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ANNUAL MEETING

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE, FL 34285

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 AT 12:15; REFRESHMENTS AT 11:30

Hospitality: Lynn Crandall; Hostesses: Lynda Friedman, Sylvia Irish, Emily Jennings,
Anne MacIntyre, Fran Potter, Anne Russell, Melissa Stofko, Linda Weston and Barbara Zittel

AGENDA

1. Approval of by law changes. Please look at the web site where they are now posted. There will also be an email blast.
2. Elections of officers: Program Chairs—Barbara Martinage and Jane Farley,
Director of Finance—Fran Potter and Study/Interest Director—Pat Comeau
3. Installation of the newly elected Officers—Carol Newnam
4. Recognizing and Honoring members

At the Annual Meeting you may nominate someone from the floor, providing you have the consent of the nominee. **THANK YOU to our Nominating Committee, Chair Jane Farley, members Karen Cianci, Ann Herre, Barbara Martinage and Trena Kelly.**

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The Venice Branch will be participating again this year in the 24 hour Giving Challenge with donations matched by the Patterson Foundation to provide funds to our scholarship funding.

THIS YEAR, THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION WILL MATCH DONATIONS from \$25 to \$100 on May 1 and May 2 from noon to noon, however larger donations are encouraged and welcomed.

Take advantage of the challenge to increase your donation significantly to our scholarship funds and Tech Trek for women and girls. It's important to spread the word to others outside of our branch.

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

The 2018 Giving Challenge is presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, supplemented by The Patterson Foundation, as well as the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, William G. and Marie Selby Foundation, and the Herald-Tribune Media Group.

*** * PLAN AHEAD * ***

APRIL 18 [NEW DATE!] - LAF WINE AND CHEESE TASTING, PG. 6

APRIL 21 — HONORS LUNCHEON, PG. 5

APRIL 28 — STEM EVENT, PG. 6

DUES are DUE

Please pay your dues before **July 1, 2018** to meet AAUW deadlines and to be sure you are included in the 2018-2019 Branch Yearbook.

AAUW VENICE INVOICE FOR DUES

July 1, 2018 –June 30, 2019

Regular Membership \$90

Includes: Branch dues of \$19

Florida state dues \$12

AAUW National dues of \$59*

Dual Membership
(branch/state dues) \$31

Paid Life Membership \$31

Printing and Postage for Venice Views \$15**

Make checks payable to **AAUW – Venice Branch**. Pay your dues at an AAUW meeting or mail to:

**AAUW – Venice Branch
Attn: Fran Potter
320 Harbor Drive S.
Venice, FL 34285**

*\$56 of the National Dues is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

**If you choose to have Venice Views mailed to you, the cost is an additional \$15 for the year. To receive a mailed copy, this must be added to your membership dues payment.

Please note that dues are **not** prorated and members must pay the entire amount regardless of the time of year they are paid.

If you have questions about the dues, please contact Paula Dulski, Membership Director, or Fran Potter, Director of Finance.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KATHLEEN PICKERING



April is promising to be a busy month for AAUW Venice Branch. There is the Honors Luncheon, State Convention, LAF event and the Annual Meeting.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up April 12 and I hope many of you will be available to join us. There will be an election of new officers and time to honor our members. There will also be a proposal to change our by-laws. For those of us who have been charged with keeping our membership organization vibrant, we believe the suggested changes are in the best interest of AAUW Venice Branch.

The recommendations include adding a Vice President as an officer; changing the appointed chairs, adding Communications and Education chairs and having the Endowment position report to the Director of Finance rather than be an appointed officer.

With these structural changes there will be more people assisting with the management of the Branch. And - there is an opportunity for more members to be involved. The membership continues to grow and, with that in mind, there is a need for a different structure.

In checking with recent board presidents, they are most supportive. If you have questions, please call me or any member of the board. See you at the Annual Meeting!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PAULA DULSKI, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



The National/State/Branch dues are \$90 effective March 16, 2018. The tax deductibility is \$53 for the National Dues. Dues are due by July 1, 2018 which begins the new fiscal year.

We currently have 253 members. Our newest members who joined in March are Sue-Ann Bailey and Kathleen Economides. In January we had six new members: Irene Falcetti, Kindra Muntz, Claudia Hanley, LuAnn Cusic, Joan Mills and Suzi Barbee.

