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MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

Kathleen Pickering, program; Marilyn Kosiorek, hospitality

Program: "Fab Lab for Girls: How Hands-On Learning Engages Girls and Encourages STEM Careers"

Speaker: Ping Faulhaber, Executive Director of the Faulhaber Fab Lab

Hostesses: Helen Francis, chair, Sue Shea, Barb Tompkins, Barb Martinage, Barbara Zittel, Carol Murray

VENICE AAUW - Holiday Luncheon

Pam Clifford & Chris Cairns, co-chairs

Menu entries:

Chicken breast crusted with sweet potatoes along w/ Maple Bruere Blanc OR

Stuffed Flounder with Penrod crème OR

Portobello mushroom with herbs and vegetables.

Salad, vegetable sides, dessert, and coffee, tea and soft drinks are included.

Tickets available for wine and beer. The cost for the lunch is \$35.00

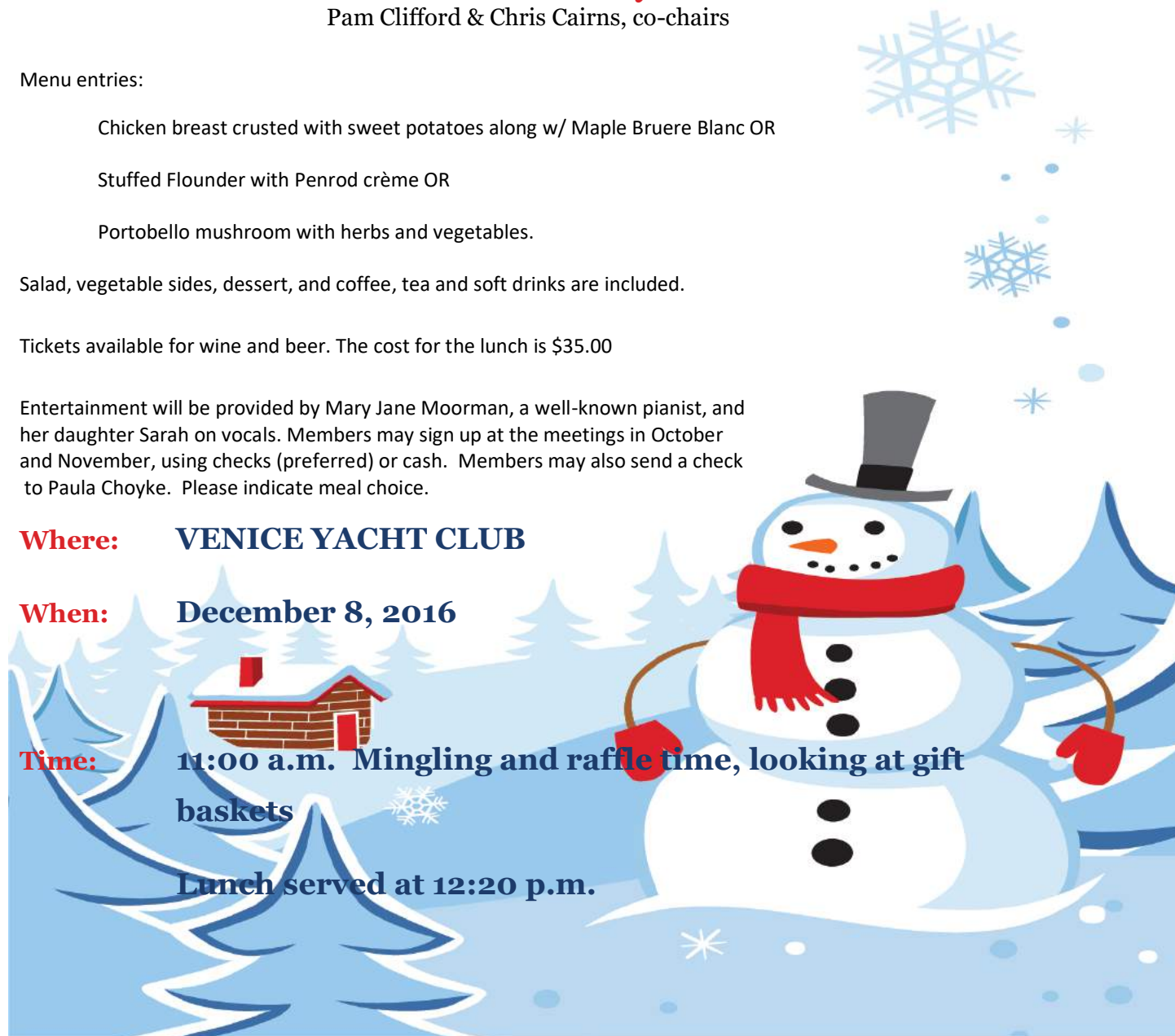
Entertainment will be provided by Mary Jane Moorman, a well-known pianist, and her daughter Sarah on vocals. Members may sign up at the meetings in October and November, using checks (preferred) or cash. Members may also send a check to Paula Choyke. Please indicate meal choice.

