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AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH

MONTHLY MEETING at NEW LOCATION

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285

Thursday, September 14 at 12:30 (11:45 for POT LUCK LUNCH)

Pamela Clifford, program, Lynn Crandall, hospitality

Hostesses: Anne Russell, chair, Nancy Bradtmiller, Jan D'Ambrosio, Georgie Ann Fedako, Mary Al Jagon, Judy Kolk, Pat Ritner, Ruth Shaweker, Connie Smith, Maggie Surwilo.

PROGRAM: AAUW Scholarship Recipients' Popular College Programs

Speaker – Allison Nash from State College of Florida

VENICE BRANCH SPONSORS STEM EVENT

Marge Ostrom

Thanks to planning by Suzanne Costa, Pat Weber and Ellen Franck, girls who were nominated by their teachers and applied but were not selected to attend Florida Tech Trek 2017 got to participate in a local STEM event on June 13. Of the 18 girls invited to visit Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota for a day of planned STEM activities under the guidance of one of Mote's Education Staff, six accepted and three came: Tia Laforet from Imagine School in North Port, Victoria Haranda from Sky Academy in Englewood and Kylie Robbins from Sky Academy. Pat Weber and Marge Ostrom chaperoned.



The girls started in the morning with a guided tour, learning about the many marine species at Mote. Their favorites were the river otters, the sharks and the large preserved squid, Molly the Mollusk. After lunch instructor Eilene Todd engaged the girls in several science experiments. Ms. Todd's enthusiasm for her work was contagious and soon the girls were busily testing water samples to determine if the amounts of acidity, turbidity and salinity would support scallops living in the estuary. Using microscopes, they explored microorganisms in samples of gulf water. A discussion of possible careers in science followed with Kylie and Victoria wanting to be engineers and Tia, a gaming programmer. The day ended with the girls searching for sea creatures in the nearby estuary. They were delighted to find shrimp, crabs and a small flounder, all of which were returned safely to their habitats in the sea grass.

Hopefully, as we go forward, we can expand interest in a STEM program for those girls not selected from the pool of nominees who apply to Florida Tech Trek.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathleen Pickering



It is the beginning of another great year for AAUW Venice. I am honored to be your president for the next two years and I really look forward to working with you and getting to know more of you.

Before my term began, I attended our National Convention in Washington D.C. Through my careers with the Girl Scouts and Big Brothers Big Sisters I have been to many conventions, but I would say this one was on top. Everything was well organized and the speakers were excellent. Opening the convention speaker was Judy Woodruff, anchor and managing editor of The PBS News Hour. She gave us an overview of the press today and even gave us an inside look at Fake News.

Thursday was dedicated to Capitol Hill Lobby Day. We had appointments with the offices of all elected officials where we told them the importance of keeping the funding for Title IX and that we would like them to find ways for women students to pay down their school debt since many make less than their male counterparts. All listened and we are hopeful our voices were truly heard.

Our new national Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Churches was also introduced to us. She is passionate to help us all make a difference to girls and women. Award recipients Tererai Trent, PhD and Laura L Dunn, JD gave us insight into how our mission played out in their lives of education for girls and legal advocacy for women and girls. Our evening wrapped up with Justice Sonia Sotomayor having a roving discussion with us. All in all, it was a great happening. The next convention will not be until 2021. I would encourage you all to think about attending. See our mission come to life.

And, once again Florida was one of the top ten states for AAUW and our Venice branch was in the top 50 in the country.

Right after the convention, I packed my suitcase and headed to Wisconsin for three weeks to be with our daughter and many other relatives. It was a fun time and I visited the House on the Rock, Taliesin, and the Baraboo Circus museum.

Now it is time for me to get to business and ensure we have a power packed year for AAUW. We will be meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran church for both the board meeting and the monthly meeting.

Please let me know if you have ideas for our meetings or just anything. I would love to hear from you.

See you in September or whatever month you come back to Venice.

REMINDER

It is Board policy not to include members' personal contact information in public documents, such as Venice Views.

If you need to contact a member, refer to your Directory. The Directory is also available on the Members Only section of the Branch website.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Paula Dulski, Membership Director

We give a warm welcome to the ten members who have joined in the last six months. We look forward to engaging with them as they attend the monthly meetings and participate in the various committees, interest groups and fundraisers.

