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

### MONTHLY MEETING

**Loveland Center Clubhouse** 157 S. Havana Rd, Venice, FL 34293

Thursday, March 9 12:30 (11:45 for LUNCH)

Kathleen Pickering, program, Judith Ammerman, hospitality

**PROGRAM: Public Policy: Update on current and pending legislation. Judy Keeler**

Hostesses: Bea Holt, chair, Janet Hemond, Lynda Weston, Beverly Weltzien, Joan Armstrong, Penny Nuttleman  
Kathy Grossenbacher, Patty Otto, Cathy Edwards

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS: Havana Road is off E. Venice Ave. Follow E. Venice Ave east past Jacaranda Blvd and turn right onto Havana

Or follow Center Road east from Jacaranda Blvd and turn left onto Jackson Road at the entrance to Venetian Falls. Follow Jackson Rd to E. Venice Ave and turn left. Havana Road is on your left.

TO GET TO THE CLUBHOUSE: Turn into Havana Road and proceed past the first building on your right to the Clubhouse in back. Park in the designated areas or on the street. There is handicapped parking near the Clubhouse entrance.

\* We will have a 50/50 raffle at our March 9th meeting—\$1 for 1 ticket and \$2 for five \*



## 2017 HOME TOUR

It is beyond our wildest dreams! The 2017 Home Tour was terrific - over the top! We owe our thanks and appreciation to our all-star teammates: Kathleen Pickering - Home Managers; Suzanne Bivianno - Tickets; Fran Potter and Patti Warner - Promotions; Samara Badwini and Muffin Vozza - Raffles; Nancy Gorno and

Kathi Poyner - after tour celebration. Partnering with the Venice Art Center was a win win collaboration and we both have agreed to go it together again in 2018. Support, sales and enthusiasm from our members, homeowners, artisans, Plein Air artists and Women of Steel musicians made for the perfect aligning

of stars. The Home & Art Home Tour's financial results are not completely totaled yet it is a known that attendance and profits have surpassed all previous tours. Within the month, we will share final figures. Kudos to All! Co-chairs Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien.



### Ticket Checkers

Fran Brinkman (left)

Barbara Stevens & Judy Evenson (below)





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marge Ostrom

This has been an exciting month as we once again came together as a

branch to host another successful Home Tour. We thank co-chairs, Jan Harris and Bev Weltzein, for invigorating our Home Tour by partnering with the Venice Art Center. Selecting homes that showcased art in the home and the addition of plein air artists and artwork from the Art Center to each house added a new dimension to the Tour. The day ended with a Wine and Cheese Celebration at the Art Center that capped off an enjoyable day. Their committee of dedicated members and the participation of so many of you contributed to the Tour's success. We heartily thank you for all your work. We are overwhelmed with the outcome of approximately \$23,000 raised for scholarships.

Now we turn our attention to finalizing the selection of non-traditional scholarship recipients. Co-chairs, Susan Luterbach and Sue Owen, are collecting applications, referrals and transcripts in preparation for interviews mid-March. Once selected the recipients will attend our Honors Luncheon on April 22 along with the homeowners. Be sure to make your reservation for the luncheon at our March or April meetings.

Remember to come to our new location for the March meeting. Since the GMUC is not available for our March 9th meeting, the location has been changed to the Loveland Center Clubhouse. Come and see this new state of the art facility and over lunch hear about the work of the Loveland Center from their Development Manager, Kyle Stofen. And as the program for that day, our own Public Policy Chair, Judy Keeler, will update you about AAUW's Public Policy efforts.

Thank you again for being such a supportive membership. We can accomplish great things as we work together to advance equity for women and girls.

Please check out the recent online issue of FloriVision for more information about the 2017 AAUW-Florida Conference/Annual Meeting including a schedule.

## Venice AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

President Marge Ostrom introduced Peggy Ludgate from Literacy Volunteers while members and guests were enjoying lunch. Peggy described the need for volunteers and the minimal requirements to participate as a volunteer since tutoring training is offered. The primary need is patience and a willingness to provide a few hours each week to prepare and to work with the client.

At 12:30 Kathleen Pickering introduced Susan Stewart, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. Susan gave some history of the Girl Scouts, referencing the similarities the organizations shares with AAUW. Title IX manifests equality for girls in academics as well as in sports. The Girl Scouts teach girls how to be girls. Girls learn resiliency, are encouraged to develop physically as well as emotionally. They achieve higher levels of education and learn how to be a friend, this learning networking skills.

Marge Ostrom called the business meeting to order at 1:15. Minutes of the January 2017 meeting were approved.

Marge announced the location for the March 9 branch meeting. It will be held at the Loveland Center Clubhouse on Havana Road off E. Venice Avenue. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Three ladies volunteered to sell raffle tickets.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for hostesses at the 2017 – 2018 meetings.

