

**Orlando *** Winter Park
BRANCHLINE****FEBRUARY PROGRAM****TODAY'S SPEAKER**

Peggy Hoyt, Esq., MBA is a partner in The Law Office of Hoyt and Bryan and has been in practice for 30 years. She received her bachelors, masters and law degrees from Stetson University. She is a designated 'super lawyer' advocate, lecturer and author. Her specialties are in estate planning for women, elder law, families with

special needs children, and animal law. She has an abiding love for animals and founded Animal Care Trust, USA. She and her partner offer a series of both in person and virtual lectures on a number of estate planning issues (<https://hoytbryan.com/>).

She is the author of 14 books including: *101 Ways to F\$\$k Up Your Estate*; *All My Children Wear Fur Coats*; *Special People/Special Planning: Creating a Safe Legal Haven for Families with Special Needs*; *Loving Without a License*, *Women in Transition*; *A Matter of Trust*; *What's the Deal with Estate Planning*; and *Straight Talk about Estate Planning*. Her presentation is relevant for all of us and may be particularly helpful to our members who have recently experienced the loss of a spouse and who have questions to ask and experiences to share.

Her presentation topic is: "Coping with Unanticipated and Vexing Financial Issues with the Death of a Spouse."

SATURDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Saturday, February 10, 2024

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

AAUW

P.O. Box 884

Winter Park, FL 32790

(allow 5 days delivery time)

Make check payable to

AAUW-Orlando/Winter Park

RSVP BY WED., FEB. 6

USE THE NEW RESERVATION EMAIL:



AAUWreserve@gmail.com

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

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From the President



Dear Branch Members:
Happy February – the month of holidays, ranging from Valentines Day to National Football Hangover Day. February also has inspired a number of quotes, among them: “If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers.

February is for doers.” —Marc Parent

Our AAUW branch is heavily invested in our Scholarship programs, which include: General Scholarships for students enrolled in various programs of higher learning; sponsoring attendance at NCCWSL – National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; sponsoring attendance at Tech Trek Camp which inspires girls who have an interest in STEM subjects.

Various groups in the branch donate during the year; however, our biggest fundraiser is coming up on March 9 – the AAUW SPRING LITERARY LUNCHEON. Plan to come, -socialize, have a good time, enjoy our speaker, and silent auction. And, most importantly, support our Scholarship efforts. **

For a number of reasons, we have found ourselves losing some committee chairs. Please consider volunteering to be a **February doer** and fill a position and help our branch to carry out our goals.

Openings that need to be currently filled: Co-VP Finance, Co-VP Membership, Branch Directory, Electronic Communications, History Chair, Interest Group Coordinator, STEM Coordinator. Please contact me if you feel you can help. Have a great month!

Diana Secor, President
AAUW, Orlando/Winter Park Branch

** (Reservation form and other Information on the Literary Luncheon can found after the calendar page.)

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

Here's what you missed if you did not attend the meeting in December:



John and Theresa Segers brought their unique talents to our December Holiday Meeting. Singing together or alone, their selection of holiday and non-holiday favorites combined to produce a thrilling performance. As they are committed to AAUW's goals, they refused any payment, being content with just sharing in our brunch.

Attendance at this meeting was higher than in prior meetings. Hopefully this trend will continue. We need your presence in order to continue bringing quality and interesting programs.

Here's what you missed if you did not attend the meeting in January:



January brought us a most unusual and thrilling program as Mzuri Moya Aimbaye transformed herself into Fannie Lou Hamer, the mother of African-American voting. Her portrayal of Fannie Lou Hamer combined dialogue with African songs. Our members were transfixed by her performance.

Participation for this meeting broke another record for attendance. What a nice way to start the new year. Please keep it up!

Scholarships

Now is the time of the year to think about our Branch Scholarships. Women and men are welcome to apply. The application is fairly simple and can be found on our website. The deadline is March 1, and amounts vary each year. Applicants need at least to have been accepted at a college/university, and we tend to prefer supporting students who have already completed a couple of years of study. Applications can be emailed to me.

To refresh your memory, last year we were pleased to award seven \$1000 scholarships. Six of our seven recipients attended either the May or October meetings.

Our scholarships are funded through the proceeds from our Annual Literary Luncheon, proceeds from the 50/50 at monthly meetings, and through generous contributions from our members.

Please promote this scholarship opportunity to your friends, family, etc.

Karen Buchan

And while everyone was fascinated by Mzuri's beautiful outfit, our roving photographer caught another fashion news story—Irene Pruzan and Sherry Levy arrived wearing the same jacket! What are the odds?