Where: VENICE YACHT CLUB

When: December 8, 2016

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

Lunch served at 12:20 p.m.



HOME TOUR 2017

Bev Weltzien & Jan Harris, co-chairs

Thanks to the many who have signed up to volunteer on our Home Tour 2017 Committee! We are very excited about the coming Home Tour's additional venues and activities -Post Home Tour Cocktail Party at the Venice Art Center; live and silent auctions; plein-air painting at home sites; boutiques and raffles! We continue to invite all of you to join in and be a part of this marvelous event. We're getting close to selecting the 5 dedicated homes for this coming year's tour. However, any suggestions for distinctive homes for us to explore are always welcomed. Send the contact information to Bev and Jan. Don't wait! Jump on board and become a part of the 2017 Home Tour featuring Interiors and Art!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marge Ostrom



I welcome many of you back to sunny Florida from vacations and your homes up north. Each month as we progress through the fall season numbers at our meetings increase. Please pick up your 2016/2017 Yearbook at our meetings.

You will notice in this edition of Venice Views that we are omitting contact information; i.e., email addresses, street addresses, and phone numbers of our members in order to protect your privacy. To attract new members we post Venice Views on our website for the general public to read to gain insight into the activities of our branch.

Thus, we are only providing names in Venice Views and in the public areas of our website. To get contact information you will need to refer to your Yearbook or go to the members only section of our Venice Branch website to access the 2016/2017 Directory. As we go forward, we will post address changes and new member contact information on a Member Update List in the members only section of the website. The members only section is password protected. (Please contact me if you do not remember our branch password. I will announce it at each of our upcoming meetings.)

By the time that this October newsletter is available to our membership, the Giving Challenge of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County will have taken place on September 20 and 21st. We will update you about the results at the October meeting and in the November newsletter. We thank all of you who met the challenge and multiplied your donations to our branch. We thank the Patterson Foundation for generously doubling donations of \$25 – \$ 100 from repeat donors and matching 2:1 for first time donors.

Plans are underway for the LAF dining events, our Holiday Luncheon at the Venice Yacht Club and the Home Tour on Feb 10. Please sign up for these events and contact the committee chairs if you wish to help. We thank you for your generous support.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUNDRAISERS

Trena Kelly

Join the fun for good food and drinks with your fellow AAUW members and their spouses/partners. Only \$35 pp which all goes to fund women who have been wronged in the workplace and are litigating for equality. Look in your Yearbook for location and phone numbers of the hostesses and call NOW to reserve your place. Each hostess has worked hard to treat you to a great time.

Oct. 23—Brunch at Marge Ostrom's. 12 noon.

Oct 27—Take Me to the Ball Park at Barbara Martinage's with Ronnie Storch. BYO favorite ball park beer and enjoy baseball fare and trivia as you watch a world series game.

Nov 3—Cuban sit-down dinner featuring chicken breast, mojitos and more at Trena Kelly's with Marie Ruvolo. 5:30 starts cocktails.

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

Dec 7—Sit-down dinner of Ginger Beef Stir Fry at Beth Gamel's.

More to come in the November newsletter.



The Hearing Loss Association of America is collecting unwanted hearing aids to recycle for deaf children. Please help by spreading the word among your friends and bring them to the meeting. There will be a collection box next to the sign-in sheets.

