



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

### DECEMBER PROGRAM



Husband and wife team John and Theresa Segers have been performing as professional entertainers together for over a quarter of a century.

Theresa sang with Orlando Opera for sixteen years. Her stage appearances include musicals at the Icehouse Theatre, the State Theatre, Moonlight Players and the Athens Theatre. Her favorite roles among those were Nimue in *Camelot* and Baroness Schraeder in *The Sound of Music*.

John's many onstage roles include Captain von Trapp in the Mark Two Dinner Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*, King Arthur in the Helen Stairs Theater production of *Camelot* and *Don Quixote* in Surfside Theater's *Man of La Mancha*.

The two have collaborated on favorites such as *My Fair Lady* (as Henry Higgins and Eliza Dolittle) and *South Pacific* (as Emile de Becque and Nellie Forbush), but it all began when they met onstage in the Osceola Center for the Arts' production of *HMS Pinafore* where the characters they played (Sir Joseph Porter and Cousin Hebe) are engaged to be married as the curtain falls.

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#### SATURDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Saturday, December 9, 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., DEC. 6

USE THE NEW RESERVATION EMAIL:



**[AAUWreserve@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWreserve@gmail.com)**

**No email? Make your reservation by  
calling Ann at 407-506-2221**

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

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**HOW TO USE ZELLE**

## From the President



Dear Friends  
Our AAUW branch, as usual, contributes its good will during this holiday season with its PACE Thanksgiving, PACE girls "Miracle Bags" and our donations to various causes. More importantly, to quote from the

*Selected Letters of George Edward Woodberry: "The Holidays are welcome to me partly because they are such rallying points for the affections which get so much thrust aside in the business and preoccupations of daily life."*

I wish you all a happy holiday season and a new year that brings you all good things!

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



1. December 9  
The Company Players
2. December 20 —  
PACE Miracle Bags
3. January 13, 2024 —  
Mzuri Moyo Aimbaye portrays  
Fannie Lou Hamer

Please consider becoming an officer:

We need a co-V.P. Membership &  
a Co-V.P Finance

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

## REMINDER: JANUARY 13, 2024

Start the year with an excellent program featuring the one-woman portrayal of Fannie Lou Hamer, the mother of African-American voting.

Come hear the remarkable story of singing nurse Lorraine Pope who became the award-winning vocalist, playwright, and actress Mzuri (beautiful) Moya (heart) Aimbaye (who sings). She has a foundation—Healing Through the Sound of Music and developed an historically powerful **one-woman show on the life of the Mother of Black Voter Registration, Fannie Lou Hamer.**

Click the link below to get a taste of what you will see and hear on Saturday, January 13. What a great way to start this extraordinary election year and to be inspired by the pioneers in the unfinished struggle for civil rights, social justice, racial and gender equity.

Mzuri MMoyo Aimbaye V.O.T.E. EPK



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

As many of you already know, the Branchline will be moving its headquarters to Lake Mary in December. As there will be a lot of equipment to pack and then unpack, new Internet services to set up, pencils to sharpen, etc., etc., there is a strong possibility that the January newsletter will not go to press on time.

Given that probability, we urge you to read the reminder above relating to the program in January. This will be a very unique program and one we hope everyone will attend.

Read the following to learn how to use **Zelle**. These instructions were first printed in the November issue of the Branchline.

## ZELLE

**A METHOD TO SEND MONEY TO A RECIPIENT THROUGH YOUR BANK. YOU ONLY NEED TO KNOW YOUR RECIPIENT'S ZELLE ACCOUNT ID. THERE ARE NO CHECKS, NO DELAY IN PAYMENT, NO MAILING.**

**MONEY IS RECEIVED WITHIN HOURS OF PAYING.**

**MOST BANKS OFFER ZELLE AS A METHOD OF PAYMENT.**

**GO TO YOUR "PAY BILLS" SECTION AND SET UP AAUW AS YOUR RECIPIENT. USE [aauwreserve@gmail.com](mailto:aauwreserve@gmail.com).**

