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MONTHLY MEETING

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

Thursday, November 10 at 12:30 (11:45 for lunch)

Kathleen Pickering, program; Judith Ammerman, hospitality

Program: "Title IX"

Speaker: Shirlyon McWhorter, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity at Florida International University

Hostesses: Kathi Poyneer, chair, Mary Alice Gagnon, Judith Ammerman, Georgie Ann Fedako, Carol Sbabo, Ellen Elie, Carolyn Boudreaux, Ann Herre, Anne Russell



VENICE AAUW - Holiday Luncheon

Pam Clifford & Chris Cairns, co-chairs

Menu entries: 1) Chicken breast crusted with sweet potatoes along w/ BUIERRE blanc OR 2) Stuffed Flounder with PERNOD crème OR 3) Portobello mushroom with herbs and vegetables. Salad, vegetable sides, dessert, and coffee and tea are included.

Tickets are available for drinks. The cost is: \$9 premium liquor, \$7 house wine, \$7 mixed drinks, \$5 beer, \$2 soda

The cost for the lunch is \$35.00

Entertainment will be provided by Mary Jane Moorman, a well-known pianist, and her daughter Sarah on vocals. Members may sign up at the meetings in October and November, using checks (preferred) or cash. Members may also send a check to Paula Choyke. Please indicate meal choice.

Where: VENICE YACHT CLUB

When: December 8, 2016

Time: 11:00 a.m. Mingling and raffle time, looking at gift baskets

Lunch served at 12:15 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marge Ostrom



As we welcome the cooler temperatures we also welcome back our dual members and travelers. Our branch activities are well underway and hopefully, you are participating in many. We urge members to reserve their LAF dining events by calling the host of your chosen event and mailing her your donation of \$35 to confirm your reservation. And if you haven't already, please purchase your Holiday Luncheon tickets at the November 10th meeting. We look forward to a joyous holiday season.

And speaking of joy, we are delighted with the results of the September Giving Challenge sponsored by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. We were among 500 participating nonprofits that will benefit from the matching provided by the Patterson Foundation. We raised \$4,165 through the generous donations of 52 donors and I'm estimating a total of \$8595 for our scholarship funds after matching.

Not everything goes smoothly, however. A few of our committee chairs and a board member are experiencing family illnesses or other personal reasons and have had to resign from their office. We are grateful for the following members who will be taking their places: Bea Holt as Director of Development, Maggie Surwilo and Wendy Orlando as Honors Luncheon co-chairs, Judith Ammerman as Hospitality Chair, Paula Dulski as Membership Assistant and Judith Houston, Member Spotlight. We still need a Public Information Chair to generate publicity about our branch. Please contact me if you are interested. The strength of our branch lies in the participation of our members.

Wishing you and your families a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!



Holiday Luncheon Baskets and Donations

To make our Holiday Luncheon the best ever, we need your donations! Please work with your SIG group, your local merchant, fellow AAUW members and even just yourself to donate individual items and baskets full of goodies to tempt your colleagues. You can bring your items to the next AAUW meeting on November 10 or drop them off at the home of Pam Clifford or Chris Cairns. (See the Members Only member directory for our phone numbers, emails and addresses.) We have baskets if you need them. Also, if you are soliciting donations from merchants, you must provide them with the form for tax purposes. You can obtain the form by contacting Chris Cairns or Charlene Turczyn. Thanks for your commitment to our mission and this cause!



Four of the 2016 Tech Trek Campers expressed their appreciation for our sponsorship at our October meeting. Left to right, Pat Weber, Quinn DuBre of Venice Middle School, Autymn Edwards of Venice Christian Academy, Emmily Burch of Imagine School in North Port; Kylie Rayburn of Sky Academy, Marge Ostrom.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUNDRAISERS

Trena Kelly

There are still great events and dinners for you to attend and help support our Legal Advocacy Fund. Either call the hostess who has donated her home, time, and food, or sign up at the meeting. \$35 is a great price for a fun evening. Unfortunately I cannot print phone numbers, so please look them up in your Yearbook and call them.

