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

MONTHLY MEETING

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Punch Hall, 400 East Field Ave., Venice, FL 34285

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

Kathleen Pickering, program, Judith Ammerman, hospitality

PROGRAM: Quality Years of Life presented by Dr. Leigh Treco

Hostesses: Paula Choyke, chair, Denise DeLong, Emily Jennings, Jane Metcalf, Carol Cudia, Phyllis Barth, Dottie Bingman

HOME & ART February 10, 2017

Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien, Co-chairs

Our collaboration with Venice Art Center brings a new dimension to this year's Home Tour. As we expand the reach and scope of the Tour we are also expanding the day's events – capping off this year's Tour with a festive celebration – think wine, cheese and entertainment – at the Venice Art Center.

Here are highlights of the day:

- Five extraordinary homes – featuring unique designs, styles and art – to tour from 10 to 4. More on each of these homes, selected for their architecture and artwork, on the following page. Tour tickets are \$20.
- At each home - a Plein Air artist will be painting outdoors and an artisan will be displaying her work available for sale. The Plein Air paintings will be auctioned at the **HOME & ART Celebration** in the afternoon. Fabulous raffle baskets will be on display at one of the homes.
- The Venice Art Center's Art Caffe, known for proprietors Pasquale and Giselle's delicious food, will have box lunches available during the Tour for \$10. These must be ordered in advance. Full details to be provided with tickets.
- Our new signature event is the **HOME & ART Celebration** at the Art Center from 4 to 6. We'll have wine, cheese and music by Women of Steel - all for only \$10. Plus the auction of Plein Air art and drawings for the raffle prizes (winners do not need to be present to win). Also, think about staying at the Art Center after the Wine and Cheese Celebration! Dinner reservations at Art Caffe will be available after 6:00 p.m.

The Venice Art Center is very excited about partnering with AAUW for this exceptional event. In addition to providing the wonderful location for our **HOME & ART Celebration**, they will be promoting the event and selling tickets.

We have lined up four other great venues for tickets sales beginning in early January: Cardware, 1224 Jacaranda Blvd.; Down Island Way Boutique, 225-2 W. Miami Ave.; Venice Olive Oil Co., 101 W. Venice Ave.; and Collector's Gallery and Framery, 114 Nokomis Avenue South. We will be distributing posters in the downtown area and beyond as well as participating in the Art Walk, the Farmer's Market and more.

Tickets will be distributed to members at the January 12th meeting. Those who are unable to attend the meeting can contact Suzanne Biviano for tickets.

Another exciting event - Art in the Afternoon. See next page for details.

HOME & ART

2017 Tour Homes



1—Vintage 50's * 217 Park Blvd. S * Retro, vintage, original are a few of the amazing features in this typical 1950's Venice home. Surprises abound as one moves through space after space to observe many of the original home's characteristics and the outstanding art from several regional artists. "Surprise" is an understatement!

2—Island Carriage Home * 325 Salerno St. * Expect the unexpected! Traditional exterior, but contemporary interior. Soaring heights and unusual uses of space highlight this specialized home, which is unique to the Island. Basketball anyone? Join in the fun. Enjoy the playfulness of this owner's personally designed home. And did we say art? Yes, larger than life.

3-European Swagger * 553 Lake of the Woods Dr. * Modern, trendy art and sculptures, including John Lennon's fingerprint, is expressed by the International personality of this fun-loving owner. Enjoy this open, expansive home with stunning water views through the picture frame lanai.

4—Inland Seaside * 555 Laurel Cherry Lane * Be transported into a seaside village upon entering this delightful and cheery home loaded with memorabilia of youthful memories and ongoing collections of the owners' favorite hobbies. Coastal art and sculptures grace the walls and lanai. Would you believe 70,000 shark's teeth? So much fun playing "Can You Find It?" They're peeking at you!

5—Portraits, Portraits * 2009 White Feather Dr. * Classic features encompass this lovely home overlooking the fairway of Calusa Lakes Golf Course. A passion of the owner is portrait painting with an emphasis in pastels. Note the unique collection of artistic furniture and paintings.