Thank you so much!

Jo Bellett

SIG NEWS - KALEIDOSCOPE

a discussion group coordinated by Susan Farstrup

This SIG will explore a wide variety of topics. At each meeting, one participant will make a 15-20 minute presentation on a topic of her choice followed by an informal discussion. Topics can be in the sciences, arts, current issues, culture, a personal experience or anything that she finds interesting.

The first meeting will be at the home of Susan Farstrup on Thursday, October 27 at 1:30. Her topic is DREAMS. Volunteers are needed for future meetings to keep this SIG active. Interested? Consider a topic you might present for a discussion!

SUNSHINE

Contact Nancy Bradtmiller

Joan Fine – Hip Replacement

Marcia Seman's husband, Walter – surgery



(From left) Jean Shoemaker (Manatee County Branch), Fay Murphy (President, Manatee County Branch), Valerie Shah, Diana Sells (Membership Director, Sarasota Branch), Vicki Waters (Manatee County), Joan Nasser (Sarasota), Marge Ostrom (President, Venice Branch) and Ellen Roche (President, Sarasota Branch)

The Venice Branch joined with the Manatee County, Bradenton and Sarasota Branches to display information about AAUW at the Women's Equity Day Luncheon at Lakewood Ranch on August 20. The following Venice Branch members attended: Carol Newnam, Judy Keeler, Mimi Welch, Barbara Stevens, Anne Russell, Georgie Ann Fedako, Marge Ostrom and Pat Dye



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| 2 | Judy Bosch |
| 4 | Patricia Ritner |
| 5 | Janice Hollister |
| 7 | Paula Dulski |
| 9 | Penny Nuttleman |
| 12 | Gail Conway |
| 17 | Elizabeth Arndt |
| 20 | Helen Boruff |
| 20 | Leie Carmody |
| 20 | Marcia Seman |
| 22 | Lynn Kroll |
| 23 | Claire Sears |
| 24 | Sandra Walker |
| 25 | Joyce Delaney |
| 25 | Marilyn Kosiorek |
| 25 | Carol Murray |
| 27 | Joan Fine |
| 28- | Carol Ann Beyer |
| 28 | Judy Weber |
| 29 | Ute Guenther |



Samira Badawi



Samira has an M.S. in Conflict Analysis & Resolution from George Mason University. She has held a variety of positions throughout her career - finance/ grants management consultant, office manager, and administrative faculty. Samira has two grown boys from her first marriage that currently reside in Rome, Italy. After living 25 years in Rome, Italy and seven in Virginia, Samira and her partner Pete Easton moved to Venice in March 2016 to be closer to her mother - Betty Badawi, also a Venice AAUW member.

Dottie Bingman



Dottie Bingman has a B.S. and M.Ed. from U. of Utah and a Utah State Administrative Certificate from Utah State U. After teaching learning disabled elementary and junior high students, she became a junior high principal and then supervised elementary principals. She was a member of the Wasatch Branch AAUW, Salt Lake City, and served in a variety of capacities. She and her husband, Fred, moved to Englewood in August to be near her sister and brother-in-law, Marge and Chuck Ostrom. She enjoys traveling, playing golf, reading, spending time at the beach and playing bridge.

Nancy Donelson



Nancy has a bachelor's degree from U. of Illinois. Her family was transferred many times for her husband's career and she stayed home with their four children. Later in life, she worked in several long term care facilities in Florida and Georgia. After a recent retirement Nancy resides in Nokomis year round and enjoys being in book clubs and bridge groups

Wendy Seeley



Wendy Arnold Seeley has recently retired from a 40 year career in the education field. She received certification in elementary ed. from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio and in special ed. as well as a 6th Year in Administration and Supervision from Southern CT State U. Throughout her career she taught many different grade levels with the last 15 years as a School Principal. Wendy and her husband retired to Venice last December. She enjoys reading, gardening, golfing, yoga and traveling and is looking forward to meeting new friends at AAUW



Mitzi Fiedler and Phyllis Vogel (pictured above) from the League of Women Voters will be at our October meeting to answer questions about voting and to register voters.

