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**GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

**AT 12:15 (11:30 for refreshments)**

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34285**

**PROGRAM: "STEAM DEMONSTRATION"**

Speaker: Pat Weber, STEAM program staff and Jami Naylor, Jacaranda Librarian will demonstrate 'STEAM to Success' activities so AAUW members can try these activities. Attendees from last year's Tech Trek will be here to tell us about their experiences.

**W o o - H o o !**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BOOK EXCHANGE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS  
BRING A BOOK; TAKE A BOOK — ORGANIZED BY ANNE MACINTYRE**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### KATHLEEN PICKERING



Monday's October 15<sup>th</sup> Herald Tribune had an article on the pay gap for retired women. The article said that women 65 and older income averaged 74% of retired men. This is why AAUW is so committed to closing the pay gap by 2030.

The facts are startling. In the latest AAUW information, they say if women were paid as much as men, 2.5 million children would be lifted out of poverty. Women are 40% more likely than men to live in poverty after age 65.

What can we do to assist in closing this gap? We are looking at joining other women's organizations doing a workshop for women on negotiating their salaries. At this time men are four times more likely to negotiate their salaries.

Many of us know women in the work place. We can mentor them and encourage them to make sure they are paid a fair wage. I also think that is important for us to encourage women to work in places that pay fair wages and where they encourage their development. Debbie La Pinsky from PGT gave us hope for a great work place for women.

Whatever else you can think of to support women for equal pay, please share with me or any board member.

See you in November.

Kathleen

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

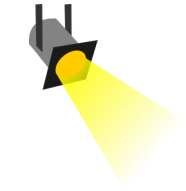
### PAULA DULSKI



We usually have about 25 new applicants balanced by 25 non-renewals to our branch. We lose talent but also gain fresh talent yearly. We look to engage all of our members in our various activities and offices. The elected officers serve two year terms before replacements are sought. The STEM programs need volunteers who like guiding young girls. The fundraisers need managers, tech savvy help and assistants to prepare for their yearly events. Photographers are needed for the Holiday and Scholarship lunches and to supply images of our events for social media and for the Venice Views. Illnesses or other circumstances may prevent an officer or appointed chair to perform their duties and we need to appoint a temporary replacement.

Who among our 235 members could be a good match? The officers, chairs and the nominating committees need to know about your skills to know where to start looking. I have launched a Skills List for every member to indicate who might be tapped for a position or activity or event. The information I am looking for are your major in college and your experience which may involve management, writing, public speaking, computer technology, photography, education, math, or sciences.

At the November 8 branch meeting I will travel from table to table to speak to you so I can add to or correct the information in the Skills List.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MEET PAT WEBER



Pat Weber is a branch champion for STEM opportunities for girls and she is been doing it from Tech Trek's early days as an AAUW-backed endeavor. She explains, "Research shows that middle school girls start to drop out of STEM-based interests and our mission is to show them that it can be exciting, fun and they can be good at this."

More recently, she has added STEAM to the mix, the "A" representing arts education which can encourage innovation in the STEM areas of science, technology, engineering and math. Last spring, our branch, under her leadership, partnered a *Girls STEAM Ahead* event with the Jacaranda Library for girls ages nine to twelve. This free, half-day event, with volunteer "staffing" by many of our branch members, had full capacity attendance with more planned in the future.

Pat and her husband became Venice residents twelve years ago when they moved here from Ohio. She joined AAUW a short time later. She knew the Venice area because her mother and dad moved here in the '70s. She says, "I thought at last I can live someplace where I know where stuff is!" She adds, "I have lived in most states east of the Mississippi," due first to her father's career transfers and then her husband's.

Her involvement in Tech Trek began when it was a new AAUW undertaking, organizing nominations to this residential camp on a statewide basis. Initially, it was "all on paper and U.S. mail." When administration went digital, she enlisted fellow branch member Mary Emerson who manages the computer-based data and the two are now coordinators for Venice Tech Trek.

Pat graduated from college with a degree in elementary education. She went on to become a special education teacher and taught for a number of years in an inclusion classroom. That's one where there are two teachers, one for learning disabled students and another for the other students with both teachers responsible for all the students. She defines these learning disabled students as "performing at least two years behind the expected grade level. Some kids might not be able to read well but they could be great at math."

In spite of her nomadic residential history, she's also an enthusiastic traveler. "We've been on every single continent," she says.

When she is in town, she enjoys being with her AAUW friends. "It's a different conversation with these women and AAUW encourages us to expand our horizons in all aspects of life. We are not just retired and put away; we can make the world a better place... even if it's in small ways." She is showing us just how to do that. [Judith Houston]

**NEW MEMBER**  
**DEBORAH CASEY**



Deborah Casey is a graduate of Fairfield University, CT, with an M.A. in Instructional Technology and a B.S. in Secondary Education, plus holds an Emergency Medical Technician license, and certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. (TESOL).

