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GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

AT 12:15 (11:30 FOR REFRESHMENTS)

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE

PROGRAM: Pat Ross, our AAUW State President, will talk about AAUW state and national strategic plans and share some of what other branches are doing.

[Maria Ruhl, our scheduled speaker, had to cancel due to her new duties as the first Hispanic judge and first bilingual judge in Florida's 12th Judicial Circuit!]

♥ 2019 HOME TOUR ♥ THANK YOU! ♥

OUR 2019 VENICE HOME TOUR EXCEEDED ALL EXPECTATIONS, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Together we received over \$37,000, including \$1,626 from the raffles and \$989 from our artisans. Our tour featured five lovely homes on the island, the weather was great, and we had long lines at several homes throughout the day.

We needed a lot of volunteers and you came through for us. A special thanks to our intrepid parking assistants and to the bicyclists who pedaled though. Great publicity and great word of mouth. We are especially grateful for island businesses which contributed raffle items, especially our local restaurants who reported a "bang up day". Many businesses are still recovering from red tide, blue-green algae, and on-going Venice Avenue construction and needed our boost.

Much credit belongs to the members of the committee who knew what they were doing and to our member volunteers who continue to sign up and show up. 2019 Home Tour Committee members included Suzie Barbee, Samira Easton, Susan Farstrup, MaryAnn Dillahunt, Stephanie Hallowell, Jan Harris, Judith Houston, Jeri Jaminet, Judy Kolk, Degen Sayer, Patti Warner and Bev Weltzien.

We wore blue ribbons on our badges and we are a Blue Ribbon Group!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE MERCHANTS WHO SOLD HOME TOUR TICKETS!

We are so thankful for our merchants who sell our Home Tour tickets year after year. They are all so happy and enthusiastic about this fundraiser and we could not have been so successful without them.

They really deserve more than a thank you . . . so show them your appreciation by becoming one of their loyal customers from now on.

THANK YOU to the Venice Olive Oil Co., Collectors Gallery & Framery, Down Island Way Boutique, Cole's Postal Center, and the Venice Art Center.

**SUPPORT OUR 2019 VENICE AAUW HOME TOUR
CAFE AND RESTAURANT CONTRIBUTORS**

Art Café, Venice Art Center, 390 Nokomis
Bushido Sushi Bar, 125 West Venice
Cafe Longet, 239 Miami West
Cafe Venice, 101 West Venice
Cassariano Italian Eatery, 313 West Venice
Ciao Gelato, 317A West Venice
Cote France French Bistro, 218 Tampa West
Croissant and Co., 323 West Venice
Crow's Nest, 1968 Tarpon Center
Fins at Sharky's, 1600 Harbor Drive South
T J Carney's Pub and Grill, 231 West Venice
The Soda Fountain, 349 West Venice
Venice Island Coffee Cafe, 200 Miami

OTHER 2019 HOME TOUR CONTRIBUTORS

ON THE ISLAND

ABC Liquor
Baila Miller - Venice Art Center
Body By Barre
Crate & Marrow
Dana Tyler
Deborah's Quilt Basket
Dick's Shoe Shop
Earth Treasures
Eyes on You
Island Gift Nook
Krystyna's Designs
Mother's Cupboard
Mrs Candlewick's Shoppe
Patchington
Shirt Shop
The Bootery
Venice Olive Oil

OFF ISLAND

Tervis®
Walmart
The Ringling and Muse

AAUW members present at the
January meeting who contributed
\$240 for a "You are a Winner"
lottery basket of 220 lottery tickets.
[p.s. We wish we had asked the winner to
tell us what she won when she'd scratched
off all the tickets.]

AAUW members who contributed
baskets include Paula Dulski,
Samira Easton and Carol Newnam.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
KATHLEEN PICKERING



It seems like the only thing we should talk about this month is the fabulous home tour that beat all expectations. I am so proud of everyone who made this event a WOW. Special thanks to Suzi who as a new member met the challenge.

