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MONTHLY MEETING at NEW LOCATION

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285

Thursday, November 9 at 12:30 (11:45 for refreshments)

Pamela Clifford, Program; Lynn Crandall, Hospitality

Hostesses: Anita Kunkle, Chair, Helen Boruff, Cathy Edwards, Anne Finger, Lynn Fox, Joyce Kamm, Trena Kelly, Penny Nuttleman, Marge Ostrom, Ruth Shaweker, Barbara Tompkins.

PROGRAM: "MINDING OUR MONEY --

HOW OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT MONEY AFFECT HOW WE SPEND, SAVE, AND INVEST"

Our very own Fran Potter, CFP, will give this month's presentation. She has provided financial planning for years. This talk is specifically geared towards women and money.

THE VENICE BRANCH NEEDS YOUR VOTE!!

A **critical vote** will be held at the November meeting of the AAUW Venice Branch.



All members are urged to attend this meeting on November 9 to cast your vote.

A motion stands to accept the Board of Directors' recommendation *to establish a Scholarship Fund at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Florida*. An amendment was passed to conduct this vote through a One Member, One Vote process established by National. At the October meeting, the membership was informed that a One Member, One Vote process is not available to us at this time. A motion to conduct the vote on the original motion at the November 9 meeting was then passed.

It is essential that **all members attend this meeting**. We are at a critical decision point of how best to administer the funds we have become so successful in raising. A discussion of the merits of the motion will take place to present both sides of the question.

This scholarship fund has been central to our philanthropic mission that goes back for decades. It is the one project that goes directly to our community, funding non-traditional scholarships for local women and promoting a legacy of giving.

Come to the meeting, enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members and make your voice heard on this very important vote.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
KATHLEEN PICKERING



WELCOME to all those just coming back to sunny Florida! You have been missed. And now, can you believe the holidays are almost on us? Hopefully, you have all signed up for the Holiday Lunch which always proves to be a great gathering with lots of fun and chatter.

In the months ahead, there is a lot to do: raising funds for LAF, supporting Tech Trek, working on the Home Tour, proceeding with the Strategic Plan and selecting the scholarship winners. I urge you all to volunteer for whatever piques your interest. It is a great way to meet new people and assist the Branch in fulfilling its mission.

Kudos to Paula Dulski for again doing the year book and all your support. Thank you, Paula. We love the hot pink cover!

At the October member meeting, additional information was provided on why the Board is recommending setting up an Endowment Fund with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Kirstin Fulkerson from the Foundation presented information on how the Foundation works and how they would assist us in securing great applicants for the Branch Scholarships. Today potential students want to go online to find scholarship opportunities. As Kristin pointed out, by doing only one online application, applicants can possibly receive more than one scholarship. In the past, the Scholarship Committee went out to secure applications and then had to see that all background information was complete. Working with the Foundation, they would make sure all the applicants' paperwork is complete and ready to hand over to the Committee. This enables the Committee to decide who to interview and, ultimately, award the scholarships. If you have further questions, please call me or any member of the Board. You can also contact Kirstin at the GCCF.

See you at the November 9th meeting.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS UPDATE

FRAN POTTER, SIG DIRECTOR

Several members have suggested creating new Interest Groups in the following areas:

Hand and Foot – This is an easy to learn card game – a version of Canasta. A number of members have expressed interest in this group.



Sew Fun - This group would get together for crafts (knitting, crafting, sewing, etc.) and conversation.

Financial Fitness for Women – This group would discuss and learn more about investing and other financial topics of interest and importance to women.

Theatre - Enjoy a play at one of the area's many fine theatres with your fellow AAUW members once a month. Several members have expressed interest.

We need to find out who might be interested to determine the level of potential participation. If you are interested in participating in one of these groups, or have another interest you'd like to suggest, *please contact the SIG Chair, Fran Potter at veniceaauwsigs@gmail.com*. You can also sign up on the Indication of Interest sheets for these groups at the SIG Table at the November meeting.



Also, two existing interest groups are in need of leaders: the **Movie Group** and the **Exploring the Arts Group**. If interested in leading these groups, contact Fran Potter.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Paula Dulski, Membership Director



We currently have 236 members in our Branch and are constantly growing. We are still the biggest and best branch in Florida.

There will be a book exchange at the November 9th meeting. The aim is to share good reads. If you have a book or books that you enjoyed, you can bring them to the meeting and look for books that you would like to read. It does not need to be an even exchange. One of my exchange books is *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman. We will have the table set up by 11:15 so you have a chance to browse before you eat. Dottie Bingman, Anne MacIntyre and Ellen Elie are helping with the exchange.

