

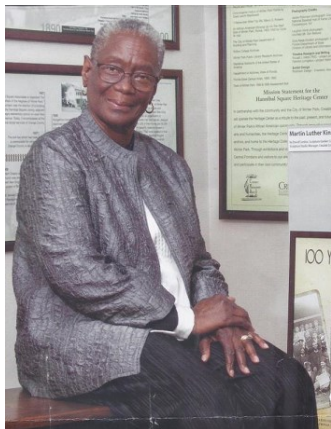


## Orlando \*\*\* Winter Park BRANCHLINE

**APRIL 8, 2023**

**GUEST SPEAKER: Fairolyn H. Livingston**

**"Keeper of Her Community"**



"Fairolyn H. Livingston '83 Rollins College Graduate, Chief Historian of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, a program of Crealder's School of Art, forged her path to advocacy at Rollins College." *ROLLINS SUMMER 2021 MAGAZINE*, described this woman as "the institutional memory" of Winter Park's west side where she was born and raised.

Fairolyn graduated from Hungerford High School in Eatonville, FL, and earned an associate's degree from Hampton Junior College in 1966, located in Ocala, FL (today's College of Central Florida). As an adult with two children, she took care of unfinished business when she graduated from Rollins Hamilton Holt School.

In the late 90's a group of residents attempted unsuccessfully to save the Ideal Woman's Club building from demolition. The building had once belonged to the First Congregational Church of Winter Park.

The group's efforts led to Fairolyn's receiving a joint grant from the Winter Park Public Library and Rollins College's Olin Library, that birthed her ongoing and continuous in-depth historical research of Winter Park's West Side residents, places, things and events.

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### GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, April 8, 2023**

**Time: 10 to 12 noon**

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

**COST: \$20**

### TWO WAYS TO PAY

1. Cash or check at the door or
2. Send check to the following:

**AAUW**

**P.O. Box 884**

**Winter Park, FL 32790**

**RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

### TWO WAYS TO RSVP

1. [winterparkAAUWreservations@gmail.com](mailto:winterparkAAUWreservations@gmail.com)
2. Parveen Wahid: 407-677-0571  
[piecee@hotmail.com](mailto:piecee@hotmail.com)

## From the President



April has arrived, spring is here, and I, for one, enjoy this time of year. Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote the following:

*April comes like an idiot, babbling and strewing flowers...*

An unusual way of welcoming April.

Our Branch has had some good news this past month. Among them are:

Our Literary Luncheon was quite successful this year. We had over 100 attendees and were able to add over \$4000 toward our Scholarship funds.

Roberta Cooper, our representative on the PACE Board, has reported that through her recommendation, the University Club of Winter Park has donated \$2935 to PACE, and our Branch contributed \$1290 to the National Greatest Needs fund.

We have also received a grant from Florida AAUW for our project: *Sewage: If your Pipes Could Talk*.

Coming up will be the election of new officers for our Branch. Further information is forthcoming.

National by-laws changes are being drafted. Once the new by-laws are approved, affiliates will need to amend

their bylaws to reflect the necessary changes. Because the changes are mandated by AAUW, they can be made by affiliates without a membership vote. Affiliates will have at least two years to make these changes. As further information is received, we will keep you apprised.

Our summer "hiatus" will begin in June with suspension of our regular meetings, and begin again in September. Keep in mind that many of our activities do not take the summer off. Check with your group leaders. We will be sending our members a questionnaire via email asking for assistance in formulating plans for next year's meetings.

Please note that as of April 1, the National dues were raised. The total after April 1 will be \$98, which include your state and branch dues. Make your checks payable to "AAUW Orlando/Winter Park."

Please mail your check to our P.O. box – NOT to National.

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Best wishes to all our members and their loved ones for a happy and successful April.

***Diana Secor***  
President, AAUW  
Orlando/Winter Park Branch

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Today, Fairolyn is the Chief Historian at the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, established in 2007 as a tribute to the past, present and future contributions of Winter Park's African American community.

