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Venice AAUW Awards

Scholarships to Seven Women

Seven Sarasota County women were awarded scholarships of \$2,000 each to further their college-level education by the Venice branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The awards, known as re-entry scholarships, are directed at women who have had to delay or interrupt their education and are returning to pursue a degree. "Family and financial concerns are typically why women must put their college plans on hold. We are pleased we are able to offer support to these candidates," according to Sue Luterbach and Susanne Owen, who chaired the AAUW selection committee.

The scholarship winners are: **Lyudmila Dunchyk**, North Port, who immigrated to the U.S. from the Ukraine with her parents and eight siblings when she was twelve years old. Married with two children, she is seeking a degree in Elementary Education at University of South Florida.

Pearl Ferguson, North Port, is married with two children, and has worked as a barista and a lifeguard. Enrolled at State College of Florida, she has her LPN and is working toward a BSN degree with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

Katherine Harris, Sarasota, a single mother of two, was inspired to pursue a nursing career after severe dystocia during the birth of her first child. Enrolled at Keiser College, she plans to utilize her BSN degree in a neonatal intensive care unit or a labor and delivery unit.

Stephany Jacobsen, Venice, works as a full-time medical assistant in a local doctor's office while enrolled in the nursing program at State College of Florida. Her husband and two children are very supportive of her goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

Jessica Pope, Sarasota, a single mother with two children, is a third year student at Ringling College of Art and Design. Her accomplishments include a documentary titled *Women Inspiring Women*, in which she interviewed women about the women in their lives who inspired them. Her goal is a degree in design and photography.

Erin Smith, Sarasota, has been working at Ringling for 17 years, helping students achieve their goals. She has one daughter and is now in her junior year at State College of Florida, working toward a degree in social services, specializing in sociology and geography. Her dedication is demonstrated by achieving Dean's and President's lists each semester.

Elizabeth Woolson, Sarasota, began her working career as a paralegal but decided to channel her abilities into nursing after taking care of her mother, who needed home health care after a major surgery. She is enrolled in the nursing program at State College of Florida.

The scholarships are funded through proceeds raised by an AAUW Home Tour held each February, and administered in a partnership with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Venice AAUW, with 253 members is the largest AAUW branch in Florida and one of the largest nationally. Its mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Monthly meetings are held from September through May on the second Thursday of the month at the Fellowship Hall of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice

AAUW membership is open to women who have completed an associate, bachelor or advanced degree. For more information, visit venice-fl.aauw.net on the internet or on Facebook



Re-entry scholarship winners awarded by Venice AAUW were recognized at an Honors Luncheon held on Saturday, April 21, at the Venetian River Club. They are, left to right: Katherine Harris, Lyudmila Dunchyk, Elizabeth Woolson, Stephany Jacobsen, and Jessica Pope. Two additional women were not able to attend: Erin Smith and Pearl Ferguson



Sue Luterbach and Susanne Owen , Chairs of the Selection Committee in the back



Wendy Orlando and Maggie Surwilo, Co-chairs for Honors Luncheon

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

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

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Get Well Cards were sent to

Georgie Fedako

Rottie Bingman's husband

Preteen Girls “STEAM Ahead” At Venice Jacaranda Library

A collaboration between the Venice branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Teen Services Librarian of the Jacaranda Library drew dozens of nine to twelve year-old girls for a hands-on technology event. It took place on Saturday, April 28.

Designed for 20 registrants, it was expanded to include some of the additional preteens who wanted to participate.

Pat Weber, a retired teacher who headed up the AAUW team conducting this learning session with library staff, says, “We were very pleased that we were able to give these girls a fun learning experience and show them some avenues for future education and career paths. This age group is typically when girls lose interest in the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and math. We also included an art application because it’s been demonstrated that art education promotes original thinking, a critical component in innovation.”

Tabletop projects included making edible models of DNA with licorice sticks, miniature marshmallows and toothpicks. Dry spaghetti and more marshmallows challenged the girls to construct a tower that would be stable enough to support a “Peeps” marshmallow chick on top. Tiny computerized robots called Ozobots™ allowed them to do some basic coding so the robots would follow a computerized track they designed.

The workshop, with other session topics, has been offered at Venice and North Port libraries. Plans are to repeat the workshop again at a future time. For more information about AAUW, visit venice-fl.aauw.net on the internet or on Facebook.



AAUW members who provided one on one mentoring and Pat Weber, AAUW Chair Trek Tech and Jamie Naylor, Teen Services Librarian (front)



26 girls ages 9-12 participated in the Girls “STEAM” Ahead event.