Nov 15—Wine Tasting and Appetizers at 5:30 at Kathleen Pickering's (with Nancy Gorno, Suzanne Biviano and Jan Harris)

Dec 7—Ginger Beef Stir Fry dinner at Beth Gamel's.

Jan 24—Russian dinner by Penny Nuttleman and Judy Bosch where they will show pictures of The Hermitage Museum.

Jan 26—Dinner at Nancy Bradtmillers with Janet Schotz Fish dinner.

Make checks payable to AAUW-LAF

SUNSHINE

Contact Nancy Bradtmiller

Ralston Reid – walking pneumonia

Anne Finger's husband, surgery

Janet Hemond, detached retina

Joan Fagnoli, father hospice care

Walter Seman, surgery on October 25

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Donna McQuain, Membership Director
Paula Dulski, Membership Assistant

Currently we have 243 members in our Venice Branch.

If you are a new member there will be a new member breakfast on Nov. 4th at 9:30. The location is yet to be determined. More information will be forthcoming. If you have joined and not attended this event, please mark your calendar to join us to learn a little more about our great organization.

The magnetic name tags are still available to order for \$8.00. Please see Anne Russell or stop by the Membership table to order one.

The new 2016-2017 Yearbooks are in. If you have not picked yours up yet .please remember to do so.

At our meeting on October 13th we had 90 members and 1 guest. ‘

Paula Dulski will be the new Membership Assistant. Thanks again to Anne Finger for all her help.

Yearbook Updates: Details can be found in the “Members Only” section on the Venice AAUW Website

- ✓ New members: Jan D’Ambrosio ; Doris June Hauck.
- ✓ Penny Nuttleman email address missing in yearbook.
- ✓ Email address for Samira Badawi is incorrect in the yearbook.
- ✓ Gaylen Pugh has incorrect phone number in the yearbook.
- ✓ Bea Holt has a new cell phone number.

Armchair Travelers’ first meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1:30 PM with a Wildlife Photo African Safari presentation by Paula Dulski at her home. Space is limited to the first 15 who sign up. A waitlist may be possible. Please bring an international food for the Holiday Raffle basket to the next general meeting or to this gathering. We are still looking for more members to share their experiences on the 3rd Thursday in Jan., Mar., and Apr. Please contact Anne Finger if you are interested in attending the Nov. 17 meeting or if you could make a presentation. (Photos are optional for presentations.)

PUBLIC POLICY

Patricia DeWitt, Director for Public Policy,
AAUW Florida

In a one member one vote canvass over the summer, Florida AAUW members voted to accept the national AAUW Public Policy Program as the public policy program for the state. I urge all AAUW members to read and reflect on this and download the brochure at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/>. Several of its principles are currently being challenged to a degree we haven't seen in thirty years. "Advocacy" is the first term in our list of ways in which we promote equity for women and girls. This means having the courage to speak out for our Public Policy outside of our own groups of "like-minded women".

The goals of our Impact Grant include Get Out the Vote and advocating for pay equity. Three branches who had indicated support when we were applying for the Impact Grant will be receiving funds for their projects in support of these goals. We will also be holding our annual Lobby Days in Tallahassee and possibly a special rally—look for more information soon.

Get Out the Vote, or GOTV, is the most pressing goal right now with national, state, and local elections coming soon. Lake/Sumter, Vero Beach, Winter Park, University of South Florida, and Flagler County have held GOTV events, and it's not too late to hold a tabling event at a local college, a farmer's market (the weather is getting nicer!), or even a mall. Put out a table and hand out AAUW materials such as the AAUW Action Fund Voter Issue Guide at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-voter-issue-guide/>, or the Florida-specific guide on the Senate election which you can find at <http://bit.ly/2d48qal>. This activity does not constitute endorsing a particular candidate, since it is focused on AAUW's priority issues.