Home Tour co-chairs Jan Harris and Bev Weltzien gave an update on February 10 Home Tour. Baskets to be raffled include one holding \$200 in scratch-offs. To date \$150 has been donated. Additional donations were sought and members responded generously. The \$200 goal was exceeded.

Suzanne Biviano asked that all unsold tickets as well as money collected be turned in at the end of the meeting.

Nancy Gorno and Kathleen Poyneer, who have coordinated with the Art Center, announced that tickets remain available for the 6 pm dinner. The dinner is limited to 40 people but 16 tickets remain.

Honors Luncheon: Co-chair Wendy Orlando announced that volunteers are needed to help with centerpieces. The theme is Reach for the Stars.

Lobby Days: Mimi Welch described upcoming Lobby Days to be held in Tallahassee on March 13 – 15. AAUW joins with other women's groups. The 2017 focus will be on equal pay.

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AAUW Florida State Conference, April 2 and 3, will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota. Mimi Welch, Venice branch State liaison officer, encouraged members to participate since the Venice branch is very large and our former president, Shirley Reid will be heading the conference.

LAF dinners: Beth Gamel announced that a brunch, a St. Paddy's dinner and a Greek dinner are still open. Those interested are to contact the hostess directly to reserve.

Art in the Afternoon is planned for February 27 at Island Walk. The event is open to the public as well as AAUW members. Those planning to are asked to contact Trena Kelly for access to Islandwalk.

Tech Trek: Pat Webber announced that there are six girls from local schools to be interviewed.

Non Traditional Scholarships co-chair Sue Owen announced that scholarships applications are coming in. Applicants can complete an application online at the Venice branch website.

Fran Brinkman announced that Patriotic Bridge will be held on March 29 at Clubside, within Plantation. To sign up, those interested are to contact Fran.

SIGs: Anne Finger, chair for Armchair Travelers, announced that there is space for the upcoming program featuring Portugal and Spain on February 16.

Nancy Bradtmiller, Sunshine chair, asked to be contacted so that she can send a card when needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Kunkle

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our Venice Branch continues to grow. We now have 264 members and many others have requested information about our branch. We had approximately 125 members and guests at our Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We will no longer be asking people to sign in when they come to a meeting. We will do a head count when the meeting begins.

We would, however, ask you to stop at the membership table if you haven't already done so to check your personal information. We want it to be as accurate as possible for the Yearbook next year. If you have a new phone number, address or e-mail please let us know. .

If you are unable to attend a meeting to check your personal information for next year's yearbook please go to our Venice AAUW website and go to the Members Only section and check it there and make any corrections.

Donna McQuain

Paula Dulski

### 2017 AAUW National Election — One Member, One Vote

AAUW members will receive their voter information in early April by e-mail and mail with the Spring *AAUW Outlook*!

Candidate slate, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions will be published in the Spring issue of *AAUW Outlook*.

And don't forget to check for the latest updates on the [AAUW National Election web page](#).

## Member Spotlight

### Denise DeLong



This past membership chairperson says “I never join any organization.” She makes the exception with AAUW because “I’m blown away by its advocacy of women.”

She was born in Rehobeth Beach, Del., and moved to Florida with her family when she was five years old. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, part of the state’s university system, with a degree in theater. That was in 1974 when the Arab oil embargo had severe impacts on the state’s tourist industry.

Facing the economic downturn here, she returned to Delaware after graduation to pursue a career in photography. She found employment, initially in a camera store, and eventually as partner in a photography business with another photographer who later became her husband. They spent 24 years in that endeavor and she photographed many of the state’s notables including ex-vice president Joe Biden. She was also a founding member of the Professional Photographers of Delaware and served as state president of this group for a time.

Florida brought the DeLongs back after retirement, initially to Naples and now in Englewood. “This is old Florida,” she says. “I really like the people here.”

About her term as membership chair for Venice AAUW, she says the best thing about that is the opportunity it offered to “meet a lot of new people.”

She’s also enthusiastic about the Legal Advocacy Dinners (LAF) that raise funds for AAUW’s national effort to advocate changes in laws that benefit women. She has acted as one of the directors of this effort and says, “Until you change laws at the national level, nothing changes.”

She urges other members to “get involved” and bring their skills. That’s what she did recently when she had the idea to do a display showcasing women who have won the Nobel Prize. The display traveled to the two Venice libraries and the Elsie Quirk library in Englewood. “Most of us probably don’t know about these women and neither do the girls we want to reach through our support of STEM programs.”

