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**SEPTEMBER MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 12:15; POT LUCK AT 11:30  
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMIAMI TRAIL, VENICE, FL 34285**

**SPEAKER: Women’s Employment Equity in Pay.** Debbie LaPinski from PGT Innovations will discuss PGT policies, practices and support services related to ensuring women employee equity in both pay and opportunity.

Our first meeting in September begins with our Annual Potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Please be aware that we do not have access to the kitchen or refrigeration. If your dish needs to be cold, please bring it in a container that will keep it cold.

We are excited to start another year of great programming. However, we need a Hospitality Chair so we can continue our monthly luncheons. We have many volunteers who are willing to bring salads and sandwiches each month. We have a budget, but we still rely on the \$2 donation from each member to cover paper goods, incidentals and to defray the cost of the monthly room charge.

Please step forward or find a friend to co-chair with you. It’s a great place for a new member to volunteer and get to know your AAUW members. Call or email Jane Farley if you want to volunteer.

**REMINDER.** Since Venice Views is available to the general public, for the privacy of our members, we don’t publish personal contact information. If you need to contact a member, look her up in the Members Only section of our website or in our Yearbook.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Kathleen Pickering*



It is big Welcome Back to all the members who have rejoined us from the months away. It is going to be another great year for the Venice Branch of AAUW. Paula Dulski has written an article in this Venice Views outlining how we will continue to carry out the Strategic Plan. I hope you will all get involved.

We want our meetings to be so engaging that you will not want to miss even one. There is so much to discuss around women's issues. We hope to have meaningful dialog around women for elected office, the #MeToo Movement, equal pay, and STEAM. I would like your suggestions about how to carry on meaningful discussion.

It would be exciting to have us leave each meeting with an action item for each of us to make a difference. Should we leave time during the meeting for small group discussion with action plans? Should we have assignments ahead of time so that you can come prepared for the monthly discussion, perhaps about some assigned readings?

At the September meeting, we will explore some of these ideas and ask for more from you. If you are not back until October, please jot me a note about your thoughts.

Let's all make it an exciting and interesting year for AAUW.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Paula Dulski*

The board worked on the Strategic Plan for the Venice Branch over the last several months. We want to be sure to keep our mission on track and also try out some new ideas. The plan outlines our branch goals and how we will achieve these goals. Both veteran and new members need to be involved in the branch mission. We will create a Member Skills List that is aligned with the goals we have outlined. Both the Strategic Plan and the Skills List are available to all members at the monthly branch meeting and by email. We encourage all members fill out the request for skills to help us use your talents. Return the completed form to Paula Dulski.



We will work as a team to raise funds for scholarships, Tech Trek, STEM and educational programs for girls. We will provide new and diverse activities for our members. This will strengthen and improve our Branch.

## Member Profile: Meet Suzi Barbee

*Judith Houston*



The new steward for the 2019 AAUW Home Tour, our chief fundraiser, is Suzi Barbee. She's new to our branch but has been a member in previous home states of Maine and Texas.

She came to her first Venice meeting the day before the 2018 Home Tour, and was immediately pressed into service at one of the homes. She agreed to take on the upcoming tour because "I saw how well it was organized."

She brings to the task a wide array of credentials. As an undergraduate (degree from TCU in history and economics), she worked in the university library. She later parlayed that into a public relations position with the Ft. Worth, Texas, Public Library system.

Later professional credentials included consulting in a heavy industry field. She was based in her native state of Missouri but the position allowed her to travel a lot -- 50 weeks a year. "That's the part I really liked," she says.

She moved back to Texas because "I just liked it there," and became an entrepreneur of a successful antique business she started, returning monthly to Missouri to "buy stuff" for the shop. When she married, she and her husband started a wholesale book business, which allowed them to spend summers in Maine because sales slowed down during the summer.

After four years of full-time retirement in that northern climate, they moved to Pt. Charlotte, Fla. This is a geographic midpoint for her husband's involvement with the Edison-Ford home museums in Ft. Myers and Suzi's volunteering with the Ca d'Zan in Sarasota where she is a docent several days a week.

