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**OCTOBER MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 AT 12:15; LUNCH AT 11:30
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, Venice, FL 34285**

SPEAKER: Phyllis Vogel from League of Women Voters presents the League's position on legislation at the Local, State and National levels and how they align with AAUW.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Paula Dułski

The Venice branch is 250 strong and is the largest branch in Florida. The Board has created a Strategic Plan to meet our planned fundraising and educational programs. You have received a file of the Strategic Plan by email and copies will also be available at the meetings. The Plan defines what we want our branch to accomplish over the next two years. Some of the goals are ongoing, such as the Home Tour and STEM activities. Some goals are new, like organizing a Diversity Workshop for AAUW members and developing programs in areas such as leadership or financial literacy for young students. The more we put into our branch, the more we will get out of it.



The goals cover 4 categories.

Membership: Increase, retain and broaden membership, providing education and other benefits.

Leadership: This area focuses on the board structure, the budget, and identifying member's skills.

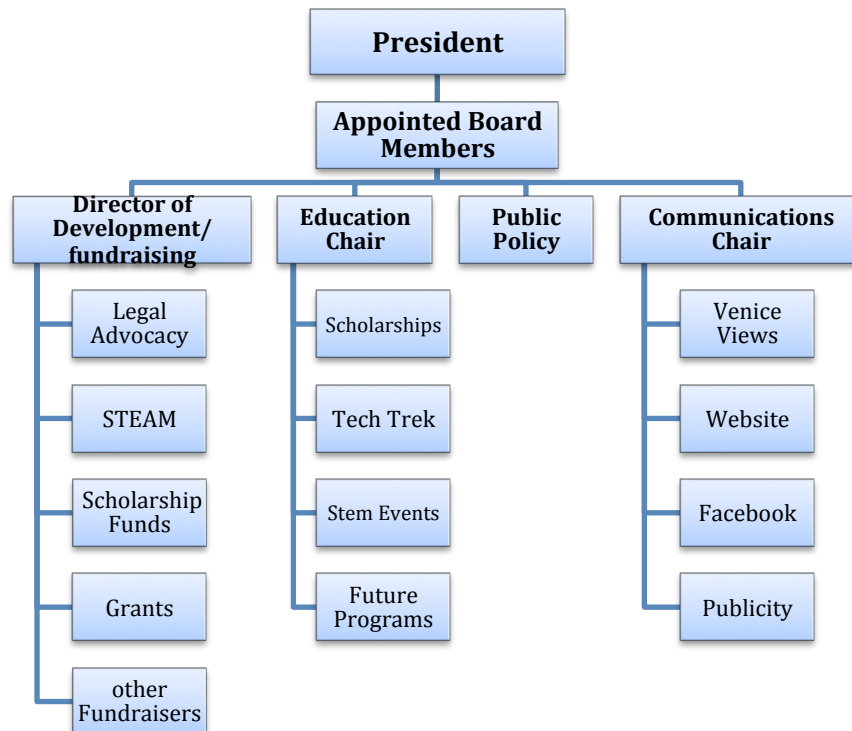
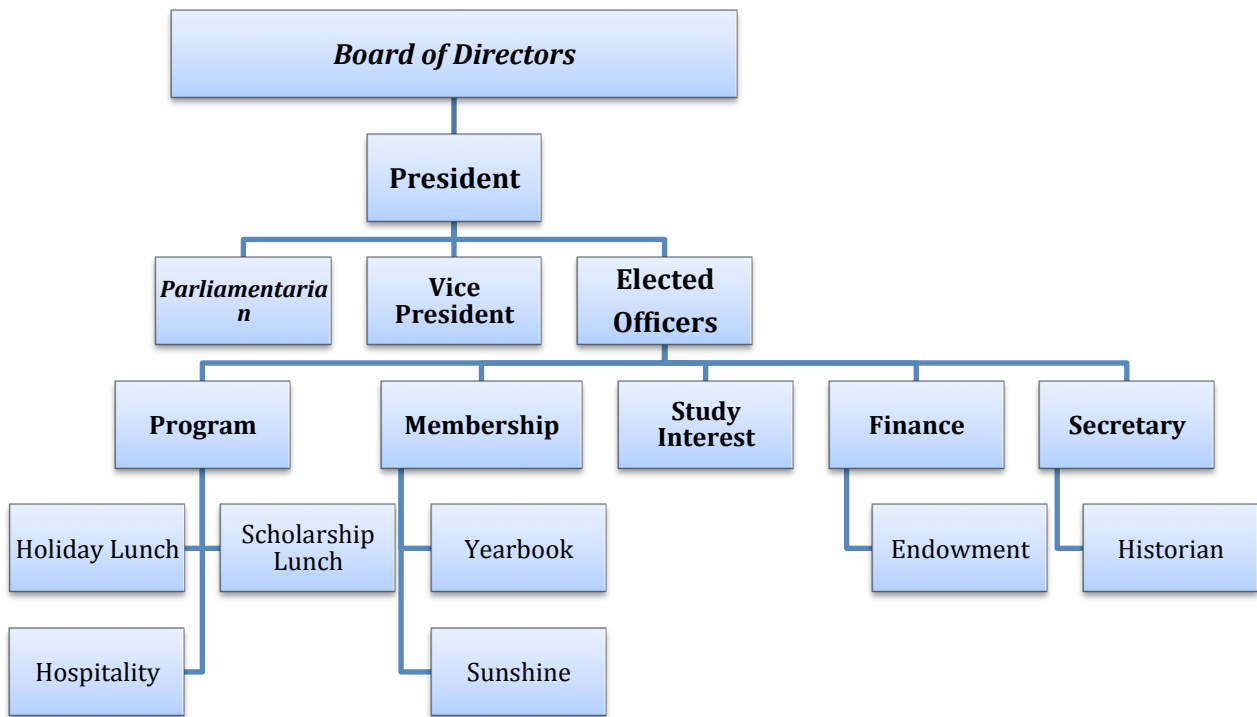
Education: The focus is on non-traditional scholarships, Tech Trek Camp, STEM activities, and new programs for young girls.

