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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, April 13 at 12:30 (11:45 for lunch)

Kathleen Pickering, program; Judith Ammerman, hospitality

### PROGRAM: Annual Meeting

Hostesses: Lois Armstrong, Chair, Pat Bull, Nancy Bennett, Penny Nuttleman, Pat Ritner, Maggie Surwilo

## Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2017-2018 term of office:

President	Kathleen Pickering
Membership	Paula Dulski
Secretary	Suzanne Biviano

The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, April 13.

The board has appointed Pam Clifford to replace Kathleen Pickering as Program Chair and Fran Potter to replace Suzanne Biviano as Study/Interest Director for 2017/2018.

At the Annual Meeting you may nominate someone from the floor providing you have the consent of the nominee. Officers will be installed at the Spring Honors Luncheon on April 22 at the Jacaranda West Country Club. In 2018, the branch will elect officers for Program, Finance and Study/Interest Groups. Thank you to the following Nominating Committee members: Kathleen Pickering, Chair; Kathy Black, Susan Farstrup, Anne Finger, Anne Russell and Donna McQuain, ex officio.



## LOVELAND FOLLIES

The Evening Out group will be sponsoring a Summer Social to the Loveland Follies at the Venice Theatre. The date is Sunday June 4, 2017 at 2 p.m. Tickets in the **first row of the balcony** will be available at the Honors Luncheon on April 22nd. Tickets in the **2nd row of the balcony** have been reserved for your purchases through **Monday May 8**.

Contact the Box Office at 488-1115 and tell them you are from Venice AAUW if you want to sit in the **2nd row of the balcony**. The cost is \$22.00 for the play and we will be dining at Sharky's afterwards for all who are interested. If you would prefer to sit elsewhere, you may do so. You can call or go to the website [www.venicestage.com](http://www.venicestage.com) and select seats there. Deadline for dinner reservations will be **Friday May 12**. Call or e-mail Melanie Odom with your dinner reservations or sign up at the Luncheon. Any questions please do the same.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Marge Ostrom*



In April we hold our annual meeting to review the past year as our board members and committee chairs present their annual reports. We also look to the future as the membership votes in the next slate of officers and evaluates our strategic plans for 2018. Please attend our final meeting of the season on April 13 at our usual location, Punch Hall at the Grace United Methodist Church.

And please sign up to attend our Spring Honors Luncheon on Saturday, April 22. Details are in this newsletter. You will meet the five homeowners from our Home Tour and hear the stories of the scholarship recipients who are returning to complete their higher education or are starting higher education after a delay. We will be awarding \$20,000 in competitive scholarships with each recipient receiving up to \$2000 thanks to our very successful Home Tour that netted close to \$25,000. We will honor outstanding members and thank everyone who has supported our branch through their generous donations of money and time. The setting and luncheon are superb at the Jacaranda West Country Club and the planning committee has been hard at work to make this an enjoyable event. It's always a day that makes us treasure our branch for its dedication to the mission of AAUW.

I personally thank all of you for your support during my tenure as your president. It has been a fulfilling experience to work with you and I appreciate all of you.

## HOME TOUR REPORT

*Jan Harris & Bev Weltzien, Co-Chairs*

**Record Breaking News!** All previous Home Tour records were exceeded this year with a net profit of \$25,000! Why, we ask? Partnerships, new venues and a terrific team of workers.

Sales of over 1000 tour tickets equaled \$22,010 and Home & Art Celebration Party tickets cleared \$1680. The Raffle brought in \$1185 and 10% of the sales from the Artisans added another \$726 to our coffers. Other winners in this event were the recipients of the highly valued raffle items that exceeded \$200 each:

Bicycle Painting by Charles Shoup - Dorothy Mueller  
Beach Painting by Charles Shoup - Fran Potter  
Venice Olive Oil Company Gift Basket - Jan Vennington  
James Griffith Salon Gift Basket - Maureen Lund  
Cessna 272 Sunset Flight from Air Ventures - Joyce Kamm  
\$200 Lottery Treasure Chest - Jan Vennington

However, the ultimate victors of this tremendous effort are the women who will have an opportunity to continue their education from our scholarships. We're happy to help them dream big. So, are we ready for more? Take a deep breath and get set...for an even bigger year in 2018!

**CORRECTION:** Samira Badawi's name was misspelled in last month's Home Tour article.

## *Spring Honors Luncheon*

The 2017 Honors Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 22, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jacaranda West Country Club. It is a fun event in which we honor the scholarship recipients. We encourage all members to attend.