VP Membership



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.

Please make the following corrections in your new directories:

Pearl Steele's correct address is:

Pearl Steele
P.O. Box 336
Penney Farms, FL 32709

Linda Fessel has moved to Oakmont Village.
1212 Royal Gardens Circle
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Cell phone/text: 689-290-8729

Rosemary Vendena's new email is:
Ro.Vendena@gmail.com

Susan Turo's phone no. is 407-773-9350

Karen Fornaro's phone no. is 407-902-8503

Karen Deo's apartment number is #335

Correct spelling: Carol Foglesong

Correct spelling: Roswitha von Ehrenkrook

Ann Burnham

V.P. Membership
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So technically Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



VP Finance



**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE
FROM
PARVEEN**

If you receive a request for dues, and the request comes from National, treat it like spam. DO NOT SEND THEM ANY MONEY!

Ignore their pleas, threats, admonishments, coercions or intimidations.

Our branch is the sole collector of your dues!!

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. We will announce when it is time to start paying your dues for 2024-2025.

And when it is our turn to ask, please don't make us plead, threaten, admonish, coerce, or intimidate.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Parveen Wahid

V.P. Finance
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Despite the misspelling, I'm sure we can all relate!

IM NOT GOING OUTSIDE



**UNTIL TEMPERATURE IS
ABOVE MY AGE.**

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:

A Wondrous Thing

As I type this, Booklovers are gathering suggestions for the 2024-25 reading season. In this our 27th year, Martha Williamson is again coordinating the publication of titles and their descriptions. With a small committee, she'll create a multi-page ballot distributed in the next few weeks to each Booklover. This teamwork and enthusiasm is a wondrous thing.

Need an idea for a good book to curl up with and relax?
Ask a Booklover. The winter will melt away.

If you are interested in learning more about our wonderful Booklovers groups, please contact me, Missy Baker, Booklovers Coordinator, 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, February 28 from 1-3 p.m. We will be discussing *I Have Some Questions For You* by Rebecca Makai. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Karen Deo at Karen.deo@gmail.com

Dining In: Dining in will meet at the home of Karen Buchan at noon on Friday, February 2. Contact Jane Rosen for more information: 321-295-7689 or mjcrosen@hotmail.com.

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): ECF will not meet until the weather improves. 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 interest group will be discussing *Trade and green energy* (Chapter 2 in our 2024 *Great Decisions* book.) Barbara Buchele will be presenting this at her home on Sunday, February 25 at 2 p.m. Her address is 1742 Barcelona Way, Winter Park. Check with Mary Himes for more information: m.waltzhimes@gmail.com

Global Dining aka International Cooking Come celebrate Mardi Gras with the Global Dining group. They meet at Club 24 (1824 Summerfield, Winter Park) on February 20, at 11:30 a.m. Find your favorite New Orleans (or "Southern") recipes. Adrienne has already called dibs on flaming bananas foster for dessert. Come one, come all and Let the Good Times Roll!

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

Lunching Out: Lunching Out is finalizing plans to meet in February. Check your emails for more 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

From Our Members

My daughter, Sharon Zegers Burbage, applied for a scholarship and it was awarded. Sharon attended UCF and completed her BA degree in Hospitality at the Rosen School of Hospitality. She is a Banquet Manager at the Marriott Hotel at Seaworld. She loves her job and especially the very nice people that she works with.

She is very grateful to the scholarship committee for awarding her such a generous scholarship. The money allowed her to finish her degree and to apply for an excellent position. The position she now has pays her very well.

Tina Sharp

(Many thanks to long-time member, Tina Sharp, for this illustration of how our scholarships can and do change lives.)



Who?

Where?

When?

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <u>12 noon</u> Dining-In Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I	7 <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	8 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	9	10 <u>9:30—11:30</u> a.m. GENERAL MEETING
11	12	13 <u>3 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20 <u>11:30</u> Cooking Globally <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers V	21	22 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg	23	24
25 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs	26	27	28 <u>10 a.m.</u> Brd. Mtg. <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers Lite	29 <u>1-4</u> Mahjongg		

The following pages are devoted to the Literary Luncheon. You can print them out to send in your reservation and seating preferences.

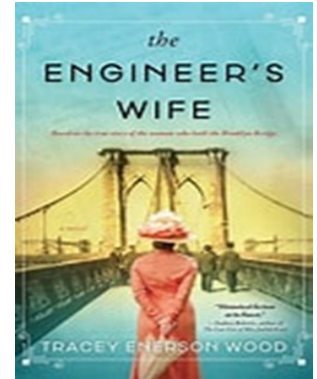
The next page is the flyer which you can use to copy and pass out to friends and family. Information on the auction item from the Dining-In Group can be found on the last two pages.

