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AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH



Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 11 am

AAUW Holiday Party

Venice Yacht Club 1330 Tarpon Center Dr, Venice

\$ 35.00

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 by mailing a check to

Lynn Fox at her home address listed in the Yearbook or online. Make Checks payable to "AAUW Venice Branch"

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 & Haricot Verts With Roasted Red Peppers (Gluten Free)

ROASTED VEGETABLE MARINARA-Served Over Gluten Free Pasta

AAUW HOME TOUR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Tickets are \$20.00 before home tour day

And \$25.00 day of tour



All homes are on Venice Island

Ruthanne and Dennnis Neeser

600 Menendez

Anne and David Holland

937 Inlet Circle

Tommye and Curt Whittaker

613 West Venice Ave

Theresa and Jim Muccilo

236 Park Blvd North

Mirella and Gene Tomasic

637 Valencia



GIVING TUESDAY is November 27!

Support AAUW through Your Gift, Amazon Smile, or on Facebook
Fundraiser

[Give to AAUW](#)



President's Message



Thankful for AAUW

When I was thinking about all the holidays in the coming months I thought about what we have to be Thankful for AAUW. Following are my thoughts.

Thankful for the founders of AAUW in 1881 and the Venice branch in 1975

Happy that AAUW continues to advance equity for women and girls

Through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Aways supporting education

New members always welcome

Kind and generous members

Fabulous members who become your friends and colleagues

Understanding the vital role we play in advancing girls and women

Through our programs both for women and girls

Laughter present at our meetings, SIG events, fundraisers

Have a wonderful holiday season. A time to be thankful.

Blessings to all you.

Kathleen

Venice AAUW General Meeting on November 8, 2018

The meeting was held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Venice.

The Program was presented by Pat Weber, Education chair. Three of the girls who went to Tech Trek camp this past summer spoke on their experience. Pat Weber spoke on the STEM and STEAM programs that AAUW Venice provides. Jami Naylor, of Jacaranda Branch Library demonstrated some of the technology used at the STEM event AAUW sponsored with the library, as well as at the library's own teen events.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM

The minutes were approved as posted in Venice Views.

Fran Potter reported there is a balance of \$17,900.42. A savings account was opened . It will provide a small amount of interest, but help keep contributions separate from operating expense money, as required by state law.

Lydia Russo was introduced as the new Hospitality Chair.

Pam Cox will help with the MonkeySurvey, to evaluate how the branch is doing .

LAF was explained for those who might not have been familiar and a volunteer was asked for, to help better publicize and promote LAF.

The nominating committee was announced: Suzanne Biviano, chair; Judy Houston; Dottie Bingham; Fran Brinkman; Bev Weltzien. The positions of President, Membership and Secretary will be selected. Members who are interested in running for state office were encouraged to contact Mimi Welch.

Carol Carlson introduced new members and guests.

Bev Weltzien spoke on Development. A potential budget was presented - see addendum. A survey on funding was distributed, gauging what events and methods of fund-raising members preferred and were willing to participate in.

Paula Dulski explained the skills list she is developing. The chapter has great need of a person familiar with parliamentary procedure to succeed Mimi Welch, who will retire after many years of providing this service to our branch.

Suzi Barbee spoke on the Home Tour's need for volunteers for all positions. Sign-up sheets were provided.

Fran Potter spoke on the use of credit cards for the Home Tour, and, eventually, branch events. There will be training for ticket sellers. A small transaction fee will be charged, so the credit card use will be revenue neutral. Refunds will be provided for branch events if requested at least 10 days before the event.

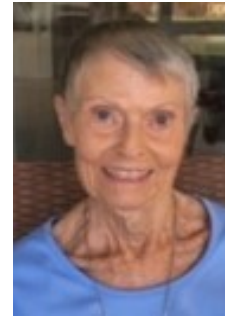
Open Mike produced the comment to create fund-raising using the community vs. just members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary.

Member Profile

Barbara Stevens



You may only know her as a serious bridge player but she's also been one of AAUW's leading ladies, having served as branch president from 2001 to 2005.

Originally from Chicago, she graduated from Drake University in Ames, Iowa, with a degree in elementary education. Marriage took her to Pennsylvania where her new husband was in graduate school. Once she had children, she continued working as a substitute teacher.

A move to Long Island, New York, prompted her to return to school. She completed her graduate work at Long Island University, earning a master's degree in library science. Her new credentials took her to the Great Neck library system where she worked for 16 years until she retired. She says, "I worked in most departments, everything from media to reference."

She was an AAUW member while on Long Island but "I really couldn't participate much due to working."

Relocating to Florida, she says, "was the best move of my life." She joined the Venice branch soon after landing here in 1997. She encourages new AAUW members to participate. "The best thing you can do for yourself is get involved. I really don't know how someone can join and not participate."

In her case, she took on a board position as secretary. "And then, when the nominating committee had a hard time finding someone to run for president, she took that on. "I guess I stepped up," she says.

The branch Home Tour began while she was president. An early project in the STEM area also took place during her tenure. "It was a Jeopardy-like competition at the elementary school level," she explains.

After completing two terms as Venice branch president, she went on to a term as AAUW Florida State president from 2008 to 2010.

