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January 11, 2023 Program
12:00 Noon at the Fortnightly of Chicago

Activist Jennifer Miller

**Luncheon reservations and cancellations are due no later than 6:00 PM
Thursday January 5th.**

**Call: Pat Adelberg - (847) 588-0911
or Peggy Kuzminski - (cell) (773) 710-863
for reservations**

PROGRAM

Jennifer Miller, an FAW member, will talk about her extensive experiences with Heartland Alliance International, an organization that assists victims of torture and abuse in the developing world.

Menu for Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 – FAW Lunch

1. Roasted beets, citrus whipped goat cheese, arugula, walnuts, walnut vinaigrette
2. Garlic & oregano spiced chicken, hummus, Delicata squash, pepitas, pomegranate balsamic reduction
3. Hazelnut mousse, chocolate cake, orange cream

You don't want to miss this event! Make your reservation ASAP. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon in the main floor dining room of the Fortnightly Club of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place. The Fortnightly has COVID-19 safety measures in place. The seating is tables of 6 – 8 socially distanced. Proof of vaccination is no longer required. **Please remember that vegetarian meal requests are special order, and the Fortnightly chef only prepares the number of meals that are requested. Do not ask the staff for a vegetarian meal at the luncheon if you did not pre-order one at the time of your reservation.**

✓ Cost is \$45.00 Pay by check(preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also.

✓ Vegetarian meals should be requested at the time you make your reservation.

✓ You must call to cancel your reservation, otherwise you will still be charged.

✓ Group reservations - please only have one person make the group request to avoid confusion.

✓ You may request a permanent (standing) reservation for all the meetings. You must then call and cancel any program you can't attend—otherwise FAW is still charged for your meal and we must charge you.

President's Corner



Bookstore Memories

Last month, President Ida Hagman shared her memories of working at a bookstore, prompting

Sheryl Mylan to share this wonderful memory of visiting Kroch's and Brentano's.

“When I was in high school, my best friend Jeanne and I would always end our weekly shopping trips in Oak Park with a stop at the Kroch's and Brentano's on Lake Street. The staff at the store kindly allowed two teenage girls to sit undisturbed on a pile of books for hours as we sampled works in the classics section. I started reading "The Miller's Tale" in *Canterbury Tales*." I knew Chaucer's name, although I had never read any of his work until that fateful afternoon. My fourteen-year old mind was shocked that an acclaimed literary master would write such a ribald story. I stumbled over the Middle English, reading the bawdiest passages again and again trying to comprehend what I was reading, then pointing them out to my friend and asking if they meant what I thought they did. Meanwhile, Jeanne read passages from Dante's *Inferno* and we imagined who we'd send to various circles of hell. We also learned about more contemporary movements, and our worlds expanded as we read Ginsberg's *Howl* and the works of Lawrence Ferlinghetti, and dreamed about places like the City Lights Bookstore--all while sitting quietly and enraptured in the middle of the store, Our regular reading adventures at the School of Brentano's continued until we went off to college. I'll always remember this as a truly a magical place and memorable time in my life.”

FAW members, do you have any memories of a special bookstore? Let me know and I will include them in my next month's message.

AWARDS COMMITTEES

Both the Young People's Literature and Adult Literature committees report a solid beginning to the reading year. The committees have met and the evaluation and discussion of books is underway.