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

Anita Kunkle

Following a Pot Luck luncheon, Program Director Kathleen Pickering introduced the speaker, Lourdes Ramirez. Lourdes represented the League of Women Voters of Sarasota, a non-partisan, educational organization. She spoke on local issues, focusing primarily on the four proposed Amendments to be voted on in the upcoming general election.

The regular meeting was opened by President Marge Ostrom, who welcomed everyone to the new location. Marge drew attention to the pink sheets placed on each table and asked that they be completed, showing areas of interest and willingness to serve.

Regarding the April meeting minutes previously published in the summer Venice Views, Marge asked if there were any additions or corrections to those minutes. As none was identified, the minutes were approved as presented.

Anniversary pins have been received from National AAUW, recognizing 5, 10 and 20 year membership anniversaries. Details to follow in October Venice Views.

The Presidents announcements included:

Upcoming Giving Partner Challenge of the Sarasota Community Foundation set for Sept. 20 – 21

LAF/Venice Branch American Fund Events, 5 fall events

Home Tour – February 10, 2017: Co-chairs Jan Harris and Beverly Weltzien plan emphasis on interior design and art.

Website updates: Thank you to Donna Costa.

Treasurers Report:, including Budget for 2016–2017, was presented by Director of Finance, Carol Cudia. A motion to approve the budget as presented in the Summer Venice Views was made by Roberta Cardamone. Pam Clifford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Anne Finger, Membership Assistant for 2015–2016 introduced new members and guests. Those in attendance were asked to pick up the new Yearbook. Paula Dulski, Yearbook editor, was thanked for preparing the Yearbook.

Pam Clifford, Holiday Luncheon co-chair, announced that each S.I.G. is expected to prepare a basket to be raffled at the luncheon on December 8.

Carol Newnam spoke about the efforts and successes to date of “Charting the Course.” One can visit the AAUW website for details and to commit support. Of the \$1,000,000 goal, \$125,000 is needed.

Study Interest groups (SIGs): Suzanne Biviano, chair, introduced the following group leaders who spoke on behalf of their SIG. If any member wants to start a new group, it is necessary to get Board approval.

Anne Finger – Armchair Travelers
Sue Farstrup – Kaleidoscope. The topic for the 10/27 meeting is Dreams.
Pam Clifford – Exploring the Arts
Mary Greenberg – Lunch Group

Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm.



Hospitality Chair Marilyn Kosiorek

Thanks to members for attending the September meeting and their delicious pot luck dishes.

TECH TREK

Pat Weber

What do DNA, robots, Cyber Security, and APPs have in common? They were all experienced by 12 year-old Florida girls at AAUW Tech Trek Camp. The Camp was held at Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University from June 12th through June 18th.

Our Venice branch sponsored 6 girls who attended Tech Trek after an extensive selection process. In Venice we began the process in November by contacting all area schools with 7th grade students. Seven schools nominated a total of 22 girls, 14 girls submitted applications. In March, our members, Penny Nuttleman, Jean Norman, Carol Cudia and Jean Moorehead interviewed and ranked the 14 applicants. The Florida Tech Trek State committee pared that number to 6 girls.

At our monthly meeting on October 13th, those 6 girls will share some of their experiences at Tech Trek. They are: Madison Campbell and Emily Burch of Imagine School North Port, Kylie Raybourn of SKY Academy, Talon Bottonfield and Quinn DuBre of Venice Middle School and Autymn Edwards of Venice Christian Academy.

We recently received a letter from Michelle Sooklal, Assistant Principal at SKY Academy recounting some of her student's experiences praising our Tech Trek Camp. She wrote, "She was thrilled with what she learned and experienced She loved every part of it from her workshops and classes to staying in the college dorms. She loved her cyber security and edible science."

We at Venice AAUW can feel very proud of our efforts to encourage girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. We are demonstrating that girls can do anything.



AAUW'S NEW ANNIVERSARY PIN CAMPAIGN FROM AAUW NATIONAL

Marge Ostrom

AAUW is pleased to present our new Member Anniversary Pins, lapel pins designed to commemorate and celebrate members who have reached their 5, 10, 20, 30 or 40 years in AAUW as of 2016. *Please note, 50 year members will be sent their lapel pins and a special certificate directly.