Over the past five years, Fairolyn has won the "Orange County Regional History Center's-Donald A. Cheney Award." She was recognized by *Winter Park Magazine* as one of the city's "Most Influential" and was also recipient of the Fred Rogers "Global Citizenship Award," which honors prominent Rollins College alumni, who exemplify its mission of global citizenship and responsible leadership through their extraordinary achievements and impact on society.

*Excerpts from Rollins College  
Summer 2021 Magazine*

*By Rob Humphreys '16 MBA*

## Scholarships



The Scholarship committee is scheduled to meet on March 28 to review 43 applications. Applicants ranged in age from 17 – 72 and are attending five different colleges/universities. Degrees range from Bachelors to Ph.D and GPAs range from 2.9 – 4.0!

There is so much need now for financial assistance which makes the committee's job of choosing just a few "winners" very difficult. We are pleased that our AAUW Branch can assist some students.

*Karen Buchan*



And when Karen isn't working hard on scholarships, she's off fighting the wind and cold in Paris! She does look cold, but she's not complaining! It's Paris!!

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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 room rental, food, set-up and clean-up.**



## VP Membership

National Dues have been increased this year. State and local dues remain the same. Here's the breakdown

National:	\$ 72
State:	12
Branch:	<u>14</u>
Total	<b>\$ 98</b>

Pay this amount with checks  
dated after April 1.

Make checks payable to AAUW—Orlando/Winter Park  
and mail to:

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When speaking with a new or prospective member, encourage them to read our Branchline newsletters which are available on our branch's website. Each Branchline issue contains contact information for our Interest Groups. Involvement in an Interest Group is key to making new friends in AAUW. Our branch email address is:  
**orlando-fl.aauw.net**

*Ann Burnham*

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## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Valerie Dunn  
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University Mississippi Medical Center,  
BSLV, Nursing, 1980

Valerie is interested in Mahjongg, Lunching Out, Exploring Central Florida and Booklovers.

Valerie is married with 3 grown sons.  
She was referred by Collette Davis.



Margaret (Peggy) Cruickshank  
pycruicks@gmail.com  
Emory, MMS, 1994  
FSU, BS, Office Management, 1997

Peggy is interested in Lunching Out and Exploring Central Florida.  
She was referred by Georgiana Havill.

[For all members' addresses and phone numbers, refer to the "Members Only" section of our Website (Orlando-Fl.AAUW.Net.) Contact Ann Burnham, Linda Fessel, or Maria Bonnet if you do not have the password.]

## EXTRA EXTRA—READ ALL ABOUT IT! LESLIE AND HANNA MAKE GOVERNOR'S 'HIT LIST.'

[Because Drs. Hanna Kruczek and Leslie Sue Lieberman made it to Governor DeSantis's hit list, they were interviewed by Sarah Blaskey, an investigative journalist with the *Miami Herald*.]

Their 'crime'? They were invited speakers at the 2022 FL Polytechnic University event celebrating the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. This event also brought middle school girls to campus.

Blaskey writes: That mission earned the event a spot on a blacklist of university and college programs that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis describes as "discriminatory" efforts, which, he joked, have the same educational value as a degree in "Zombie Studies."

Leslie continues: Of course it is not a joke and he and the FL Legislature are ready to eliminate all courses, majors, minors, programs, offices, departments, institutes, and centers that have anything to do with gender, sex, women, diversity, race, ethnicity and intersectionality, usually inclusive of social class and to control the hiring and firing of faculty and administrators.

**Please write or call your legislators and tell them not to pass HB999 /SB 266.**

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.  
Professor Emerita UCF

Submitted by Dr. Leslie Lieberman and Dr. Hanna Kruczek

See next page for the full *Miami Herald* article.



***If you read nothing else in this newsletter, you MUST read this article which was submitted by Dr. Leslie S. Lieberman and Dr. Hanna Kruczek. (ed.)***

Female students from Academy Prep Center of Lakeland attended an International Day of Women and Girls in Science event at Florida Polytechnic University in February. The young women heard from female scientists about the possibilities open to them in the sciences.