Tricia Cook, Lynda Friedman, Jan Middendorf and Cheryl Tortora joined in March.
Julie Fiedler and Lydia Russo joined in April.
Sylvia Irish and Susan Graves joined in May.
Lynn Crandall and Meryl Balko joined in June.

There are eleven members who we are proud to recognize for their long-term commitment to AAUW. They are our respected veterans who have much to offer. Many have been members in multiple branches.

Our branch has 8 women who have been members for over 50 years. They are Doris Larson (71 years), Jill Uzell (68 years), Mary Fritz (65 years), Shirley Bethke (63 years), Kathy Dierstein (57 years), Patricia Boruff (57 years), Jane Brodt (53 years), and Lois Minnich (52 years). Nancy Pike is almost there with 49 years.

Our two Life Members are Adele Cohill who joined in 1979 and Carol Wollert who joined in 1982. They prepaid 20 years of their National Dues to become Life Members.

NEW MEMBERS

Meryl Balko



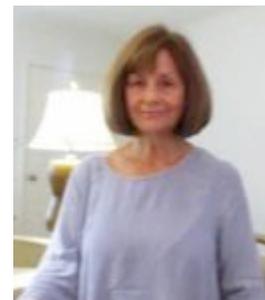
I was raised in Des Moines, Iowa and moved west for college before settling in San Diego, CA. for 35 years. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Colorado and my Master of Science degree in Environmental Biology from San Diego State University. I worked for almost 30 years for the City of San Diego, holding the positions of Deputy Planning Director and Deputy Library Director and also working on a habitat conservation program. My husband and I moved to Venice full-time in 2013. My interests include outdoor activities, watercolor painting and reading. I

love learning new things! Recently single, I'm looking for new friends and activities and opportunities to travel.

Sylvia Irish

My husband and I moved to Venice, Florida from Indianapolis, Indiana in 1986. I joined AAUW in Florida after moving, and made many new friends. I attended Ball State University for my undergraduate degree in Education, then Indiana University for my Masters in Education. After teaching Second Grade in Indiana, I taught Kindergarten in Florida. I retired from teaching in June after 46 wonderful years!

My interests include gardening, reading, crafting, and cooking. I am most excited to rejoin AAUW upon retirement and look forward to all the AAUW activities.



Lynn Munroe Crandall

Lynn graduated with a BS degree from the University of Wisconsin and MS degree from Northern Illinois University. She spent two years in Germany and Austria researching her Master's Thesis. After graduation she joined her family's agribusiness, Munroe Egg Farm. Subsequently she was employed by Kuczarski Innovation in Chicago where she rose to Vice President of Finance and Operations.



She was president of her local chamber of commerce in Illinois and served as a founding committee member of Family Promise of South Sarasota County. She is currently a member the marketing and development committee of the Venice Symphony and the Board of Directors of the Venice Theatre.

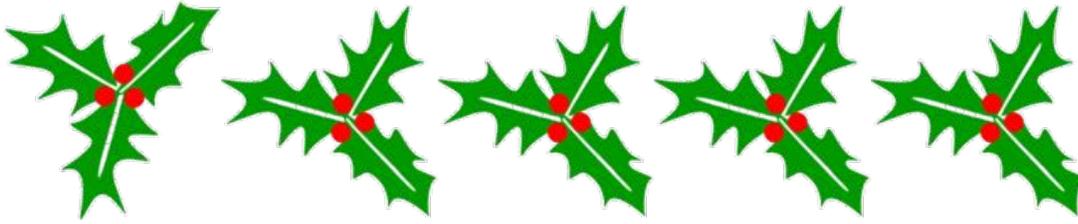
Since retiring to Venice in 2008 Lynn and her husband, Jim, have been very enthusiastic supporters of the Venice Theatre, Venice Symphony, Florida Studio Theater, Family Promise of South Sarasota County, the Sarasota Symphony, and the Sarasota Opera.