Houses, particularly historic houses are in Suzi's DNA. She grew up in an historic house and the home she left behind in Maine was the Captain Tobey House, an old sea captain's home. (She does like to point out that the house really belonged to a woman and once she married, the locals started referring to it as the home of her husband.)

An inveterate home tourer herself, she says she has been through at least 400 historic homes or castles over the years. She's also given Gilded Age Victorian home tours in Portland, Maine, and attended Victorian Society Summer School in Newport, R.I. to learn more about the architectures of that period. Although constructed later, she says the Ca d'Zan typifies the style of the last of these Gilded Age homes.

## What's Ahead with the Home Tour?

A lot of the groundwork has already been accomplished for the upcoming tour. That includes solid commitments for homes, all of which are on the Island of Venice. Theme for the tour will be "Island Gems."

There is no co-chair as there has been for the past several years but a number of committees have been formed to break down tasks into manageable pieces. There are additional roles that Suzi would like to see filled, however. She's comfortable heading up the tour but she would love to see a member come forward to take on data management, computing and texting. "That's the area where I'm weakest," she says. If you want to help in this area (or any other), you can find Suzi's contact information in the Members Only section of our website.

She'd also like to expand the artisan area at the homes, perhaps to have two at each home instead of just one. "There was at least one vendor last year who almost ran out of merchandise by midday. It would be great to have someone take that on and expand our artisan participation."

Raffle baskets are another way to increase income. One thought she had was a dining basket with gift certificates for a number of area restaurants. Another idea is a percent off a meal at participating restaurants on Home Tour day by showing the tour ticket. She'd like someone or several individuals to take on that effort.

Her first experience with our home tour impressed her with our "collegiality." Let's get behind her now because Tour 2019 is only about five months away. Suzi points out that "Home Tour is a great way for new members to get involved, meet other members and become part of our team. It makes the Scholarship Luncheon more enjoyable because you know you helped make these scholarships happen."

She related the business philosophy she shared with her husband: Work hard, help people, make money, and have fun! (Added....and lose weight!) I think we can all subscribe to that so give her a call or send her an email to let her know how you'd like to participate.

The Nominating Committee continues to search for a Membership Director. Paula Dulski is willing to help train the Director. In addition, Joyce Kamm has graciously taken over the majority of the computer tasks. Carol Carlson assists with all new members at each meeting. We have several other members willing to help with monthly meetings and new membership breakfasts. Our Committee is grateful for all who have stepped up to help with the membership committee; we just need a Director to coordinate. You can be new to AAUW, as it is a wonderful way to meet other new and interested guests, or a long time member.

Contact Jane Farley if you are able to fill this important role.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Gail Densler



I have always been passionate about learning through the arts and travel, as well as through books. I grew up in New Jersey then I headed to Ohio to earn my B.A. from Wooster College. I worked in NYC for four years then pursued a MAT degree at Harvard University. The day after my final exams I began teaching art in a suburb of Boston. I spent a long career there and raised our daughter. I especially enjoyed working in a school where 14 languages and interesting cultures were represented. My extracurricular activities included community theatre and singing in a choir.

We became Snow Birds spending several winter months in Venice and the rest of the year on Cape Cod. I sang with the Falmouth Chorale and painted with a group at the Art Center.

Now that we are in Venice, I sing with the Venice Chorale and paint with group of women in Sarasota. We spend summers in Cape Cod.

### Charlotte Galluccio

I always knew I was born to teach. I got my B.S. in Education at St. John's University. An M.A. from Hofstra University followed that. I worked with the Gifted and Talented. I had the unique experience of becoming the Director of the OWL Teacher Center, which was devoted to providing 'professional development for teachers, by teachers.' As such, I served as Chairperson of the regional group of Centers for several years. I have always had an interest in



Metaphysics and the process of awareness. After retirement, I received an M.A. in Transformation Theories and Practices from Atlantic University and began working with Dream Groups. I also received my certification as a Life Coach from iPEC and later became a Reiki Practitioner. I moved from Long Island to Florida a short time ago and continue to enjoy traveling and reading.