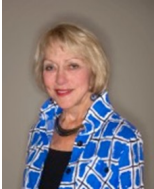
Engineering principles were introduced

Photos by Paula Dulski



Girls were able to do basic coding that allowed Ozobots to travel around on a paper track they created.

Thanks to each and every AAUW member who made our branch proud at our Girls STEAM Ahead event. Your participation made it a tremendous success and could very well be a decisive factor shaping the future for some of these girls. Opening their eyes to exciting possibilities in the sciences was a real gift to them. I hope you’ll join me for more of the same in the months ahead. Pat Weber, co-chair of Girls STEAM Ahead.



President's Message

Since the last President's message, a lot has happened. We had the Honor's lunch where 7 women received \$2000 scholarships toward their education. They were all very appreciative and had big goals to finish their education. Many thanks to Sue Owen and Sue Luterbach and their committee for selecting excellent recipients within a very tight time line. The luncheon was very well done by Wendy Orlando and Maggie Surwilo. Thank you! Comments that I heard were all good about the venue and the separation of the member recognition and the awarding of the scholarships. We will continue the separation in the future but make the date the last Saturday in April to accommodate the scholarship program.

After finishing the luncheon, some of us were preparing to attend the Florida State AAUW convention in Sarasota. We had the privilege of hearing from our National CEO Kim Churches who told us about implementing their strategic plan and the many changes they are making in the AAUW national office. She continued to emphasize the importance of keeping our mission on the forefront of everything we do. In Venice AAUW the mission is always emphasized through the monthly programs and the activities we promote and do for girls and adults.

It was a pleasure to see our Mission in action with 26 girls enjoying and raving about the Stem program put on by the Jacaranda library and AAUW volunteers headed by Pat Weber.

Soon after the Convention it was time for the May meeting, new to the branch. There were about 40 members present who enjoyed the presentation on the Sarasota Opera. Even though there were no singers available, there was video to help us either remember our times at the opera or prepare us to come to the Opera.

While all of this was going on with AAUW, I made two trips to the north.

One to Wisconsin for my granddaughter's bridal shower and the next one to Minneapolis and Duluth to witness my youngest grandson's college graduation from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. When we were in Wisconsin they had chilly weather and in fact one day was the coldest day for that day in 149 years. Yikes. And my last trip for the spring and summer will be to Romania for my granddaughter's wedding.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER AND ATTEND SIG EVENTS IF YOU ARE HERE. THE REST OF YOU WE WILL WELCOME BACK IN THE FALL.

Tech Trek Help Wanted

Follow an established program to help select 7th grade girls in the Venice area for our Florida Tech Trek camp. Pat Weber will be available to help you through the process. Contact her for details. **Make a difference in the life of a girl!**

AAUW General Meeting Minutes May 10, 2018

The Program was presented by the Sarasota Opera.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Pickering at 12:42 PM.

The minutes were approved as published in the Venice Views.

Fran Potter gave the treasurer's report We have a balance of \$11, 045.41. This represented \$14,000 paid to Gulf Coast Community Foundation for the scholarships presented and \$10,500 added to our American Fund Scholarship Fund.

President urged members to vote on the National Amendments online.

A thank-you was given to all those who gave during the Giving Challenge. Chris Cairns reported approximately \$4700 was donated, which will result in about \$9,000 to our branch.

A storage unit was been rented to store all the paraphernalia AAUW members are now storing.

A thank-you to Publicity chair Judy Houston for the wonderful articles in both the Gondolier and Sarasota Harold about our re-entry scholarship winners was offered. Similar articles should appear about the STEM Event.

Kathleen encouraged any suggestions members may have to improve the meetings.

Paula Dulski gave the membership report: we now have 256 members.

Paula Choyke asked for members to volunteer to host Summer socials. The deadline to get them into the Venice Views is May 15th.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Jane Farley.

Pat Weber reported on the STEM event held at the Jacaranda Library. 24 girls participated in 4 different activities.

The report from the committee on our lunches was read, but no decision made.

Pam Clifford reported on the compiled results of the last brain-storming session on fund-raising. Game Day of some form was the top suggestion. A committee will work on this idea.

Members used the same brain-storming process on two more strategic goals: 1) to encourage and involve more members in our activities, esp. newer members; 2) Increase more members leadership involvement and consider ideas for rewarding outstanding service of members. The results will be tabulated and presented to the board and membership.

Those attending the State Convention offered a synopsis of the meetings and workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Biviano

SAVE THE DATE.....AND STEP UP TO THE PLATE!