Deborah's lifetime passion has been improving the performance of others as a Training Specialist in public education, municipal, state, and federal government, associations, business, hospitals and college academia. After her career as Director of Quality Control for the Connecticut Society of CPAs and the Association of Clinical Densitometry, she created a service website, "RechargedCaregivers.com" that offered to share her involvement in any outdoor activity such as cycling, sailing, kayaking, pickleball, hiking, and yoga as a Lifestyle. Currently, Deborah facilitates orientations for Personal Care Attendants once a month because, truth is, everyone will See a Caregiver, Need a Caregiver, Be a Caregiver!!



**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR LAF?**

What is LAF ? It is the Legal Advocacy Fund of AAUW.

What does the fund do? It supports men and women who have faced discrimination. The fund challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the work place, assault and violations of the Title IX amendments of 1972.

Over the years the Fund has helped balance the scales of justice. The victims might not live in Florida, but they need the support of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. You can go on line and see which cases they are currently supporting.

Through the years Venice Branch has supported the fund by members donating or in the past few years there have been wine tastings, dinner and cocktail parties to raise money. Most years the branch has sent nearly \$3000 to support the Fund.

At this time how to support the fund from the branch is still under review.

Please read about all the great work that is accomplished by LAF. [Kathleen Pickering]

## AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2018



The meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Representatives from the League of Women Voters presented the program, explaining the amendments on the November ballot.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Paula Dulski .

The minutes were approved as posted.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$17,001.19.

The nominating committee will need to select candidates for President, Membership and Secretary. Potential volunteers for the nominating committee need to email Kathleen Pickering.

As of December 1, 2018 Kathy Black will become Membership Director and Cheryl Temple will take over as Public Policy chair.

The state AAUW will elect a president-elect, director of program and finance director. If any Venice member is interested in running for an office, they should contact Mimi Welch.

Membership assistants are Carol Carlson and Joyce Kamm. 69 members were present.

April Glasco, a former AAUW scholarship winner, was featured in the *Herald Tribune* Style Magazine.

Although April Freeman's name will still appear on the November ballot, representing the Democratic Party, Allen Ellison would replace her, if a Democrat is elected.

Pat Weber announced that five Tech Trek campers will speak at our November meeting.

Bev Weltzien spoke on Development and how the money raised will be allocated. More details on future fund-raisers will be forth-coming, however, it has already been approved to have new prices for the Home Tour, \$20 for advance sale and \$25 when tickets are purchased at the door.

Jane Farley reported a Hospitality chairman is still needed. Sign-up sheets for hostesses each month were passed around.

The New Member Breakfast will be held Nov. 2 from 9:30 to noon at the home of Jane Farley.

Two 50-50 winners were drawn, each receiving \$31.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31.

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary



To **Pat Blair** for donating a shelf unit for the AAUW storage unit!



## AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018\*



The meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The speaker was Debbie Lapinska from PGT on their policies, practices and services to ensure gender equity in pay and opportunity.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Pickering at 1:05.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted.

Paula Choyke reported the treasury has a balance of \$16, 745.

President's Report: A quick summery of the National Convention in 2020 was presented. There will be inter-active activities prior to the one-day convention.

The new structure chart was presented - see addendum in October 2018 Venice Views.

Kathy Black spoke on Public Policy. Hand-outs of legislative contacts were provided.

Pat Comeau spoke on SIGs. A new SIG - Coastal Cruising has been created with Paula Dulski offering pontoon boat trips. There is great interest in Theater Group, but a leader is needed.

Pat Weber spoke on Tech Trek. There will be two camps this summer with 48 girls in each. AAUW Venice has combined with the Girl Scouts to present a STEAM event in April. A committee will be formed to assist with a STEM activity for a group of Russian women who will come to the area.

Bev Weltzien spoke on Development. She introduced Suzi Barbee, this year's Home Tour chair, along with her committee.

Paula Dulski presented the newest version of the Strategic Plan - see addendum (can be seen in October Venice Views).

Pat Weber made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Suzanne Biviano spoke on the rules for the storage unit AAUW has acquired.

Open Mike time was available, with no discussion offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary

\*These [September Minutes](#) were inadvertently omitted in last month's Venice Views

## EUCHRE GROUP

This Special Interest Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Pelican Pointe



L-R: Donna Shader, Patti Warner,  
Flo Bennett, Charlene Turczyn  
Front: Maggie Surwilo



L-R: Pat Knasiak, Fran Brinkman,  
Donna Shader

**Save the Date:** Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 11 am

AAUW Holiday Party

Venice Yacht Club

1330 Tarpon Center Dr, Venice



**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 November general meeting or by mail to

Karen Cianci at her home address listed in the Yearbook or online.