Development: We will raise money through fundraising, endowments, and grants.

As Vice President, I am creating a list of our member's skills and interests. We want to build energy in the AAUW programs. I will also be available to board members and chairs whenever they need some extra assistance at a busy time. Do we want to try out a new workshop? I can help get it started. Do we want to have a joint meeting with another organization? I can make the initial contacts.

NEW VENICE AAUW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2018

The organizational chart for our Venice Branch of AAUW recognizes the changes that have been made in the Policies and Procedures. These changes were made to more evenly distribute the work of the various officers. If you look in your Year Book, you will see the appointed chairs all report to a board member. With this change, they do not report to the President as in the past. If you have questions about how this all works, please call Kathleen Pickering.



Member Profile: Meet Pam Clifford

by Judith Houston



She's a lifelong learner... "I'd go back to school in a flash," she says. Currently, she's taking up watercolors, a reflection of her undergraduate minor in art history perhaps. This past summer, she and her son, an art professor, and his eleven year-old daughter took off for Paris where they sketched their way through the City of Light.

You may be familiar with Pam as last year's program director; she might be less well known as the architect of our branch strategic plan. In this latter role, we're tapping into her professional skills acquired in a multi-faceted career in health care management. She retired as the Director of the Center for Healthcare Innovation at Hennepin County Medical Center, a level one trauma center in Minnesota's twin cities.

She didn't start out to reimagine health care delivery. After a degree in English literature and a graduate degree in library science, she began as a librarian. After marriage, she became impressed with the nurse practitioners she encountered while having her two children.

This prompted a return to school where she got a nursing degree and later, a master's degree with a specialty in occupational health. Stints at a VA Medical Center and a public health department led to recruitment by a health care company specializing in employee health management. Eventually, she was recruited by Hennepin where, among other duties, she directed RN care coordinator, social work, interpreter and chaplain programs.

When state funding for Medicaid patients was cut in Minnesota, she was at the forefront of an integrated program developed for patients with a high incidence of hospital stays. It proved to be a success for both patients and the budget.

She's been a member of Venice AAUW for three years, recruited by a neighbor who invited her to our holiday luncheon. She chaired a SIG Exploring the Arts, co-chaired the holiday luncheon in 2016 and moved on to become program chair.

When asked to help organize a strategic plan for the branch, she explains, "You start with the mission. From there, what are the broader goals and what are the plans to reach them?" If you don't have concrete plans and a will to reach the goals, she says, "It's just a notebook on a shelf."