BY SARAH BLASKEY [SBLASKEY@MIAMIHERALD.COM] and NICHOLAS NEHAMAS [NNEHAMAS@MIAMIHERALD.COM]

When she visited Florida Polytechnic University with a group of girls from her middle school class last month, Sarah imagined herself in college learning how to use the beakers and Bunsen burners she saw while touring the chemistry lab. As a sixth-grader, Sarah was at the age when studies show that girls first start to fall behind in fields of science and technology — a trend that continues into college and the workforce. The day her class spent on campus commemorating the International Day of Women and Girls in Science by building catapults out of plastic spoons was supposed to encourage the students to break the trend.

... That mission earned the event a spot on a blacklist of university and college programs that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis describes as “discriminatory” efforts, which, he joked, have the same educational value as a degree in “Zombie Studies.”

... In more than a dozen interviews with the *Herald*, faculty and staff described a quiet calculus happening behind the scenes on campuses as educators navigate an increasingly hostile work environment resulting from vague and ever-evolving directives coming from Tallahassee. Trainings and events have been preemptively canceled pending proposed legislation. Fearful of becoming the next viral post on anti-DEI social media accounts, some professors said they are changing the way they teach. Others started recording their own lectures in order to defend themselves should someone take their comments out of context. Many are considering leaving the state.

... The process of compiling lists and turning over emails to the government has Florida educators “completely spooked,” said Meera Sitharm, a professor of computer science and mathematics at UF and the chief negotiator for the faculty union. DeSantis’ legislative proposals would empower the college board to hire and fire faculty, regardless of tenure status, “thus enabling these

boards to dismiss faculty that may be pushing prohibited programs,” the governor’s office said in a statement to the *Herald*. “People are feeling vulnerable. Certainly it has increased the faculty feeling that they are being watched,” Sitharm said. “It’s almost McCarthyist.”

... Records obtained by the *Herald* show administrators at public colleges have started to preemptively rename diversity offices in hopes of sidestepping proposed bans. Other programs are seeking alternative funding sources outside the university system after DeSantis threatened to cut off certain programs from state funding so that they “wither on the vine.”

... HB999, one of the bills laying out the proposed bans, currently includes language that would exempt dozens of programs that made the initial list, including those serving veterans, first-generation college students, and “students from low-income families, or students with unique abilities.”

... School by school, the lists were developed behind closed doors by university administrators in consultation with the Florida Board of Governors as they scrambled to fulfill DeSantis’ information request in just two weeks over winter break. At the University of West Florida, staff searched the course catalog for the keywords “diversity, race, ethnicity, equity, inclusion/inclusive, cultural, gender, sex/sexuality, international and poverty,” according to a statement in response to *Herald* questions. Deans then went through the results of the initial search, adding and subtracting programs and classes based on their own judgment before sending the list up the chain to the Board of Governors.

**... Leslie Lieberman, a retired professor who was a guest speaker for Florida Polytechnic’s science event for girls, said she plans to write her former employer, the University of Central Florida, out of her will. “I cannot support an institution that does not support diversity and free speech,” Lieberman said. “If more people would be willing to do that, I think that might have an impact.”**

*(Due to the length of the article, we have chosen to select various excerpts from the original. To read the full article, see the links shown above for S. Blaskey and N. Nehamas. ed.)*

## 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 are busy selecting titles to read for the coming year and the deadline is here. Many thanks to Martha and her committee for coordinating this task. We are all waiting to see what these selections will be and the wait is almost over. Now we will address what Booklovers are reading in April. Most are reading *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri; but Booklovers VII will read *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

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. The reading list is independent from those of the other book groups. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 26, when we will discuss *The Cat who Saw Red* by Lillian Jackson Braun. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

**Dining In:** The April Dining In luncheon will be hosted by Myra Gaziano on April 14. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcroser@hotmail.com.

**Exploring Central Florida (ECF):** The Art and Exploration group at the University Club of Winter Park will be visiting the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. ECF has been invited to join them. ECF took this tour several years ago, and it is a wonderful experience. The address is the Audubon Center for the Birds of Prey, 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, FL 32751. There is a limit of 20 people. Cost: \$12.50 Your check for \$12.50 will reserve your spot. Please make out your check to Barbara Buchele and mail it to: Barbara Buchele, 1742 Barcelona

Way, Winter Park, FL 32789. You may also pay with PayPal or Zelle.

If you would like to join ECF, please contact Linda to get on the email contact list at Lfessel@Comcast.net.