September Birthdays

- 2 Joyce Boot
- 2 Anne Finger
- 3 Concetta Smith
- 3 Barbara Von Papen
- 5 Jane Brodt
- 5 Georgie Ann Fedako
- 6 Joan Houston
- 7 Dottye Yakovakis
- 12 Patricia Boruff
- 15 Karen Limkemann
- 17 Joan Fagnoli
- 25 Judy Evenson
- 25 Kathleen Grossenbacher
- 26 Donna Shader
- 29 Dorothy Korwek
- 30 Donna McQuain



*Sunshine contact is
Nancy Bradtmiller*



2017 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

CO-CHAIRS: Karen Cianci and Lynn Fox

VENUE: Venice Yacht Club

DATE: Thursday, December 14th

TIME: 11:30am – time for socializing and holiday trivia

LUNCH SERVED: 12:15pm

COST: \$35.00

Please join all your AAUW friends for a festive holiday lunch.

Menu choices include:

CHICKEN CREPES: crepes with chicken and leek filling, topped with chevre, mango, and toasted almonds, served with rice pilaf; or

PISTACIO CRUSTED SALMON: salmon with orange Valencia reduction, served with rice pilaf and chef selected vegetable; or

SEASONAL VEGETABLE RISOTTO: Arborio rice slow cooked with seasonal vegetables and veggie stock, finished with parmesan cheese and butter

All served with a small house salad with clementine dressing, rolls and butter, key lime pie, and coffee, tea, or iced tea.

Tickets available to purchase mixed drinks, beer and wine.

The festivities will begin with a holiday themed trivia game, so bring your thinking caps. For those who aren't aware, the Board has decided to discontinue the basket silent auction. There will be a 50/50 raffle for those interested.

We were lucky to secure Chris and Karen Romig for our entertainment. They are a flute and piano duo and their program will be an eclectic blend of classical, jazz, and holiday music.

Luncheon tickets will be available at all meetings beginning this September. You may also mail your check made out to AAUW Venice Branch to Karen Cianci. Please indicate your menu choice.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2017-18

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Anne Finger

Armchair Travelers is looking for members to share their travel or living experiences in other lands. This group meets 5 times a year in November, January, February, March and April at members' homes. One member presents her travel itinerary and encounters which results in a sharing of other participants' knowledge or curiosity about that area. Discussion is often wide-ranging and very illuminating about the subject area. The travel club may meet in the traveler's home or that of another member. Attendance is limited to capacity in the hostess's home but a waitlist is also created.

If you've had a travel experience you would like to share please contact Anne Finger to schedule a time to get to know your fellow club members better and have fun in this small group.

BOOK CLUB

Barbara Martinage

Readers all - whether you enjoyed the summer beaches of Florida or are returning from the north or some exotic vacation, come share your favorite summer read with a great bunch of AAUW Book Club ladies. Everyone is always welcomed and you may find your next great read and perhaps make a new reader friend as well. The first meeting is Monday, September 11 at 1:30 at the Jacaranda Public Library at the intersection of Jacaranda Ave and Woodmere.

AAUW Book Club Selected Reads 2016-2017 Jacaranda Public Library 1:30 p.m.			
	BOOK	AUTHOR	LEADER
September 11	GO-Round <small>Members share comments on their "Summer Reads"</small>		Anne Finger
October 9	A Novel of Monet: Claude & Camille	Stephanie Cowell	Dottie Bingman
November 13	The Invisible Thread	Laura Schroff	Barb Martinage
December 11	Calling Invisible Women	Jeanne Ray	TBA
January 8	America's First Daughter	Stephanie Bray & Laura Kamole	Mary Lou Theford
February 12	Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin	Jill Lepore	Paula Dulski
March 12	The Wonder	Emma Donoghue	Lynda Weston
April 9	A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley	Lydia Russo
May 14*	OPEN – Sarasota All County Read		Ann Finger

*This month was unscheduled so we might consider and incorporate the All County Read if appropriate.

BRIDGE FOR FUN

Anne Russell and Georgie Ann Fedako

- ✚ We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, year round, starting at 11:15am, location subject to change.
- ✚ We play 3 rounds of bridge, with 6 hands per round, changing partners for each round and using Chicago Scoring.
- ✚ We order and enjoy lunch usually between the 1st and 2nd round and are usually finished by 3pm.
- ✚ All players pay \$1 for prizes. Advance sign up is required, see the monthly Venice Views for this information.
- ✚ A list of players will be emailed to all one week before each date of play.