Our next home tour is February 8, 2019. We have many members who have already volunteered to head the various committees that will work together to make the home tour another successful event to support our philanthropy.

Suzi Barbee has stepped forward to serve as one of the co-chairs who will coordinate and guide the sub-committee chairs. She needs one or two more women to work with her to manage this responsibility. Will you be the one?

Contact Bev Weltzien, Co-director of Development, if you will join Suzi to help make the 2019 home tour one of our best!

JUNE

2	Helen	Francis
3	Mary	Fritz
3	Peggy	Wespiser
7	Geraldine	De Jarnet
7	Carolyn	Shrauger
9	Judith	Houston
9	Roberta	Ingrassia
11	Patricia	Comeau
11	Andie	Mercer
11	Beverly	Weltzien
13	Marilyn	Singer
14	Lois	Odom
14	Anne	Russell
16	Lynda	Friedman
16	Jane	Metcalfe
16	June Lee	Reninger
18	Betty	Kalunian
19	Fiedler	Mitzi
20	Barbara	Zittel
21	Marge	Ostrom
21	Donna	Wilson
22	Kay	Novotny
22	Shirley	Reid
22	Phyllis	Vogel
23	Nancy	Pike
23	Barbara	Rao
24	Claudia	Hanley
24	Charlene	Turczyn
25	Maida	Zamoff



JULY

1	Terry	Lombard
2	Deirdre	Christman
9	Joan	Armstrong
11	Barbara	Tompkins
15	Suzanne	Talbott
16	Kindra	Muntz
20	Ruth	Shaweker
21	Mora	Henskens
23	Jane	Coddington
24	Elaine	Izzi
26	Ruth	Sweetser
27	Fran	Brinkman
27	Laatsch	Jaclyn
30	Marie	Ruvolo

AUGUST

1	Jane	Farley
1	Pat	Knasiak
2	Patricia	Orr
3	Ellen	Franck
3	Catherine	Rodriguez
7	Judith	Ammerman
9	Sharon	Cullinan
9	Frances	Potter
11	Donna	Sweet
12	Julie	Fiedler
13	Mary	Lynch
14	Florence	Bennett
14	Janet	Schotz
15	Janet R.	Dugan
15	Rebecca	Allen
17	Marion	Mahoney
17	Shirley	Schaefer
22	Meryl	Balko
23	Joyce	Kamm
23	Marie	Talmage
24	Jacqueline	Patterson
28	Judy	Andy
28	Maggie	Surwilo
30	Susan	Farstrup

Check These Out!

If you missed our annual meeting or didn't take a copy of the 2018 Venice Branch Annual Report, it's available on our website. Amended bylaws, voted on at that meeting, can also be found on the website. Both are in the Members Only section. Go to www.venice-fl.aauw.net.

SUMMER SIG GROUPS AND SUMMER SOCIALS

Contact information for event organizers can be found in Yearbook or in Members Only section of Branch Website

Date/Time	Event	Organizers/Contact	Notes
Friday, June 1 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Sunday, June 3 @ 2:00	Loveland Follies at the Venice Theatre: "Unplugged: The Best Day of Your Life" Dinner after at Sharkey's for those who are interested	Melanie Odom	Tickets—\$22.00. Deadline is June 1. Melanie has 1st row balcony seats. The show is about living without electronics. Contact Melanie by phone or email.
Wed, June 6 @ 10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thurs. June 7 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Friday, June 8 @ 10:30	French Discussion	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC
Friday, June 8, 10-4	Pontoon Boat ride to Cape Haze. Picnic at Don Pedro State Park	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula Dulski
Friday, June 8 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Mon. June 11 @ 11:30	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room.	Anne MacIntyre	Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahnemen
Thurs, June 14 @ 1	Patriotic bridge—Just for fun— not a fundraiser. Charge of \$2 for Clubhouse and prizes. Flag day—wear your red white and blue	Fran Brinkman	Contact Fran Brinkman
Fri, June 15 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Tues. June 19 @TBD	Punta Gorda Promenade. Walk along Peace River, lunch, Wildlife Rehab Center and a quest at the renowned Funke Junkies (not to be be- lieved) A multi faceted day	Jeri Jaminet	Contact Jeri Jaminet
Wed, June 20 @ 12:30	Cinebistro lunch and more	Pam Clifford	Contact Pam Clifford
Thur. June 21 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley CC. Players should have experience with conventions , duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri. June 22 @ 10:30	French Discussion	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. June 22 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Wed. June 27 @ 11:30	Lunch at Ovation Hotel in Downtown Sarasota	Mary Greenberg and Paula Choyke	Contact Paula