AAUW and ISLANDWALK present ART IN THE AFTERNOON

A performance of songs, stories, paintings and photos

January 10th at 1 p.m. at the event center at Islandwalk. **R.S.V.P. to Trena Kelly for gate access.**

Enjoy viewing paintings and photos from AAUW members and Islandwalk residents. Then sit back and listen to writers/storytellers give their interpretation of the painting and a musician sing a song about the painting. Finally, the painter/photographer will stand and tell you what they intended to capture when they painted/photographed.

Paula Dulski and Lois Odom have art featured, and the AAUW writers are Kathleen Schwartz and Donna Costa.

There is NO charge for this delightful presentation, and light refreshments will be served.

Address: 13605 Tantino Blvd. Venice (North Port) 34293. South on Rt. 41. After you see the arches on the right saying, "Welcome to North Port West Villages," you will make your first right into Islandwalk. After entering the gate, drive straight until the dead end. You will see 2 Clubhouse buildings in front of you. Turn right and park in front of the building on the right—which is the Event Center. Come on in and be entertained.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marge Ostrom

Happy New Year to all of you! Here is a message from our State President, Shirley Reid to start the New Year:



"As we come to the end of 2016, let us reflect on and celebrate the many accomplishments of our AAUW Florida Branches in our quest to empower women and girls. It has been good! I thank you for your unselfishness, your time, talents and diligence that you have given to AAUW this year. You are all 'amazing' women. Now let us 'step' together with much enthusiasm and welcome the New Year, full of things that have never been. I do believe that together we are stronger."

The Venice Branch looks forward to another successful year as we prepare for our major fundraiser, our February 10th Home Tour, and attend Art in the Afternoon on January 10th. For both of these events, we will be collaborating with the Venice Art Center to increase our appreciation of the arts and enhance our mission.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our Non-traditional scholarship program, Tech Trek 2017, the Legal Advocacy Fund and our American Fellowship Fund with your time and your donations. We are currently seeking applicants for our Non-Traditional Scholarship Program. Visit our Venice branch website to see our new online application under Scholarships.

Include AAUW in your New Year resolutions by joining a different SIG group, volunteering for the Home Tour, signing up for an LAF event, or making new friends.

2017 is off to a great start!



Pianists Betty Badawi and Cinnie Schein provided opening music at the Holiday Luncheon. A hearty thank you to Pam Clifford, Chris Cains and their committee for organizing this lovely event.

LAF DINNERS

Beth Gamel

Do you savor the exquisite taste of Russian cuisine or succulent seafood with lemon? Perhaps you favor an ample brunch with farm fresh quiche and newly picked strawberries. Then again, you can attend the crazy St. Patty Party with many of your AAUW friends. You are invited to any or all of these parties by making a \$35 donation to LAF for each event and each person. All you do is call your hostess for a reservation and mail her your non-refundable check. Then enjoy! Questions? Call Beth Gamel.

Jan 24th Russian Dinner with show by Penny Nuttleman and Judy Bosch (5 openings)

Feb 25th Mimosa Brunch with Ellen Franck, Trena Kelly and Marie Ruvolo (12 openings)

March 11th Irish dinner and drinks with Bev Weltzien and Judy Keeler (10 openings)



Members check out baskets at Holiday Luncheon. Thank you to everyone who donated a basket and purchased raffle tickets, providing support for our scholarships for women and girls.



Ruth Shaweker, Barbara Rao and Paula Choyke check in guests at the Holiday Luncheon.

Photos by Barbara Zittel

Member Spotlight: Meet Kathy Black

Judy Houston

When she moved to Venice in 2009, Kathy Black was an AAUW member in her home state of New York. She noticed an announcement from the Venice chapter and brought herself to a meeting.



It didn't take long to recognize her

organizational talents. For seven years, from 2010 to 2016, she co-chaired the Venice chapter's annual home tour, which underwrites re-entry scholarships. She's quick to share the credit for this successful fundraiser. "It takes more than a hundred volunteers to staff these homes, not to mention additional people to manage parking."