COOKS CORNER

Janet Schotz

A group of members who enjoy preparing food meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month between October and May. Each participant brings a dish incorporating a chosen theme and we discuss the recipes after eating them. Dishes are not judged and we often have a lot of laughs over failures!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Karen Mullen

AAUW Duplicate Bridge is for those players who play at the intermediate level or higher.

During each session, partners are drawn at random. Play is scored according to ACBL scoring guidelines.

Duplicate Bridge meets at Mission Valley on the first and third Thursdays. Play begins at 11:30 and ends by 3:30. A variety of lunch selections is available with drinks and a cookie. Cost is \$14, including tax and gratuity. Those wishing to play should contact Karen Mullen.

EUCHRE

Mary Al Gagnon

The Euchre group meets at Pelican Pointe Club house on the first and third Fridays of the month from 12 noon until 3 pm. If you are interested in playing Euchre send your name and email address to Mary Al and she will put you on the Euchre email list.

EVENINGS OUT

Melanie and Lois Odom

We go to dinner at restaurants in the Venice area. We order from the menu, enjoy the food and each other. We have had some wonderful meals and lots of good times. Evenings Out meets the third Wednesday of the month from October through April at 6p.m., skipping December because that time is always so close to Christmas. So, think about joining us and sign up for our first event in October.

EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA

Nancy Vass Gorno

Exploring with Your Camera is a special interest group that was started four years ago for those that like to take photos. The group meets on the third Monday morning of every month. They choose a different location near Venice each month. The women use digital cameras, cell phones and iPads. When the women share the photos they have taken, it is amazing how differently they each express themselves through their camera. The group usually ends the morning with lunch or coffee together.

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Jane Metcalf

We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 10:30, just before the Bridge for Fun group at Jacaranda West CC. You don't need to be fluent in French. We enjoy discussing various subjects and try our best to do it in French.

INTERCLUB BRIDGE

Barbara Stevens

For several years AAUW members have been participating in an interclub bridge tournament with other clubs in the area, such as Boca Royale, Mission Valley, Venice Golf and Country Club, etc. With eight teams, we play seven times for the competition, usually on the fourth Monday of the month. AAUW has a strong team and has usually come in first or second in the competition. Last year we won all but one game and came in first. Through this activity, we have met many genial women, promoted AAUW to the group and even recruited a few members for our branch.

If you would be interested in this competitive duplicate game, please call or email Barbara Stevens. You should be accustomed to modern conventions and duplicate strategies. Our first game will be Monday, October 23, so scheduling will be done very soon. Don't delay if you are interested.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Susan Farstrup

Kaleidoscope is a discussion group that meets on the third Tuesday.

The topic for September is *During your lifetime, what changes have you observed about the role of women in American society and culture? Which changes do you consider positive, which are negative? What further changes would you like to see?*

The topic for October is *How might we raise our children, both girls and boys, in a way that fosters gender equality?*

Members are invited to suggest a topic for future discussions. Send your ideas to Susan.

LUNCH BUNCH ETC.

Mary Greenberg and Paula Choyke

Usually lunch, but it could be brunch, or happy hour. We intend to mix it up! Whatever it is, it will be fun. Third Wednesday of the month and times will vary.

MAHJONGG FOR FUN

Mitzie Fiedler

Please join us on Friday afternoons, the first and third week of each month, from 1-3 pm for Mahjongg. The first week of each month will be geared for beginning Mahjongg players. We'll be glad to teach you! It will be played for no money and no stress! The third week will be geared for intermediate to advanced players. It will have a \$3 limit and even if you lose all, you can still play and have a chance to regain your money! The game will rotate between houses of interested players. If interested, please contact Mitzie.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Bea Holt

Outdoor Adventure meets several times a season, organized by email. The group offers a variety of activities. Some activities are strenuous such as zip lining, kayaking, and biking. Others are less so: tai chi, boating, farmer's market shopping and manatee viewing. Adventures are selected by group suggestions. Usual hours are 9 am-3 pm with lunch and car pooling. All members are welcome to come along.