These days, she’s taking fewer photos and spending more time in painting. There are several on the walls of her home, some in a realistic style and more recent ones that are abstract. She’s very proud of some awards she’s gotten for her artwork in the past couple years including Blue Ribbons from the Englewood Art Center.

## SIG NOTES

**Armchair Travelers** meets in member’s homes on the 3rd Thursday at 1:30 in November and January through April. On March 16, Mary Thetford will share her experience on the Mountaineer Train through the Canadian Rockies. Kathy Black will complete our year with her presentation on April 20 of her trip to Italy and Greece. 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.

**Kaleidoscope.** The March topic is, “Pearls of Wisdom.” We have seen enormous changes in the lives of women during our lifetimes. What advice would you offer younger generations of women as they go forward and face the opportunities and challenges in the lives of women? Come to this discussion and share your thoughts on Wednesday, March 15 at 2:00p.m. at the home of Susan Farstrup. Let Susan know if you plan to attend. We are looking for future discussion topics.

**BOOK CLUB.** Some of the best facilitators in the region are in the AAUW book group and they do a wonderful job of leading discussions on truly interesting, inspiring, and informative reads. New members and those who just haven’t tried us yet are **warmly welcomed** to join us at the Jacaranda Public Library Monday, March 13th at 1:30 as we explore “The Silk Roads: A New History of the World” by Peter Frankopan. Our facilitator Ann Finger is working on a power point presentation that promises to be most interesting.

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Gretchen Dawson	3/2
Kathleen Pickering	3/3
Judy Roettger	3/4
Pat Weber	3/4
Cathy Edwards	3/5
Ann Robinson	3/5
Kira Schneider	3/6
Virginia Franklin	3/9
Jane Gulotte	3/9
Trena Kelly	3/9
Lois Minnich	3/15
Patricia Bu	3/17
Mimi Welch	3/18
Barbara Farrar	3/23
June Hauck	3/24
Karol Olson	3/24
Mary Emerson	3/25
Pat Swindler	3/27
Carolyn Boudreaux	3/28
Mary Greenberg	3/28
Evelyn Kent	3/30
Melissa Stofko	3/30

## HOME TOUR PICTURES



Linda Tilson (R)

Karen Hitt  
(below)



Ann Finger checking tickets



SUNSHINE

Rebecca Allen—Surgery

## NEW MEMBERS



Ginny Hurney

I first heard of AAUW when I graduated from Binghamton North HS (NY) in 1960 and received an AAUW scholarship to attend SUNY at Albany. I graduated with a BS degree in 1964

and taught HS math for many years, mostly in Montgomery County (MD). In 1991 I graduated from the University of Maryland with an MSW- Clinical-masters degree. Changing careers, I became a psychotherapist with a private practice in Laurel, MD working with adolescents and adults. Currently, I am working part-time as a psychotherapist. My husband and I now travel between Venice and Laurel, Maryland. I enjoy my therapy practice, biking, gardening, music, and cultural events.

My intent regarding the AAUW is to give back to the organization to provide young women the opportunity, like I had, to go to college and further their education



Karen Linkemann

I am a Michigan snowbird living in Nokomis for the winter. I graduated from Central

Michigan University and received my MA from Eastern University. I taught middle school special education and worked as a Teacher Consultant for 36 years, retiring when my first grandchild was born. My husband and I have visited many National Parks, but we still have quite a few to see for the first time. When back in the Detroit area, I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren. For relaxation I enjoy bridge, pinochle, euchre, hand and foot and any new card game anyone wants to teach me. I like to garden and I try to walk four miles daily. My husband is an avid bicycle rider and we have a tandem so I can ride with him. Thirty miles is about my limit before body parts start to hurt.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2017 AAUW-FLORIDA CONFERENCE/ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd AND MONDAY, APRIL 3rd**  
**HYATT REGENCY HOTEL SARASOTA**

Print or type clearly. Complete one form per attendee.

PLEASE make your Hotel Room Reservation with the Hyatt Regency:

1. **888-421-1442 and request "Florida AAUW Annual Meeting" OR**
2. **Online at <http://aws.passkey.com/go/aauwfl>**

The Convention Rate of **\$139.00 plus tax** (Single or Double Room) will be available until **March 9<sup>th</sup> ONLY**

**Checks for the AAUW FL Conference MUST accompany this form returned to Nancy Pura (below)**

Attendee's Information			
First Name		Last Name	
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	
Email or Phone Number			
Type of Membership (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Branch Member			
<input type="checkbox"/> National Member			
<input type="checkbox"/> You Are a Past State President			
<input type="checkbox"/> You Are a First Time Attendee			
Branch Name		Current Branch Position	
Current State Position		Current National Position	
Preferred Name for Badge			