I need someone with computer skills to help with updating the database and gmail account, corresponding with members, making member badges, making the birthday list for the newsletter, and updating the brochure. I can train the volunteer in the computer programs that are useful.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MEET TRENA KELLY



Trena Kelly says she has a “passion for equality, sex education and contraception!” Understandable when you learn she had to give up a “dream job” offered while a senior at Michigan State University where she was president of her Pi Beta Phi sorority and received both leadership and academic awards. A post as secretary to a Michigan State Senator was rescinded because she was recently married and pregnant. Hopefully, times have changed.

Her husband, on a full athletic scholarship, finished his degree from the same university. The couple were transferred several times, courtesy of Oldsmobile, eventually buying a dealership in southern Delaware. She says she is also a big supporter of Title IX which now allows women the same opportunities to achieve academic achievement through sports.

Divorced in 1985 with two teen sons to raise, her limited work at the dealership and volunteer experience (Cub Scouts, sports booster clubs and AAUW) narrowed job opportunities in rural Delaware. She found success in real estate, first as a Realtor® and later broker, and enjoyed office management more than sales.

She returned to school at Salisbury University to obtain an M.B.A. She remarried Bob Kelly 17 years ago and the couple enjoy traveling, tennis and golf together. They are snowbirds who spend half the year in Delaware and the other half in the IslandWalk community with their sheepdog mix Ginny.

Trena also found time to organize and mastermind “Art in the Afternoon,” a community outreach program for our Venice branch this past winter. Modeled after an event she had seen in Delaware, she brought together art, both paintings and photographs, with writers who set down their observations of these pieces and what “they say to them.” On January 10, the writers read their work to some 60 participants while musicians played pieces that related to the artwork, providing another dimension to the day. Another “Art in the Afternoon” program was held on February 27. She is planning to do it again in 2018.

She has been an AAUW member since 1974, was president of two Delaware branches and also served as State Treasurer of AAUW Delaware. Since transferring her membership to Venice branch, she has helped with Academic Olympics, was co-SIG leader with her sister Beth Gamel, and the two organized the Legal Advocacy Fundraiser (LAF) dinners last year. Her wide-ranging AAUW interests include bridge, the photo group, Cook’s Corner and “anything financial.”

During the months she is in Delaware, she is a member of the Sussex County Committee of the Fund For Women, under the auspices of the Delaware Community Foundation, which funds non-profit groups that help women and girls.

Her two sons both reside in Delaware where the older one is managing partner at a Chevrolet dealership with two sons of his own. The younger son is a certified financial planner with twin 10-year old daughters.

[Judy Houston]

NEW MEMBERS
ANDREA LUCY-PUTWEN



Hi everyone! My name is Andrea Lucy-Putwen and I am new to Venice AAUW. I am an Air Force veteran from both active duty and the reserves. On active duty, I served as a joint nuclear command post controller with STRATCOM. I transitioned into the reserves after my enlistment and continued to serve as a dental technician. While in the reserves, I also worked part time as a veterans' benefits advisor and went to college full-time. I graduated in 2014 from State College of Florida with my BAS in Technology Management and accolades as an Outstanding Graduate Award Finalist. During my senior year, I co-authored an international research paper on cross-cultural psychology that was accepted to the 22nd and 23rd Congresses of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) conferences. I am currently the Director of Community and Stakeholder Engagement at the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). In my personal life, I am a Girl Scout troop leader to a troop of over 100 girls; this is my fourth year of scouting. I enjoy spending time with my eight-year-old daughter, three-month-old son, and husband. Our favorite things to do are visiting local museums and science centers, such as The Ringling and Mote Marine. I will be starting graduate school this January for my master's in education at University of South Florida with a focus on English as a second language.

ANNE MCALEESE MACINTYRE



After being snowbirds for one season, my husband and I made IslandWalk at the West Villages our permanent home in December 2016. Before enjoying the Florida sunshine every day, we lived in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, which is where we were born, married, and raised our two sons. My undergraduate degree, BS in Education (1970), is from Edinboro University of PA and was followed by a Masters Degree in Library Science (1987) from the University of Pittsburgh. My career has been devoted to education. I have taught in the elementary classroom, been a school librarian, and a gifted/high achieving specialist while also serving in the position of department chairperson for gifted education. I continue to be an advocate for the integration of higher level thinking and leadership skills into the curriculum for all students. My other interests include reading, Irish genealogy, three cats, and two granddaughters with a grandson coming in the spring. I look forward to becoming involved with the Venice Branch of AAUW.



2017 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Co-Chairs: Karen Cianci and Lynn Fox

- VENUE:** Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Dr., Venice
DATE: Thursday, December 14
TIME: 11:30am – time for socializing and holiday trivia
12:15pm — lunch served
COST: \$35.00

Please join your AAUW friends for a festive holiday lunch!

