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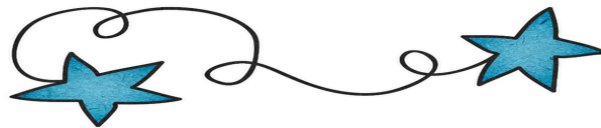
## GENERAL MEETING

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 AT 12:15; SOCIAL HOUR AT 11:30

Please note that there will be no lunch this month as this is an extra meeting with no hostesses. **You are encouraged to bring your own lunch.** However, there will be dessert and water. We would like to focus, once again, on giving your thoughts regarding the Strategic Plan. The program for this month's meeting will be about the Sarasota Opera. There will be no singers present but you will see and hear our wonderful local opera company in a video. See you all on May 10. [Kathleen Pickering]

The Giving Challenge is coming!



***Get Together and Give Together***

***Join us for a Festive Give-a-thon***

***Bay House Clubhouse in Bay Indies Mobile Home Park***

***950 E. Uplands St.***

***Tuesday, May 1, from 4 to 7 p.m.***

We will have laptop computers to help you link to the donor website (or bring your own device). We'll be donating on-line and socializing in person.

*BYOB and please bring an appetizer to share.* RSVP Chris Cairns.

*DIRECTIONS TO BAY HOUSE CLUBHOUSE (NORTH of Lucaya Blvd):*

***From E. Venice Ave.*** proceed straight onto Bay Indies Blvd. (Streets that cross Bay Indies Blvd. are in alphabetical order. Bay House Clubhouse is the second clubhouse in Bay Indies at the Uplands Ave. intersection.) Cross Lucaya Ave., keep to the right around the lake. Parking is available on both sides of the clubhouse opposite Uplands Ave.

***From Lucaya Ave.*** (either Pinebrook or Albee Farm Rd.), turn north onto Bay Indies Blvd. and follow above directions.

**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 the May AAUW meeting or mail to:**

**AAUW – Venice Branch  
Attn: Fran Potter  
P.O. Box 515  
Venice, FL 34284**



\*\$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

As I was preparing to write this month's message I began to think about all the fabulous talent there is in the Venice Branch of AAUW. There are 254 women who are college graduates, and many have higher degrees. But the talent in our members is not just their academic backgrounds. Many have other talents that have surfaced in their life journey. On the Friday after our Annual Meeting I dropped a key off for Kathy Black to use the church to interview scholarship candidates. Had I remembered the key at our meeting, I would have never had the opportunity to chat with Kathy about our meeting and then she asked me if I would like to see her passion. Seeing her passion was an unbelievable experience! As she took me into her sewing room, I was met with the most beautiful wedding dress, all designed by Kathy. She will be sewing over \$900 worth of lace on one dress. Unbelievable talent!



Another member who is onto a new talent and journey is Pam Clifford. She was an excellent program chair but would not continue because she discovered that she has a talent to paint and is taking classes and a trip to Europe to paint.

When I have been at the New Member breakfasts, it is also eye opening to learn how many members have changed careers, always open to the new talents that have discovered within themselves.

As we prepare for the year ahead and begin to flush out our strategic plan I would ask each of you if you have a talent that you would like to use for AAUW. We need many of you to assist in making the Branch work smoothly.

As Mother Theresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples."

Please join me in creating ripples while we continue to **Break through barriers for Women and Girls.**

## MEMBERSHIP YEAR END SUMMARY

### PAULA DULSKI, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



We are 255 members strong. We are the largest branch in Florida by far. It takes a team to reach out to make everyone feel welcome. Our newest members are Mary Pat Kahler and Stefanie Goldberg.

I would like to thank my Membership Assistant Carol Carlson and the new editor of the Venice Branch Directory Joyce Kamm for being on this team. I also would like to thank Marge Collin, Anita Kunkle and Ellen Elie who are greeters at our meetings.

Several ideas have been implemented to help our membership connect with one another. Anne MacIntyre manages a book exchange for members to share good reads. At the March meeting members were assigned seats so they could make new associations during the meeting.

The two new member breakfasts were very well attended. In all, 24 new members attended to learn about the offerings of the Venice Branch. The officers and committee chairs in turn had the opportunity to listen to the expectations of the new members.

## MEET NEW MEMBERS

### IRENE FALCETTI



My education has not followed a straight path. I am originally from California, but I have lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Connecticut as well as Florida. I received my Associates Degree in Applied Science (Dental Hygiene) at Northampton Community College in Pennsylvania. Then went on to get my Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services at Charter Oak College in Connecticut. From there, I received my degree Master of Science at Southern Connecticut State University and then earning my Sixth Year Professional Diploma of Advanced Studies in School Psychology. I spent the majority of my career working with children ranging in age from four to eighteen. I worked in a psychiatric hospital for children as a Pupil Services Specialist coordinating their educational needs. I am currently enjoying my retirement, children and grandchildren. I enjoy spending time playing golf, bridge, exercising and reading. It is an honor to be a part of this organization.

