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



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

- Menu Entries:**
- 1) Chicken Breast crusted with sweet potatoes along w/Beurre blanc
 - 2) Stuffed Flounder with Pernod Crème Sauce or
 - 3) Portobello mushroom with herbs and vegetables

Salad, vegetable sides, desert, 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 send a check to Paula Choyke or Carol Cudia At their home addresses listed in the Directory,

Please indicate meal choice.

Where: VENICE YACHT CLUB

When: December 8,2016

Time: 11:00 a.m. Mingling, Raffle Time and looking at Gift Baskets.



Please consider providing a basket, gift certificate or card yourself to the Holiday Luncheon. Also each SIG is asked to give a basket as well. Please deliver to Pam Clifford or Chris Cairns by Dec. 1.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Marge Ostrom

Why do we belong to AAUW and the Venice Branch? We enjoy the programs, getting together with friends over lunch at the meetings, sharing interests at the SIGs groups. But over all, it is the promise of our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research that binds us. Take a look at the various ways our branch strives to fulfill this purpose. We invite you to attend one of the LAF dining events to not only enjoy a wonderful meal but to support through your donation the efforts of the Legal Advocacy Fund to fight gender discrimination. Or sign up to help with our Home Tour that raises funds for scholarships for women needing support to complete or begin their higher education. Or join the committee seeking to identify applicants to award these scholarships. Or help to select young girls to attend Tech Trek camp to foster their interest in STEM. Or lend a hand setting up our meetings, chairing or participating in a SIGs group, or taking on greater responsibility as a chairperson or elected officer. The nominating committee is now looking for candidates for President, Secretary and Membership Director. There are many ways that you can become an actively participating member.

And your board wishes to have your input as we begin to put in place a strategic plan for our branch. We welcome any ideas that our members might have to strengthen what we already do or to come up with new ways to meet our mission. This is your branch. Your ideas are important. Please think about this and submit your thoughts to me at margeostrom@comcast.net or to any of our board members.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!
Stay safe and enjoy your friends and family.



PATRIOTIC BRIDGE

Patriotic Bridge will not be held on January 30 unless we find another location. The usual location, the clubhouse at Clubside, is undergoing renovations. If another location is not identified, the date will most likely be moved to March, 2017. Please inform Fran Brinkman if you have an alternate location for the event so that we can keep the January 30th date. Patriotic Bridge meets from 1:00—3:30 pm and is set up for 12 tables of four participants. Charges have been \$25 at Clubside. Participants pay \$10 to attend and there is a 50-50 raffle. Volunteers bring cookies and coffee, iced tea and lemonade are served. Let's keep this favorite activity going since it raises close to \$500 yearly for scholarship funds.

Marge

Legal Advocacy Fund

Fun Fund Raisers

There are still great events and dinners for you to attend and help support our LAF. The price is \$35. Call Trena Kelly or hostesses to reserve your spot.

Tuesday Jan 10th—Art in the Afternoon at Islandwalk Event Center on 41S at 1 p.m. Still looking for writers & artists. **SAVE THE DATE.** Call Trena Kelly if you are interested in writing a short story about a painting.

Tuesday Jan 24th—There are 5 spots left for a Russian Dinner Penny Nuttleman and Judy Bosch

Thursday Jan 26th—There are 3 spots left in a nearly Gluten Free Baked Fish Dinner by Nancy Bradtmiller & Janet Schotz

Saturday Feb 25th—Ellen Franck, Marie Ruvolo & Trena Kelly will host a brunch. This is for those who don't drive at night or who do not drink wine.

Saturday March 11th—Irish Dishes & Drinks with Bev Weltzien and July Keeler.

AAUW Venice Branch Meeting

November 10, 2016

At 12:30, following luncheon, Marge Ostrom welcomed members and guests.

Program Director Kathleen Pickering introduced Shirlyon McWorter, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs and Diversity at Florida International University. Shirlyon focused primarily on the myriad of sexual harassment and discriminatory issues that occur in workplaces and on campuses. According to requirements of Title IX, every educational institute, from middle school through college, must have a Title IX coordinator on staff and that records must be kept when any incident is reported. Cases are, however, educational matters, not criminal cases.

The regular meeting was opened by President Marge Ostrom at 1:10. Minutes of the October 13 meeting had been published in the Venice Views. As there were no additions or corrections to the October minutes, they were accepted as presented.