It's not too late to get people to register to vote. Florida's deadline is October 11, 2016. One can fill in an application online at <http://bit.ly/1MWxvtO> and mail it to the County Supervisor of Elections or take it to one of several locations including a public library. There are many ways to vote including early voting at a polling place and voting by mail. Check the website above.

Finally, all members and branches are urged to use their social media contacts to spread the word that people need to get out and vote, and ask them to consider AAUW issues when voting. I will be sending out suggestions on the AAUW Action Network. Please do try to make sure all your members are subscribed!

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Anita Kunkle

At 12:10 President Marge Ostrom welcomed four of the six Venice area Tech Trek campers and guests. She then introduced Pat Weber who described the Tech Trek program for girls entering 8th grade. Pat introduced each of the girls who then gave a short account of her experience at the 2016 Tech Trek Camp. Each girl expressed her appreciation to AAUW for having sponsored her and described the highlights of the camp.

At 12:30 Marge Ostrom introduced Kati Burns of the Faulhaber Fab (Fabrication) Lab who presented a very informative program. The Fab Lab, a nonprofit entity, is part of the Suncoast Science Center in Sarasota. The center serves students and teachers from every grade level with hands on workshops and in classroom presentations. They also lend science kits to teachers with supplies that enhance the teacher's science class presentation. Additional information can be obtained using info@suncoastscience.org.

Business Meeting: Marge Ostrom opened the business meeting at 1:05. Marge asked if there were any corrections to the September Branch meeting minutes previously published in the Venice Views. As there were none, the minutes were approved.

Marge had the following announcements:

- Fifty-two individuals donated to the Venice AAUW Branch during the Giving Challenge held September 20 – 21. \$4,156 was received from donors. The Patterson Foundation will match the funds either 2:1 or 1:1. Marge anticipates that the Branch will receive approximately \$8,500.
- Florida State AAUW will offer a Leadership Conference in Sarasota from April 2 through April 3, 2017. Anyone interested in attending should save those dates and advise Marge Ostrom.
- Home Tour update was given by Beverly Weltzien. All five home are now committed. Beverly asked that anyone willing to volunteer in

- any way should complete a pink interest form indicating what she will do. The annual Home Tour requires approximately 100 volunteers.
- Bea Holt is now serving as Director of Development to replace Connie Smith who resigned.
- The branch still needs a chairperson for Hospitality and for Public Information. Anyone who might consider serving in either capacity should contact Marge or complete an interest form.

LAF Dining: Trena Kelly and Beth Gamel are organizing small gatherings in support of LAF. The events are being hosted in various members' homes at a cost of \$35 each. All proceeds will go to LAF. Details and sign-up sheets are in the rear of the building. Contact the specific hostess to sign up.

Holiday Luncheon will be held December 8. Co-Chairs are Pam Clifford and Chris Cairns. Chris made a request that each SIG create a basket to be raffled and asked that members seek donations for baskets. Members might approach any merchant or service provider who might be receptive.

SIGs: Pam Clifford, Exploring the Arts chair, described the event planned for October 20, from 6:30 – 9:30 at the Venice Art Center. There is a \$40 fee. A new SIG, *Art in the A.M.*, was approved at the October Board of Directors meeting. Trena Kelly will serve as its chair. Trena described the format and said that the first session will be in January. She hopes to find a site that is larger than a house so that the events can be open to the public. The Movie Group needs a chair person if it is to continue.

Re-Entry Scholarship co-chairs, Susan Luterbach and Sue Owen announced that they have a committee that has met to consider changes in the criteria for scholarship consideration. Suggested changes will be presented to the Board for approval before the 2017 deadline.

Marge Ostrom explained that the cracking noises which occur without warning are due to the Punch Hall's metal roof when it expands and contracts. Hopefully the sounds will lessen as the season progresses and the sun is less intense. As there were no other concerns or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45.