### STEFANIE GOLDBERG



Born and raised in New York City, I attended City University of New York where I obtained a BA in Psychology at City College and a Masters in Counseling at Lehman College. I was married four years later and have two grown children and one grandchild. Now full time Florida residents, my husband and I both love to travel.

My work experience has primarily been in medical school and hospital administration as well as healthcare information technology, learning about computers and IT systems management. I have worked as a Billing Manager, Finance Manager, Departmental Administrator and lastly as an Associate Dean for Administration. Retiring In 2005, I was almost immediately offered a job with New York Presbyterian Hospital, becoming their

Transplant Administrator for the next seven years.

After moving to Florida in 2013 and not quite ready to stop working, I did healthcare consulting part time. Eventually, however, consulting got in the way of life here in Florida, so I completely retired in April 2017.

As a new member of AAUW, I *am* especially looking forward to becoming involved in advocacy for women's rights as well as healthcare policy initiatives. I also hope to have the opportunity to enjoy AAUW's performing arts activities and, as avid reader, plan to join the book club (after we get back from our next road trip).

### SUZI BARBEE



Growing up in a small town in Missouri, I graduated from TCU in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1968 with a B.A. in history and economics. I married, moved to Los Angeles, divorced, went to work consulting, moved to New York City, and then back to Texas. Eventually I opened a shop in an antique mall in Fort Worth where I met my second husband, and started a wholesale book business in Texas. Just before Amazon took over just about everything, we sold the business and moved to Maine where we had vacationed for years. Four years ago we moved to Florida to thaw out.

Although really wanting careers working in museums, we couldn't live on the salaries. We are doing what we love now. My husband Vic volunteers at Edison-Ford Winter Estates in

Ft. Myers. I have loved historic homes since I lived in one as a child and I enjoy giving tours at Ca' d'Zan at The Ringling. We now live in Port Charlotte.

I gave my first house tour in a two room log cabin in 1966 in Fort Worth as a summer job. In Texas and in Maine I also gave tours in historic homes and museums. My other passion is reading murder mysteries.

I first joined AAUW in Texas in the 1980s when we had big hair and big shoulder pads. I rejoined in Maine and I'm happy to be back in AAUW with you here in Venice.

### CHARLOTTE WHITBREAD



I originally joined an AAUW branch in Smithtown, L.I., N.Y. in 1986. I graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology and worked in Manhattan's garment center as a textile designer. I designed for synthetics at Burlington Mills and then plaids and stripes for a wool/orlon house. I moved out of the area and graduated from SUNY at Stonybrook and then went to C.W. Post for a MA. I taught art, covering drawing and painting and art history at various high schools on Long Island. My retirement interest is in teaching bridge as I have played the game for over 50 years. I am a strong supporter for all kinds of education on every level.

## 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](mailto: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.

**NEED AAUW MAGNETIC  
NAME BADGE?**



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NAME BADGE?**

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

An individual plastic bag will be provided for you to hand in your order. You can also mail 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 TAGS

Your name as you wish it to appear: \_\_\_\_\_

[Can use nickname]

[please print]

School name as you want it written. Include state.

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### **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.

### **2018-2019 MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS**

Looking forward to being your program chair this coming year...that way all programs will be of interest to me -(LOL, only kidding, ladies) - The Board nixed the idea to celebrate Valentines Day, which is also our AAUW meeting date, with a program entitled *The Language of Flowers*. Ergo, I would appreciate the romantics among you to send your suggestions for a program that relates to the AAUW Mission which would be fun and also in keeping with the spirit of the Day.

One idea which appealed to many of you is "A Meet and Greet the new Venice Symphony Director." That person will not be identified until late summer, and once appointed will need to be contacted and scheduled through their manager as to availability. I am tentatively hoping that Thursday, November 17, will work for that program as the Symphony is scheduled for that weekend and he/she should be in town. Alternatively, I am wondering how members would react to a virtual program through a video Q &A where he/she responds to questions submitted by members in advance. Let me know your thoughts.