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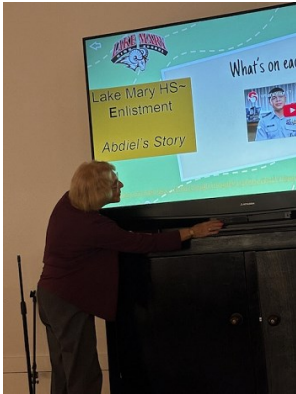
Reindeer differ from all other deer because the females have antlers like the males. The reindeer with the largest antlers is usually the boss of the herd, and since the males shed their antlers before the females do each year, the gals are often in charge. (Equity in the wild!)





## From Our Members

Here's what you missed at the November Breakfast/Program



Leslie, VP Programs, fiddles with the audio controls while guest speaker, Kristin Khole reports on the new programs in Seminole County schools for those not on a college track.



Georgiana Havill, handles the presidential duties in the absence of President Diana Secor.



Exploring Central Florida visits the Sugar Works Distillery in New Smyrna Beach (and a good time was had by all!)



"As we look back . . . we sometimes get the feeling that the whole world is worsening. It would be easy to become depressed about the future, and yet . . .

. . . And yet we are not. As we approach the end of the year, we find ourselves feeling hope, optimism, and a warm glow of happiness. Why? Because we've been hitting the eggnog. We recommend you do the same. But whatever you do: Have a Happy New Year.

Dave Barry's *History of the Millennium*





**HOLIDAY  
CELEBRATION  
Miracle Bag Day 12/20/2023**

It's that time of the year – the time when our chapter of AAUW sponsors a holiday party for the girls of PACE. Many of you have already signed up to support a girl with a Miracle Bag to be presented to that girl at the party on December 20. Each girl chooses one item totaling up to \$30. This item is ordered, wrapped, and placed in a gift bag to be given out along with various smaller gifts at the holiday party. If you adopt a girl, your name will be on her gift. There's still time!!! If you've wanted to sponsor a Miracle Bag for a PACE girl but you've been unable to do so yet, just write a check for \$30 payable to AAUW Winter Park/Orlando. Be

sure to indicate Holiday Party on the memo line. Send the check to AAUW, PO Box 884, Winter Park 32790, or bring it to our Saturday meeting on December 9. If you're newly deciding to sponsor a girl, please call either Pat Stamm (407-312-8544) or Karen Gillett (407-252-3169) to let us know your plan. Gifts are being purchased now so that chosen items will still be available. You'll be matched up with a PACE girl when we know your wishes.

All AAUW members are welcome to attend the holiday party on December 20 at PACE, 445 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park. Craft rotations begin about 8:30 and each lasts 45 minutes. Come to observe or to help. Snacks and gift distribution will follow three craft rotations. A good time is guaranteed!

Karen Gillett

It is always a joy to see the PACE girls, their families, teachers and administrators at the PACE Thanksgiving. But this year, it was especially moving to see some of our newest members jump right in as cooks and servers. Can you spot them?





## VP Membership



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Marge Fadool  
margefadool@gmail.com  
Indiana University of PA, BS Home Ec, 1968  
Carnegie Mellon, MS, Home Ec, 1973

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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.

*Ann Burnham*  
V.P. Membership  
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A year later, in a ceremony presided over by the actor (and notary) who had played the *Pinafore's* Captain, and surrounded by their former cast-mates, John and Theresa were married on the stage where they had met.



*Because the Segers have such an enormous repertoire, we've given them carte blanche to entertain us with some of their favorites as well as traditional songs of the season. ed.*

## VP Finance

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 superwoman needs a day off now and then. Please consider joining Parveen as co-VP Finance.



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

Call President Diana Secor to find out what's involved.