These pins are our way of saying thank you to members for their years of membership in AAUW and for their dedication to our shared mission on behalf of women and girls.

Below is a list of the members of the Venice branch who are celebrating a designated anniversary year as of 2016. Pins will be personally presented to members who attend a meeting in October and November. Others will be mailed their pins at the end of November.

5 years: Nancy Bennett, Sharon Carter, Mora Henskens, Valerie McKenzie, Joan Schouest, Donna Wilson

10 years: Elizabeth Badawi, Susette Bryan, Sharon Cullinan, Paula Dulski, Patricia Orr, Catherine Rodriguez, Sue Shea, Peggy Wespiser,

20 years: Louisa Cario, Ilda Deming, Georgie Ann Fedako

Although not receiving a decade pin in 2016, the Venice Branch wishes to recognize those members who have been in AAUW greater than 40 years: Shirley Bethke, Patricia Boruff, Jane Brodt, Roberta Cardamone, Jane Coddington, Kathryn Dierstein, Mary Fritz, Ellen Granick, Trena Kelly, Doris Larsen, Lois Minnich, Nancy Pike, Ruth Sweetser, and Jill Uzell.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Donna McQuain, Membership Director
Anne Finger, Membership Assistant

We began our new year of 2016–17 with a paid membership count of approximately 235. We expect many snowbirds will renew once they return to our area. At our September 8 general meeting in our new church hall we had 64 members with two new applicants and one guest.

If your name isn't in the new 2016–17 Yearbook, you may have forgotten to pay your dues or did so after the Yearbook went to press. Please contact Director of Finance Carol Cudia or Membership Director Donna McQuain if this applies to you.

It's best to address any membership questions to the veniceaauw@gmail.com address. (This info is on the inside back cover of the yearbook as well as on the website.) Please note also that the Yearbook and newsletters are available on our website (<http://venice-fl.aauw.net>). You will find information about accessing these items in the President's Message in this edition.

Please check whether your information is up to date in the yearbook and send any corrections to Membership at the veniceaauw@gmail.com address. Note that all communication from the club is from that email address and sent by Membership Director Donna McQuain or current Membership Asst. Anne Finger. This includes the newsletters and notices initiated by our President so it's best to begin by writing to that email in order to solve many problems. For example, the editors don't send you the newsletter; Membership does. If you wish to contact someone specifically it's best to look up their information and write or call them directly. Write to Membership if you need the Password for the "Members Only" portion of the website. It's hard to solve all our communication problems on the multiple devices and platforms

we use but the website and other social media may help us all with any gaps.

Any present member or new member that would like to order a magnetic name tag please make your check payable to: Anne Russell for \$7.50. You can mail or give the information directly to her or Donna McQuain. Please include your name, the college or university you graduated from and the state where it is located. (It takes about two weeks once the name tags are ordered.) They will be available at the Membership table at the following meeting.

Our next New Member Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 4 at President Marge Ostrom's home. We will be in touch with all new members to pass on the details. We may be reaching back several months since our Spring breakfast was cancelled.

Yearbook Updates: Details will be found in the "Members Only" password protected portion of the website for privacy purposes.

Jo Bellett - renewed
Roberta Cardamone – cell phone change
Kay Novotny – new email address
New Members: Leie Carmody Wendy Arnold
Seeley

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

“STEP WITH ME”

Shirley D. Reid, AAUW Florida State President

I am honored to be your new president in this momentous year 2016. Ninety-six years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, one of the two major political parties has nominated the first woman to become president of this great country of ours (finally). This is the time for us to stand up with our sisters to recognize the hard work of the women and men who led the successful suffrage movement by keeping the polls accessible to everyone and ensuring all women are registered and educated on all issues.

Let us take advantage of our Public Policy Impact Grant in our Branches by making certain that all women are registered to vote. Elections matter! Let us make certain that all women are educated on issue-based choices. We will continue to fight for fair pay and against discrimination. Your vote is your voice. Be Heard!