It's all about the mission," she repeats. "I love the social aspects of AAUW. It's how we engage people but that's a means to an end." She adds, "I'm excited about our future and what (the branch) can accomplish."

Still learning, she's now taking classes at Venice Art Center. "That's just for fun," she maintains. She also has to make time for her other pursuits, golf and bridge.

NEW MEMBERS

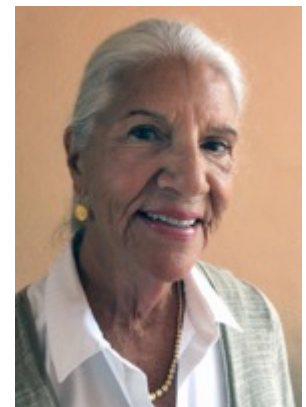
Pam Cox



I came to Venice from the Chicago area 5 years ago and work from home as an IT Consultant. My grandmother lived in Englewood and I visited the area many times. My son lives in Chicago and my daughter followed me to Florida and lives in Tampa. I love biking, sports and cooking. I grew up in upstate New York (Elmira) and went to college at St. Bonaventure University and graduated with a BBA in Management. I moved to Colorado and went to Metropolitan State College and received a BS in Computer Science. I found my way back east and was the first full-time PC Analyst for The New York Times. I held many positions in Chicago over the past 25 years. I am passionate about technology and am looking forward to working with the STEM and Tech Trek teams.

Phyllis Curriers

I am pleased to join the Venice branch AAUW. My undergraduate degree is from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island where I earned a BSN in nursing. My graduate degree major in maternal-child nursing was earned from the University of Rhode Island. I earned a doctorate in humanistic education and human services from Boston University. My career was primarily spent in nursing education. I retired as professor of nursing and adjunct professor of Women Studies from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. I credentialed as a Certified Gerontological Clinical Specialist by the American Nurses Association during my years as faculty, was appointed Program Evaluator of RN programs in the US by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and was also commissioned by the Department of Education in Massachusetts as RN program evaluator. My last 10 years as faculty were devoted to development and implementation of an online UMass Dartmouth RN-BSN program for which I served as Program Director.



My husband Dan and I are newly relocated to Venice from the south coast of Massachusetts where we were avid boaters. My lifelong avocation is painting and I continue the journey in watercolor at the Venice Art Center.

Save the Date: Thursday, December 13, at 11 am
AAUW Holiday Party at Venice Yacht Club



Cost \$35.00

Menu

- **CHERRY-BASIL CHICKEN ROULADE**-With Seasonal Rice Pilaf & Haricot Verts With Roasted Red Peppers (Gluten Free)
- **GRILLED SALMON WITH FENNEL-DILL CREAM**-With Seasonal Rice Pilaf and Haricot Verts With Roasted Red Peppers (Gluten Free)
- **ROASTED VEGETABLE MARINARA**-Served Over Gluten Free Pasta

All served with a small house Salad, **CHOCOLATE INDULGENCE CAKE**-With Vanilla Anglaise and Fresh **Strawberries (Gluten Free)** and choice of coffee, tea or iced tea.

Tickets available to purchase wine, beer or soda.

There will be a 50/50 raffle.

Music provided by Karen and Chris Romig on flute and piano.

Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the October and November general meetings and by mail to Karen Cianci at her home address listed in the Yearbook or online.

Checks made payable to AAUW Venice Branch.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have acquired a storage unit to store AAUW gear. However, we need a few rules to keep it orderly. The secretary is keeping an inventory of what is there and what is being removed. She also has the information to gain access to the unit. Before anyone puts anything in the unit or removes anything from the unit, you must contact the secretary to keep the inventory updated and prevent over-loading or improper removal of items. You may contact Suzanne Biviano, with the contact information in your directory.

Also, we need some shelving for the unit. It is very tall, but small. Shelving units, such as someone might have in their garage, would be perfect. If anyone has such an item that they no longer use, and would be willing to donate, please contact anyone on the board, and we'll be glad to accept it.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE! A **backstage tour** of the Sarasota Opera House is 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. You must reserve your place with Susan Farstrup no later than **October 1**. Money will be collected on the day of the tour. Carpooling information will be emailed to attendees.