Florida State AAUW President Shirley Reid reported that she had attended the second meeting of the Greater Naples branch meeting. She supports more sharing and sisterhood in our branches. Shirley spoke about the April 2 – 3 Florida AAUW Leadership Conference in Sarasota. The Venice branch has committed to participate.

The President's announcements included:

Introduction of Judith Ammerman as Hospitality Chair

The need for a Public Information Chair

Thank yous expressed to Denise DeLong for Tech Trek article and to Barbara Zittel for photos.

The Hospitality Committee Hostess Kathleen Poyneer thanked her committee for the luncheon.

Historian Kathy Black asked that members send her published articles.

Beverly Weltzien and Jan Harris, Co-Chairs of the Home Tour, announced that they have not only the 5 homes needed for the 2017 event but have also secured 3 additional homes for 2018. Workers are needed both for committees and working on site February 10. There will be a collaboration with the Venice Art Center. Home Tour proceeds will benefit the Re-Entry Scholarships and the Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund.

Sue Owen and Susan Luterbach, Co-chairs of the Re-Entry Scholarships, have met with a committee to consider broadening the criteria for the scholarships, regarding them as Non Traditional Scholarships to include re-entry and delayed entry applicants. The changes under consideration were approved by the Board and positively received, as members want to see an increase in the number of eligible applicants. Mary Emerson has designed an online application.

Suzanne Biviano, Study/Interest Director, directed members to consider signing up for the active S.I.G.s represented by folders on the table at the entrance. Contact information is available for additional information

Fran Brinkman, who oversees Patriotic Bridge each year, made a plea for a different facility to hold the event currently scheduled for Jan 30th at Clubside Clubhouse. The clubhouse parking lot will not be available on that date.

Pam Clifford announced that S.I.G. Exploring the Arts will visit the Ringling College of Art and Design.

Trena Kelly is spearheading a new program that will be open to the public, Art in the Afternoon. The first event will be held in the Island Walk Clubhouse in January.

Marge Ostrom announced that the Punch Hall will not be available to the Branch for the March 9 General Meeting. Loveland Center has a room large enough and adequately equipped to accommodate the meeting. Should we hold the meeting there, our members would get the chance to see the newly expanded campus.

Sunshine Chair Nancy Bradtmiller asked that members notify her when they learn of a need so that she can send an appropriate card from the Branch.

Carol Newnam described the need for AAUW's unrestricted giving campaign, Charting the Course, to reach its \$1,000,000 goal. The funds are used to initiate new endeavors. Past funds started Tech Trek and other programs such as AAUW Work Smart.

As there were no other announcements or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Kunkle

Secretary

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Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund – History and Update

A portion of the scholarship funds for women raised by the Home Tour goes to the Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund and a portion to local Non-traditional scholarships (re-entry and delayed entry). Several of you have asked questions about the Fund so here is a brief history and update.

The Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund was established in April, 2014 with approval of the following motion by the membership: *As the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the world's premier sources of funding for women pursuing advanced degrees; it is resolved that:*

The AAUW Venice Florida Branch American Fellowship Fund will be established with an initial contribution of \$25,000 from unrestricted endowment funds, a completion level of \$200,000 and a time frame for completion of 15 years.

Once completed, the Endowment in perpetuity will be awarded to a new recipient each year.

The AAUW Board of Directors approved the Fellowship giving it #4390 and an end date for completion of May 31, 2029. Contributions from the Home Tour and from individual members have grown the Fund to \$61,033 as of March, 2016. It's imperative that we continue to hold significant fundraisers such as the Home Tour to reach our goal.

Our overall commitment to girls and women includes all levels of education:

K-12: 5th - 9th grade girls STEM, Tech Trek, Academic Olympics

Undergrad: Non-traditional scholarships including re-entry and delayed entry (annual)

Masters Level: Venice Grant Award and the Francis T. Bourne Grant awards (founded 1989 and 2003, granted annually)

Doctoral and post-doc: Venice Branch American Fellowship (established 2014, to be completed).

Please see the last page of Venice Views for information about donating to our scholarship funds.