What does it take for a home to land a spot on our AAUW home tour? She laughs, "Basically someone willing to let 1,000 people to come through their home on a single day." One of the perks of heading up this project is "meeting the homeowners ahead of time, finding out what makes them passionate about their homes." She notes that one of last year's homeowners was Beverly Weltzien, who went on to become an AAUW member and, with Jan Harris, is now co-chair of the 2017 home tour. About that, she says, "I'm thrilled that it is in good hands with Bev and Jan."

For two years, from 2013 to 2015, Kathy wore two hats, the second as the chapter's president. While she has stepped down from these roles, she's still very active. She has taken on the role of chapter historian and is very involved in the outdoor adventure group. She recommends that new members get involved in these interest groups. "It's where you meet likeminded women who can become lifelong friends."

A graduate of the State University College at Buffalo, she has a degree in Family and Consumer Education, a discipline which grew out of what was called home economics in the past. It encompasses culinary skills, clothing design, financial/consumer education and child development. She taught both at the middle and high school levels, primarily in Corinth, a town in the foothills of the New York Adirondacks.

Husband Steve, also an educator, was a principal, and the couple moved several times because of his career changes. "We even moved to Key West, Florida, once," she laughs. That move came during a very cold winter in upstate New York when they sent resumes to "anyplace we could think of that was warm." Key West

responded and they moved there for a year but left because Steve's focus was elementary level education, which meant a move back to New York State.

Aside from teaching, Kathy's passions are fashion design and architecture and interior design. She says she inherited her love of sewing from her mother and grandmother and has made at least 50 wedding dresses. She and her husband are currently updating a home in Sorrento Woods in Nokomis.

Kathy's has two daughters, one a lawyer for the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C. and the other completing a Ph.D. in volcanology, a subset of geology, in Colorado. "I'm thrilled that I raised two wonderful women who share my support of the AAUW message of equality, philanthropy and advocacy for women and girls."

NEW MEMBER

Judy Any received her BS in Elementary



Education from Slippery Rock State Teachers College. She loved teaching 2nd and 5th grade students for 37 years. In 2003 her husband said he was going to spend the winter months in FL with or without her that compelled her to retire. She and her husband will celebrate their 50th

anniversary this year. She has one daughter, Megan, and two grandchildren, Gaven and Maelan who live in Charleston, SC.

Until she became a 'snowbird' she lived her entire life in New Castle, PA. She is now a part-time resident of Heron Creek in North Port. Her interests are golf, reading, travel, listening to NPR, watching cooking shows and attending plays at the Asolo. She goes to the Shaw Festival every summer at Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario.

Sunshine

*Ronnie Storch - sympathy
death of husband
Roberta Cardamon - support
Bud Weber - surgery
Walter Seman - surgery*

SIG NEWS

Armchair Travelers is looking for members to share their travel experiences at meetings in member's homes on the 3rd Thursday at 1:30 PM on March 16 and April 20. Please contact Anne Finger if you are interested in this group, may have a story to tell or wish to be on the email list.

Book Club members extend a warm welcome to newcomers and to those who may have interest in discussing our book selection for January 9th, We Are Called To Rise by Laura McBride. Ellen Franck is the leader of the month so we can be assured of a wonderful discussion. Members will again be bringing gently used children's books to be delivered to the Immokalee Mission Peniel. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate some of those books your grandchildren have outgrown bring them to the next AAUW meeting. Our SIG group meets at the Jacaranda Library at 1:30. For more information call Barbara Martinage.

KALEIDOSCOPE – January's discussion will be hosted by Betty Badawi. She draws upon this group's name for the topic.

*Kaleidoscope (Merriam-Webster Dictionary): (1) an instrument containing loose bits of colored material between 2 flat plates and 2 mirrors so placed that changes of position of the bits of material are reflect in an endless variety of patterns; (2) something resembling a kaleidoscope as (a) a variegated changing pattern or scene; (b) a succession of changing phases or actions; (c) a diverse collection. **Come and share the turns of your own individual life kaleidoscope, your own "turning point(s)" and help others gain some insight as to turning their own kaleidoscopes to help needed turning points evolve.***

Membership News

Donna McQuain-Membership Director
Paula Dulski- Membership Assistant

It has been relatively quiet in Membership through the holidays. Many people were busy shopping, visiting and traveling to visit friends and family. We hope everyone had a great holiday season. Happy New Year!