Make Checks payable to "AAUW Venice Branch"



## HOME TOUR 2019 PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Thanks to the outreach efforts of Mary Ann Dillahunty and Degen Sayer, four wonderful homeowners have already committed to being one of the “island gems” in our 2019 tour. All of these residences are located on the island of Venice.

Suzi Barbee, who heads up the Tour committee, says, “It’s a compact tour route and it may present some parking challenges which we are trying to address.” She tells us the committee is meeting regularly but would love to have some additional participants. “One thing I’d love to have is one or more members who can help with data organization and follow-ups. There are a myriad of details to track, everything from insurance coverage to ticket distribution.” Please contact her with the information in your printed or on-line AAUW directory.

Susan Farstrup is heading up the home managers team along with Samira Easton. They have home managers already and are seeking two shifts of members to serve as hostesses. Please contact Susan directly if you can join her volunteer staff. Since her email is incorrect in the Directory, you can phone her or check the Directory update list.

More than half of our membership have played active roles in putting on the Home Tour, our largest fundraiser. If you are a long-time member, you know how much fun it can be. If you are new to Venice AAUW, don’t miss out on this opportunity to get to know your fellow members and support a most worthy cause. [Judith Houston]



Butterflies on this glass table are part of a theme of one of the homes

### 2019 HOME TOUR - YES, LADIES - THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING...!!

Want that perfect gift for friends who have everything?  
Home Tour Tickets will be on sale at the Holiday Luncheon.

Pre-sale is \$20 (\$25 at the door)

**SAVE** by buying ahead, **GIVE** something special AND

**\*\* NEW THIS YEAR \*\*** You may now **CHARGE** your purchase  
at the Luncheon. [Bev Weltzien ]



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS NOTICES

**BOOK CLUB** — November's book is "Behold The Dreamers" by Ibolo Mbue. Our discussion leader is Barbara Zittel. It was great to welcome back 'book mavens all' in October for a wonderful discussion of "Hillbilly Elegy" by A. D. Vance led by Kathy Black. If you have not read this book, please add it to your list of must reads. **Come join us in November - new readers always welcomed.**

**BRIDGE FOR FUN** meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. Please note that, until notified, there is a **\*\*CHANGE OF LOCATION STARTING IN NOVEMBER\*\*** to Jacaranda West Golf and Country Club. [Anne Russell]

**LUNCH BUNCH** will be on 11/28 at Bonefish Grill in Venice for "Happy Hour." We will meet in the bar area at 4pm. Contact Paula Choyke to make a reservation.

**EVENING OUT** — There will be **NO EVENING OUT** dinner in November as it is the day before Thanksgiving. We do not typically gather in December because of the closeness to Christmas. See you in January. [Lois Odom]

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



4 - Patricia Otto  
5 - Patricia Perry  
6 - Lois Armstrong  
6 - Sharon Carter  
6 - Pat Dye  
6 - Phyllis Shonk  
8 - Susan Luterbach

10 - Irene Falcetti  
10 - Carol Wollert  
13 - Janet Hemond  
13 - Eleanor Locke  
14 - Corinne Dreon  
15 - Wendy Orlando  
16 - Phyllis Barth

17 - Nancy Bradtmiller  
21 - Paula Sala  
21 - Cheryl Tortora  
26 - Ann Herre  
29 - Barbara Wyshner  
30 - Rosemary Smith

# SUNSHINE

## SUNSHINE CONTACT: MARGE COLLIN

Please notify Marge Collin 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 — NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Thurs	1	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	2	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	2	11:30	Mahjong for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Ramada Venice Hotel Venezia, 425 US 41 Bypass N.
Fri	2	9:30	New Member Breakfast	Jane Farley	Jane Farley's home. New Members & Board Members invited.
Tues	6	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Room 103
Wed	7	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home.
Thurs	8	11:45/ 12:30	General Meeting		Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. Refreshments served at 11:45; meeting at 12:30.
Fri	9	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	9	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Jacaranda West Country Club. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	12	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. Book: "Behold The Dreamers" by Ibolo Mbue
Mon	13	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Gulf Coast Community Foundation, 601 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
Wed	14	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	At the home of Penny Nuttleman. Theme: Red, white or blue.
Thurs	15	<b>Deadline for December 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>	
Thurs	15	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	16	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	16	1:00	Mahjongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson	This game is geared for experienced players.
Fri	23	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	23	11:30	Bridge for fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Jacaranda West Country Club. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	26	9:30	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula Dulski if you wish to attend
Wed	28	4:00	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke	"Happy Hour" at Bonefish Grill, 1681 U.S. 41 Bypass S, Venice. Meet in the bar area. Contact Paula Choyke to make reservation.



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Write Legal Advocacy Fund on the memo line.

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Write Re-entry Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TECH TREK:** See next month's Venice Views for donation payment info.

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