



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



Our November 4 program “**More Than Home Ec and Shop**” describes the exciting and surprisingly diverse high school career and technical programs offered at Seminole County Public High Schools. The goal of these programs is to have students graduate with diplomas, certifications and on-the job experience that lead to high-demand, high-wage employment. These programs are im-

portant alternative career pathways particularly for women because of the disproportionate college debt incurred by women. The Florida Department of Education has 17 career clusters. In response, Seminole County Public Schools offer 64 high school programs with a wide variety of career opportunities including: health sciences, engineering, finance, culinary arts, cybersecurity, modeling & simulation, creative design & entertainment, forensic sciences, manufacturing, aviation, renewable energy, public service, etc. These programs, designed to meet current and future workforce needs, involve industry, businesses, government entities, trade organizations and dual enrollment at the state colleges at no cost to the student. Students graduate with a clear understanding of career options and training in these areas.

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### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The time and effort it takes to seek out interesting programs and speakers is often a thankless job, and members who do this deserve our thanks and appreciation. Gratitude is shown by your presence on Saturdays. For the past several months, attendance on Saturdays has been slipping and is no longer meeting the expense of the room rental and the breakfast. **Without your support, we cannot continue our Saturday morning programs.** We understand that as we head into the holidays, priorities will focus more on family, but AAUW is also your “family,” so we urge you to set aside only two hours one Saturday a month to support our branch in carrying out its mission.

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time: 9:30 to 11:30

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

**COST: \$20**

### HOW TO PAY

1. Cash, check, or **Zelle\*** at the door or
2. Send check to the following:

AAUW

P.O. Box 884

Winter Park, FL 32790

(allow 5 days delivery time)

RSVP BY WED., NOV. 1

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if you do not keep your reservation.**

**\* SEE DIANA'S COLUMN ON  
HOW TO USE ZELLE**

## From the President



Dear Members:

**VOTE!**

November is our Get Out the Votes month – this is a time to make your choices known and VOTE. This is always an important event, but with our present political situation, it is more important than ever to make your wishes known.

For AAUW, November is Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) for AAUW. This is the national AAUW effort that combats sexual discrimination both in educational institutions and in the workplace by providing financial, organizational, legal, and emotional support.

Our list of Programs for the year is varied and interesting. In November, of special Interest to our members who were involved in Education, or have grandchildren or great- grandchildren who need to be planning for their future, we will have as our speaker, Ms. Kristin Thole, District Administrator Seminole County Schools, whose topic is MORE THAN HOME EC AND SHOP. She will discuss the technical and professional classes that are being taught in our high schools, including varied courses “from Aviation to Culinary Arts”

We look forward to seeing you Nov. 4 at our meeting.

On a related note: we now have a “refrigerator calendar” listing all of our events in a convenient 5 X 7 chart.

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**"More Than Home Ec and Shop"**

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Ms. Kristin Thole is a Seminole County School District Administrator who facilitates many of these programs. Prior to this role, she began her career pathway working in the business world and then later took on a second career path where she moved into education and was a District-Based Instructional Coach and Lead Teacher for students with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities across the country.

She has been back in the Orlando area for about 10 years. She is a sought-after public speaker and some of you may have seen her in action at the *Sewage: If Your Pipes Could Talk* event where she discussed the LBHS Wastewater Management Program. Although she graduated from Lake Brantley High School, she went far away for her education. She has a B.A. in International Business Management from the American College, Dublin, Ireland, and her Master's in Education degree from Northern Arizona University. She was a cultural exchange student in Switzerland and is fluent in French. Additionally, Ms. Thole is currently a volunteer coordinator with Youth for Understanding (YFU), International Exchange Program, working with foreign students and American host families.

Many of us came from the teaching profession, but you may be wondering how this could possibly impact you now that you are retired?

Unless you've been living in a cave, you are aware of the news regarding student debt and the issues surrounding it. This could impact your grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren. Education at a college or university could put someone in your family in financial straits

High schools are now promoting technical schools as an alternative to college. These students can achieve financial independence without the crushing weight of student loans and, in many cases, acquire wages equal to or greater than their college-bound peers. This is especially crucial for women who have still not reached parity with men on the issue of wages. So how would you advise your grandchild or great-grandchild?

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**Message from the President**

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On a lighter note: Since we are on the brink of Holiday Feast Days, and with a bow to our various AAUW food groups, November has many "food-oriented" days: World Vegan Day, Deviled Egg Day, Sandwich Day, National Nacho Day, National French Dip Day, National Indian Pudding Day, National Pickle Day, Eat a Cranberry Day, National Cashew Day, and National French Toast Day. And, just to keep matters in order, November 15 is *Clean your Refrigerator Day*.

Sending my good wishes to you all for a good November, including Families, Friends, and Celebrations!

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

P.S. Read the following to learn how to use Zelle. .

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## From Our Members



In the series' first book, "*The Vessels*" – a diverse group of strangers become human hosts for spirits that return to right wrongs from their past. As these Vessels begin their first round of spirit journeys, a serial killer's spirit returns and goes rogue in his quest for revenge.