**Foreign Affairs:** The Foreign Affairs Group will meet on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. We will discuss the Great Decisions chapter on *Politics in Latin America*. Mary Himes will be the host and moderator. For further information, please contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154.

**Global Dining aka International Cooking:** will meet at Club 24 on Tuesday, April 18. Our April 18 meeting will feature a German menu! Please send me your suggestions, recipes, and preferences! Our most recent Irish dishes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day included Colcannon, Irish Soda Bread, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, Guinness Beef Stew, Irish Flag Spinach Salad, Shortbread and Bailey's Brownies. YUM! See photos on page 10.

If you are interested in joining this fun activity, contact Adrienne Katz Katz at katzaid@yahoo.com

**Lunching Out:** Two locations have been chosen for April. Check your emails for specific information. Contact Linda to be added to the Lunching Out contact 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

PRETTY WILD HOW WE  
USED TO EAT CAKE  
AFTER SOMEONE HAD  
BLOWN ON IT . . .  
GOOD TIMES . . .



### WANTED

Members to join Booklovers Lite!

If you don't want to commit to the often challenging books of Booklovers, then give Booklovers Lite a try.

Our reading list includes mysteries, romances, westerns, humor, and stories with lots of plot twists.

Contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com



Here's what you missed if you did not attend the 21st Literary Luncheon on March 4, 2023.



President Diana Secor gave some opening remarks and then introduced . . .



Myra Gaziano, Literary Luncheon Chair, who introduced. . .



Martha Williamson who introduced her friend and today's speaker . . .



Geri Throne



Above: Geri Throne getting set to sign her book, *Secret Battles*.

Right: Leslie Lieberman puts some finishing touches on some silent auction items while the shark in the center looks on menacingly.





Our AAUW branch has a unique relationship with PACE Center for Girls. We annually host a wonderful Thanksgiving for the girls and their families; we provide a festive holiday party for the girls (crafts, brunch, and Miracle Bags); and we sponsor our Literary Luncheon to raise money for scholarship opportunities for students. In turn, the girls prove time and again that they are thriving in their time at PACE, making gains in grades, skills, and confidence. Having their basic needs met while attending PACE most certainly contributes to this success. Some of our AAUW members make a difference in the PACE girls' lives by donating to the PACE food pantry, and we're certain that many more members would like to contribute, so we're making it easier to do so. **Currently, PACE is low on supplies**, giving us the perfect opportunity to step up and help families right in our community.

**We have an easy way to donate to others in our PACE community! Bring or send your donations to the Saturday meeting in April, and they will be delivered to PACE for you!**

Items needed:

protein bars and healthy snacks	soup and crackers
canned chicken	pancake mix and syrup
canned tuna	Muscle Milk Protein Shakes
spaghetti sauce	protein Bars
pasta and parmesan cheese	
any shelf stable items for dinners	
cereal	
shelf milk	
Hormel Compleats (complete dinners shelf stable, <u>not frozen</u> )	
gift cards to be used to buy groceries	

This is just a partial list. There are many shelf stable items in the stores that would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your help!

Submitted by Karen Gillett

## SAVE THE DATE

### Believing in Girls Breakfast

June 8, 2023

7:30—9 a.m.

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts —DeVos Room

More information next month . . .



## FROM OUR MEMBERS



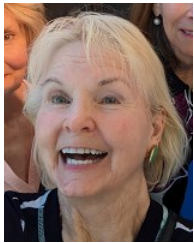
Booklovers X's Emily Bader, 81, picked up (literally!) three wins at the National Masters Weightlifting Championships in Valley Forge, PA, on March 15, 2023.

Emily began weightlifting with a trainer at Crosby Wellness Center on advice from her doctor to combat her osteoporosis which was not improving. Voila! Her doc was right. Her bone loss has ceased and nearly 100% reversed.

She's also an ace book moderator when it's her turn. BL-X is bursting with pride over her achievement.

