



Orlando *** Winter Park BRANCHLINE

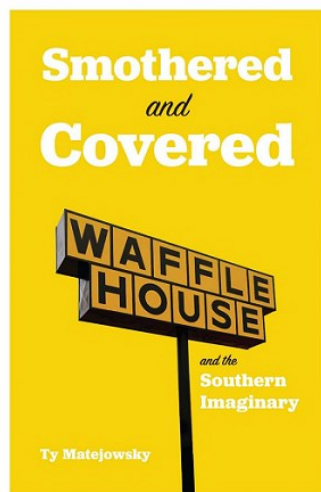


Waffle House has long been touted as an icon of the American South reflecting the people, events and foodways of the South and the region's attitudes, images, ideas, practices, language and history that comprise the southern imaginary.

Dr. Matejowsky will discuss the place of Waffle House in American and southern culture and its depiction in music, television, film, stand-up comedy and sports. So forget those toaster waffles and frozen hashbrowns and join us for a more sumptuous breakfast/brunch and Dr. Matejowsky's entertaining and enlightening discourse on the south's first 24-7 roadside eatery. He might even explain the mysteries of smothered, covered, capped, chunked, peppered and topped!

Dr. Ty Matejowsky is a Professor of Anthropology at UCF and Associate Chair of the Department. He is a cultural anthropologist who specializes in foodways, especially fast foods in the US and the Philippines, and their roles in globalization, urbanization, culture change and development. He joined the UCF faculty in 2002 and has received numerous awards for both his research and teaching.

Books may be ordered from Amazon or University of Alabama Press. Dr. Matejowsky will have books available and will hold a book signing after his presentation.



SATURDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Saturday, October, 14, 2023

Time: 9:30 to 11:30

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
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AAUW

P.O. Box 884

Winter Park, FL 32790

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From the President



Dear Members:

Fall has arrived! We, in Florida, when going out into sunny, 90+degree heat, may have some difficulty thinking it is Fall.

When exactly does Fall start, we may ask. The Autumnal equinox 2023 brought fall to the Northern Hemisphere on Sat., September 23, at 2:50 a.m. EDT.

Our AAUW active season began with our Fall Welcome event for members and guests which was held September 9. This was a great success and there will be more in our Branchline this month covering this get-together. Our new schedule of programs for the coming year, to be presented at our Breakfast Program (normally the

2nd Saturday of the month) have been arranged by our V.P. of Programs – Leslie Lieberman.

Our October program starts us off with speaker Dr. Ty Matejowsky who will present a program: “Smothered and Covered” WAFFLE HOUSE covering the cultural and economic history of this eatery icon.

Check the list of coming programs and make sure to mark your calendars to join us for Breakfast, Socializing, and interesting presentations.

Our BRANCHLINE is a “veritable gold mine” of coverage of recent past events, photos, Interest Group news, coming programs, and local and state matters concerning the AAUW membership, and is a valuable resource for our Branch.

In closing, one of my favorite wishes: “be safe, be well, and....have fun! “

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THE OLDER YOU GET
THE MORE YOU APPRECIATE
BEING AT HOME DOING
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

Here's what you missed at our Fall Welcome Event

September 9 kicked off AAUW's new season with a reception that filled the meeting room with members and abundant new faces. Apparently the call to bring interested people who might like to join was well-heeded with several guests joining.

Surrounding the perimeter were display tables of extra-curricular activities under our branch's umbrella to answer questions about how to take part in those.

Ann Burnham and committee designed for printing, handy AAUW business cards as well as mini-schedules, and asked Georgiana Havill to do the honor of explaining them to everyone in attendance.

The glossy card stock tucks easily into purses to remind members to give them out when extolling how our group might appeal to inquirers. Ann has plenty more should anyone need replenishing.

Leslie Lieberman touted upcoming speaker events on

our calendar along with video to enhance their appeal and our understanding.

Promotor Djehuty Se Hotep (see photo below) stood and spoke movingly about "The Fannie Lou Hamer Show" that features acclaimed actor, singer, author, Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye, who's received major praise for performing this one-woman play in major markets.

She's speaking to us on January 13 and will gift us with a snippet of this biographical work of art about Hamer's inspiring history. (Arrangements can also be made for groups to hire the entire theatrical piece.)

Each member contributed finger food and amazingly, there were unduplicated sweets and savories and surprises with no master planning! Being of unlike minds has never worked so well.

[Thank you to Georgiana Havill for submitting this page.]