This year's entrees include Chicken Chardonnay or Salmon Dill or Beef Burgundy. The cost of the luncheon is **\$30.00**. Please (1) make out your check to "AAUW" and (2) **indicate on the check which entree you prefer**.

Deadline for sending in checks is **Monday, April 17**. Checks may be turned in at the April General Meeting **OR** mailed to:

Wendy Orlando, 4956 Wild Daisy Lane, Venice, FL 34293 **Or**

Maggie Surwilo, 560 Lake of the Woods Drive, Venice, FL 34293

### **PUBLIC POLICY**

*Judy Keeler*

AAUW Florida Legislative Priorities include Florida House Bill 319 and Senate Bill 410. These bills would establish the Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Act. They would strengthen the existing equal pay statute by prohibiting screening of job applicants based on prior wages and retaliation against employees who discuss wages. These bills are among those we will be tracking in this legislative session.

### **LAF NEWS**

*Beth Gamel*

There is only one more chance to attend a LAF event this year. The May Flowered Lunch is May 18 at noon. It will be a lovely time to gather at Judy Keeler's house and support LAF with your \$35 donation. Call Judy for a reservation. Make your check out to AAUW LAF and send it to her. Thanks so much to all the wonderful volunteers who hosted an event this year. You are appreciated.

### **SIG NEWS**

**Armchair Travelers** will finish this year's meetings at Kathy Black's home at 1:30 on Thursday, April 20 where we will hear about her trip to Italy and Greece. Armchair Travelers meets in member's homes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:30 PM in November and January through April. All members are invited to join this congenial small group at any time during the year. Sign up at meetings or 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 Group**-Come join AAUW's reading mavens Monday, April 10th at the Jacaranda Public Library at 1:30p.m. We are anticipating a most interesting discussion of The Wright Brothers by David McCullough lead by Mary Fritz. We'll also be selecting books for the coming year from member recommendations of books that are written by notable women authors - we'd like your selection to be among them. We're a friendly group and readers come for a particular selection that sparks their interest, or for a season, some even are with us over the summer.

Upcoming for May is another great selection, The Little Women of Baghlan by Susan Fox with Paula Dulski as facilitator. Google this book and its author and you'll find it promises to be a very compelling read of love and tolerance related to the author's service in the Peace Corp in Afghanistan. If you are interested in reading this memoir call and a copy can be loaned.

## Venice Branch Endowed Funds for Womens' Graduate Education

*Bea Holt*

**Francis T. Bourne Research and Projects Grant.** In 1996, the Branch members raised \$33,000 to endow a national career development grant in the name of Francis T. Bourne, one of our members, for which the Jacaranda Library is named. She worked tirelessly to get that Library built for South County residents.

Natasha Thomas is the 2016-17 recipient of that Grant, the 11th woman to be honored with this award. An English language arts teacher for nearly a decade, Natasha Thomas aims to arm students with critical learning skills that will empower them to become discerning readers and skilled leaders. She is pursuing a master's in literacy education at University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Prior to teaching, the happily married mother of three served as a journalist for Tribune-owned media, as well as a marketing and public relations expert with health-based organizations.



**American Fellowship Fund.** In 2013, additional funds provided by deceased members allowed the Branch to initially fund a national endowment for graduate education for women. The goal is to raise \$200,000 in 15 years to fully fund the endowment in perpetuity.

The Fund balance is currently \$62,633 and reaching our goal of \$200,000 by 2028 requires member donations and an annual addition of Branch funds raised by the Home Tour and other means.

Branch members are encouraged to donate to the American Fellowship Fund by sending a check with a note in the memo line of Fund #4390. In 2016, total donations by members to this Fund was \$600. In 2017, we can certainly surpass that amount.

**Give to American Fellowship Fund #4390.**

**Send check to AAUW Venice Branch**

**PO Box 515**

**Venice , FL 34284**



## NEW MEMBERS

### Jan Middendorf

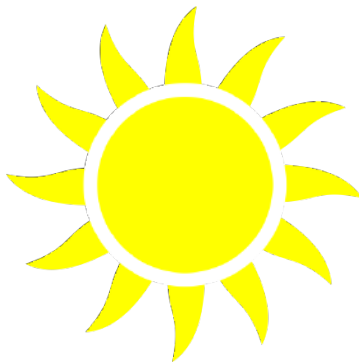


I live in Island Walk in the West Villages and have a home in Kentucky. I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Speech Pathology. In 2016, I retired from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center after a 40-year career. My last position was clinical manager in the Division of Speech-Language Pathology. I specialized in providing evaluations and treatment to children with craniofacial anomalies (such as cleft palate) and voice disorders. I lectured at the state and national levels to students and professionals.