Another request - does anyone have a personal connection with the Sarasota's Director of the League of Women Voters? I have received no response to my e-mails. I was hoping the speaker would address issues affecting women at the Local, State and National level and how they may or may not parallel those supported by AAUW. I'm hopeful that it will be politically correct for them to provide background info on women candidates running in local and state elections to better inform our voters. [Barbara Martinage]

### **LOOKING FOR YOUR PHOTOS!!**

Please check your cell and other devices to see what pictures you may have taken of AAUW events/ meetings/ happenings and any other places where your 'mug shots" may have appeared this past program year. The only additions to this years history file to date are board and monthly meetings, home show press clippings, and oh yes, a couple of newspaper shots of Maggie our most frequently photographed member - her smile seems to shine everywhere in our community. Your historic record is only as complete and interesting as you make it. My mailing address is Box 586, Averill Park, NY 12018; my e-mail is bamartina@AOL.com if you want to send photos.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### BOOK CLUB

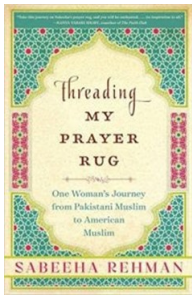
This has been an exciting year to be a member of the AAUW book club, such interesting reads, such exceptionally skilled discussion leaders? You remember the old Girl Scout saying make new friends but keep the old?. I'm reminded of that saying as we welcome new members and wish our snowbirds a safe and healthy summer filled with good books to share upon their return.

Yes, for you year round AAUW members our book mavens continue to meet throughout the summer. You are welcomed to pop in on the second Monday of each month.

**Ann McIntyre** will be the contact for our next meeting, **Monday, May 14** as she leads discussion on **Sing For Your Life by Daniel Berger**. She will bring lots of insight from the Author's Talk sponsored by Sarasota County Library Association as part of their All County Read. Discussions are held in the Community Room at the Jacaranda Library at 1:30.

Check the SIG folder for the AAUW Book Club.

You might find it interesting to look through the list of previous reads dating back to 2003 - there might be some reads you missed.



The AAUW Adelante book this month is focused on Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month:

*"Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim"* by Sabeeha Rehman.

A timely reflection on being Muslim in the United States today, *Threading My Prayer Rug* is the story of Sabeeha Rehman's many journeys: from Pakistan to the United States, from being a secular Muslim in an Islamic society to a devout Muslim in a society rife with misunderstandings about Islam, from immigrant to citizen. By challenging stereotypes and offering a new perspective on American life and society through Muslim eyes, Rehman offers a new perspective on what it means to be American.

### BRIDGE FOR FUN—CHANGE OF LOCATION

Bridge for Fun – **NEW** Location— To Pelican Pointe Clubhouse, 499 Derbyshire Dr., Venice.

**MAY 11 and 25; JUNE 8 and 22; JULY 13 and 27; AUGUST 10 and 24; and**

**SEPTEMBER 14 and 28** All players must sign up before date of play.

Same time - 11:15 a.m. Questions? Call or email Anne Russell or Georgie Ann Fedako



### EUCHRE—CHANGE OF LOCATION

Euchre is held the first and third Friday of the month at 12 noon. In May we will go back to playing at the Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club, 499 Derbyshire Dr., Venice. We will continue to play throughout the summer.

Please email MaryAl Gagnon if you are interested in joining this group.

### EVENING OUT

The Evening Out group will be attending the Loveland Follies at Venice Theatre on **Sunday June 3** at 2 p.m followed by dinner at Sharky's after the show. The show is entitled *Unplugged: The Best Day of Your Life* and it deals with all the things you can do in Venice without benefit of anything electronic. If you would like to attend and prefer to sit elsewhere contact the theatre box office at 488-1115 or go to their website at [www.venicestage.com](http://www.venicestage.com). Tickets are \$22.00 each. The deadline for dinner reservations is Friday, June 1st. Call or e-mail Melanie Odom for tickets.

## **AAUW VENICE BRANCH**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 12, 2018**



A brain-storming session on branch fundraising ideas was held in lieu of a program. The information was provided to the board for consideration for future events.

**General Meeting** was convened by President Kathleen Pickering at 12:30 p.m.

The Hostess Committee was recognized and thanked.

Paula Dulski presented the membership report and introduced guests and new members. The chapter membership is at 254. Present for this meeting were 90 members.

Kathleen Pickering reminded members of the State Convention to be held in Sarasota on April 22-24.

Paula Choyke reminded members to submit ideas for Summer Socials.

The May meeting will be held May 10, 2018 with a program presented by the Sarasota Opera.

Members will need to bring their own lunch. A committee has been appointed by Kathleen to address the future of lunches at our general meetings. Bea Holt will head this committee.

Chris Cairns reminded members of the Giving Challenge to be held from noon May 1 to noon May 2.

The Honors Luncheon will be held on May 21 at 11 a.m. at the Venetian Golf and River Club.

Two 50-50 prizes of \$32 each were won by Marge Ostrum and Judith Houston.

