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

## MONTHLY MEETING at NEW LOCATION

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

Thursday, September 8 at 12:30 (11:45 for POT LUCK LUNCH)

Kathleen Pickering, program, Marilyn Kosiorek, hospitality

### PROGRAM: Exploring Our Heritage

Speakers – League of Women Voters on Current Issues

Hostesses: Suzanne Biviano, chair, Susan Farstrup, Lynn Kroll, Ruth Shaweker, Carol Newnam



The Venice Branch participated for the first time last year in the 24 hour Giving Challenge with donations matched by the Patterson Foundation to provide \$7000 to our scholarship funding.

THIS YEAR, **THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION WILL MATCH DONATIONS** from \$25 to \$100.

- 2:1 for FIRST TIME CHALLENGE DONORS.
- 1:1 for RETURNING CHALLENGE DONORS.
- On Sept 20 – 21, noon to noon.

Take advantage of the challenge to increase your donation significantly to our **scholarship funds for women and girls**. And spread the word to include others outside of our branch.

Details on How to Donate will be sent via eblasts prior to the Challenge.

The 2016 Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County with giving strengthened by The Patterson Foundation, as well as support from Manatee Community Foundation, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Marge Ostrom*



We begin our season with a roster of interesting programs and a new meeting location, Grace Methodist Church on Field Avenue. For September, Program Director, Kathleen Pickering, has scheduled a speaker from the League of Women Voters and

Hospitality Chair, Marilyn Kosiorek, is planning the Pot Luck lunch. Please join us at our new location on September 8 and bring a salad or dessert.

On September 20 and 21 from noon to noon we will be one of 450 nonprofits serving Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties participating in the 24 hour Giving Challenge provided by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County. We thank Bea Holt for updating our Giving Partner Profile in readiness for the challenge ([www.thegivingpartner.org](http://www.thegivingpartner.org)). And most exciting, The Patterson Foundation has generously offered to match donations 2:1 for first time donors and 1:1 for returning donors. So whether you participated last year or not, you can increase your donation to our scholarships funds significantly if you donate online during the challenge. Prior to the challenge we will be sending details via eblasts on how to make your secure donation online on Sept 20 and 21.

Also, spread the word to others outside the branch, especially to support Tech Trek 2017. Remember it takes \$1000 to send a girl to this special science and math camp. This year eight girls from Sarasota County attended camp and we hope to send equally as many next summer, if not more. The challenge provides a unique opportunity to raise funds.

Yearbook editor, Paula Dulski, and Membership Director, Donna McQuain and her assistants, Ann Finger and Charlene Turczyn, have been hard at work during the summer completing our 2016/2017 Yearbook. Please pick up your copy and note the list of officers, committee chairs, SIGs groups, Programs and calendar of events. Similarly, new webmaster, Donna Costa, has updated our Venice website. Go to [Venice-fl.aauw.net](http://Venice-fl.aauw.net) and take a look.

Finally, a resounding thank you to all our members who have assumed responsibility to keep our branch functioning and who are planning all our many activities. We appreciate all your dedication.

## A NEW SEASON, A NEW LOCATION

Kathleen Pickering

Our first meeting in our new location, *Grace United Methodist Church*, will begin with our wonderful Pot Luck Lunch followed by Lourdes Ramirez from The League of Women Voters of Sarasota, presenting information about amendments to the Florida State constitution and to our local Charter. So much attention has been paid to the candidates for office in the November election but there are also important ballot measures to consider. Ms. Ramirez will inform us about these issues.

The state amendments being considered are:

- 1) Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice
- 2) Use of Marijuana for Debilitating Medical Conditions.
- 3) Tax Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders
- 4) Homestead Tax Exemption for Certain Senior, Low-Income, Long-term Residents; Determination of Just Value.

## CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA AAUW OFFICER POSITIONS SOUGHT

The AAUW-Florida Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in running for the state officer positions to be elected in April 2017. We value your suggestions to insure that we have good candidates for the following state office positions whose terms begin July 1, 2017:

**President-Elect; Director for Program; Director for Finance; Director for Public Policy**

Position descriptions and Candidate Vita forms can be downloaded from the AAUW Florida website: <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net>; Click Member Center; enter the password, Florida1929 as requested, click Forms, scroll down to locate desired form and click on the form.