4	Patricia E. Otto
5	Patricia Perry
6	Sharon Carter
6	Pat Dye
6	Phyllis Shonk
8	Susan Luterbach
10	Carol Wollert
13	Janet Hemond
13	Eleanor Locke
14	Alice P. Hornback
15	Wendy Orlando
16	Phyllis Barth
17	Nancy Bradtmiller
21	Paula Sala
22	Judy Keeler
24	Marianne Koerner
25	Kathleen Schwartz
26	Ann Herre
29	Barbara H. Wyshner

KALEIDOSCOPE

Susan Farstrup

Kaleidoscope, a discussion group, will have its first meeting this year on October 27 at the home of Susan Farstrup with the topic Dreams. If this new SIG continues, it will need volunteer discussion leaders. The format is a 15 minute presentation by the discussion leader on the topic of her choice, followed by a discussion by the participants. The topic can be in any field and any area of interest of the leader. Contact Susan if you are interested in leading a discussion and she will assist you as needed.

W.e.l.c.o.m.e New Members

Suzanne Croco



Suzanne earned a BS in Education from Penn State and an MBA from Illinois Benedictine College. She taught middle school math and science for 25 years in addition to some part-time work and teaching at the college level. She enjoys the outdoors, especially hiking, swimming and biking.

Leie Carmody



Leie, now a full time Floridian, graduated from Hunter College, NY and has an MA in psychology. She had a multi-faceted professional life as singer, community activist, teacher, consultant, and Clinical Social Worker with a private practice. Recently widowed, she is in the process of redesigning her retirement years and has been able to find opportunities locally to continue singing.

Degen Sayer



Degen was born and raised in NYC where she lived and worked in the advertising business. She became a successful realtor in the suburbs while raising her family. Degen subsequently earned her BS in Nursing from the College of New Rochelle, NY. She later practiced as a certified specialist in wound and ostomy care. Degen is now retired and a full time resident of Venice with her husband. She enjoys quilting, playing bridge and reading.

Marge Collin



Marge has a BS from Peru State Teachers' College (Nebraska). She held a variety of leadership positions in sales and customer service over 30 years at a major communications company. Marge also earned her degree while working through the company's education program. After retirement she taught fourth grade. Marge and her husband have recently become year-round residents in Venice. Marge enjoys golf and Mah Jongg and is an avid reader.



Members sign in as they arrive at our meeting

Member Spotlight: Meet Shirley Reid

When she retired to Venice in 2000, Shirley was more than ready to take it easy. She had spent the previous 14 years as an elementary teacher of first- and second-graders in Oak Park, Illinois. Simultaneously, she was director of a program called Family Power House, an afterschool activity that provided tutoring to children who were less advantaged and also provided an evening meal.



Her educational career followed her earlier life as a wife, mother and homemaker. A native of Columbus, Ohio, she began a college program at Capital University there. Marriage to husband Ralston put that on hold. A family of six children followed, and a life in which she was active in parent-teacher organizations, Girl Scouts and church.

At age 48, she went back to school and got her educational degree from the University of Illinois, commuting with one of her sons who was enrolled at the same time.

She says she had never heard of AAUW but as she prepared to retire, a friend in Illinois linked her to a Sarasota AAUW member who persuaded her to look into it. She did and the Venice chapter is all the richer for it.

She joined in 2004, explaining "I looked it up in the newspaper and just came off the street." Her initial position was as Hospitality Chairperson but she served a four-year stint as chapter President from 2009 to 2013. A Venice booster, she says, "We have the greatest branch in Florida." During her first term as President, she is very pleased she helped guide the Venice chapter to achieve 501(c) 3 status, one of only three Florida chapters with this designation. This allows it to solicit donations from foundations and companies in a way not possible without this nonprofit status. For example as part of the recent Giving Challenge. "We had to pursue this legal avenue on our own," she explains. "It is a somewhat costly and tedious process but it was worth it."

In July of this year, she began a term as president of the Florida state organization. She has definite goals going into this new challenge. "I'd like to see Tech Trek expand. It's very dear and close to my heart and it's very hard to send regret letters to dozens of girls who want to attend because we can only accept 40 of them."