Menu choices include:

- CHICKEN CREPES:** Crepes with chicken and leek filling, topped with chevre, mango, and toasted almonds, served with rice pilaf; **or**
PISTACIO CRUSTED SALMON: Salmon with orange Valencia reduction, served with rice pilaf and chef selected vegetable; **or**
SEASONAL VEGETABLE RISOTTO: Arborio rice slow cooked with seasonal vegetables and veggie stock, finished with parmesan cheese and butter

All selections served with a small house salad with clementine dressing, rolls and butter, key lime pie, and coffee, tea, or iced tea. Tickets available to purchase mixed drinks, beer and wine.

Festivities will begin with a **holiday-themed** trivia game, so bring your thinking caps. There will be a 50/50 raffle for those interested. [For those who aren't aware, the Board has decided to discontinue the basket silent auction.]

♪ We were pleased to bring you **Chris and Karen Romig** for our entertainment. ♪
They are a flute and piano duo and their program will be an eclectic blend of classical, jazz, and holiday music.

Luncheon tickets are available at the November General Meeting or by mailing your check [made out to "AAUW Venice Branch"] to:

Karen Cianci, 914 S. Doral Lane, Venice, FL 34293

AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2017

Attendees of the 2017 Tech Trek Camp were introduced and spoke of their experience at the camp.



Speaker: Camille Chapman of SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center)

At 1:14 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Pickering. A quorum was present.

Mimi Welch spoke on the AAUW State Mission: diversity and upcoming state programs.

Minutes were approved as printed in the October 2017 Venice Views.

The following committees gave reports: Holiday Luncheon, Membership, SIGS, Public Policy, Home Tour and Publicity.

Under Old Business, an amendment was proposed to the amendment on the motion to establish a Scholarship Fund at Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. One member, one vote process is not possible, due to not being a part of AAUW Venice Branch's Bylaws. Mimi Welch moved to amend the previous motion to postpone the vote until the November meeting, with notification of the date of the vote to be sent to all members. This amendment motion was seconded and passed by a show of hands.

A presentation was delivered by Kirsten Fulkerson from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and was followed up with questions and answers about the Foundation. Kathleen Pickering, Kathy Black and Barb Stevens spoke to those questions.

At 2:35 a motion was made for adjournment, seconded and passed by voice vote.

Suzanne Biviano, Secretary

APPLY NOW TO BECOME A FL AAUW BOARD MEMBER

Now is the time to submit your application to become a FL AAUW Board member. There are four open positions for a two-year term each, 2018 – 2020.

FL AAUW Director for Membership - Oversee efforts to recruit and sustain a diverse, active FL AAUW membership.

FL AAUW – Director for Communications – Promote visibility for FL AAUW's mission and programs among AAUW members and residents throughout the state.

FL AAUW Director for Development – Promote AAUW's Fellowship, research, legal advocacy and other programs and oversee Florida fundraising and development.

FL AAUW Secretary – Record, distribute, and retain minutes for all Executive Committee and Board meetings.

Members of the Venice Branch have always participated in the FL AAUW Board of Directors. Two current members, Carol Newnam and Barbara Stevens, have been past presidents and Shirley Reid is the 2016 - 2018 FL AAUW President with Sue Shea as Administrative Assistant and Mimi Welch as Parliamentarian.

As one of the largest branches in the state, we should continue our involvement in the FL AAUW board. If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact Nominating Committee member, Marge Ostrom, for more information and to receive a FL Candidate Vita Form to be submitted by November 15.



***YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
BECOME A CANDIDATE TODAY!***

LETTER FROM NATIONAL BOARD CHAIR JULIA BROWN SENT SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Dear AAUW Leader, Tuesday, September 12, 2017

As your newly elected board chair I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with such a dedicated, passionate group of leaders and members. Since back-to-school time typically means back to business in our AAUW communities, I wanted to share some of the priorities at the national office and what opportunities those will present at the state and local level. There is a renewed fervor to take action in our country, and we want to make certain that AAUW is poised to take the lead and harness that energy for the good of women and girls.

First, we are embarking on a comprehensive strategic plan, applying a sharp focus to our mission and translating AAUW’s long-term vision into meaningful and tangible impact with shared, well-defined goals toward equity.

Secondly, we are thoroughly committing ourselves to be an inclusive environment. Only by working across and with *all* parts of our population will we encourage widespread support of eliminating the biases that women and girls experience. As you heard in our most [recent video](#), “Why should being a girl mean having to add words like “if” and “only” to my dreams?” It doesn’t — and AAUW needs to be a representative population to change that way of thinking through our research, programs, public policy and advocacy, and through systemic cultural change. I encourage you to value all individuals in your community and include them in AAUW’s work, for it’s through that inclusion that we find continued relevance and growth.