At our March meeting we assigned numbered tables to encourage members to mix and mingle. We received great feedback and will continue to pass out table numbers. There are many wonderful new members to meet and this promotes sociability. We will also continue with the book exchange where you can find some fun and inspirational reads. We look forward to reading more bios from our New Members next month.

AAUW 2018-2019 VENICE BRANCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

The deadline for the AAUW 2018-2019 Venice Branch Directory is fast approaching (August 2018). Please check your current information in the AAUW 2017-2018 directory to be sure it is correct whether you leave for northern climates or reside here. Please send any corrections, additions etc. to Joyce Kamm at veniceaauw@gmail.com ASAP. **DON'T FORGET** once the directory is published it **cannot** be changed.

The following information is included in the directory: (1) Name, (2) Address, (3) Telephone Numbers (4) (Home and Cell), (5) College; and (6) your Email address.

If you have already provided updates that have been listed in the Directory Updates and available at the Venice Branch meetings, no further notification is necessary. Those updates will be included in the AAUW 2018-2019 Venice Branch Directory.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEET BETH GAMEL



Beth is a native Michigander who also pursued her education in state, graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education and science. Wanting to try something new, she moved to San Diego, California to teach. "It seemed like a bit of an adventure," she says.

Life got a little more adventurous when she met the man who became her husband, who was from Alaska. She moved to Anchorage with him when they married in 1965. Alaska is still where she calls home, snowbirding in Venice from the end of October through the end of April.

After the birth of the first of three daughters, she became involved in community education in Anchorage and was in charge of the program. "Big job, no pay," she comments. She and a friend also launched a pre-school program there because all of the existing ones were full. "I'm very proud that it's still going," she says.

She's taught all grades from first through seventh including special education. In addition to positions in Anchorage schools, she's also taught in Sarasota and Venice, where the family lived when her mother retired here.

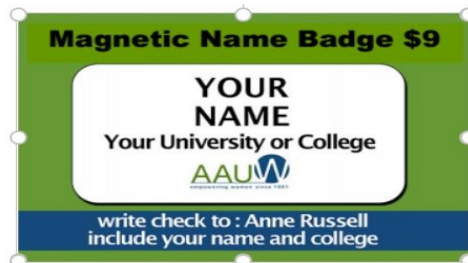
While she lived in Venice, the family did a lot of biking. She spent six years on the Venice Parks Board and originated the first bicycle trail along the Intracoastal Waterway, working with the Army Corps of Engineers to realize her vision. "It didn't get built until we were back in Alaska," she says, "but it was a wonderful thing for the community, a way to get to the beach without cycling in traffic."

Boating is another avocation. She and her husband were the first recreational sailors in Resurrection Bay, Alaska. Another first for them was a voyage from Tacoma, Washington, to Seward, Alaska, with a nine-month and four-year old on board. While they lived full-time in Venice, the couple bought a 40-foot sailboat and sailed it in the Caribbean.

Beth is also the second half of a sister act with Trena Kelly, persuaded by her to join AAUW eight years ago. The two headed the Special Interest Groups (SIG) for two years. She encourages other members to "get involved with one or more of the small groups." Through SIG, she says she has met "many lovely women and done so many fun things."

Like many members, she is a big supporter of women's equity. "Both my sister and I love the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) and believe in what it does."

NEED AAUW MAGNETIC NAME BADGE?



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Order your magnetic name tag Meetings. Fill out the form Membership or to Anne Russell, along with a payment of \$9. If paying by check, make the check payable to Anne Russell.

at the monthly General Meetings below and submit to

An individual plastic bag will be provided for you to hand in your order. You can also send this form and payment directly to Anne Russell. See the directory for her contact information. You will receive the name badge at the next meeting, or call Anne to pick up if needed earlier.



VENICE AAUW MAGNETIC NAME

Your name as you wish it to appear: _____
[Can use nickname] [please print]

School name as you want it written. Include state.

2018 AAUW

HONORS LUNCHEON

Saturday, April 21 - 11:00 a.m.