SUMMER SIG GROUPS AND SUMMER SOCIALS

July and August

JULY			
Wed. July 4 @D 10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thur. July 5 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri. July 6 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Tues. July 10 @9:15	Sarasota Opera House backstage tour & lunch	Susan Farstrup	Respond by 7/5 to Susan Farstrup. We will carpool to Sarasota.
Mon July 9@ 1:30pm	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room	Anne MacIntyre	The Orphan Tale by Pam Jenoff
Thurs. July 12 @ TBD	Shopping at South Siesta Key & Lunch at Turtles	Anita Knuckle	Contact Anita Knuckle by 7/9
Thurs. July 12 @ 4-6	Wine & Cheese party at Kathy Black's home. No need to bring anything	Kathy Black	Contact Kathy Black by 7/9
Fri. July 13 @ 10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. July 13 @ 10:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Mon. July 16 10-2	Pontoon Boat Ride and lunch at Pops	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula Dulski
Thur. July 19 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley Country Club	Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes
Fri. July 20 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. July 20 @ TBD	Shopping at Armands and lunch at Columbia Restaurant	Anne Russell	Contact Anne by 7/17
Wed. July 25 @ 4:30	Happy Hour @ Mattisons 41	Mary Greenberg and Paula Choyke	Contact Paula
Wed. July 25 @11am	Bunco games & lunch @ Pelican Pointe. \$3.00 to cover prizes	Barbara Wyshner and Lidia Madrazzo	Contact Barbara or Lidia
Fri. July 27 @ 10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. July 27 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Mon. July 30 5-7	Cocktail Party @ Kathleen Pickering's home. Bring an appetizer to share. Spouses & friends welcome	Kathleen Pickering	RSVP to Kathleen Pickering by 7/27
Wed Aug 1 10:30	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Contact Barbara Stevens
Thur. Aug 2 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes
Fri. Aug 3 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. Aug 10 @10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC

SIGS AND SOCIALS (cont'd)

AUGUST

Fri. Aug 10 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Mon. Aug 13 @1:30 pm	Book Group @ Jacaranda Library Youth Activity Room	Anne MacIntyre	The Glassblower by Petra Durst-Benning
Thur. Aug 16 @ 11:15	Duplicate Bridge @ Mission Valley CC	Karen Mullen	Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri. Aug 17 @ noon	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Pelican Pointe CC
Wed. Aug 22 @11:30	Lunch at Dry Dock Waterfront Grill, South Longboat Key	Mary Greenberg & Paula Choyke	Contact Paula by 8/20
Fri. Aug 24 @ 10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe CC
Fri. Aug 24 @ 11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Pelican Pointe CC
Mon. Aug20 @ TBD	Boat Ride and Lunch	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula

BOOK CLUB

Program Year 2018-2019

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR	FACILITATOR
Sept. 10, 2018	Members share recommendations on good reads.		
Oct. 8, 2018	Hillbilly Elegy	A. D. Vance	Kathy Black
Nov. 12, 2018	Behold the Dreamers	Imbolo Mbue	Barbara Zittel
Dec. 10, 2018	The Paris Architect	Belfoure Charters	Mary Fritz
Jan.14, 2019	Bertha Honore Palmer – Sun-coast Empire	Frank Cassell	Lynda Weston
Feb. 11, 2019	Killers of The Flower Moon	Grann David	Penny Nuttleman
March11,2019	A Gentleman In Moscow	Armor Towles	Anne Finger
April 8, 2019	Secret Lives of First Ladies	Cormac O'Brian	Maggie Surwilo
May 13, 2019	Into the Grey Zone	Adrian Owens	Marge Ostrom

AAUW GIVING CHALLENGE

Thank you for your gift to the 2018 Giving Challenge. It will help the Venice Branch fund our Tech Trek, STEM and Scholarship funds. Your continued support of our mission is greatly appreciated. This year we reached a new high with a total in excess of \$9000.

You should have received a tax receipt by email from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County when you made your donation May 1-2. If you did not, please let me know and I will work with the Foundation to send you a copy of your receipt.

Thank you for your generosity.

Chris Cairns



Venice Views Summer Editor

Jane Metcalf

Paula Dulski: e-copies circulation

Anne Russell: Printed copy circulation

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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.

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Dual Membership (branch/state dues): \$31

Paid Life Membership: \$31

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