Thirdly, we are experiencing continued growth in interest in STEM curricula for girls and women, and in our salary negotiation workshops. I will give you periodic updates in my bimonthly emails, and you’ll find additional information in your twice monthly [Mission & Action](#).

And, as always, we are monitoring legislative changes and making our voice and position known on those detrimentally impacting women and girls. Make certain you receive [Action Network](#) (the new Two Minute Activist Mobile will send updates straight to your phone!) and engage with AAUW on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Stay informed so that you in turn can inform your community and take advantage of that increased fervor for activism and watch it translate into membership.

We’ve also been busy creating tools and resources to facilitate your roles as community leaders. In early August you should have received your [Leader Resources and Toolkit](#) showing you exactly where you can find pertinent information on the AAUW website. We’ve outlined a series of skill-building [webinars](#) that will be held monthly, and I hope to see many members taking advantage of this opportunity to hone skills useful in their AAUW work. You’ll also find information on how to [host a program](#) on AAUW’s latest research report, *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. This report presents an outstanding opportunity to engage many segments of your local community in a discussion of the problem and best practices to bring about change.

Finally, I encourage you all to share your successes, concerns, and questions. Our staff at Connect is available to find the answers you need and spread the news on what’s working for you. You can email them at connect@aauw.org or call [800.326.2289](tel:800.326.2289).

I look forward to sharing more information with you as the year progresses. Together we have accomplished much on behalf of women and girls. I can’t wait to see what our future has in store!

Yours in AAUW,



Julia T. Brown, Esq.
Board Chair

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This Special Interest Group met on Monday, October 9 at the Jacaranda Library. They discussed *Claude and Camille: A Novel of Monet* by Stephanie Cowell .



L-R Standing: Barbara Von Papen, Judy Kolk, Anne MacIntyre, Linda Weston, Susan Farstrup
L-R Seated: Kathy Black, Dottie Bingman, Sylvia Irish



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Patricia Otto	10	Carol Wollert	17	Nancy Bradtmiller
5	Patricia Perry	13	Janet Hemond	21	Cheryl Tortora
6	Lois Armstrong	13	Tricia Cook	21	Paula Sala
6	Sharon Carter	13	Eleanor Locke	22	Judy Keeler
6	Pat Dye	14	Corinne Dreon	26	Ann Herre
6	Phyllis Shonk	15	Wendy Orlando	29	Barbara Wyshner
8	Susan Luterbach	16	Phyllis Barth		

SUNSHINE

HEALING WISHES TO:

Carol Cudia -- Knee replacement surgery

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Pat Perry on the passing of her Husband

Connie Smith on the passing of her Husband

Suzanne Biviano on the passing of her Father

[Sunshine contact: Nancy Bradtmiller]

[Please notify Nancy Bradtmiller if you are aware of someone who needs get-well wishes, if there is a serious illness or passing of an AAUW member or family member so that we can acknowledge this on behalf of the Branch.]

AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES — NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Wed	1	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Barbara Stevens' home
Thurs	2	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	3	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri.	3	1:00	Mahjong for Fun	Mitzie Fiedler	This game is geared for beginning players.
Fri	3	9:30	New Member Breakfast	Paula Dulski	Paula Dulski's home. New members & Board Members invited.
Tues	7	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, Room 103
Thurs	9	11:45/ 12:30	General Meeting	Hospitality: Lynn Crandall; Program: Pamela Clifford	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Refreshments served at 11:45; meeting at 12:30.
Fri	10	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	10	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Jacaranda West Country Club. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	13	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. Book: <i>The Invisible Thread</i> by Laura Schroff
Mon	13		Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Vass Gorno	Branded Heart Stables. Contact Nancy Gorno for further information.
Wed	15		Deadline for December Venice Views	Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aauwveniceviews@gmail.com	
Wed	15	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	Beth Gamel's home. Theme: Hawaiian
Wed	15	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Dinner at Café Venice, 116 W Venice Ave. Call or email to Melanie by Sun. Oct. 12.
Wed	15	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke	Farlow's on the Water, 2080 S McCall Rd, Englewood. Call or email Paula to RSVP.
Thurs	16	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	17	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	17	1:00	Mahjongg for Fun	Mitzie Fiedler	This game is geared for experienced players.
Fri	24	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	24	11:30	Bridge for fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Jacaranda West Country Club. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	27		Interclub Bridge	Barbara Stevens	Players must be registered with Barbara Stevens.



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Write **Venice (FL) American Fellowship #4390** on the memo line.
- _____ **LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND:** Checks payable to "AAUW-LAF".
Write **Legal Advocacy Fund** on the memo line.
- _____ **RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Checks payable to "AAUW, Venice Branch".
Write **Re-entry Scholarship Fund** on the memo line.
- _____ **TECH TREK:** See next month's Venice Views for donation payment info.

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