These offices are essential. Note that the candidate vita form must be received by Judy Bonn, AAUW Florida nominating committee chair, no later than November 15, 2016. Thank you for giving this your consideration.

## AAUW BUDGET 2016-2017

### RETAINED EARNINGS

VENICE VIEWS .....	45
PREPAID DUES .....	3130
REENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS .....	22215
AAUW FUNDS .....	829
STEM .....	318.52
NATIONAL CONVENTION .....	600
<b>TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS .....</b>	<b>27137.52</b>
PREPAID DUES .....	3130
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS .....</b>	<b>24007.52</b>

### INCOME

#### BRANCH OPERATING INCOME

BRANCH DUES (260 x 19) .....	4959
MONTHLY MEETINGS (7 x 125) .....	875
DIRECTORY .....	0
VENICE VIEWS .....	45
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME .....</b>	<b>5879</b>

#### BRANCH FUNDRAISERS

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (125 X 30) .....	3750
BASKETS .....	1400
SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON (100 X 30) .....	3000
HOME TOUR .....	18000
DONATIONS .....	5000
PATRIOT BRIDGE .....	600
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISER INCOME .....</b>	<b>31750</b>

**TOTAL INCOME .....** 37629

### EXPENSES

#### BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES

FLORIDA ANNUAL + FDADS .....	136
IRS 501C3 99N .....	0
LIABILITY INSURANCE .....	170
PROGRAMS .....	300
MEMORIALS .....	75
OFFICERS AND CHAIRS .....	400
MISC .....	200
VENICE VIEWS .....	250
STEM .....	288
WEBSITE MAINTANANCE .....	120
ACADEMIC OLYMPICS .....	1000
TECH-TREK CAMP .....	1000
DIRECTORY .....	400
MONTHLY MEETING .....	875
NATIONAL CONVENTION (FOR PRESIDENT) .....	600
PRESIDENT'S GIFT .....	65
<b>TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>5879</b>

### DONATION EXPENSES

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON .....	3750
SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON .....	3000
HOME TOUR .....	1400
PATRIOT BRIDGE .....	600
SCHOLARSHIPS .....	14700
AAUW FUNDS .....	8300
<b>TOTAL DONATION EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>31750</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES .....** 37629

## HOME TOUR

Bev Weltzien and Jan Harris, co-chairs

The 2017 Home Tour planning is well under way! Co-chairs Bev Weltzien and Jan Harris are bursting with excitement and would like to motivate each of you to participate in this meaningful AAUW-Venice fundraiser. Two homes have been confirmed and three others are being pursued.

There are exciting additions to the February 10, 2017 Home Tour – Post Tour Cocktail Party at the Venice Art Center, live and silent auctions, plein-air painting at home sites, boutiques and raffles! So, now, consider how you can get involved and contribute in these opportunities – home manager, home hostess, ticket committee, publicity, auction, raffle committee. The possibilities are endless!!

Lastly, if you know of homes that are unique and would be exciting for ticket holders to tour, let Bev and Jan know. The on-going responsibility of exploring homes as future prospects is always a challenging goal and your support and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Want to get on-board now? Please contact either Bev or Jan!

## LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND DINNERS

Beth Gammel and Trina Kelly

JOIN THE FUN by signing up for one or more Legal Advocacy dinners. Your \$35 per person tax-deductible contribution gets you lots of fun, food and libations at a fellow AAUW member's home.

Between now and December 31 you have five opportunities to help fund women who have faced discrimination win their lawsuits and benefit women forever. All AAUW members and their spouses/partners are welcome. Space is always limited and your seat at the gourmet table isn't guaranteed until the hostess has your \$35 check!

Here's the scoop:

October 23rd at Marge Ostrom's, you can enjoy a gourmet brunch at 12 noon. Call to reserve your spot and get details.

October 27 at Barbara Martinage's (with Ronnie Storch) is a fun TAKE ME TO THE BALL PARK event where you BYO ballpark beer, play trivia and feast on baseball fare as you watch a world series game.