Venetian River Club

502 Veneto Blvd., North Venice/Nokomis



"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"

MENU

House Salad and Choice of:

Hoisin Glazed Grilled Salmon & Jasmine Rice and

Seasonal Vegetables; or

Chicken Milanese & Fingerling Potatoes and

Seasonal Vegetables; or

Vegetable Napoleon

Flourless Chocolate Torte, Coffee or Tea

\$30

Sign up for the luncheon at our Annual Meeting; or
Mail your check with choice of entrée noted to either
Wendy Orlando or Maggie Surwilo (See yearbook directory
for addresses)

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF) FUNDRAISER WINE/CHEESE TASTING

Every year, because of the generosity of its members, AAUW raises money for the LAF. Hostesses give their time and energy to make these social functions possible. The following affair this spring is part of this fundraising effort. All the food, preparations, etc. are donated by the hostesses. There is no budget and the *entire* \$35 donation goes strictly to the LAF.

WHAT: WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

WHEN: ****NOTE NEW DATE****

Wednesday, **April 18**, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

HOSTESSES: Donna McQuain and Kathy Black

LOCATION: Heron Creek Golf and Country Club, North Port

RESERVATIONS AND DIRECTIONS: Call Donna at [941-876-3977](tel:941-876-3977) or Kathy at [518-744-3379](tel:518-744-3379)

DONATION: \$35.00 to LAF



GIRLS STEAM AHEAD

The AAUW STEM committee had an organizational meeting with the Jacaranda librarian to plan STEM activities for girls 9 to 12 years old. The title of our next event is "Girls STEAM Ahead." We will be holding it on April 28 at the Jacaranda library from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The event will have four stations – Science, Technology, Engineering and Art/Math. We are very excited about partnering with the library. Please come and see how you can help.

ART IN THE AFTERNOON WRAP UP



About 100 people came out to the final AAUW Art in the Afternoon at IslandWalk on March 14. This event draws more people and more compliments each time. The audience views great paintings and photographs while storytellers read their interesting fictional stories about the paintings and musicians play applicable songs. Look for it next year in January, February and March.

2018 HOME TOUR WRAP UP

The 2018 Home Tour, *Homes & Treasures*, was a great success. Many thanks go to all of our volunteers: Members, spouses, friends, artisans and vendors. The benefit of the 2018 tour went far beyond the successful tour and provided recognition to the AAUW organization, at large, and specifically to the Venice Branch's scholarship mission.

More than 1100 tickets were sold with 50% of those tickets sold by our membership. Our PR was outstanding this year, providing us with great exposure. Artisan sales were up, as well as, the income from the Raffle of 5 outstanding gifts valued at greater than \$200 each. Our collaboration with the Venice Art Center continued to be a draw for our after Tour, Celebration Party.

Drum roll please....Our final number this year was **\$25,105.60!**

These proceeds will fund scholarships (and provide tickets for the Tour Homeowners to honor them) given at our annual April Honors Luncheon. Kudos to the AAUW Venice Branch for an "over-the-top" event.

**AAUW VENICE BRANCH
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2018**



Program: Kathy Black, Public Policy Director, presented the program. Speakers included members Camille Cline from Friends of the Library Fund-raiser, Nancy Gorno, speaking on the AAUW National Convention, Kathy Black speaking on the State Legislative Days, and Mitzi Fiedler, speaking on running for the office of Venice City Council.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 12.56 p.m. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Fran Potter presented the Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$35, 276.61. The Golf Coast Community Foundation Endowment Fund reported a net gain of \$187.

Wendy Orlando reported on the Honors Luncheon on April 21.

Jane Farley of the Nominating Committee presented its slate: Program is Barbara Martinage; SIGS Director is Pat Comeau; Treasurer is Fran Potter.

Trena Kelly spoke on Art in the Afternoon. Karen Cianci spoke on the Holiday Luncheon, scheduled for December.

Paula Dulski introduced new members and guests. Attendance for today's meeting was 100.

Chris Cairns, Development Chair, spoke on upcoming LAF events and the Giving Challenge.

President's Report: The Home Tour and its workers were acknowledged. The Annual Meeting is set for our April meeting. It will include election of new officers, installation of those officers, voting on by-laws revisions, and honoring selected members

Money was requested for a money tree to be used in the silent action at the State Convention. Proceeds will go to Tech Trek.

The Spring New Member Breakfast will be held March 23 at 9:30 AM.

Old Business: The Strategic Plan will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in April. A discussion of the new amendments for National followed. A motion was made by Pam Clifford to write a letter to National, expressing our branch's opposition to the amendment on Directors not having to be a member of AAUW and to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. It was seconded and passed.

New Business: There was no new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Suzanne Biviano, Secretary

JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE CONVENTION

The AAUW State Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota on April 22-24. Registration fee is \$190, which includes the opening banquet on Sunday, lunch and dinner on Monday and breakfast on Tuesday.