In the second book, "*The Coin*" – the Vessels brave their most life-threatening journeys yet, and a new Vessel arrives with a shocking surprise. Meanwhile, a familiar dark spirit fights to come back through one of the ancient Vessel coins.

In this third and final installment of the series, the Vessels are in peril. Their program is under attack, Link's freedom hangs by a thread, and Sam's granddaughter is still missing after bringing Eric Bonner's deadly spirit back to this realm. When Eric forces Sam's estranged son, Governor Ron Galt, to become his Vessel, their shared thirst for power and revenge unleashes a tide of evil that threatens the soul of humankind.

Until a surprising new Spirit Guard returns. One sent to

help Sam and the Vessels stop Ron and remove Eric's spirit for good. But doing so will come at the highest price – pitting Sam against Ron, father against son, in an ultimate battle only one can survive.

After graduating from the University of Florida, Anna traveled the country working on such studio films and TV series as *Miami Vice*, *In the Heat of the Night*, *Nell*, *Practical Magic*, *12 Monkeys*, *A Time to Kill*, and *My Dog Skip*. Anna parlayed that film experience into screenwriting, then expanded into prose with her debut novels, *The Vessels* and *The Coin*. *The Return* is her third and final book in that series.

Anna has lived in Orlando for 26 years. Her lifelong passion for social justice, diversity, human and civil rights, and climate care is found throughout her books and scripts. But they are paramount in her life, as well, through her movie work, her volunteer work, and her activism. Anna helped build Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in East Orlando, and she created a Doing Justice Team that, among other outreach efforts, helped build the Samaritan Resource Center for the homeless and at-risk.

\*Anna will speak and sign books on Tuesday, December 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Writer's Block Bookstore in Winter Park (316 N. Park Ave.).

### Here's what you missed at the October Breakfast/Program



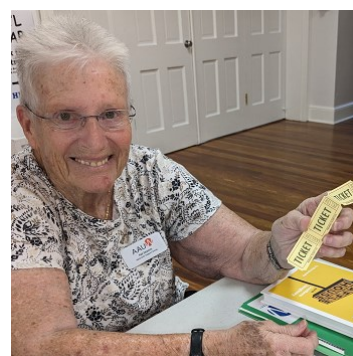
Dr. Leslie Lieberman leans in to help with her tech skills.



Speaker Dr. Ty Matejowsky talks about Waffle House.



Scholarship winners: Aubrey Sabourin & Andrea Cruz



Pat Stamm proudly holds up her winning number in the 50/50 drawing.



## Thanksgiving Lunch 11/16/2023

Thanks to all who have already given money or volunteered to provide food and drinks for the Lunch. We still are in need of some food and of course dollars are always useful. Turkeys used to be cooked by some brave members, but now we have to cater turkeys and some other food that is still needed.

Still needing:

Mashed potatoes	one half pan
Meat stuffing	one half pan
Gravy	5 quarts
Rolls	8 dozen
Butter	2 pounds



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## Miracle Bag Day 12/20/2023

Back in the old days (before COVID), members used to purchase items for the Miracle Bags, which was a lot of fun for many of us. Due to COVID, we had to change things. Now the PACE girls pick out a \$30 gift from Amazon; PACE staff gives us the list, and we order it and

have the gifts shipped to PACE. Your AAUW PACE team will meet on 12/18 to put gifts in holiday bags and add other donated items. Your donation of \$30 will give a girl a gift she really wants. There are many girls who will not get a present at home so they really appreciate the care they get from AAUW.

The girls love the crafts that they get to do on Miracle Bag Day. Your help with crafts is needed, so please let Karen Gillett know if you can assist.

We hope you can be part of Miracle Bag Day. It is such a special day for the girls as well as for the women of AAUW.

Pat Stamm Karen Gillett Roberta Cooper  
Karen Buchan Barbara Knapp  
Sue McDonald Anne Landrum

Let Karen Gillett know if you can be a server or if you are bringing food.

If you would like to donate to PACE for Thanksgiving and/or Miracle Bag Day, **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHECK TO PARVEEN, OR KAREN, OR PACE.** You can send it using Zelle (see page 3) or you can send a check made out to "AAUW - Winter Park/Orlando" with a note in the memo line indicating if this check is for Thanksgiving or Miracle Bag Day. Send the check to our P.O. Box:

AAUW  
P.O. Box 884  
Winter Park, FL 32790  
(Allow 5 days delivery time)

## COOKING GLOBALLY

Some of you may be having turkey with all the trimmings, but Cooking Globally has decided to change the menu up a bit.

Our next dining adventure will be on Tuesday, November 21. We will try Indian recipes—totally different from our Thanksgiving dishes. Adrienne will be making Chicken Korma, as one of our entrees.

Global Dining continues to be an enjoyable gathering for all who participate. We also have invited PROSPECTIVE members to "get the flavor of AAUW."

Even if our cooks aren't cooking every night for their families anymore, it's been fun learning new recipes and

sharing what we've created. One benefit is trying new cuisines so we can order dishes in restaurants that we've just learned that we like.

Adrienne Katz Katz





## VP Membership

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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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 2 of the newsletter) to get the password.