22nd Annual Spring Literary Luncheon



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Winter Park Racquet Club
2111 Via Tuscany
Winter Park, FL 32789

SPEAKER: Tracey Enerson Wood
Cost: \$55



Tracey Enerson Wood is an International and *USA Today* best-selling author who wrote *The Engineer's Wife*, *The War Nurse*, and *The President's Wife*. Wood has always had a writing bug. While working as a Registered Nurse, starting her own Interior Design Company, raising two children, and bouncing around the world as a military wife, she indulged her writing passion. She has authored screenplays, magazine columns and articles, web content, and other non-fiction, and written and directed plays of all lengths.

At the Literary Luncheon, Wood will speak briefly on her well-researched debut novel, *The Engineer's Wife*, a true story about an exceptional woman, Emily Warren Roebling, who was tasked to build the Brooklyn Bridge when her husband,

chief engineer, was injured on the job with caisson disease (decompression disease) and is bed ridden.

Wood will then lead her presentation into another sweeping historical novel, *The President's Wife*, based on the true story of the courageous widow Edith Bolling Wilson that details her enchanting courtship with President Woodrow Wilson, her steadfast wisdom through World War I, and her unflinching tenacity when she served as secret leader of the United States after her husband suffered from a stroke and was unable to carry out his duties. After the presentation, you may agree with some that Edith Wilson was the first female US president.

Reservation Form

Name (Clearly print first and last name) _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please Reserve: _____ seats @ \$55 Total: \$ _____ Number of Vegetarian Entrees: _____

All reservations, including payment, MUST be received by February 24, 2024.

Please mail this form and checks payable to AAUW Orlando-Winter Park to:

AAUW P.O. Box 884 Winter Park, FL 32790

Use next page to list everyone you prefer included at your table.

Questions? Contact Ann Burnham at Annmburnham@gmail.com 407-506-2221

I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$ _____ to AAUW

By supporting AAUW, you provide educational opportunities and legal advocacy for women and girls.

www.orlando-fl.aauw.net

AAUW Orlando/Winter Park

22nd Annual Spring Literary Luncheon

Please **Clearly PRINT** the names of all individuals you wish to be seated at your table. Sorry, sometimes we cannot accommodate all requests, but we do our best!

Only 8 persons will be seated at each table.

Please include payment for all individuals listed below.

You may send individual checks OR one check for the whole table.

Reservations must be received by Saturday, Feb 24.

NAMES and PHONE NUMBERS of persons requesting to sit at the same table:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

A Culinary Journey to Eastern Europe



At this year's Annual Literary Luncheon, the Dining-In Group will offer an unforgettable culinary Journey to Eastern Europe. The winning bidder will enjoy a fabulous dinner for seven guests in your home prepared by the Dining-In "chefs." And that's not all! Your own private butler will elegantly serve your guests for a night to remember. Don't miss your chance to bid on this delicious opportunity.

The Dining-In Group of eight discriminating foodies have been cooking together for over ten years and have traveled to Italy to enjoy hands-on cooking classes at Casa Gregorio, just south of Rome. Catered and exquisitely served, "A Journey to Eastern Europe" will be a truly memorable experience.

Please note:

- ♦ The opening bid for "Journey to Eastern Europe" for 8 persons and butler service begins at \$450.
- ♦ Winning bid includes delivery of the "Journey to Eastern Europe" dinner for 8 persons with butler service.
- ♦ Only last-minute preparations and finishing touches will be done in the hostess's home.
- ♦ The hostess will provide linens, china, cutlery, and other table service items.
- ♦ Beverages will be provided by the hostess unless indicated in the menu.
- ♦ Unfortunately, special diets cannot be accommodated.
- ♦ The "Journey to Eastern Europe" dinner will be provided at the convenience of the hostess, but please, no holiday weekends.

See the MENU on the next page.

JOURNEY TO EASTERN EUROPE

MENU

APPETIZERS

Marinated pickled eggs served with baby sugar beets; Kielbasa bites;
handmade potato and prune pieroghi served with caramelized onions
Brown bread – Sparkling Wine

SOUP

Bread Crumb Soup with Spinach

SALAD

Sliced cucumbers and radishes in a dill vinaigrette over mixed greens

MAIN ENTRÉE

Chicken PaprikashorBeef Stroganoff
Served on buttered noodles
and
Roasted root vegetables a la Polonaise
Crusty artisan bread

DESSERT

Rustic plum tart
Russian tea cakes
Hungarian kiffels