Djehuty Se Hotep Photo by Georgiana Havill



Happy 95th Birthday to our Branch. Now let's look forward to the Centennial.



Myra Gaziano delighted in telling everyone about the upcoming Literary Luncheon on March 9, 2024, and that the Winter Park Racquet Club is on the short list.



Ann Burnham, VP Membership



The AAUW Thanksgiving lunch for PACE girls and their families is coming up on November 16. Many thanks to those who have already signed up to bring a dish, serve the meal or donate \$25 to purchase turkeys. That is a good start, but we need many more dishes and money. You can sign up at the next 2 branch meetings or call Pat Stamm to let her know what you can contribute. Pat can be reached at 407-312-8544.

Dishes still needed:

Mashed potatoes 2 large pans
Sweet potatoes 2 half pans
Corn 3 half pans
Glazed carrots 3 half pans
Green bean casserole 3 half pans

Meat stuffing 1 half pan
Vegetarian stuffing 1 half pan
Cornbread casserole 2 half pans
Gravy 5 quarts
Rolls 8 dozen
Butter 2 pounds

Money for turkeys and catering, checks made out to AAUW

Servers: many

Thank you for supporting the girls at PACE by providing this wonderful event. They really look forward to it every year.



In Remembrance of Ellen James



Booklovers at the Kerouac House in Winter Park



Touring the West End Market



Touring Ybor City—Ellen strikes up a conversation with one of the local residents.



Ellen enjoys a quiet moment



VP Membership

The Members and Guests Celebration on September 9 was a lovely opportunity for socializing and learning more about our Interest Groups. It took many hands to make the afternoon so pleasant and informative. In addition to the Interest Group Leaders and Board members, special thanks go to Pat Nichols and Debbie Travis who served as Greeters and to Mary Himes and Valerie Hyatt who worked hard to set the tables and organize the snacks.

The buffet table was graced with a gorgeous sheet cake to mark the 95th anniversary of our branch’s founding. Thank you to Leslie Lieberman for wrangling that generously sized cake! And thank you to all the members who brought delicious nibbles.

How wonderful that three of our guests decided to become members that day. Please join me in welcoming Clara Holodar, Kathryn Brohl, and returning member Elisa Staley. We hope to see each of them at our monthly meetings and at various Interest Group activities.

Our branch extends a welcome to Carol Foglesong. Carol was introduced to our branch by her friends Rosemary Vendena and Charlotte Anne Coppenhaver in 2022; but there was an unfortunate delay in recognizing her membership. I hope to introduce to you Carol, Elisa, Clara and Kathryn at future Saturday Breakfast Programs. Please come!

Ann Burnham

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In order to protect our members’ privacy, addresses and phone numbers can be found in our members’ directory on the website under Members Only. These options are only available to members with a password. Contact Linda Fessel, Maria Bonnet or Ann Burnham (see their contact information on page 3 of the newsletter) to get the password.

VP Finance

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

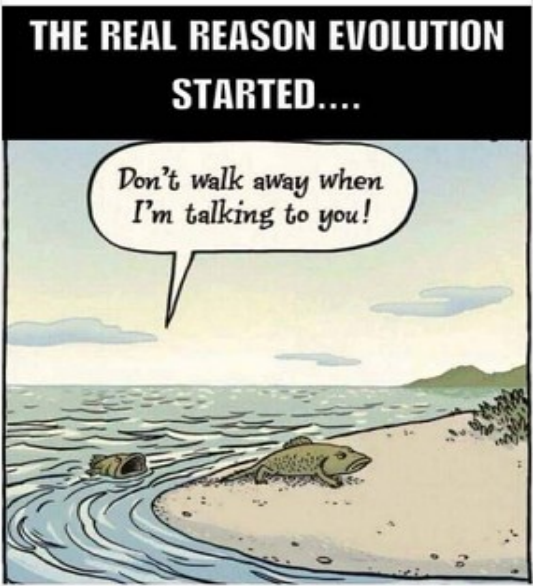


National:	\$ 72
State:	12
Branch:	<u>14</u>
Total	\$ 98

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It’s not too late. A special Committee has been meeting to create an up-to-date Members Directory for 2023-24.

Contact Linda Fessel or Ann Burnham to report any changes in your address, phone, email, etc. DO IT NOW before it goes to press!

Interest Groups

Got an idea for a new interest group? Let Linda publicize it in the Branchline. Lfessel@Comcast.net
Any thoughts about creating "Banned Booklovers"?

Booklovers: October is National Book Month—a great month to celebrate bonding through books.

