve begging, 'Something for Thanksgiving?' Soon well-to-do children began dressing in

tattered clothes and doing the same. So many kids were sporting tattered clothes and darkened faces on Thanksgiving that by the 1900s, it was known as Ragamuffin Day.

The costume idea caught on. When Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a holiday in 1863, towns began marking the date with masquerade balls.

Thanksgiving reverted to an austere family-oriented holiday, and by 1950, trick-or-treating had shifted to a less sacred day—Halloween.



If you haven't cast your vote yet, the following list from the October Branchline may provide some last-minute assistance:

1) **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](#)

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

Judy McDonald
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The Power of One Vote

Here are some instances where one vote made all the difference....

In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1800, one vote kept Aaron Burr from becoming President. That one vote elected Thomas Jefferson.



One vote gave statehood to Texas (1845), California (1850), Oregon (1859), Washington (1889), and Idaho (1890).

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1875, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.



In 1876, one vote elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the presidency, and the man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Congressman who had also been elected by one vote.

In 1916, Woodrow Wilson was elected President by carrying one state by less than one vote per precinct.

In 1920, women won the right to vote by passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Tennessee, the last state needed to pass the amendment, ratified the amendment by one vote.

In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon was less than one vote per precinct.



In 1968 Hubert Humphrey lost and Richard Nixon won the presidential election by a margin of fewer than three votes per precinct.

[Thank you to Geri Ossana who submitted this article!]

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: As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, most Booklovers are busy reading *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin; Booklovers VII is reading *Remember* by Lisa Genova. Reminder that our book suggestions for next year will be due in December. If you have read the book or books that you are recommending, that may assist your group in determining which books to submit for inclusion on the ballot.

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 not meet in November or December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. 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 November 4 at the home of Jane Rosen. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcrozen@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 homes? 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.

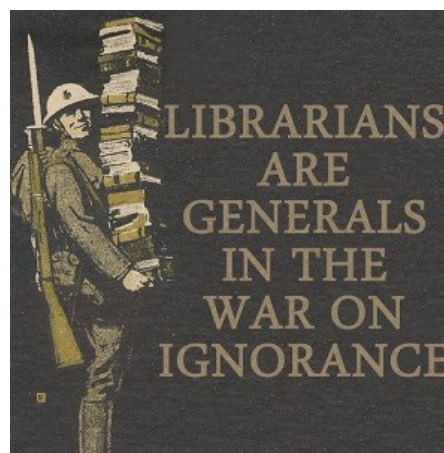
Exploring Central Florida (ECF): ECF will tour Full Sail on Friday, November 11, with lunch following at Las Carretas. Further details will be sent to those who sign up for the tour. If you would like to be part of ECF, please contact Linda to get on the email contact list at Lfessel@Comcast.net. It's not too late to join this tour. Linda is also looking for someone to help co-chair this group.

Foreign Affairs: will meet on Sunday, November 27, at 2 p.m. at the home of Susan Rogers. We will discuss the GREAT DECISIONS CHAPTER: CHINA TAKES ON THE QUAD. Susan will moderate the discussion. For further information, please contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154

Global Cooking/Dining: will celebrate a Colonial Thanksgiving on Tues. Nov. 15 at 11:30 at Club 24.

Lunching Out: Lunching Out will meet at Sixty Vines on Tuesday, November 29. Contact Linda to be added to the list: Lfessel@Comcast.net

MahJongg: meets 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

MISCELLANEOUS



On October 14, Exploring Central Florida toured the new Winter Park Library. The tiny firefighter is the nephew of our tour guide.)



On October 8, member Anne Coppenhaver spoke at the General Meeting. Her topic: Voting and the Electoral College.

Martha and Jim Williamson appear to be having a good time—despite the disruption caused by Hurricane Ian which led to an evacuation of all Mayflower residents to local hotels. Martha's written daily account reads like a Norse saga.



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, kbg@unknownegg.org.

Karen Buchan



As in years past, Lynda Hinckley will be collecting 2023 calendars, so bring yours to the December 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

MAX REED

November 12, 1931 — October 10, 2022

She was born Maxine Kathryn Gordon in South Dakota, the youngest of four children. She studied radio and television at the University of South Dakota and was one of the early women on the air in broadcast radio. She married Bob Reed in 1954, supporting his career in public broadcasting while raising three children. Returning to the workplace, she switched to publishing, serving as senior editor and editorial director for a number of N.Y. book publishers.

Max and Bob were accomplished in voice, piano, trombone, and banjo—a fact most of us never knew.

They and their children lived in Hawaii, Southern Indiana, Northern Virginia, Salt Lake City, Long Island, N.Y., and, of course, Orlando.

Both Bob and Max served (separately) as president of the University Club of Winter Park, but most of us came to know her when she served a term as our president.



Max was an active participant in many of our interest groups. Even when she stopped driving, she didn't let that stop her from getting out and enjoying life. She merely called an Uber!

Linda Fessel



When Max was AAUW President, the Board meetings were held at her home and most often in her very tropical back patio pool-side. It was such a quiet, relaxing spot and everyone brought food to share for lunch and the meetings were always short and sweet.

Karen Buchan

Max Reed was on the University Club Library Committee when I first joined it about 16 years ago. She was in charge of overdue books. To recover them she sent out preprinted postcards with diplomatic messages. Evidently the process was effective. Unfortunately postage was too expensive, so we had to convert to emailing. In 2016 we went to New Orleans together on a Road Scholar tour. She was a delightful traveling companion in every way. When Max was our branch president, we had board meetings at her house. We shared lunch offerings beside her pool. She also went on many local tours with our branch, always ready for fun. She was an essential part of the University Club's operations in her role as its newsletter editor. Aside from one minor skirmish over some long forgotten wording, we were in total agreement about every article I sent her. She leaves a massive hole to fill.

Martha Williamson

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	2 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	3 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	4 <u>12 noon</u> Dining-In	5
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 <u>3:30</u> B-Lovers VI	8 Election Day <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	9	10 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	11 <u>10-30 a.m.</u> Exploring Central Florida Veteran's Day	12 GENERAL MEETING
13	14	15 <u>11:30</u> Global Cooking	16	17 PACE Thanks-giving <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	18 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	19
20	21	22	23	24 THANKS-GIVING	25	26
27 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	28	29 <u>11:30</u> Lunching Out	30 <u>10:30</u> Board Mtg.			

PASSWORDS

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ButtifYouDontGiveMeAccessnow"

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