The "**Exploring with your Camera**" Group will be under the direction of new leadership in the 2018-19 Season. Sharing the responsibilities will be Co-Chairs Diane Sisko and Stephanie Hallowell.

The group's goal is to provide a fun, inspiring experience to learn and practice the art of photography. Creative outings are an enjoyable way to learn about the art and craft of photography, as well as, develop friendships along the way. Not only will you get plenty of hands-on practice using the different settings on your camera, but you'll also be able to compare and contrast your results with other photography enthusiasts who've shot similar scenery.

Meetings are held the **3rd Monday of the month**; Location varies monthly. If you are interested in joining our group, or have any questions, please, contact Stephanie.

SUNSHINE

GET WELL cards sent to Mimi Welsh and Shirley Reid
SYMPATHY card sent to Trena Kelly for the death of her husband

BOOK EXCHANGE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

Bring a book, take a book. Organized by Anne McIntyre.

Venice Branch Activities Calendar for **October**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
F	5	11:30	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
F	5	11:30	Mahjongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Ramada Venezia, 425 US 41 Bypass in North Venice, 34285
T	2	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
W	3	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home.
Th	4	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
M	8	10:00	Sarasota Opera House Tour	Susan Farstrup	You must reserve with Susan Farstrup by Monday, October 1.
M	8	1:30	Book Group	Barbara Martinage	Discussion of <u>A Hillbilly Elegy</u> at the Jacaranda Library.
T	9	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, room 103
Th	11	12:15	General Meeting	Program: Jane Farley Barbara Martinage	Lunch served at 11:30 EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
F	12	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia on Rt. 41 before Bridge for Fun.
F	12	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia. You must sign up in advance.
M	15	Deadline for October Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at auwveniceviews@gmail.com
W	15	TBA	Exploring with Your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell Diane Sisko	Contact Stephanie Hallowell for time and location.
W	17	12:00	Cook's Corner	Janet Schotz	This month's hostess is Janet Schotz. Theme: Orange and Brown

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	17	6:00	Evenings Out	Melanie Odom	Dinner at Leone's in Jacaranda Pines Plaza. Contact Melanie by October 14 to attend.
Th	18	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	19	11:30	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	22	9:30	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula Dulski if you wish to attend.
W	24	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Lunch at Station 400 on Lemon Ave in Sarasota. Contact Paula Choyke to reserve.
F	26	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Hotel Venezia on Rt. 41 before Bridge for Fun.
F	26	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Hotel Venezia. You must sign up in advance.

October Birthdays

2 Judy Bosch
 4 Patricia Ritner
 5 Janice Hollister
 7 Paula Dulski
 9 Penny Nuttleman
 12 Gail Conway
 12 Degen Sayer
 15 Suzi Barbee
 20 Helen Boruff
 20 Leie Carmody

20 Marcia Seman
 22 Lynn Kroll
 23 Sue-Ann Bailey
 23 Claire Sears
 24 Sandra Walker
 25 Joyce Delaney
 25 Carol Murray
 28- Carol Ann Beyer
 28 Judy Weber
 29 Ute Guenther



TECH TREKERS SEND THEIR THANKS

Dear Kathleen Pickering,

Thank you for helping send me to Tech Trek. It was such an amazing experience. I got to meet so many amazing girls and women in the Science field. I really can't thank you enough.

Lots of Love,
Rage Singleton
Rage Singleton

Dear Miss Pickering:

Thank you for choosing me to attend Tech Trek 2015. I learned so much, especially that there are plenty of opportunities in the STEM field for me. I wouldn't have recognized my potential without your help!

With sincere gratitude,
Isabelle Masfuk

Dear Ms. Pickering,

Thank you so much for being a part of the reason I was able to attend Tech Trek. I made many friends, learned a lot and I'm now considering a career in STEM.

Thankyou!

Sydney Pelletier

Thanks for making my experience at Tech Trek an unforgettable one!

-Shannon Defert



THANK YOU!



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Write Venice (FL) American Fellowship #4390 on the memo line.
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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.
- _____ **FOR TECH TREK ONLY:** Checks payable to Tech Trek Florida should be
mailed to P.O. Box 2938, Jupiter, FL 33468.

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

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