In fact, most Booklovers groups will further their knowledge of bonding, both human and chemical, by reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Booklovers II will discuss *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracy Emerson Wood, while BL VIII will consider Steinbeck's *The Winter of Our Discontent*.

Share the spirit of National Book Month. Read one of your kiddie lit favorites to a kindergartener enjoying the music of language or a third grader exploring the nuances of idioms. Pass along a title to a friend or neighbor. Or donate gently used books to One Heart for Women and Children. Other ideas?

If you are interested in bonding through books, contact Missy Baker, Booklovers Coordinator, baker-works@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, October 25. We will discuss *The Recovery Agent* by Janet Evanovich. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

Dining In: Myra will be hosting the luncheon at her home on Oct. 6 at noon. The meal will have a French theme.

Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcrosen@hotmail.com.

Note: Dining In is currently at capacity. Is anyone interested in forming a Dining In 2?

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): ECF will not be meeting until the temperature becomes less debilitating for outdoor events. 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, October 22, at 2 p.m. to discuss "*War Crimes: What are they? How can they be prosecuted?*" The meeting will be at the home of Cynthia Tomlinson. Check with new leader Mary Himes for more information: m.waltzhimes@gmail.com

Global Dining aka International Cooking: GLOBAL DINING (aka International Cooking) will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at Club 24, 11:30 a.m. (1824 Summerfield, in Winter Park)

Tuesday, October 17, is our next gathering, and we will celebrate Oktoberfest with the cuisine of GERMANY as our focus. Adrienne Katz Katz (katzaid@yahoo.com, cell 321-695-4445) welcomes your participation. Bring a guest, too!

Please research your favorite recipes to let us know what you'd like to bring: appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, side dishes, breads and desserts. We don't mind overlapping within categories -- the more choices the better! Adrienne Katz Katz (katzaid@yahoo.com, cell 321-695-4445)

Lunching Out: Check your emails for specific information regarding date and place of our next gathering. 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



A TRIBUTE TO ELLEN

Submitted by Martha Williamson

When it came time to choose a new AAUW Booklovers Coordinator in 2012, Ellen was our obvious choice. Having been a teacher she was a top-tier reader, and she possessed great management skills. We already had six Booklovers groups and were expanding. During Ellen's tenure she presided over the expansion to ten groups. Since each has about ten members, this greatly grew the membership of our AAUW branch. She visited every group.

Ellen's style might be branded steel Magnolia. She entertained with utmost charm, serving luscious treats at an annual Booklovers Chairpersons luncheon that she introduced. She served her treats on real china, her wine and iced tea in crystal and both on linen napery. Whether her confident hostessing came from her family of origin or from her years as a military wife, I cannot say.

She addressed the interpersonal conflicts which are inevitable within all groups employing the same charm but with utmost effectiveness. Hence the steel. It was obvious that her sweetness did not mean she could be trifled with. Best of all, none of the challenges got her down. Her sense of humor allowed her to laugh off most difficulties.

One thing Ellen felt strongly about was the Thesaurus. In her teaching experience, she had seen that this book of synonyms could be eye opening to students with limited exposure to the joys of English as a language.

When she became Booklovers Coordinator, she made sure that the PACE Center for Girls was given enough Thesauruses for every girl, courtesy of AAUW Booklovers.

Before Ellen moved to The Baldwin Westminster, she was a great gardener. She shared some hardy and dramatic huge white lily bulbs with us for our own gardens. Hers contained many fruit trees and a gorgeous purple tibuchina. She was partial to pastels in her wardrobe and décor, a woman who surrounded herself with beauty.

While we knew she tussled with formidable medical challenges, she made sure we never saw her falter or lose hope. In so many ways we have lost a model leader. She personified an ideal combo of grace and grit. We will miss her so much.

Her friend, Martha Williamson

September, 2023

There will be a service for Ellen on Thursday, October 5, at 11 a.m. in the Reformation Chapel at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Orlando (106 East Church Street).

Reception following.

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <u>3:30</u> B-Lovers VI	3 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	4 <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	5 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	6 <u>12 noon</u> Dining-In	7
8	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10 <u>3 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	11	12 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	13	14 <u>9:30—11:30 a.m.</u> GENERAL MEETING
15	16	17 <u>11:30</u> Cooking Globally <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers V	18	19 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X	20	21
22 <u>2:00</u> Foreign Affairs	23	24	25 <u>10-12</u> Board Meeting <u>1-3</u> B-Lovers Lite	26 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	* Booklovers IV has merged with Booklovers IX.			

More pictures from September Welcome Event