*Ann Burnham*

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**Membership directories will be available at the November 4 meeting at our cost of \$2 each. Buy two and keep one in your car!**

## VP Finance



Can you add 2 plus 2?  
Have you ever balanced your checkbook?

Then you may be the one we are looking for!

Parveen, our VP Finance, has done a magnificent job getting our finances in order. However, the job of V.P. Finance requires that person to wear many hats.

You've seen her checking in members and collecting money at our Saturday meetings, but that's just one of her hats.

In the past, we have had two VPs of Finance to share the work. Parveen has been carrying the load on her own. And while she is totally equal to the task, even super-woman needs time off now and then. Please consider joining Parveen as co-VP Finance.

As an added bonus, you get to share in the hilarity of Board meetings!

Call Parveen in January (she's off on a well-earned vacation) and find out what's involved.

November is the month when all Americans are preoccupied with turkeys. But enough about the elections, let's talk about Thanksgiving.

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You can't fool all the people all the time, but thanks to the Internet, you can now fool more of the people more of the time than you ever could before.

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After you've finished gorging yourself on a huge Thanksgiving dinner, watch one of those teeth-rattling, bone-crushing, gut-busting football games. It always helps to know that someone is in more pain than you are.

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November was the ninth month in the old Roman year. When it became the eleventh month, the Senate considered renaming it in honor of Tiberius whose birthday was on the sixteenth. But Tiberius, one of the smarter of the Roman emperors, recognized flattery when he saw it. "What's on your minds boys?" he asked. "Trying to get my help at the next election?" The Senators, caught flat-footed, changed the subject and shuffled out.



## Interest Groups

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

**Booklovers:** *Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.*

[American Library Association]

Thus begins the ALA's Bill of Rights, and its negation is the kernel of November's book selection, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. In the 60 years since its publication, Bradbury's work has, ironically, been banned, censored, or redacted by parents and teachers. May this book lead to interesting, informed discussions of past and current events.

If you are interested in learning more about our wonderful Booklovers groups, please contact me. Missy Baker, Booklovers Coordinator, [bakerworks@gmail.com](mailto:bakerworks@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, November 25. We will discuss *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at [Karen.deo@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.deo@gmail.com)

**Dining In:** Dining in will meet at the home of Jane Rosen on November 10. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or [mjcrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcrosen@hotmail.com). [Note: Dining In normally meets on the first Friday of the month.]

Dining In is currently at capacity. Several members have indicated an interest in forming a Dining In II.

**Exploring Central Florida (ECF):** ECF will meet for lunch and a tour of the Sugar Works Distillery in New Smyrna Beach on Friday, November 10. There are still spots open for the tour. If you would like to join ECF, please contact Linda to get on the email contact list at [Lfessel@Comcast.net](mailto:Lfessel@Comcast.net).

**Foreign Affairs:** The Foreign Affairs Group will meet on Sunday, November 19, at 2 p.m. Martha Williamson will lead the discussion on *"Iran at a crossroads."* The meeting will be at 1620 Mayflower Court, Winter Park 32792. Check with Mary Himes for more information: [m.waltzhimes@gmail.com](mailto: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)

Adrienne Katz Katz ([katzaid@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:katzaid@yahoo.com), cell 321-695-4445)

**Lunching Out:** Lunching Out will meet on Monday, Nov. 20 at 11:30 at V's Diner. This new restaurant is 100% vegan. Further details will be sent to those who are currently on the Lunching Out contact list. Contact Linda to be added to the Lunching Out contact list: [Lfessel@Comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:Lfessel@Comcast.net) or Karen Deo:



**The Dining In Group**

met in October at the home of Myra Gaziano for a French-themed luncheon. Salmon Salad Nicoise was the afternoon's entrée accompanied by French appetiz-

ers, a French cheese course and wonderful desserts. The Dining In foodies have been meeting monthly for over 10 years. Recently, there have been requests by AAUW members to join the Dining In Group. The current group of 8 foodies is at its full capacity, but if anyone is interested in joining, please contact Jane Rosen at 321 295-7689 or [mjcrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcrosen@hotmail.com). If there is enough interest, a Dining In Group II can be formed.

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <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	2 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	3	4  <u>9:30—11:30 a.m.</u>  <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>
5 <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> Turn your clocks back 1 hour!	6	7 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I  <b>Election Day</b>	8	9 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	10 <u>11:30-?</u> ECF: Lunch & Distillery Tour  <u>12 noon</u> Dining-In	11  <b>Veterans' Day</b>
12	13	14 <u>3 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	15	16 <b>PACE THANKSGIVING</b> <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg  <u>2:15</u> B-Lovers X*	17	18
19 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	20	21 <u>11:30</u> Cooking Globally  <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers V	22	23  <b>Happy Turkey Day!!</b>	24	25
26	27	28	29 <u>10-12</u> Board Meeting  <u>1-3</u> B-Lovers Lite	30		

- \* Booklovers IV has merged with Booklovers IX.
- \* Booklovers X has changed its day and time for this month only in order to accommodate those members attending the PACE Thanksgiving.

*A child who goes to the store and forgets what his mother sent him for will most likely grow up and go to Congress.*



"They want to do this again next year!"