Bea Holt, Director of Development

PLAN AHEAD

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| December 8 | Christmas Luncheon |
| January 9 | Board Meeting |
| January 12 | General Meeting Pot Luck |
| January 21 | STEM Program |
| January 30? | Patriotic Bridge |
| February 9 | General Meeting |
| February 10 | Home Tour |
| March 6 | Board Meeting |

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| March 9 | General Meeting |
| April 2-3 | FI AAUW State Leadership Meeting |
| April 10 | Board Meeting |
| April 13 | Annual Meeting |
| April 22 | Spring Honors Luncheon |
| April 22-24 | 2018 Florida State Convention |
| May 8 | Old Board/New Board Meeting |
| June 11-17 | Tech Trek 2017 Camp |
| June 14-17 | AAUW National Convention |

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

| Day | Date | Time | Event | Contact | Location and Notes |
|--|------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| TH | 1 | 2:00 | Kaleidoscope | Betty Badawi | Meet @ Betty's home for the topic "What's on your Bucket List?" Betty will send you instructions when you contact her with your rsvp. |
| TH | 1 | 11:30 | Duplicate Bridge | aauwduplicate@yahoo.com | Mission Valle Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes |
| F | 2 | 12:00 | Euchre | Mary Al Gagnon maryaldg@comcast.net | Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe |
| M | 5 | 9:30 | Interclub Bridge | Carol Newnam | Presently all games are full. Contact Carol to add your name to the sub list. |
| T | 6 | 10-2 | Outdoor Adventures | Bea Holt beaholt45@gmail.com | Cruise the inland Waterway on Freedom Boat pontoon boat. Host Paul Dulski– Lunch too. |
| T | 6 | TBD | Movie Group | Evelyn Kent | Manchester by the Sea |
| W | 7 | 10 | Bridge Discussion | Barbara Stevens | Barbara Stevens home |
| TH | 8 | 11:00 | Christmas Luncheon | Pam Clifford & Chris Cairns Co-Chairs | VENICE YACHT CLUB  |
| F | 9 | 10:30 | French Conversation | Jane Metcalf | Meet at Hotel Venezia on 41 |
| F | 9 | 11:30 | Bridge for Fun | Anne Russell | Bridge and Lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41 |
| S | 10 | 9:00 | Exploring with your camera | Nancy Gorno nmgorna@hotmail.com | Farmers Market |
| M | 12 | 2:00 | Book Group | Suzanne Biviano | Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Jan 9 We Are Called To Rise by Laura McBride |
| TH | 15 | Deadline for December Venice Views | | | Send Articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aauwveniceviews@gmail.com |
| TH | 15 | 11:30 | Duplicate Bridge | aauwduplicate@yahoo.com | Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes. |
| F | 16 | 12:00 | Euchre | Mary Al Gagnon maryaldg@comcast.net | Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe |
| M | 19 | 9:30 | Interclub Bridge | Carol Newnam | Presently all games are full. Contact Carol to add your name to the sub list. |
| T | 20 | 11:30 | Mahjongg for Fun | Mitzie Fiedler | Lunch and Mahjongg at Venetian Gold and River Club for both beginning and experienced players |
| W | 21 | 12:00 | Cooks Corner | Pat Blair | Meet at June Lee's—Salad Bar and Cookie Exchange Questions Call Pat at 493-0857 |
| F | 23 | 10:30 | French Conversation | Jane Metcalf | Meet at Hotel Venezia on 41 |
| F | 23 | 11:30 | Bridge for Fun | Anne Russell | Bridge and Lunch at Hotel Venezia |
| <p>The Lunch Bunch, Evening Out and Armchair Travelers will not meet this month</p> <p>Read the January Venice Views for times and dates in January.</p> | | | | | |

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 during January through April. There is no meeting in December. The dates for future meetings are: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16 and Apr. 20. Please contact Anne Finger if you are interested in this group and wish to be on the email list.

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A Note from Hospitality Chair

Judith Ammerman

The chair and hostesses are responsible for each monthly meeting's lovely luncheons for which they set up, bring food, serve and clean up. The members always look forward to this time together prior to our guest speaker and business meeting. Where else can we enjoy such a nice lunch for only \$2?

Since "more hands make light work", we are looking forward to a few more volunteers for the January 12th meeting. It works best if we have ten members on the committee. We are in need of a few more volunteers even though it will be a Pot Luck Lunch where every member is asked to bring a food dish to share. We are expecting over 100 attendees so please call chair Paula Choyke (see yearbook for her number) so she can add you to her team.

Looking forward, the February 9th and April 13th meetings could have a few more volunteers there too. Please check your calendars and give those chairs a call if you can help out. Thanks

Membership News

The new member breakfast was held on November 4th in Venice at the home of Jan Harris. We had 17 new members, one guest, several board members, and Committee Chairs in attendance. THANK YOU, Jan, for hosting this event!! We had a great time! Also a big THANK YOU to all the Board Members and Chairs for supplying such a delicious breakfast!

At the November general meeting held on November 10th there were: 76 members and 6 guests, 3 of which joined our AAUW chapter and are now members! Welcome!!

Magnetic name tags are still available to order but the price has changed to \$8.75. They can be ordered from Anne Russell, Paula Dulski, or myself.

Membership in our branch now stands at 250, but I'm sure will continue to grow!

See everyone at the Christmas Party!

Donna McQuain- Membership Director
Paula Dulski - Membership Assistant

Yearbook Updates

Personal information for new members can be found in the Members Only section on our AAUW Website.

SUNSHINE

Contact Nancy Bradtmiller

Ralston Reid—hospitalized again for lung issues

Joan Fargnoli—father passed away

Walter Seman—further surgery

Mary Steffens—husband died

Carol Sbabo—Bea Holt's sister at rehab center



Wine Tasting at Kathleen Pickering's for LAF

November 15th



Exploring the Arts—Uncorked at Venice Art Center

Pam Clifford



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| Patricia Otto | 11/4 |
| Patricia Perry | 11/5 |
| Sharon Carter | 11/6 |
| Pat Dye | 11/6 |
| Phyllis Shonk | 11/6 |
| Susan Luterbach | 11/8 |
| Carol Wollert | 11/10 |
| Janet Hemond | 11/13 |
| Eleanor Locke | 11/13 |
| Alice Hornback | 11/14 |
| Wendy Orlando | 11/15 |
| Phyllis Barth | 11/16 |
| Nancy Bradtmiller | 11/17 |
| Paula Sala | 11/21 |
| Judy Keeler | 11/22 |
| Marianne Koerner | 11/24 |
| Kathleen Schwartz | 11/25 |
| Ann Herre | 11/26 |
| Barbara Wyshner | 11/29 |



NEW MEMBERS BREAKFAST
Friday, Nov 4 at Jan Harris' home

Row 1
 Beverly Weltzien, Sharon Rusbosin, Gaylen Pugh, Nancy Donelson
Row 2
 Fran Potter, Evelyn Kent, Janet Dugan, Leie Carmody, Patty Warner,
 Suzanne Talbott
Row 3
 DeDee Connor, Muffin Vozzo, Samira Badawi, Dottie Bingman
Not pictured:
 Jaci Laatsch, Susan Leege, Terry Lombard, Judy Rovins





**Member Spotlight:
Meet Carol Newnam**

When Carol Newnam joined the Venice chapter of AAUW in 1987, she was just hoping to find some congenial bridge partners. She's still playing bridge but she also launched an avocation that has spanned three decades.

Originally from Indiana where she grew up in a small town, she received her degree in business administration from Indiana University. She became a personnel administrator with the Internal Revenue Service and along the way married husband Bill.

Her career was interrupted several times by his. He was also with the IRS but had several overseas postings in underdeveloped countries to help them improve their tax administration. The two of them lived in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama. They also spent time in Viet Nam and left just two weeks before the fall of Saigon during the war there.

The couple came back to Washington D.C. where they eventually retired. A few years later, they went overseas again, this time to Thailand when Bill took on a temporary assignment with the International Monetary Fund. He went on to form a private company which took Carol and him to Ecuador for several years.

They eventually started looking for a retirement home in Florida, starting up in St. Petersburg. Their search covered many points south and led them to their Venice home and Carol to AAUW.

In 1991, the Venice president had to resign due to a family illness and the office was assumed by the chapter's Hospitality chairperson. She asked Carol to assume her duties, which was just the beginning. Since then she has served as branch Treasurer and President, two terms as State Finance Director and then President of the state organization. She went on to become Regional Director with oversight of activities in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, traveling to all state conventions.

She has also served on the national Membership Committee and spent two years as Chairperson of the National Governance Committee, a term which ended last year.

Her latest responsibility, one of eight members of the Charting the Course Committee, is tasked with raising \$1 million of undesignated money. Her vision is that these new funds will help AAUW expand Tech Trek, the youth program to support girls looking for STEM careers. It can also provide additional resources for Start Smart and Work Smart, programs to help college women and women already in the workforce improve their ability to negotiate better salaries.

If that isn't enough, Carol is also a member of the state Bylaws Committee. She's still playing bridge and she comments that Venice, the largest chapter in the state, is a "good healthy branch because we also have a lot of fun and members then invite their friends and neighbors to join.