We are pleased with another dynamic Tech Trek STEM Camp held this year at Palm Beach State College. We congratulate all of you for your caring support in making this possible this year for 60 young girls entering 8th grade to attend. Our campers described this as an “awesome” experience. We’re hoping that you have STEM as part of your operating budget. It takes \$1000 to send a girl to camp.

Our upcoming Leadership Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota, Florida, beginning on Sunday, April 2nd through Monday noon April 3rd. This, as you realize, is a slight change for us, but I believe that starting early we should be able to plan accordingly. At this time of year, in the midst of tourist season, we are able to negotiate better hotel rates and accommodations by moving our conference to beginning on Sunday. Let’s be open to this and try it! Planning is underway. You won’t want to miss this!

Each month one of your State Board Directors will be featured in “STEP WITH ME” to share pertinent information with you and to let you know that we are here for you. This is an exciting time and we enthusiastically embrace the opportunities available to us as we continue to fulfill our mission of advancing equity to women and girls. Working together we are stronger.

Magnetic Name Badge \$7.50

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NAME**
Your University or College



**write check to : Anne Russell
include your name and college**

REMINDER

Please bring some scratch-off lottery tickets to the next meeting for our Holiday Luncheon Raffle Basket.

VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	5	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	6	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Anne Herre or Ann Robinson aauwduplicate@yahoo.com	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	7	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon,	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe.
M	10	10:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Meet at Marge Ostrom's.
M	10	9:30	Interclub Bridge	Carol Newnam	No bridge today.
M	10	1:30	Book Club	Suzanne Biviano	Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room. OCT: Condominium by John McDonald NOV: <u>Americana</u> by Chimamanda Adichie
Th	13	12:30	General Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Grace United Methodist Church. Lunch served at 11:45.
F	14	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	14	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe. Reservations necessary. Backup contact Georgie Ann Fedako.
Sa	15		Deadline for November Venice Views		Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors: Sue Farstrup, Jane Metcalf and Lynn Kroll.
M	17	9:30	Explore With Your Camera	Nancy Gorno,	Visit the Ringling Museum & grounds. Contact Nancy for details.
W	19	6 p.m.	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Leone's Restaurant, Jacaranda Pines shopping center, corner of Center Rd. & Jacaranda Blvd. Call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Sunday Oct. 16th.
W	19	12:00	Cook's Corner	Pat Blair	Meet at Janet Schotz's house . THEME will be Asian.
Th	20	11:30	Mahjongg for Fun	Mitzie Fieder	Lunch & mahjong at Venetian Golf & River Club. Beginning & regular mahjong. Will teach new players.
Th	20	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Anne Herre or Ann Robinson aauwduplicate@yahoo.com	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Th	20	6:30-9:00	Exploring the Arts	Pam Clifford	Venice Art Center. Bring wine/soft drinks & desserts and create your masterpiece under the guidance of a VAC art instructor. \$40 non-members, \$35 members. Confirm attendance with Pam.
F	21	12:00	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe.
M	24	9:30	Interclub Bridge	Carol Newnam	Presently all games are full. Contact Carol to add your name to the sub list.
Th	27	1:30	Kaleidoscope	Susan Farstrup,	Topic – Dreams. Meet at Susan Farstrup's home. Contact Susan if you wish to attend.
F	28	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	28	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe. Reservations necessary. Backup contact Georgie Ann Fedako.



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PLAN AHEAD

Sep 20-21	Giving Challenge
Oct 10	Board Meeting
Oct 13	General Meeting
Nov 4	New Member Breakfast
Nov 7	Board Meeting
Nov 10	General Meeting
Dec 7	Board Meeting
Dec 8	Holiday Luncheon
Jan 9	Board Meeting
Jan 12	General Meeting-Pot Luck Lunch
Jan 21	STEM program
Jan 30	Patriotic Bridge
Feb 9	General Meeting
Feb 10	Home Tour
Mar 6	Board Meeting
Mar 9	General Meeting
April 2-3	Florida AAUW State Leadership Conference
April 10	Board Meeting
April 13	Annual Meeting
April 22	Spring Honors Luncheon
April 22-24	Florida State Convention
May 8	Old Board/New Board Meeting
June 11-17	Tech Trek 2017 Camp
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention
April 22-24	2018 Florida State Convention

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