My husband Larry and I both grew up in Cincinnati and moved across the river to Northern Kentucky 3 years ago. Between us we have 6 children (nicely divided up between 2 boys and a girl each). We also have one grandchild in Northern Kentucky. As a recent retiree who has a history of being a bit of a work-a-holic I plan to develop some hobbies. I do love to read and have a passion for helping those in need of food and shelter.

### Judy Kolk

I attended Simmons College in Boston, married and graduated from UCLA with a BA in Bacteriology. I worked 3 years at Harvard Medical School using techniques involving fluorescent antibodies. I left to raise a family in Sudbury, Massachusetts and then made a career change. I went into the retail business, opening Tennis Pro Shops in facilities where I played tennis. I later opened an antique shop in Littleton, MA where I started my hobby of jewelry making. I turned that into a business that I took to Florida six years ago. I still continue on an active basis doing shows and supplying five shops. I have also done volunteer work with the Boston Ballet, Boston Celebrity Series, local garden clubs and politics.



## SUNSHINE

Cards wishing good health and quick recovery sent to

Kathleen Pickering

Bev Weltzein

Jan Harris

Judy Evenson

Bill Newnam

Dee Kennedy

March 9, 2017 General Meeting Minutes

Anita Kunkle, Secretary

President Marge Ostrom introduced Kyle Stofen, Recreation Coordinator of Loveland Center who spoke about Loveland and answered questions from the membership.

Next, Marge introduced Judy Keeler, Venice AAUW Public Policy chair. Her topic was Current and Pending legislation at the state and federal levels as well as issues before the U.N. Judy encouraged members to attend Lobby Days in Tallahassee where several bills are before the FL House and Senate.

The regular branch meeting followed. Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

President Marge Ostrom asked for a show of hands to indicate interest in holding future meetings at the Loveland Center. The majority supported using the site.

Marge thanked co-chairs Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien for the very successful Home Tour.

Trena Kelly was recognized for offering a second successful Art in the Afternoon at Island Walk.

Those interested in attending the Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota were asked to complete their registrations. Of the 32 Florida AAUW branches, Venice is the largest and has members participating as workshops presenters and for registration.

Candidates for Venice branch offices will be elected at the April 13 annual meeting. Details appear in the April-May Venice Views.

Hospitality chairman Judy Ammerman thanked March Chairman, Bea Holt, and her committee for the luncheon. Judy asked members to sign up to hostess for luncheons set for meetings during 2017-2018.

Treasurer Carol Cudia asked that dues for the next year be paid by early June. Dues remain at \$80 for branch, state and national membership.

Home Tour co-chair Bev Weltzien thanked everyone for their support of the 2017 Home Tour. Bev stated that excellent publicity made the difference as well as the addition of \$1,700 from the After Party at the Art Center, \$1,200 from the raffle, \$725 from the artisans and generous donations. The net profit is projected to be \$24,919.

Honors Luncheon co-chairs Maggie Surwillo and Wendy Orlando invited all to attend the luncheon on April 22. Details are published in the Venice Views.

Fran Brinkman who chairs Patriotic Bridge, which has run for 16 years, provided details for the event scheduled for March 29 at Curbside Clubhouse in Plantation. Forty people have registered to date. Anyone interested should contact Fran.

L.A.F. dinners held during this year, with two remaining, have been very successful with over \$2,000 raised for L.A.F. A round of applause showed appreciation for co-chairs Beth Gamel and Trena Kelly.

Susan Luterbach, Non-traditional Scholarships co-chair, announced that of the 24 applications received, 15 are eligible for consideration. Applicants are being interviewed.

Pat Weber, Branch coordinator for Tech Trek 2017, reported that four schools have nominated 10 girls who were evaluated. Recommendations were sent to State Tech Trek.

Ellen Franck and Suzanne Croco plan to recognize the girls who applied for, but were not selected to attend, Tech Trek camps in 2017 and 2016. A program for them will be offered in June at Mote Marine.

S.I.G.s Director, Suzanne Biviano, introduced Anne Finger who described the upcoming Armchair Travelers Italy and Greece program on April 20 to be held at Kathy Black's house.