Membership stands at 255 members at this time. That number will increase as more people return after the New Year.

If you have ordered a magnetic nametag please stop by the membership table in January to pick it up. We have several waiting to be claimed.

Board and Appointed Chairs Update

Please make the following changes in your 2016/2017 Yearbook:

Appointed Board Members

Director of Development Bea Holt

Appointed Chairs

Hospitality Judith Ammerman
Membership Assistant Paula Dulski
Public Information Judith Houston
Honors Luncheon Co-Chairs Maggie Surwilo and
 Wendy Orlando

Yearbook Updates

The following members have changes to their contact information that can be accessed on line in the Members Only section of the website.

Judy Any – new member
Pam Clifford – address
Beth Gamel – phone number



January Birthdays

- 1 Ellen Elie
- 1 Barbara O'Connor
- 1 Barbara Stevens
- 1 Barbie Swenson
- 3 Caroline Zucker
- 5 Lynn Fox
- 7 Elaine Winquist
- 13 Roberta Cardamone
- 17 Diane Hale
- 20 Judith Rovins
- 21 Diane Hill
- 25 Rosario Morgan
- 26 Mary Lloyd Burroughs
- 30 Kathryn Nelson

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	4	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	5	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Ann Herre or Ann Robinson aauwduplicate@yahoo.com	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	6	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at the Ramada Inn on 41
M	9	10:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Marge Ostrom's home
M	9	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Meet at Jacaranda library to discuss <u>We Are Called to Rise</u> by Laura McBride
T	10	1:00	Art in the Afternoon	Trena Kelly	Contact Trena for gate access
T	10	TBA	Movie Group	Evelyn Kent	Contact Evelyn for movie title and time
Th	12	12:30	General Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Pot Luck Lunch served at 11:45. GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Punch Hall, 400 East Field Ave., Venice, FL 34285
F	13	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia on 41 before Bridge for Fun
F	13	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41
Sun	15	Deadline for February Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aauwveniceviews@gmail.com
M	15	9:30	Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Gorno	South Jetty in Venice. Meet in the parking lot.
T	17		Outdoor Adventure	Bea Holt	Cruise the inland Waterway on Freedom Boat pontoon boat. Host Paul Dulski- Lunch too. Email Bea to reserve a spot.
W	18	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Meet at Barb Stevens' - Theme: California Cooking
W	18	2:00	Kaleidoscope	Susan Farstrup	Meet at Betty Badawi's home. Contact Betty to reserve and parking instructions. See description in SIG news elsewhere in this newsletter.
W	18	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Kumo Japanese Steakhouse, 1657 US 41 Bypass S. (behind Bonefish Grill). Please call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Monday, January 16.
Th	19	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Anne Finger, Chair	Meet at Cathy Edwards' home. Trafalgar Tour of Western National Parks. Capacity 16
Th	19	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Ann Herre or Ann Robinson aauwduplicate@yahoo.com	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	20	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at the Ramada Inn on 41
W	25	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Mary Greenberg Flo Bennett	Mango's on Dearborn St. in Englewood. Wine talk with samples. RSVP to Mary or Flo
F	27	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf flametcalf@yahoo.com	Meet at Hotel Venezia on 41 before Bridge for Fun
F	27	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41



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- € **Non-traditional Scholarship Fund:** checks payable to AAUW, Venice Branch. Write Non-traditional Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

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PLAN AHEAD

Jan 9	Board Meeting
Jan 10	Art in the Afternoon
Jan 12	General Meeting-Pot Luck Lunch
Feb 9	General Meeting
Feb 10	Home Tour
Mar 6	Board Meeting
Mar 9	General Meeting
April 2-3	Florida AAUW State Leadership Conference
April 10	Board Meeting
April 13	Annual Meeting
April 22	Spring Honors Luncheon
April 22-24	Florida State Convention
May 8	Old Board/New Board Meeting
June 11-17	Tech Trek 2017 Camp
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention