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

Ten Sarasota County Women Receive Venice AAUW Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Katrina Grey, Deborah Beese,

Ann McKenzie, Christine Pomerleau, Michaela Ramirez



Elizabeth Wright, Theresa McMillan, Tatsiana Korbut, Nathalie Barr, Angeline Koplau

Ten Sarasota County women received Venice AAUW Scholarships at the annual Honors Luncheon on Saturday, April 22nd at Jacaranda West Country Club.

This year's scholarships were the first to be awarded under the newly expanded Non-Traditional Scholarship program. Under the leadership of Scholarship Committee co-chairs, Sue Luterbach and Sue Owen, the program's scope was broadened to include women who have had a delay pursuing higher education after high school as well as those whose education was interrupted. It now also includes both college degrees and certificate programs.

At the luncheon, members had the opportunity to meet and hear the story of each of these inspiring women who are pursuing advanced education in the face of many challenges.

Receiving \$2,000 scholarships were:

Nathalie Barr is a former Court Reporter who recognized the need to change careers after seeing how technology changed the need for her profession. The mother of two children, who also works at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, is pursuing a nursing career and hopes to graduate from the State College of Florida with her Bachelor's Degree in about a year.

Deborah Beese is currently studying for her Bachelor's Degree in Technology Management while also working full time at Alta Vista Elementary School. She expects to graduate in the summer of 2018. A previous AAUW scholarship recipient in 2014 and 2015, she told luncheon attendees that she "appreciates your investment in me."

Katrina Grey is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the State College of Florida while also working as an RN on the oncology floor at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. A mother of two, she has a goal of also getting her Master's Degree and becoming a Nurse Practitioner. Katrina brought her daughter, Vivian, to the luncheon with her, "to show her how important education is."

Tatsiana Korbut moved to the United States from Belarus in 2013 and has been enrolled at the State College of Florida since 2014. With an interest in the medical field, she has decided to become a pharmacist and hopes to attend either Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine or University of South Florida in 2018. While attending school she also works at Casey Key Fish House.

Presidents Message

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your president for the past two years. You are a group of very special women dedicated to the mission of improving the lives of women and girls. We have had a very successful year culminating in ten non-traditional scholarships being awarded at our April Honor's Luncheon. Those of you who attended heard the stories of the recipients as they related their struggles, dreams and aspirations. Please read their bios in this edition and know that your hard work has helped to further their education.



As I reflect back on the past two years I am grateful for all of you who contributed tirelessly to our many activities promoting our mission and deepening our commitment. Thank you for your work, your leadership and your financial support of our branch and AAUW. Please take the time to vote in the ongoing National and Florida AAUW elections. Make your voice heard with your vote and help our branch achieve a high level of participation.

Your new officers were installed at the Honor's Luncheon and I know that they will be outstanding leaders for our branch. Welcome to Kathleen as President, Paula as Membership Director and Suzanne as Secretary. Along with the current elected officers they will guide our branch to new heights.

AAUW BOOK CLUB

Selected Reads 2016-2017

Jacaranda Public Library Mondays at 1:30

	BOOK	AUTHOR	LEADER
Sept 11	GO-Round Members share Comments on their Summer Reads		Anne Finger
Oct 9	"A Novel of Monet: Claude & Camille"	Stephanie Cowell	Dottie Bingman
Nov 13	"The Invisible Thread"	Laura Schroff	Barb Martinage
Dec 11	"Calling Invisible Women"	Jenne Ray	TBA
Jan 8	"America's First Daughter"	Stephanie Bray & Laura Kamole	Mary Lou Theford
Feb 12	"Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin"	Jill Lepore	Paula Dulski
Mar 12	"The Wonder"	Emma Donoghue	Lynda Weston
April 9	"A Thousand Acres"	Jane Smiley	Lydia Russo
May * 14	"OPEN- Sarasota All County Read"		Anne Finger

*This month was unscheduled so we might consider and switch months to accommodate the All County Read if appropriate.

For more information contact Barb Martinage 941-497-4752

NEW MEMBERS



Lydia Russo

After graduating from SUNY in Oswego with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education, I started in the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns in New York, and taught mainly 5th and 6th grades for over 32 years. I received a Masters degree in Elementary Education at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

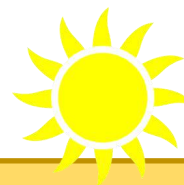
My husband and I split our time between Venice and Cape Cod. We have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren that live outside of Seattle. I keep myself busy by volunteering in both the Venice library and in Falmouth library on the Cape. I also enjoy playing Bridge, reading, and basket weaving. I am also a docent at the Falmouth Historical Society. I am looking forward to joining the many activities at AAUW.



Shirley Heinold Schaefer

I grew up in Cincinnati Ohio and attended the University of Dayton and St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing. After graduation I worked in the OR at St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati Ohio. I left nursing to raise five children. After my first husband Tom Heinold was killed in an auto accident, I returned to nursing. In 1976 I changed careers and became a real estate agent. I married Jack Schaefer who had eight children. Between us, we now have 33 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren and lots of family dinners. Jack and I started visiting Venice, FL and traveling all over the world with Rotary. We spend 6 months in Venice and the rest of the year in Cincinnati. I enjoy playing bridge and spending time with family and friends.

SUNSHINE



Lidia Madrazo - knee replacement

Ilda Deming - daughter Barbara passed away

Merilyn Walker - passed away May 4 card to husband William

Roberta Cardamone - in hospital with pneumonia

Bill Newnam passed away May 5 - card to Carol

2017 TECH TREK CAMPERS



Angelina Black (Imagine School North Port)

Carmen Cirar (Venice Middle School)

Phoebe Almero (Imagine School North Port)

Gianna Falbo (SKY Academy)

Summer Book Club List for 2017—Youth Activity Room @ Jacaranda Library @ 1:30

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator
June 12	"Lilac Girls"	Martha Hall Kelly	Barb Tompkins
July 10	"The Submission"	Amy Waldman	Anne Finger
August 14	"Brit Marie Was Here"	Fredrik Backman	Judy Kolk

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

6/2	Helen	Francis
6/3	Mary	Fritz
6/3	Peggy	Wespiser
6/5	Linda	Nelson
6/7	Geraldine	De Jarnett
6/7	Carolyn	Shrauger
6/9	Judith	Houston
6/9	Roberta	Ingrassia
6/11	Beverly	Weltzien
6/13	Marilyn	Singer
6/14	Lois	Odom
6/14	Anne	Russell
6/16	Lynda	Friedman
6/16	Jane	Metcalf
6/16	June Lee	Reninger
6/18	Betty	Kalunian
6/18	Sharon	Rusbosin
6/19	Margaret	Fiedler
6/20	Barbara	Zittel
6/21	Marge	Ostrom
6/21	Donna	Wilson
6/22	Kay	Novotny
6/22	Shirley	Reid
6/22	Phyllis	Vogel
6/22	Catherine	Zelaskowski
6/23	Nancy	Pike
6/23	Barbara	Rao
6/24	Charlene	Turczyn
6/25	Maida	Zamoff

JULY

7/1	Terry	Lombard
7/2	Deirdre	Christman
7/3	Nancy	Turpie
7/6	Sharon	Spencer
7/9	Joan	Armstrong
7/11	Helen	Gokbudak
7/11	Barbara	Tompkins
7/15	Suzanne	Talbott
7/20	Ruth	Shaweker
7/21	Mora	Henskens
7/22	Minerva	Shindler
7/23	Jane	Coddington
7/26	Ruth	Sweetser
7/27	Fran	Brinkman
7/27	Jaclyn	Laatsch
7/30	Marie	Ruvolo

AUGUST

8/1	Jane	Farley
8/1	Pat	Knasiak
8/2	Patricia	Orr
8/3	Ellen	Franck
8/3	Catherine	Rodriguez
8/7	Judith	Ammerman
8/9	Sharon	Cullinan
8/9	Frances	Potter
8/12	Julie	Fiedler
8/13	Mary	Lynch
8/14	Florence	Bennett
8/14	Janet	Schotz
8/15	Rebecca	Allen
8/15	Janet R.	Dugan
8/17	Marion	Mahoney
8/17	Shirley	Schaefer
8/23	Joyce	Kamm
8/23	Marie	Talmage
8/24	Jacqueline	Patterson
8/28	Judy	Andy
8/28	Maggie	Surwilo
		Caves-
8/29	Chris	Hudson
8/30	Susan	Farstrup



PATRIOTIC BRIDGE

On March 29th the members and guests who participated in the AAUW Patriotic Bridge had a delightful afternoon. Most everyone was adorned in red, white and blue for our 15th annual game. Thanks to Fran Brinkman and Marion Mahoney, about \$485 was raised for our Re-Entry Scholarship Fund. Trudy Reed was the lucky winner of the 50/50 Raffle.

The team of Linda Draper, Lynn Kroll, Phyllis Barth, and Marilou Sperry were the Patriotic Bridge winners. What a special way to show our support for our Local Re-Entry Scholarships.

Study Interest Group Update

Several members have expressed an interest in creating some new SIG's around the following interests:

Hand and Foot – An easy to learn card game.

Sew Fun – Get together for crafts and conversation.

Financial Fitness for Women – Discuss and learn more about investing and other financial topics of interest and importance to women.

If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, or have another interest, please contact the SIG Chair, Fran Potter.

April 13, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

President Marge Ostrom welcomed members and guests. Marge called forward Bea Holt and Kathleen Pickering to present the Venice Branch AAUW Strategic Plan using Power Point. The plan is a blueprint of where the branch wants to go. Major components of the plan, will be implemented in September 2017.

Marge followed the Strategic Plan presentation with the following announcements. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for the April 22 Honors luncheon. Nancy Bradtmiller was introduced as the Sunshine Chairperson. Pink interest forms were distributed and everyone was asked to complete and return one in order to increase member participation.

Suzanne Biviano encouraged those who will remain in the Venice area during the summer to organize a summer social event. Such activities must be submitted to the Venice Views editors by May 15.

The annual meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Marge Ostrom. There were 80 members present, exceeding the required 10% of membership quorum. The minutes from the April 2016 Annual meeting were accepted as previously published in the Venice Views.

Minutes of the March 10 monthly meeting were accepted as published in the April/May Venice Views.

Election of Officers Nominating Committee Chair Kathleen Pickering introduced the slate of officers.

President: Kathleen Pickering

Membership Director: Paula Dulski

Secretary: Suzanne Biviano

As there were no nominations from the floor, the above were approved by acclamation and will be installed at the Honors Luncheon.

Pam Clifford will assume responsibility for Program Director. Fran Potter will become chair of SIGs.

Director and Committee Reports: The following annual reports have been received and posted on the branch website. President's annual report – Marge Ostrom, Program Director – Kathleen Pickering, Membership Director – Donna McQuain, Study/Interest Director, Suzanne Biviano, Director of Development – Bea Holt, Public Policy – Judy Keeler, Academic Olympics – Judy Keeler, Home Tour – Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien, Local Re-Entry Scholarships – Susan Luterbach and Sue Owen, STEM Event – Suzanne Croco and Ellen Franck, Teck Trek – Pat Weber, Venice Views – Susan Farstrup, Jane Metcalf, Lynn Kroll, Website/Social Media Donna Costa/Mary Emerson.

Those in attendance were called forward to give their report.

Director of Finance – Carol Cudia's annual report will be presented in September as the fiscal year end is June 30.

Before adjourning, President Ostrom expressed her appreciation to all those who supported the Branch and contributed to the Branch's success.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Kunkle

Secretary

2017 Venice AAUW SIG and Summer Social Events

Contact Information for event organizers can be found in Yearbook or in Members Only section of Branch website

Date/Time	Event	Organizers/Contact	Notes
JUNE			
Thursday, June 1 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, June 2 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Sunday, June 4 @ 2:00 pm	Loveland Follies at the Venice Theatre: "Las Vegas Under the Neon Lights". Dinner after at Sharky's for those who are interested.	Melanie Odom	Buy tickets direct from Venice Theatre: www.venicestage.com or 488-1115. Deadline for dinner reservations is May 27; contact Melanie Odom for dinner reservation.
Wed, June 7 @ 10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thursday, June 8 @ 11:30 am	Lunch at 62 Bistro, Hillview Street, Sarasota.	Mary Greenberg and Flo Bennett	Contact Flo Bennett to express interest.
Friday, June 9 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, June 9 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location
Monday, June 12 @ 1:30 pm	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room	Anne Finger	<u>Lilac Girls</u> by Martha Hall Kelly
Thursday, June 15 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, June 16 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Tuesday, June 20 @ 5:00 pm	Jazz Evening at Allegro Bistro, Venice.	Flo Bennett	Contact Flo Bennett. Reservations needed.
Friday, June 23 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, June 23 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location
Friday, June 23 @ 4:00 – 6:00 pm	Cocktail Party at Kathy Black's house with drinks and appetizers provided. Spouses and significant others welcome.	Kathy Black and Donna McQuain	RSVP to Kathy Black or Donna McQuain by June 19 th .
Thursday, June 29 @ 11:30	Lunch at Rum Bay on Palm Island. Will take ferry over and back.	Paula Choyke	Contact Paula Choyke to express interest.
To Be Scheduled	Pontoon Boat Trip from Freedom Boat Club to Turtle Beach.	Paula Dulski	To be scheduled about a week in advance; weather dependent. Contact Paula Dulski to express interest. Space is limited.

Want to organize a social activity for members this summer? Contact Fran Potter with the event information and she will get the word out to all members

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Paula Dulski is looking for volunteers to greet and sit down with guests at the Branch meetings. Please contact Paula if you would like to help make guests welcome.

2017 AAUW SIG and SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS

JULY and AUGUST

JULY			
Wed, July 5 @ 10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thursday, July 6 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, July 7 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Monday, July 10 @ 1:30 pm	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room	Anne Finger	<u>The Submission</u> by Amy Waldman
Thursday, July 13 @ 11:30 am	Lunch at Bijou Café, Sarasota.	Mary Greenberg and Flo Bennett	Contact Flo Bennett. Reservations needed.
Friday, July 14 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, July 14 @ 11:30 am	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location
Wednesday, July 19	Lunch/movie at Cinebistro, Sarasota.	Paula Choyke	Contact Paula Choyke to express interest. Movie will be selected a few days before event.
Thursday, July 20 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, July 21 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Tuesday, July 25 @ 5:00 pm	Cocktail Party at Kathleen Pickering's home. Bring your favorite appetizer and choice of drink. Spouses welcome.	Kathleen Pickering	RSVP to Kathleen by July 21
Wednesday, July 26 @ 11:00 am	Bunco and Luncheon at Pelican Pointe.	Lidia Madraza Barbara Wyshner	Contact Lidia or Barbara to sign up by July 20th.
Friday, July 28 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, July 28 @ 11:30 am	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location
AUGUST			
Wed. August 2 @ 10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thursday, August 3 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, August 4 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Friday, August 11 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, August 11 @ 11:30 am	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location
Monday, August 14 @ 1:30 pm	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room	Anne Finger	<u>Brit Marie was Here</u> by Fredrik Backman
Thursday, August 17 @ 11:15 am	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Susan Leege, Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, August 18 @ noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club
Friday, August 25 @ 10:30 am	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane Metcalf for location
Friday, August 25 @ 11:30 am	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Contact Anne Russell for location

DUES ARE DUE

AAUW VENICE BRANCH—INVOICE FOR DUES

For the year July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018

Regular Membership\$ 80.00
 Dual Membership (without State Dues).....\$ 19.00
 Dual Membership (with State Dues).....\$31.00
 Paid Life Membership.....\$31.00
 Student Membership (undergraduate).....\$ 22.00
 Printing and Postage for Venice Views.....\$ 15.00**

Bring dues to an AAUW MEETING or mail check to:

AAUW - Venice Branch
 Attn: Carol Cudia
 1838 Lancashire Dr
 Venice, FL 34293

Checks should be made payable to:
 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.

Note: \$46 of the Regular Membership Dues is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes. The remainder and other categories of dues may be deductible by members as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

** If you choose to have the Venice Views mailed to you, the cost is \$15 for the year. This must be included with your membership dues payment in order to receive a mailed copy.

DUES ARE NOT PRORATED. MEMBERS MUST PAY THE ENTIRE AMOUNT REGARDLESS OF TIME OF YEAR PAID.

Please complete and return this form with your dues.

INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-18 YEARBOOK

____ My name, address, telephone, and email remain unchanged and are correct for the branch yearbook (directory) and FloriVision labels.

____ My cell phone number is: (optional)

____ The month and day of my birthday are

____ I have used 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:

Signature:

AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS

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Angeline Koplau is a student at the State College of Florida who is working to complete an Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant in 2018. A single mother of four children and proud owner of a Habitat for Humanity home, she was also the recipient of AAUW scholarships in 2015 and 2016. In thanking AAUW members, she said “you have allowed me to better myself and my family.”

Anne McKenzie has a passion for working with children and her goal is to start a daycare and pre-school. A mother of two children, she is pursuing an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education at the State College of Florida with plans to continue at the University of Florida to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Theresa McMillan is pursuing a degree in English literature while also facing many challenges in her life as a result of a rare congenital birth defect and other physical problems. Theresa told a very touching story of moving beyond what some might consider a disability. She is the author of a children’s book, “I’m Smiling on the Inside,” written to help others understand what it is like to have a disability. She will graduate in spring 2018. Theresa hopes to continue her education to obtain a graduate degree in Creative Writing

Christine Pomerleau attended Manatee Community College (now State College of Florida) in 1998 and graduated in 2004 with an Associate’s Degree. The mother of two children, who works full-time at Venice High School, is now returning to school to obtain her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology with the goal of becoming a teacher.

Michaela Ramirez loves everything about the water and while working at Marina Jacks for the past nine years has attained her captain’s license. Currently enrolled at State College of Florida, this mother of a young daughter said she was “incredibly honored” to be a scholarship recipient. Michaela has a long-term goal of becoming a marine biologist.

Elizabeth Wright is on a path toward her goal of a career in the medical field with a particular interest in nutrition and global health. A mother of four children, she hopes to graduate from the State College of Florida in spring 2018.

These competitive scholarships were funded with a significant contribution of proceeds from the very successful Home Tour in early February.



New Officers with Shirley Reid

Kathleen Pickering—President

Paula Dulski—Membership

Suzanne Biviano—Secretary



RECOGNITION AWARDS

Bea Holt, Susan Farstrup, Jane Metcalf, Lynn Kroll, Sue Luterbach, Pat Weber, Carol Cudia, Anita Kunkle and Donna McQuain

Bev Weltzien and Jan Harris are not pictured.

REMINDER

Meetings for General Membership will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on the Island beginning in September. Loveland Center could not confirm a permanent meeting schedule.

Kathleen Pickering’s new email for AAUW business is kecumings@gmail.com



Venice Views Summer Editor

Jane Metcalf

Paula Dulski: e-copies circulation

Anne Russell: Printed copy circulation

Bunco and Luncheon at Pelican Pointe

Wednesday, July 26th at 11:30 am

Please join us for lots of fun playing Bunco. You do not need to know how to play. A short lesson will be given before the game. We will meet in the card room at Pelican Pointe for our game. Lunch will be in the Dining Room and we will order off the regular menu. Please bring \$2.00 for prizes. We would appreciate it if you could sign up by July 20th or by calling or emailing:

Lidia Madrazo or Barbara Wyshner