### Elaine Izzi

Elaine Kablach Izzi graduated from University of Pittsburgh with a BS in Economics and from Shippensburg University with an MS in Psychology. She was with the Federal Government as logistician, supervisory position in software design and development. Then she became a behavioral specialist and mental health therapist working with children and adults with chronic mental health issues and overseeing treatment of therapeutic interventions in home, school, and communities. She has lived in Germany, Texas, Virginia, Maryland, and now Florida.



Elaine has two sons, Derek, who is a nationally ranked racquetball player and lives in Kansas City, and Steve, who is the father of her only grandchild, Trinity, who lives in Brunswick, MD. Besides her close family ties, Elaine enjoys the beach, dancing, reading, investing, and new adventures.

### Joan Kieran

My degrees include a business diploma from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, a BS degree from Northeastern University in Boston and a Master's in Public Administration degree from the University of Vermont. After moving from Hingham, MA to Vermont in 1981, I spent 26 years at UVM primarily as the Donor Relations Officer in Development and Alumni Relations. In 2016, after many seasons vacationing in Venice, my husband Bob and I settled in Venice and are now Florida residents. We have three adult daughters Andrea, Amy and Jennifer (twins), three sons-in-law and four grandchildren (Jason, Jimmy, Kyle and Ellie) - all college students. My interests include golf, photography, travel, reading, choral singing, and volunteering.



### *September Birthdays*

- |   |                    |    |                        |
|---|--------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2 | Joyce Boot         | 12 | Patricia Boruff        |
| 2 | Anne Finger        | 15 | Karen Limkemann        |
| 3 | Barbara Von Papen  | 25 | Judy Evenson           |
| 5 | Jane Brodt         | 25 | Kathleen Grossenbacher |
| 5 | Georgie Ann Fedako | 26 | Donna Shader           |
| 9 | Elaine Raven       | 29 | Dorothy Korwek         |
|   |                    | 30 | Donna McQuain          |

## **PROPOSED 2018-19 BUDGET**

Fran Potter  
Director of Finance

Below is the proposed Venice branch budget for Fiscal Year 2019, which has been approved by your Board of Directors. Members will vote on it at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This fiscal year's budget fully supports objectives identified in the branch's Strategic Plan including:

- Increasing and retaining broad-based membership through increased promotional and membership initiatives including the use of Constant Contact.
- Continuing to send girls to Tech Trek; a commitment fully funded through funds raised in the Giving Challenge.
- Improving educational opportunities for Girls with new and continuing programs.
- An additional fundraising project, which will be developed from the brainstorming session this spring.

Additionally the budget includes funding for non-traditional scholarships and the Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund, which is supported by Home Tour revenues.

Changes from previous budgets include:

- Since the Holiday and Scholarship Luncheons are really membership events and not primarily fundraisers, they have been moved to a new category of Branch Member Events;
- In keeping with practices followed by other non-profits to refer to monies held in reserve, the category formerly titled "Retained Earnings" is now "Net Assets";
- To ensure our assets are fully utilized, funds that were held in past reserves (for example, for Venice Views, American Fellowship, Girls Activities) are being "paid out" from Net Assets to be included in income for these projects in the 2019 Fiscal Year.

If you have questions about this budget, please contact Kathleen Pickering or Fran Potter.



## PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

### Net Assets as of June 30, 2018

Venice Views	\$ 162.82
Prepaid Dues	3,420.00
Non-Traditional Scholarship	844.00
American Fund	1,300.00
Girls Activities	630.00
National Convention	600.00
Home Tour	220.00
Monthly Meetings	369.69
Balance Forward	\$7,546.51
Prepaid Dues 2018-2019	- 3,420.00
Paid out from Net Assets:	
To Operating Income from Venice Views, Monthly Meeting	- 532.51
To Fundraiser Income from Am. Fund, Girls Act., Home Tour	- 2,150.00

**Available Funds in Reserve** (for Non-Traditional Scholarship, National Convention) **\$1,444.00**

### BRANCH OPERATING INCOME

Branch Dues (250 x 19)	\$4,750.00
Monthly Meetings (7x140)	980.00
Paid from Net Assets (Venice Views, Monthly Mtgs.)	532.51
<b>TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,262.51</b>