### **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 12, 2018**

The **Annual Meeting** of the Venice AAUW chapter was convened at 12:50 p.m. A quorum was present to conduct the business.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March general meeting as printed in the Venice Views was made by Pam Clifford and was passed.

Fran Potter presented the Treasurer's report: Cash on hand is \$38,922.17.

The allocation of scholarship money as passed by the board is to present \$10,500 to the American Fund and to award seven non-traditional student scholarships of \$2,000 each.

Mimi Welch led the explanation of the by-law changes recommended by the board. See the addendum or email attachment sent to each member for the proposed changes. The recommended changes are highlighted in red; deletions are crossed out.

Anne Herre presented an objection to adding the office of vice president to the board. Fran Potter made a motion to retain the position of Vice President in the by-laws. That motion was seconded and passed 72 for and 7 opposed.

Carol Newnam made a motion to eliminate the recommendation in Article X, section e that, if the vice president is unavailable to fulfill the duties of the president (should the president not be able to fulfill her duties) that the board would fill the position by appointment, and replace that recommendation with the succession procedure already in place in the by-laws (i.e. 1. Program Director; 2. Membership Director; 3. SIGS Director; 4. appointment by the board of directors. Each officer may be filled by an officer or co-officer) That motion was seconded and passed by acclaim.

A vote was held on by-law changes in Articles VII to XVIII, with the just-passed amendment on the succession included, and was passed 78-0.

The following candidates for office were presented by the nominating committee:

Vice President: Paula Dulski

Treasurer: Fran Potter

Special Interest Group Chair: Pat Comeau

Co-Program Directors: Barbara Martinage and Jane Farley

There were no nominations offered from the floor and the officers were elected by acclaim.

Installation of the new officers was conducted by Carol Newnam.

Outgoing officers Pam Clifford and Paula Choyke were recognized for their contributions.

A Power Point presentation, written by Judy Houston, produced by Andrea Lucy-Putwen and delivered superbly by Kathleen Pickering, recognized special contributions by members over the past year.

A printed Annual Report booklet was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary.



## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



From L to R: Patty, Trena, Paula, Mary, Chairperson Nancy Gorno, Kathy, Bev, and Kathleen, with Kay Olson behind the camera.

**LOST AND FOUND - GRAY WOOLRICH VEST AT MARCH GENERAL MEETING  
CONTACT PAULA DULSKI.**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

4	Mary Castell	11	Colette Sears	20	Sue Shea
5	Wendy Seeley	12	Diane White	24	Pamela Clifford
6	Betty Badawi	14	Nancy Gorno	29	Bobbie Huibregtse
7	Susette Bryan	18	Pat Blair	30	Jo Bellett
9	Joan Mills	19	Katherine Poyneer	30	Carol Newnam
9	Lynda Weston	19	Lois Wynne	31	Carol Cookson

## SUNSHINE

Healing Wishes to:

Samir Badawi (Betty Badawi's husband/Samira Easton's dad) accident and surgery.

[Please notify Nancy Bradtmiller if you are aware of someone who needs get-well wishes or condolences so we can acknowledge this on behalf of the Branch.]

AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES — <b>MAY</b> 2018 CALENDAR					
DAY / DATE		TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Wed	2	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Barbara Stevens' home
Thurs	3	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience w/modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	4	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G&CC.
Tues	8	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Gulf Coast Community Foundation, 601 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
Thurs	10	11:30 Social 12:15 - Meeting	General Meeting, preceded by Social	Hospitality - Lynn Crandall	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice.
Fri	11	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G&CC
Fri	11	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell/ Georgie Ann Fedako	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G&CC. Must sign up before date, call or email.
Mon	14	1:30	Book Club	Ann McIntyre	Jacaranda Library <i>Sing For Your Life</i> by Daniel Berger
Tues	15	<b>Deadline for Summer (June/July/August) Venice Views</b> <b>Send articles and photos to: <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a></b>			
Wed	16	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	Maxine Barritt Park. Theme: Picnic
Thurs	17	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	18	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G and CC, 499 Derbyshire Dr., Venice.
Wed	23	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Paula Choyke	Flynn's on Venice Ave., 133 W. Venice Ave, Venice. Call or email Paula to RSVP.
Fri	25	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G&CC
Fri	25	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell/ Georgie Ann Fedako	<b>NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION:</b> Pelican Pointe G&CC. Must sign up before date, call or email .



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Write Venice (FL) American Fellowship #4390 on memo line.
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Write Legal Advocacy Fund on memo line.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **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.

For more information about these Funds, go to <http://venice-fl.aauw.net/donate>

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