PLAY READERS

Fran Brinkman

Play readers are just that! We get together and read plays.

We meet the fourth Thursday at 10 AM at Fran's house in October, January, February, March, and April. We have done several programs for AAUW and other organizations that have requested us.

INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

Several members have suggested creating new interest groups in the following areas:

- Hand and Foot – This is an easy to learn card game – a version of Canasta.
- Sew Fun - This group would get together for crafts (knitting, crafting, sewing, etc.) and conversation.
- Financial Fitness for Women – This group would discuss and learn more about investing and other financial topics of interest and importance to women.
- Theatre - Enjoy a play at one of the area's many fine theatres with your fellow AAUW members once a month.

We need to find out who might be interested to determine the level of potential participation. If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, or have another interest you'd like to suggest, please contact the SIG Chair, Fran Potter at veniceaauwSIGs@gmail.com. You can also sign up on the Indication of Interest sheets for these groups at the SIG Table at the September meeting.

SUMMER FUN



Cruising on the Intercoastal



Afternoon Tea at Flynn's

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR **SEPTEMBER**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
F	1	1-3	Mahjongg for Fun	Mitzie Fiedler	This game is geared for beginning players.
F	1	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
T	5	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church room 103
W	6	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home.
Th	7	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	8	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Jacaranda West Country Club.
F	8	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch. You must sign up in advance.
M	11	2:00	Book Group	Barbara Martinage	Discussion of summer reads at the Jacaranda Library.
Th	14	12:30	General Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch	Hospitality: Lynn Crandall Program: Pamela Clifford	Lunch served at 11:45 EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
F	15	Deadline for October Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aaувveniceviews@gmail.com
F	15	1-3	Mahjongg for Fun	Mitzie Fiedler	This game is geared for experienced players.
F	15	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	18	10:00	Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Vass Gorno	Meet at Nancy's home. Shoot still life and plan 2017-18 locations. For information contact Nancy Gorno.
T	19	2:00	Kaleidoscope	Susan Farstrup	Meet at Susan's home. Contact Susan for gate info. See SIG list on page 9 for topic.
W	20	4:00	Lunch Bunch ETC	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Happy hour at The Table Creekside Restaurant 5365 S Tamiami Trail in Sarasota.
Th	21	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	22	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Jacaranda West Country Club.
F	22	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch. You must sign up in advance.

AAUW BUDGET 2017 - 2018

Retained Earnings

Venice Views.....	117.82
Prepaid Dues	3956
Non-Traditional Scholarships	25,844
American Fund	1300
Girls Activities	350
National Convention.....	600
BALANCE FORWARD	32,167.82
Prepaid Dues 2017-2018	-3956
Available Funds in Reserve	28,211.82

INCOME

Branch Dues	5035
Monthly Meetings	980
Directory.....	0
Venice Views.....	135
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	6150

FUNDRAISERS

Holiday Luncheon.....	4200
Scholarship Luncheon.....	3500
Home Tour Tickets and Raffle.....	20,400
Home Tour/After Party.....	1600
Home Tour/Donations Artisans & Misc..	1000
Patriotic Bridge	500
Play Readers/Local Scholarship Donations ...	0
Donations (2018 Giving Challenge)	5000
TOTAL FUNDRAISER INCOME.....	36,200

TOTAL INCOME.....42,350

EXPENSES

Florida Annual Report	136
IRS 501 c3 990N	0
Liability Insurance.....	185
Programs	150
Memorials	100
Officers and Chairs	325
Misc. (Bank, fees, etc.).....	500
Venice Views.....	150
Girls Activities	300
Website Maintenance	120
Promotional.....	100
Tech Trek.....	2000
Directory	200
Monthly Meetings.....	884
National Convention	0
President's Gift	0
TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES	5150

DONATION EXPENSES

Holiday Luncheon	3700
Scholarship Luncheon	2500
Home Tour	2000
Patriotic Bridge	0
Scholarships	15,000
American Fellowship Fund	10,000
Tech Trek (2018 Giving Challenge)	4000
TOTAL DONATION EXPENSES	37,200

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES **42,350**



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