### BRANCH MEMBER EVENT INCOME

Holiday Luncheon (125x35)	\$4,375.00
Scholarship Luncheon (100 X30)	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EVENTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,375.00</b>

### BRANCH FUNDRAISING INCOME

Home Tour	\$20,000.00
Patriotic Bridge	500.00
Donations (2018 Giving Challenge)	
Unrestricted	7,614.88
Non-Traditional Scholarships	200.00
Tech Trek	1,270.00
Other Development Projects	1,300.00
Misc. Donations	250.00
Paid out from Net Assets (Am. Fund, Girls Act., Home Tour)	2,150.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	<b>\$33,284.88</b>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$46,922.39**

### BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES

Florida Annual Report	\$ 145.00
Liability Insurance	185.00
Misc. Fees (PO Box, Bank, Foundation)	500.00
Website Maintenance	120.00
Officers and Chairs	500.00
Memorials	100.00
National/State Convention	600.00
President's Gift	50.00
Monthly Meetings Programs	2,027.39
Annual Meeting	150.00
Venice Views	300.00
Promotional	150.00
Membership (Directory, Brochure)	300.00
<b>TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,527.39</b>

### BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES

Holiday Luncheon	\$4,375.00
Scholarship Luncheon	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EVENTS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,375.00</b>

### BRANCH FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Home Tour	\$2,220.00
Other Development Project	300.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,520.00</b>

### PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES

Non-Traditional Scholarships	\$14,000.00
American Fellowship Fund	10,500.00
Florida Tech Trek	5,000.00
Girls Activities	1,000.00
Additional Programs	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,500.00</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$46,922.39**



## A LETTER FROM AAUW-FLORIDA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Branch Presidents:

The AAUW-Florida Nominating Committee knows that all our branches have talented and enthusiastic members. We trust that some of them will be interested in running for the state officer positions to be elected in April 2019.

We value your suggestions to insure that we have good candidates, and encourage you to inspire and promote members to become a candidate for the following state office positions whose terms begin July 1, 2019:

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

Thank you for sharing this information with all of your branch members via e-mail, newsletter, and at your next branch meeting emphasizing the knowledge and experience they can provide to AAUW-Florida.

The following position descriptions and the Candidate Vita form are attached to this email and may be downloaded from the AAUW Florida Website: <http://aauw-fl.aauw.net/> ; Click Member Center; enter the password, SunnyandBrite2018, as requested; click Forms; scroll down to locate the desired document and click on the link.

1. Finance Director Description and Duties
2. Public Policy Director Description and Duties
3. Program Director Description and Duties
4. President Elect Description and Duties
5. Florida-Candidate-Vita-form-9-2015

These offices are essential. Note that the candidate vita form must be received by the committee chair no later than November 15, 2018.

Thank you so much for your efforts to recruit the best state officers.

Sincerely,

*Ellen Roche*

Chair AAUW Florida Nominating Committee

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2018-19

### 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 members' 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's home 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.

### BOOK CLUB

Barbara Martinage

Meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Jacaranda Library.

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

### BRIDGE FOR FUN

Anne Russell and Georgie Ann Fedako

- ✚ We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, year round, starting at 11:15am, location subject to change.
- ✚ We play 3 rounds of bridge, with 6 hands per round, changing partners for each round and using Chicago Scoring.
- ✚ We order and enjoy lunch usually between the 1st and 2nd round and are usually finished by 3pm.
- ✚ All players pay \$1 for prizes. Advance sign up is required, see the monthly Venice Views for this information.
- ✚ A list of players will be emailed to all one week before each date of play.

**COOKS CORNER**

Janet Schotz

A group of members who enjoy preparing food meets for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month between October and May. Each participant brings a dish incorporating a chosen theme and we discuss the recipes after eating them. Dishes are not judged and we often have a lot of laughs over failures!

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Karen Mullen

AAUW Duplicate Bridge is for those players who play at the intermediate level or higher.

During each session, partners are drawn at random. Play is scored according to ACBL scoring guidelines.

Duplicate Bridge meets at Mission Valley on the first and third Thursdays. Play begins at 11:30 and ends by 3:30. A variety of lunch selections is available with drinks and a cookie. Cost is \$14, including tax and gratuity. Those wishing to play should contact Karen Mullen.