November 2 is a Cuban sit-down dinner with Mojitos, chicken, and accompaniments at Trena Kelly's (with Marie Ruvolo).

November 15 is Wine tasting and appetizers at Kathleen Pickering's (with Nancy Gorno, Suzanne Biviano and Jan Harris.)

December 7 is a sit-down dinner of Ginger Beef Stir Fry at Beth Gammel's home

MORE TO FOLLOW IN 2017.

## IMPORTANT DATES 2016/2017

Sep 6	Board Meeting
Sep 8	General Meeting
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

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Donna McQuain, Membership Director  
Charlene Turczyn, Membership Assistant

We hope everyone has had a healthy, safe, and enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to seeing you in September and the Snowbirds upon their return. We have had a very quiet summer thus far. We have only added two new members to our branch in July. Several others have requested membership information.

A big thank you to Anne Finger for agreeing to stay on as Membership Assistant through September. Also, a warm welcome to Charlene Turczyn who has agreed to become the new Membership Assistant. There will be a new member breakfast in the Fall.....more information to follow with date, time and place.

## NEW MEMBER



**Terry Lombard** has a B.S. from University of Louisville in Allied Health and Education and she served as a Clinical Education Coordinator there. Terry also sold Residential Real Estate in Lafayette Indiana.

She was a member of the Junior League and the American Red Cross Board. Terry moved to Venice full time 11 years ago. She enjoys golf, bridge and euchre.

## Yearbook Updates

**Dottie Bingman**  
University of Utah

**Susan Leege**  
University of Massachusetts

**Terry Lombard**  
University of Louisville, Kentucky



## September Birthdays

- 2 Joyce Boot
- 2 Anne Finger
- 3 Concetta Smith
- 3 Barbara Von Papen
- 5 Jane Brodt
- 5 Georgie Ann Fedako
- 6 Joan Houston
- 7 Dotye Yakovakis
- 8 Joanne Barthlomew
- 12 Patricia Boruff
- 17 Joan Fagnoli
- 19 Peggy Grove
- 25 Judy Evenson
- 25 Kathleen Grossenbacher
- 26 Donna Shader
- 29 Dorothy Korwek
- 30 Donna McQuain

### Sunshine

*Sympathy to Jane Farley  
death of mother*

*Moving away to Ann Malcom*

*Get well to:  
Shirley Reid  
Judy Evenson*

*Diane White: husband's surgery  
Connie Smith: partner's  
hospitalization*

*Sunshine contact is  
Nancy Bradtmüller*

## VENICE AAUW STUDY INTEREST GROUPS

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS – Anne Finger  
941-697-9150 or [mauiaruba@comcast.net](mailto:mauiaruba@comcast.net)  
1:30 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at homes

BOOK GROUP – Suzanne Biviano &  
Barb Martinage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 1:30 at Jacaranda Library

BRIDGE FOR FUN – Anne Russell & Georgie  
Ann Fedako  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at Pelican Pointe

COOKS' CORNER – Pat Blair  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at homes 12:00

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – Anne Herre & Ann  
Robinson  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at Mission Valley

EUCHRE – Mary Al Gagnon  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at Pelican Pointe

EVENING OUT – Lois Odom & Melanie Odom

EXPLORING THE ARTS – Pam Clifford  
Times and places vary

EXPLORING WITH CAMERA – Nancy Gorno  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, various locations

FRENCH CONVERSATION – Jane Metcalf  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 10:30 at Pelican Pointe

INTERCLUB BRIDGE – Carol Newnam  
Must sign up in Sept. for the year

KALEIDOSCOPE – Susan Farstrup  
Time and place vary

LUNCH GROUP -

MAHJONGG FOR FUN – Mitzie Feider

MOVIE GROUP –

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE – Bea Holt  
4<sup>th</sup> Mon various locations

PLAY READERS – Fran Brinkman  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in January, February, March,  
April, 10:00 at Fran's home

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS** Anne Finger

Armchair Travelers is looking for members to share their travel or living experiences in other lands. This group meets 5 times a year in November, January, February, March and April at member's homes. One member presents her travel itinerary and encounters which results in a sharing of other participants' knowledge or curiosity about that area. Discussion is often wide-ranging and very illuminating about the subject area. The travel club may meet in the traveler's home or that of another member. Attendance is limited to capacity in the hostess' homes but a waitlist is also created.