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## More From PACE

*Sisters-in-AAUW,*

*I am pleased to report that your PACE Thanksgiving was a huge success. We served all of the girls, family members and staff. The number of those who ate totaled just about 100. The new ED for PACE came in and enjoyed her dinner as well.*

*Your generosity in home cooked food and monetary donations was fantastic. I am so proud to be a member and serve with you in assisting those less fortunate than ourselves.*

*Hopefully, this holiday season will give you much happiness, good health and peace.  
Thank you again.*

Pat

## OKAY FINE! I'LL GO CAMPING..



**Membership directories will be available at the December 9 meeting at our cost of \$2 each. Or take advantage of this one-time offer: buy two for \$3 and keep one in your car. Or camper!**



## 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:** Falling back to standard time in November meant earlier sunsets. The nights are longer. But be of good cheer. Though the Winter Solstice on December 21 is the shortest day of the year, it signals a promise. After the 21<sup>st</sup>, we begin again our journey to more daylight.

So be of good cheer. Booklovers celebrated Pat Stamm, Karen Gillet and crew for their time and efforts on behalf of PACE. Booklovers donated \$200 from our dues collection to support their PACE holiday events.

And be of good cheer. Switch on those holiday lights. Relax and get cozy with a good book.



Celebrate Myra Gaziano's securing renowned author Tracey Enerson Wood as speaker for the Literary Luncheon. Many Booklovers groups will add Wood's *The War Nurse*, *The Engineer's Wife*, or her recently released *The President's Wife* to their reading schedules in anticipation of Wood's March 2024 talk.

We will be of good cheer. Booklovers celebrate the gift of friends and good discussions as we gather this month for holiday luncheons.

May you find time and reason to be of good cheer in the new year.

*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, December 20, at 11:30 a.m. This is a social gathering with no book discussion. 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 Lynda Hinckly on December 1, at 12 noon. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or [mjcrosen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcrosen@hotmail.com).

**Exploring Central Florida (ECF):** ECF will not meet in December. 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, December 10, at 2 p.m. at an ethnic restaurant to be determined. This is a social event without a formal discussion of a Foreign Policy Association topic. Check with Mary Himes for more information: [m.waltzhimes@gmail.com](mailto:m.waltzhimes@gmail.com)

**Global Dining aka International Cooking :** Christmas often is a busy time. For those who can, please join our Global Dining Luncheon on Tuesday, December 19, at 11:30, at Club 24. (1824 Summerfield.)

Our theme is "Your Favorite Holiday Dish!" Appetizers, side dishes, punch, salads, tea sandwiches and desserts would be welcome!

I'll make Coquito (Hispanic alcoholic drink--like eggnog!) I'll also bring rum balls. Hope to see you--we always have fun!

Please contact Adrienne Katz Katz (321-695-4445), or [katzaid@yahoo.com](mailto:katzaid@yahoo.com) to let me know you're coming.

**Lunching Out:** Lunching Out will not meet in December. 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: [Karen.deo@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.deo@gmail.com)



# DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  12 noon Dining-In	2
3	4	5  1 p.m. B-Lovers I *	6  9:30 a.m. B-Lovers IX *  10 a.m. B-Lovers VIII *  1 p.m. B-Lovers II *  1 p.m. B-Lovers VII *	7  1-4 Mahjongg    Hanukah	8	9  9:30—11:30 a.m.  GENERAL MEETING
10  2 p.m. Foreign Affairs	11	12  3 p.m. B-Lovers VI *	13	14  1-4 Mahjongg	15	16
17	18	19  11:30 Cooking Globally  1:30 B-Lovers V *	20  11:30 a.m. B-Lovers Lite *	21  1-4 Mahjongg  1:30 B-Lovers X *  Winter begins	22	23
24	25  Christmas	26  Kwanzaa	27	28  1-4 Mahjongg	29	30   31 New Year's Eve

**\*BOOKLOVERS GROUPS ARE HAVING THEIR HOLIDAY LUNCHEONS. DATES AND TIMES SHOWN ABOVE MAY NOT REFLECT ACTUAL MEETING TIMES IN DECEMBER. CHECK WITH THE LEADERS OF THE GROUPS.**

*Happy Holidays from the staff of the Branchline. Stay well. Stay safe. See you in 2024.*