**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.

**EVENINGS OUT**

Melanie and Lois Odom

We go to dinner at restaurants in the Venice area. We order from the menu, enjoy the food and each other. We have had some wonderful meals and lots of good times. Evenings Out meets the third Wednesday of the month from October through April at 6 p.m., skipping December because that time is always so close to Christmas. So, think about joining us and sign up for our first event in October.

**EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA**

Needs a coordinator

Exploring with Your Camera is a special interest group for those that like to take photos. The group chooses a different location near Venice each month. The women share the photos they have taken and the group usually ends the morning with lunch or coffee together.

**FINANCIAL FITNESS**

Fran Potter

Financial Fitness is a forum to discuss and learn more about investing and other financial topics of interest and importance to women. The group brings together members with varying levels of knowledge and experience in an environment in which we can all learn from each other. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

**FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Jane Metcalf

We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 10:30, just before the Bridge for Fun group at Jacaranda West CC. You don't need to be fluent in French. We enjoy discussing various subjects and try our best to do it in French.

**INTERCLUB BRIDGE**

Barbara Stevens

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. 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 Barbara Stevens. You should be accustomed to modern conventions and duplicate strategies. Scheduling will be done very soon so don't delay if you are interested.

**LUNCH BUNCH ETC.**

Mary Greenberg and Paula Choyke

Usually lunch, but it could be brunch, or happy hour. We intend to mix it up! Whatever it is, it will be fun. Third Wednesday of the month and times will vary.

**MAHJONGG FOR FUN**

Needs a coordinator

Meets on the first Friday of the month at members' homes.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

Bea Holt

Outdoor Adventure meets several times a season, organized by email. The group offers a variety of activities. Some activities are strenuous such as zip lining, kayaking, and biking. Others are less so: tai chi, boating, farmer's market shopping and manatee viewing. Adventures are selected by group suggestions. Usual hours are 9 am-3 pm with lunch and car pooling. All members are welcome to come along.

**PLAY READERS**

Fran Brinkman

Play readers are just that! We get together and read plays.

We meet the fourth Thursday at 10 AM at Fran's house in October, January, February, March, and April. We have done several programs for AAUW and other organizations that have requested us.

AAUW Venice Branch has a storage locker to keep all of the branch supplies in one place. It is important that we keep an accurate inventory of what is in the storage locker, so we know what we have - and what we don't. If any member adds anything to the storage locker or removes supplies, PLEASE send notice to the Secretary, Suzanne Biviano, so the inventory is kept accurately updated.



Hold the Date: Thursday, December 13

AAUW Holiday Party at Venice Yacht Club



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

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
F	7	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
T	4	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
W	5	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home.
Th	6	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	14	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia on Rt. 41 before Bridge for Fun.
F	14	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia. You must sign up in advance.
M	10	1:30	Book Group	Barbara Martinage	Discussion of summer reads at the Jacaranda Library.
Th	13	12:15	General Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch	Program: Jane Farley Barbara Martinage	Lunch served at 11:30 EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
S	15	<b>Deadline for October Venice Views</b>			<b>Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a></b>
F	21	12:00	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
W	26	11:30	Lunch Bunch ETC	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Lunch at MacAllister's Grill and Tavern in Lakewood Ranch.
Th	20	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	28	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia on Rt. 41 before Bridge for Fun.
F	28	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia. You must sign up in advance.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The backstage tour of the Sarasota Opera House has been rescheduled for Monday, October 8, at 10:00 followed by lunch in the Opera House courtyard. Cost is \$13 for the tour and an additional \$12 for a lunch of sandwiches, wraps, side salad, dessert and beverage. More details will be in next month's Venice Views. Contact Susan Farstrup if you are interested.



Venice Views Editor for September:  
Susan Farstrup  
Anne Russell: Printed copy circulation

### ***DONATION OPPORTUNITIES***

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**AAUW, Venice Branch, P.O. Box 515, VENICE, FL 34284**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **FELLOWSHIP FUND:** Checks payable to AAUW  
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:** Checks payable to AAUW  
Write **Tech Trek** on memo line.

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

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