Registration is due by April 8. For those wishing to stay overnight at the Hyatt, there is a special convention rate of \$149 a night. You must reserve your room by **March 22** to receive this rate.

Our own Shirley Reid, State President, will be chairing this event. Let's help her make this a successful meeting. The keynote speaker on Sunday night is Kim Church, CEO of AAUW.

You can register online on the AAUW Florida website at aauw-fl.aauw.net.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The **EVENING OUT** group will be dining at The Gold Rush Barbecue 661 S. Trail on Wednesday April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Please call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Sunday April 15. We need at least 10 people to keep this reservation. They do have items besides barbecue if that is not your favorite.



Plan Ahead—The **Evening Out Group** will be attending the Loveland Follies on Sunday June 3 at 2 p.m. (dinner to follow if interested). More details to follow for the next newsletter.

The **MAHJONGG** group will be held on the first Friday of every month. This month we are at Rosemary Smith's home, Friday, April 6. All players are welcome. We will continue in the summer as interest allows. If you want to play and have never signed up, you can sign up during our monthly meeting or give Nancy Donelson a call.



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS will not be meeting until the fall.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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1	<i>Phyllis Hoffman</i>	12	Nancy Bennett	17	Trudy Reed
3	<i>Louisa Cario</i>	12	Charlotte Whitbread	18	LuAnn Cusic
3	<i>Claudette Varricchio</i>	13	Nancy Donelson	21	Jan D'Ambrosio
4	<i>Stephanie Hallowell</i>	13	Noreen Popivchak	23	DeDee Connor
9	<i>Sara Knowler</i>	15	Val Dwek	26	Marie Rust
10	<i>Melanie Odom</i>	15	Anita Kunkle	30	Shirley Bethke

SUNSHINE

No Healing Wishes or Condolences Notices Received this Month

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 AAAUW member or family member so that we can acknowledge this on behalf of the Branch.

AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES — **APRIL 2018** CALENDAR

DAY / DATE		TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Wed	4	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Barbara Stevens' home
Thurs	5	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience w/modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	6	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Hotel Venezia (Ramada) Contact MaryAl Gagnon for info.
Fri.	6	1:00 - 4:00	Mahjong for Fun	Nancy Donelson	Rosemary Smith's home. Geared for novices. If you have any interest, call Nancy.
Mon	9	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. <i>A Thousand Acres</i> by Jane Smiley
Tues	10	10:30	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Gulf Coast Community Foundation, 601 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
Thurs	12	11:45 Lunch 12:30 - Meeting	General Meeting, preceded by refreshments	Hospitality - Lynn Crandall	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.
Fri	13	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West County Club
Fri	13	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell/ Georgie Ann Fedako	Jacaranda West CC. Must sign up before date, call or email .
Sun	15	Deadline for MAY Venice Views Send articles and/or photos to: aauwveniceviews@gmail.com			
Mon	16	10:00	Exploring with Your Camera	Nancy Gorno	Nancy Gorno's home. Take portraits.
Wed	18	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	Maggie Surwilo's home. Theme: Your Heritage
Wed	18	6:00pm	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Gold Rush BBQ. Call or email Melanie by Sun. 4/15. Must have 10 participants Non-BBQ items available.
Thurs	19	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Thurs	19	9:30 meet - 3:00 return	Outdoor Adventure	Bea Holt	Kayak tributaries of Lemon Bay, lunch follows. Kayak Rentals available or bring own boat. No experience needed. Contact Bea Holt for info.
Fri	20	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Hotel Venezia (Ramada) Contact MaryAl Gagnon for info.
Mon	23		Interclub Bridge	Barbara Stevens	Players must be registered.
Wed	25	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Paula Choyke	Snook Haven. Call or email Paula to RSVP.
Fri	27	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West County Club
Fri	27	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell/ Georgie Ann Fedako	Jacaranda West CC. Must sign up before date, call or email .
Sat	28	7:00pm	Exploring the Arts	Trena Kelly	Venice outdoor concert at gazebo, Centennial Park, Tampa Ave. Robin and the Retros. Free. Bring outdoor chair/blanket



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_____ **RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Checks payable to "AAUW, Venice Branch".

Write **Re-entry Scholarship Fund** on memo line.

_____ **TECH TREK:** Checks payable to "AAUW Venice".

Write **Tech Trek** on memo line.

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