Another program she supports is Tech Savvy, a one-day event she hopes will become more numerous throughout Florida. She also hopes that Florida branches will focus more on public policy.

She does find time to participate in some typical retirement activities, however, one of them being the 9-hole golf group in her community. Visits from family including five grandchildren are also red letter events on her calendar.

In spite of these pursuits, she remains committed to AAUW. She says, "It changed my life. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be where I am today. I'm filled with gratitude to this organization and I believe in its mission."



Need to make copies or purchase supplies for your AAUW committees or events? Save up to 80% on copies by using your AAUW membership discount card at Office Depot. If you did not receive a discount card from National AAUW in the mail, go to www.officediscounts.org/aauw.html to print out your card.

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	2	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	3	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	4	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
T	7	10:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Marge Ostrom's home
Th	10	12:30	General Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Lunch served at 11:45. GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Punch Hall, 400 East Field Ave., Venice, FL 34285
F	11	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	11	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe.
M	14	1:30	Book Group	Suzanne Biviano	Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room. NOV: <u>Americanah</u> by Chimamanda Adichie. DEC: <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristin Hannah
M	14	9:30	Interclub Bridge	Carol Newnam	Presently all games are full. Contact Carol to add your name to the sub list.
Tu	15	Deadline for December Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors: suefar@comcast.net, likroll@comcast.net, flametcalf@yahoo.com
Tu	15	10:00	Outdoor Adventure	Bea Holt	Kayak on Lemon Bay, Englewood. Rentals available. Lunch to follow. Contact Bea Holt via email for details (do not phone)
W	16	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Dine at Café Venice, 116 W. Venice Ave. Please call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Monday, November 14.
W	16	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Meet at Trena Kelly's - Theme: Holiday Favorites
Th	17	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Anne Finger	Meet at Paula Dulski's for Wildlife Photo African Safari. Capacity 15.
Th	17	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	18	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	21	9:30	Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Gorno	Going to a riding stable. Contact Nancy for details.
F	25	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf flametcalf@yahoo.com	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	25	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	28	9:30	Interclub Bridge	Carol Newnam	Presently all games are full. Contact Carol to add your name to the sub list.
W	30	11:30-12:15	Exploring the Arts	Pam Clifford	Ringling College of Art & Design exhibit "Observation-Reference-Gesture" Curator's Talk. Leave at 10:30. Includes exhibit, talk and lunch. Contact Pam Clifford to confirm.

VENICE AAUW HOME TOUR

Beverly Weltzien & Jan Harris, co-chairs

The Venice Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is hosting its annual Home Tour on Friday, February 10, 2017. This year it will be in collaboration with the Venice Art Center presenting unique artistic offerings at each home. The tour will feature 5 beautiful homes in the general Venice area from Manasota Key to Calusa Lakes in Nokomis. Visitors will have the opportunity to view homes, including "Ocean Views" to "A Home of Portraits."

Each year proceeds from the tour benefit AAUW's educational scholarships enabling many deserving women in our area to continue their college education. We are presently looking for additional homes to participate in our 2017 Home Tour. Please contact our Home Tour co-chairs, Beverly Weltzien (941-223-0612) or Jan Harris (c/781-929-5045).

PLAN AHEAD

Nov 4	New Member Breakfast
Nov 7	Board Meeting
Nov 10	General Meeting
Dec 7	Board Meeting
Dec 8	Holiday Luncheon
Jan 9	Board Meeting
Jan 12	General Meeting-Pot Luck Lunch
Jan 21	STEM program
Jan 30	Patriotic Bridge
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
May 8	Old Board/New Board Meeting
June 11-17	Tech Trek 2017 Camp
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention
April 22-24	2018 Florida State Convention

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- Legal Advocacy Fund:** checks payable to AAUW-LAF.
- Re-entry Scholarship Fund:** checks payable to AAUW, Venice Branch. Write Re-entry Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

For more information about these Funds, go to <http://venice-fl.aauw.net/donate>.

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