These days, she's playing bridge but to say that is "an understatement." She also started the duplicate bridge group at this branch. In addition to playing, she teaches AAUW duplicate players once a month.

Cook's Corner and Play Readers are two special interest groups (SIG) she currently attends. "I've enjoyed every moment I have been an AAUW member," she explains, "and I expect to continue to make the most of my membership."



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Cudia	Carol
12/1	Martinage	Barbara
12/3	Black	Kathy
12/6	Leege	Susan
12/9	Warner	Patti
12/10	Cianci	Karen
12/11	Kolk	Judith
12/12	Norman	Jean
12/13	Sisko	Diane
12/15	Bingman	Dottie
12/16	Irish	Sylvia
12/18	Schirber	Amy
12/19	Sbabo	Carol
12/20	Goolden	Carole
12/22	Graves	Susan
12/27	Harris	Jane
12/28	Collin	Margaret
12/30	Jennings	Emily
12/30	Storch	Ronnie

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST



L-R Lydia Russo, Stephanie Hallowall, Charlotte Galluccio, Julie Fiedler, Deborah Carey, Elaine Izzy, Joani Leeds, Joan Kieran, Gail Densler, Simona Pollack, Pam Cox

SUNSHINE

Mary Greenberg Get Well
 Joyce Kamm Get Well
 Kay Olson Thinking of You

Contact: Marge Collin

NOTES

Armchair Travelers

Would you like to share a travel experience with other club members?

Armchair Travelers does just that in gatherings at members' homes on the third Thursdays of the month at 1:30 PM. This year our meetings will be on Jan. 17, Feb. 21 and Mar. 21. Paula Dulski will begin by presenting her recent trip to China on Jan. 17. Capacity is 15. A waitlist is possible. We are looking for other presentations for February and March. You can write or call Chair Anne Finger or sign up at the January general meeting for the Jan. 17 get-together. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date

Monday, January 14th at 1:00, Art in the Afternoon. It's a fun presentation at Islandwalk at the West Villages.

We are always looking for AAUW members who are artists or storytellers to participate, and others can sit back and enjoy. Call Trena Kelly or Beth Gamel if you would consider participating.

Finance Director Update

Fran Potter

An update on actions taken by the Board at the November meeting:

Credit Card Capability - To increase our revenue opportunities for the Home Tour, we are acquiring the capability to accept credit cards using Square for selling home tour gift certificates at the Holiday Party, tickets at the Farmer's Market (in advance of Home Tour) and at the homes on the day of the Tour. We may also use this capability to offer members the convenience of using credit cards to pay for tickets to future branch events. In all cases a transaction fee will be added to the amount charged to pay for processing fees.

Member Event Refunds – Occasionally a member buys a ticket to a member event (Holiday Party or Scholarship Luncheon) well in advance and then something comes up which will prevent her from attending. When this happens, members have generally considered the cost of the unused ticket to be a donation with no expectation of refund. While this donation is certainly appreciated, the Board recognizes some members may wish to get a refund for a ticket they cannot use. To address this situation, the Board voted to provide a refund for member events (Holiday Party or Scholarship Luncheon) if requested more than 10 days prior to the event. (This does not apply to tickets for fund-raising events such as Home Tour tickets.)

NEW MEMBERS



Joani Leeds Bio

I was born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee. I received my undergraduate degree in English Education from the University of

Tennessee and my Master's Degree in Administration from Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. I taught high school English for most of my career but spent the last few years as an assistant principal in a charter school.

I have two daughters who each have one daughter. My husband and I enjoy spending time with the family, traveling, playing golf, playing cards, and loving paradise



Simona Pollak

After 30 years in Connecticut I moved to Venice a year ago. My undergraduate degree is from the University of Zagreb

in Croatia and my graduate degree in history is from NYU.

I enjoy the beauty of this area. I love the gulf and rivers and enjoy the abundance of birds and exotic plants. My interests are music, architecture and photography

Nominating Committee:

Suzanne Biviano, Bev Weltzien, Judy Houston, Dottie Bingham and Fran Brinkman

They are looking for a President, Membership Director and Secretary. Please call anyone of them with your ideas.



AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR



	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Tues	4	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Room 103
Wed	5	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens ' home
Thur	6	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	7	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre & Lunch at Venezia Hotel
Fri	7	11:30	Mahjong for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Venezia Hotel, US 41, Venice
Sat	8	9:30	Coastal Cruisers	Paula Dulski	Freedom Boat Club by the Yacht Club. Members and Spouses welcome
Mon	10	9 to 3	Outdoor Adventures	Bea Holt	Pontoon Boat excursion: Siesta Key to Sarasota Bay via Big Pass with Lunch at Marina Jacks.
Thur	13	11:00	Holiday Luncheon	Karen Cianci Lynn Fox	Venice Yacht Club
Fri	14	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	14	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Jacaranda West Country Club
Sat	15	Deadline for January Venice Views		Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aauwveniceviews@gmail.com.	
Thur	20	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes
Fri	21	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and Lunch at Venezia Hotel
Fri	21	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	21	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell	Jacaranda West Country Club

Notes to SIGS

There will be no lunch bunch in December

Armchair Travelers will resume in January

There will be no Financial Fitness in December



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DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Mail this form with your check to:

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.
- _____ **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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