Along with that fun, she notes it's also critical for members to realize we are part of an important national organization. We have a good professional staff in Washington along with volunteers who lobby Congress. When President Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, AAUW was right in the room for that historic event."

Proposed National AAUW Public Policy Program Changes, 2017-2019

Here is a brief summary of the proposed public policy changes. If you have any comments on any of these changes, please send an email to our Policy Chair, Judith Keeler. The deadline for our branch comments is December 5, 2016. Judy will review, reconcile, and submit those comments in advance of the deadline. She will discuss them at our January regular meeting. Email Judith if you would like to receive a complete copy of the Public Policy Program.

Add the word “sustainable” to the goal of attaining a healthy environment, now to read “a healthy and sustainable environment”;

Add this statement: “AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis.”

Revise our statement of support to put more emphasis on diversity and inclusion, including emphasis on racial justice. Revised statement reads: “AAUW supports efforts to improve racial, ethnic, and gender justice. This includes creating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion, and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized.”

Updates language that refers to protection of educational programs for girls and women to read “sexual health” education rather than “sex education.” Purpose is to be more age-appropriate and LGBT inclusive.

Revises statement on equal pay to add “benefits” in recognition of the fact that pay equity includes not salaries and wages.

Adds advocacy for “quality and affordable dependent care” to support for policies that promote work-life balance.

Adds a statement highlighting affirmative action and support for voting rights.

Revises a statement on reproductive rights to read: “Self-determination of one’s reproductive health decisions.”

Expresses support for people of all gender identities, including transgender individuals.

Also, note, the following statement was issued by national AAUW following the results of the recent election: “Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. [AAUW](#) intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this hyperpartisan election year, AAUW’s nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever.”

LAF Brunch at Marge Ostroms’



L-R Barbara Stevens, Shirley Reid, Karen Cianci, Paula Dulski, Fred Bingman, Dottie Bingman, Lynn Fox Marge Ostrom



November Cooks Corner

NEW MEMBERS



Marie Edmunds

Marie is from Southern California and graduated from the University of California at Irvine and Coastline Community College with a degree in Legal Assistantship. Her profession led her to be Office Manager/Paralegal for a mid-size healthcare law firm in Newport Beach, CA and later she was head of the Legal Department for Western Medical Center, a tertiary hospital in Santa Ana, CA. She spent 5 years in Hawaii with her husband and now lives between Venice and Michigan. Marie enjoys the beach, walking,

June Hauck



June was born and raised in southern Kentucky. She graduated from the University of Western Kentucky with a BS in Education. She taught for 11 years with one year teaching in Munich, Germany. She lived in Buffalo, N.Y. where her husband was in

business. Upon retirement they moved to lovely Venice, Fl. She is an avid reader, bridge player and does a lot of knitting .

Sheila Hoyles

Sheila was born and raised in Marquette, Michigan. She received her BS in Nursing from the University of Michigan. She married her college sweetheart and began her nursing career by working in many areas of the United States. She enjoys biking, boating, tennis, bridge and hopes to get involved at AAUW.



Joyce Kisner

Joyce graduated from Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis) with a B.S. in elementary education and then received her M.A. from Indiana University. She moved to Nokomis 29 years ago with her husband and two sons who graduated from VHS. She taught 10 years in Indiana and then taught special education in Sarasota County for 15 years. After retirement she and her husband took the opportunity to travel more. She enjoys her four grandsons, books, bridge and euchre.

Jaclyn Laatsch

Jaclyn is a Florida resident and summers in Wisconsin Rapids. She attended the University of Wisconsin- Whitewater and has a degree in library science. She was an elementary school teacher and librarian and later taught microwave cooking in a technical school. She has two daughters and three grandchildren.



Fran Potter



Fran earned a BA in history/political science from Transylvania University in Lexington, KY (Founded in 1780, the school takes its name not from Dracula but rather its location in the Transylvania Colony, later to become Kentucky.) She enjoyed a career in retail advertising and financial services/wealth management marketing and is a Certified Financial Planner TM professional. A full-time resident with her husband, Bill, she enjoys playing tennis and volunteer activities.

Sharon Rusbosin



Sharon went to the University of Pittsburgh where she got a B.A in music and an M.A. in musicology. She is a harpsichordist and has performed with chamber groups and orchestras throughout her career. She also has taught young children music using the Orff Schulerwerke method. She recently retired from Miami University where she taught a variety of music courses. She and her husband Bob recently became permanent residents of Venice. She enjoys books, music, golf and bicycling.

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