Pam Clifford asked anyone interested in the April 4 Exploring the Arts to contact her. They will visit the Englewood Art Center.

The Evening Out group will meet on March 15 at T.J Carney's.

Mah Jongg will no longer schedule dates with lunch. Anyone interested in playing in homes should contact Mitzie Fielder.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

## VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
S-M	2-3		Florida AAUW State Leadership Conference		Hyatt Regency Hotel-Sarasota
T	4	10:30	Exploring the Arts	Pam Clifford	Explore Englewood's Art Center then lunch at Zeke's afterwards. Contact Pamela Clifford if you are interested in attending.
W	5	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	6	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen <a href="mailto:aauwduplicate@yahoo.com">aauwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Th	6	5:00	LAF Dinner	Kathy Black	Greek Dinner
F	7	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon,	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
M	10	1:30	Book Group	Suzanne Biviano	Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room. <u>The Wright Brothers</u> by David McCullough
Th	13	12:30	Annual Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Grace United Methodist Church. Lunch served at 11:45.
F	14	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia before Bridge for Fun
F	14	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia
M	17		Explore With Your Camera	Nancy Gorno	Contact Nancy for details.
W	19	6 p.m.	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Gold Rush Barbeque. Call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Monday April 17th. We must have a minimum of 10 people to keep this reservation, so be sure to join us and as always you are welcome to bring a spouse or friend.
W	19	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Meet at Beth Gamel's house . THEME: Earth Day Celebration.
Th	20	10:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Old board/new board will meet at Kathleen Pickering's home.
Th	20	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Anne Finger	Meet at Kathy Black's to hear about her trip to Italy and Greece. Limit: 15 Wait list possible
Th	20	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen <a href="mailto:aauwduplicate@yahoo.com">aauwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	21	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia.
S	22	11:00	<i>Spring Honors Luncheon</i>	Wendy Orlando Maggie Surwilo	Jacaranda West Country Club
W	26	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Mary Greenberg Flo Bennett	Libby's Restaurant on Osprey Ave in Sarasota.
F	28	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia before Bridge for Fun.
F	28	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia.



## VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR **MAY**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	3	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	4	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen <a href="mailto:aauwduplicate@yahoo.com">aauwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	5	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
F	12	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia before Bridge for Fun
F	12	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia
M	15	1:30	Book Group	Suzanne Biviano	Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room. <u>The Little Women of Baghlan</u> by Susan Fox
M	15		<b>Deadline for Summer Venice Views</b>		<b>Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a></b>
W	17	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Meet at Maxine Barrett Park and bring picnic items to share.
Th	18	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen <a href="mailto:aauwduplicate@yahoo.com">aauwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Th	18	12:00	Dining for LAF	Judy Keeler	May Flowered Lunch
F	19	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
F	26	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia before Bridge for Fun
F	26	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Hoffman	1
Louisa Cario	3
Claudette Varricchio	3
Connie Cahill	9
Sara Knower	9
Melanie Odom	10
Nancy Bennett	12
Nancy Donelson	13
Val Dwek	15
Anita Kunkle	15
Trudy Reed	17
Jan D'Ambrosio	21
DeDee Connor	23
Lisa Kietzman	25
Marie Rust	26
Shirley Bethke	30

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Castell	4
Elvira Sanchez-Blake	4
Wendy Seeley	5
Betty Badawi	6
Samira Badawi	7
Susette Bryan	7
Merilyn Walker	8
Donna Costa	9
Lynda Weston	9
Colette Sears	11
Diane White	12
Nancy Gorno	14
Ann Malcolm	15
Pat Blair	18
Joyce Kisner	18
Katherine Poyneer	19
Lois Wynne	19
Marie Edmunds	20
Sue Shea	20
Lynnette Bennett	22
Doris Anstey	24
Pamela Clifford	24
Alice Kominick	24
Bobbie Huibregtse	29
Jo Bellett	30
Carol Newnam	30





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AAUW - Venice Branch

Please pay before June 1, 2017 in order to meet Association and Yearbook deadlines and be sure that you are included in the 2017-18 directory. The dues are divided as follows: \$19 to the Branch, \$12 to the State and \$49 to AAUW.

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The month and day of my birthday are \_\_\_\_\_

Use the space below (or an attached sheet) to offer comments or suggestions for the branch's 2017-18 year (program ideas, fundraisers, nominations, SIGs, whatever).

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_



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