Submitted by Georgiana Havill

[Okay. Where do I sign up? ed. ]



Art in Bloom 2023 at the Orlando Museum of Art was even better than last year's in the opinion of AAUW members Martha Williamson, Betzy Ingle, Georgiana Havill, and Peggy Cruickshank, all of Winter Park. They arrived at 10 a.m. for easy parking (\$7) with

pre-purchased seniors' tickets (\$12+fee). The all-volunteer Council of 101 created high expectations from the moment of entry with a taller-than-human peacock dripping in flowers that stopped attendees in place. Later, the group had lunch in the large re-imagined space just inside OMA's entrance, with prices ranging \$7.50 to \$15 with desserts, \$5-\$12.

At right—standing beneath a floor-to-ceiling interpretive arrangement of cloud and rain by Fairbanks Florist of Winter Park: [L-R: Georgiana Havill, Martha Williamson, Betzy Ingle, Peggy Cruickshank]

Submitted by Georgiana Havill



### Cheer Mug Centerpieces

Myra Gaziano extends her thanks to the Winter Park Garden Club for providing the oasis for the lovely "cheer mug" centerpieces.

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

## MORE FROM OUR MEMBERS



Global Dining planned a Mardi Gras dinner for their March meeting. Dessert was bananas foster!



AAUW member and art historian Susan Rosoff delivers a lecture at the Orlando Museum of Art on the symbolism of flowers in many works of art. On her right is Irene Pruzan, long-time AAUW member.

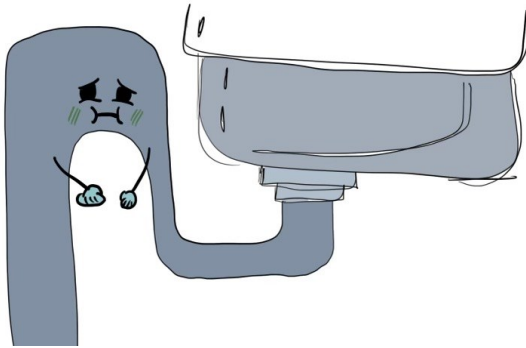


Continuing in a long-time tradition, Lunching Out meets at Fiddlers Green on March 15 for a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

## REALLY EXCITING NEWS

Go to next page to see what Dr. Leslie S. Lieberman and Dr. Patricia Wilson have been up to!

## BIG EVENT – Help Save the Planet!



### ***Sewage: If Your Pipes Could Talk*** **Women and Water**

**What:** AAUW-FL Funded Project Grant: Orlando/Winter Park and Daytona Beach Branches and the League of Women Voters Seminole County EVENT

- ♦ **Learn about** and receive information on friendly activities in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, garage – Dr. Pat Wilson, AAUW and Seminole County Soil and Water Conservation Commissioner
- ♦ **FREE products:** for safe cleaning, disposal of fats and pharmaceuticals
- ♦ **New Animated Film** *"Sewage: If Your Pipes Could Talk"*
- ♦ **Presentations by Experts** on the good, the bad and stinky of waste water treatment; environmental sciences and water and training the next generation in innovative programs
- ♦ **. . . . and much more** – snacks, brainstorming session, chance to sign the FL clean water amendment

**When:** Saturday, May 6, 2023, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Where:** University of Florida/ Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) County Extension Building, 250 County Road, Sanford, FL 32773

### **Free Registration:**

**Call: Leslie Sue Lieberman at 321-231-2007 -or- email**  
**[lslieberman@gmail.com](mailto:lslieberman@gmail.com)**

**Volunteers Needed:** How would you like to help?

- \*Set-up   \*Take down   \*Moderate a Q & A Discussion
- \*Facilitate a Round-Table Discussion



# APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  <b>April Fools' Day</b>
2          <b>Palm Sunday</b>	3  <u>3:30</u> B-Lovers VI	4  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	5  <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	6  <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	7	8  <u>10 a.m.-noon</u> General Meeting
9          <b>Easter</b>	10	11  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	12	13  <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	14  <u>12 noon</u> Dining-In	15
16	17	18	19	20  <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X	21  <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	22          <b>Earth Day</b>
23  <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	24	25	26  <u>10:15</u> Brd. Mtg.  <u>1-3</u> B-Lovers Lite	27  <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	28	29          30

Apparently you can reheat pizza by turning your toaster on its side ... You're welcome.



## SOME HOUSEHOLD TIPS