If you've had a travel experience you would like to share please contact Anne Finger to schedule a time to get to know your fellow club members better and have fun in this small group.

**MAHJONGG** Mitzie Fiedler

New groups will be starting this fall. Mitzie will teach new players and start a beginning group as well. All interested players can contact her.

**EUCHRE** Mary Al Gagnon

The Euchre group meets at Pelican Pointe Club house on the first and third Fridays of the month from 12 noon until 3 pm. If you are interested in playing Euchre send your name and email address to Mary Al and she will put you on the Euchre email list.

**INTERCLUB BRIDGE** Carol Newnam

For several years AAUW members have been participating in an interclub bridge tournament with other clubs in the area, such as Boca Royale, Mission Valley, Venice Golf and Country Club, etc. With eight teams, we play seven times for the competition, usually on the fourth Monday of the month. AAUW has a strong team and has usually come in first or second in the competition. Last year we won every game and came in first. Through this activity, we have met many genial women, promoted AAUW to the group and even recruited a few members for our branch.

If you would be interested in this competitive duplicate game, please call or email Carol Newnam. You should be accustomed to modern conventions and duplicate strategies. Our first game will be Monday, October 24, so I will be doing the scheduling very soon – by September 20. Don't delay if you are interested.

**BRIDGE FOR FUN** Anne Russell

This special interest group meets on the second and fourth Friday of every month. We meet at Pelican Point and start playing at 11:30 am and usually conclude about 3pm.

We play 3 rounds of bridge with six hands per round, changing partners for each round. We order lunch when we arrive and break to eat when ready. Everyone pitches in \$1 for prizes. Advance sign up is required; see monthly Venice Views for this information. The list of players will be emailed to all for each date to confirm your reservation and you must notify us if you cannot play.

We are all interested in having a fun time with the great game of Bridge, so come out to join us!



**BOOK GROUP** Suzanne Biviano

The first meeting will be on September 12 with a time change for that meeting only. We will meet at the in the "Children's Room" of the Jacaranda Library at **2:00** to share and discuss our summer reads. Our meetings will resume at our regular time, 1:30, in October. The state of Florida usually does "One Book, One Community" choice, activities across libraries all over the state with everyone reading the same book. This year, they chose the author John McDonald, instead of a single book. Our October selection is Condominium by John McDonald. We need a facilitator for this book. Please contact Suzanne to volunteer to lead this discussion.

**BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS FOR 2016-17**

September 12	Discussion of books read over the summer	Suzanne Biviano
October 10	<u>Condominium</u> by John McDonald	TBA
November 9	<u>Americanah</u> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Ronnie Storch
December 12	<u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah	Jackie Patterson
January 9	<u>We Are Called to Rise</u> by Laura McBride	Ellen Frank
February 13	<u>The Desert Queen</u> by Janet Wallach	Kathy Dierstein
March 13	<u>The Silk Roads: A New History of the World</u> by Peter Frankopan	Ann Finger
April 10	<u>The Wright Brothers</u> by David McCullough	Mary Fritz
May 8	<u>The Little Women of Baghlan</u> by Susan Fox	Paula Dulski

## VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR **SEPTEMBER**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
Th	1	11:30	Duplicate Bridge		Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	2	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
T	6	1:00	Board Meeting	Marge Ostrom	Marge Ostrom's home
W	7	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home
Th	8	12:30	General Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch	Hospitality: Marilyn Kosiorek	Lunch served at 11:45 <b>GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Punch Hall, 400 East Field Ave., Venice, FL 34285</b>
F	9	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	9	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	12	2:00	Book Group	Suzanne Biviano	Discussion of summer reads at the Jacaranda Library
Th	15	<b>Deadline for October Venice Views</b>			<b>Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors, Susan Farstrup, Lynn Kroll, Jane Metcalf.</b>
Th	15	11:30	Duplicate Bridge		Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Th	15	11:30	Mahjongg for Fun	Mitzie Fiedler	Lunch and mahjongg at Venetian Golf and River Club for both beginning and experienced players.
F	16	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
F	23	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun
F	23	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe





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