Registration		
	Rate	Your Cost
1. Member Registration (Includes Sunday's Dinner & Monday's Lunch)	\$50.00	_____
2. Donation for 2017 Tech Trek Summer Camp		_____
3. Cost per Guest for Sunday's Dinner	\$42.00	_____
<b>Total</b>		_____
4. Please List Any Dietary Restrictions:		
<b>Payment Information</b> (No Refund after <b>March 21, 2017</b> ) Mail this form and your check payable to AAUW-Florida Conference by March 9 <sup>th</sup> to Nancy Pura, 11645 Bayonet Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34654 (njpura@gmail.com, Tel. 727-389-7138)		

# 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.

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**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:

### Hostess Sign Up Sheets for 2017-2018

There are two monthly branch meetings left in this year and we are lining up hostesses for the 2017-2018 season. A clipboard containing sign up sheets for the monthly meetings was passed around at the last meeting. If it did not reach your table please consider signing up at the next meeting. It really is not a difficult job especially if there are many hands to help. All members are encouraged to sign up. It is a great way to meet other members. The sheets will be available at the March and April meetings. We would like to publish a complete list of hostesses in our 2017-18 Directory.

Judith Ammerman, Hospitality Chair

## VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
Wed	1	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barabara Stevens home
TH	2	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Ann Herre or Ann Robinson <a href="mailto:auwduplicate@yahoo.com">auwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes
F	3	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41
M	6	10:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Marge Ostrom's home
TH	9	12:30	General Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Lunch served at 11:45. LOVELAND CENTER CLUBHOUSE , 157 S HAVANA RD (SEE FRONT PAGE FOR DIRECTIONS)
F	10	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hottel Venezia before Bridge for Fun
F	10	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and Lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41
S	11		LAF Irish Dinner	Beverly Weltzien	Contact Bev Weltzien or Judy Keeler
M-W	13-15		AAUW FL Lobby Days	Marge Ostrom	Contact Marge Ostrom for more information
M	13	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Meet at Jacaranda Library to discuss The Silk Roads: A New History of the World by Peter Frankopan
W	15	2:00	Kaleidoscope	Susan Farstrup	Susan's home in Venetia. Contact Susan for gate access and number attending. Topic: Pearls of Wisdom. See description elsewhere in Venice Views
W	15	6:00p m	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	TJ Carney's, 231 W Venice Ave. Call or email Melanie Odom by Monday March 13th
W	15	<b>DEADLINE FOR APRIL VENICE VIEWS</b>			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at <a href="mailto:auwveniceviews@gmail.com">auwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>
TH	16	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Ann Finger, Chair	Mountaineer Ride thru the Canandian Rockies by Mary Thetford
TH	16	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Ann Herre or Ann Robinson <a href="mailto:auwduplicate@yahoo.com">auwduplicate@yahoo.com</a>	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	17	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at the Hotel Venezia on 41
M	20	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Hostess: Joyce Boot – Theme: Your Favorite Recipe.
F	24	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia before bridge for fun
F	24	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and Lunch at Hotel Venezia on 41
S	25	TBD	Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Gorno	Lippizan Ranch. Contact Nany Gorno for more information
S	25	9:00	Outdoor Adventures	Bea Holt	Visit Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria and view performance rehearsal. Contact Bea Holt
W	29		Patriotic Bridge	Fran Brinkman	Clubside at Plantation. Contact Fran Brinkman for information

# LAF FUND

Is it a fundraiser or a FUN RAISER? The truth is, both. Support women who need legal help with your \$35 donation and spend some sweet time with AAUW members. Mingle in a private home. Your hostesses, at their expense, are planning to treat you to savory dishes and beverages. Just call the hostess below and send her a check made out to AAUW-LAF.

- Feb 25 Mimosa Brunch  
Ellen Franck
- March 11 St. Patty's Dinner  
Beverly Weltzien
- April 6 Greek Dinner  
Kathy Black/Bea Holt
- May 18 May-Flowered Lunch  
Judy Keeler

Thanks to all future hostesses, Ellen Frank, Trena Kelly, Marie Ruvolo, Bev Weltzien, Judy Keeler, Kathy Black and Bea Holt.

## PLAN AHEAD

- Mar 6 Board Meeting
- Mar 9 General Meeting
- Mar 11 LAF Irish Dinner
- 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

## 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 March or April General Meetings **OR** mailed to:

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

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

## DONATION OPTIONS

*Mail this form and your check to:*  
**AAUW, VENICE BRANCH, P.O. BOX 515,  
VENICE FL 34284**

**Fellowship Fund:** checks payable to AAUW. Write Venice (FL) American Fellowship #4390 on the memo line.

**Tech Trek:** checks payable to AAUW. Write Florida Tech Trek on the memo line.

**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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