But there is other news as well. I would encourage members to attend the Legislative days at the capital. I know Cheryl Temple would love to have all kinds of company. And I would like to have members attend the Leadership conference in Ocala. It should be a great conference with many break outs and dynamic speakers. Come join me and some of the other board members. We would love to have you. And there is always an afterglow in my room.

On March 6, the board is having an all-day retreat to revisit our strategic plan, get some board training and just set the path for the year ahead. Look for the directions for the Amazon fundraiser for Teck Trek and soon you will be getting directions for the Monkey Survey in March.

It is a privilege to be your president. You are such an awesome group of women. See you at our meeting on March 14.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PAULA DULSKI



Start Smart Salary Negotiation Training: AAUW National is working to close the gender pay gap by 2030! It has established Start Smart and Work Smart Seminars to meet this end.

“AAUW Start Smart is designed for college women who are approaching the job market and focuses on helping you negotiate for a new job. Women come away from the workshops knowing how to determine their market worth based on their skills, experience, performance, qualifications, and responsibilities on the job and having the tools and business strategies they need to successfully negotiate for fair pay for the rest of their careers.”

Several organizations in Sarasota County are collaborating to provide salary negotiation training to new job seekers. The partners in this effort are the four local AAUW branches [Venice, Sarasota, Bradenton and Manatee], The Women’s Resource Center, the Cross College Alliance, New College of Florida and USF Sarasota/Manatee. The program will also include a panel discussion on the ‘Me Too Movement’.

The program date is Saturday March 30 from 10 am to noon at the Ringling College Library. The Cross Campus Alliance is paying the licensing fees from AAUW National which can be used multiple times. The four AAUW branches are providing registration, facilitators, food and flyers. The program hopes to attract 40 participants. Contact Paula Dulski for more information on this valuable program.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE
KATHY BLACK



What a wonderful February we have had with our record-breaking Home Tour! Just about every member took part in some way. Many even got their friends involved. I was thrilled that new members found this a great way to participate in our organization. Thank you everyone! We all look forward to April, as we award scholarships to our very deserving re-entry students. It is amazing to hear their stories. The Honors Luncheon is on April 27 at Venetian Golf and River Club. See reservation/information flyer on Page 14. We encourage everyone to attend and see the fruits of your labor. It is tremendously satisfying to hear the reasons we all work so hard.

As we head into the spring, I am thankful for having such an active branch, 250+ members strong. We have welcomed 31 new members in the past six months! We are all looking forward to meeting these great women as they become involved in our many activities.

NEW MEMBER
HILDA DILLMAN



I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and spent most of my life there although my work sent me off to other states, sometimes for as long as six months. Most of that time was spent as a project manager in information systems. When the company downsized, they made an across the board offer of full retirement to employees meeting certain criteria. I loved my job and was in no danger of losing it, but I couldn't pass up the opportunity. For a few years I consulted for companies writing responses to government requests for proposals until living in hotel rooms with my dog lost its appeal. That was when I moved to Florida with my sister. I worked for Gulf Coast Area Health and Education Center in Sarasota and then as a Weight Watchers leader. Finally I retired totally. Spending so much time in information systems would lead one to think I had a technical education, but no. I graduated from what was then the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (now Notre Dame of Maryland University) with a concentration in English and a minor in Art.

Although I have lived in Florida for over 23 years, I am still an avid Baltimore Orioles fan. Actually you could probably invite me to anybody's baseball game, and I would accept! I like greyhounds (Raider is my third), reading and painting (pictures, never walls). I am very involved with the Venice United Church of Christ, play in the bell choir and serve as moderator on the leadership council.

NEW MEMBER
SUSAN HOTZLER



Born in Whittemore, Iowa, a small farming town where Susan was related to over half of the town's population. She attended the Catholic grade school in town and the consolidated town high school in the county seat.

Upon graduation from high school, she attended Ellsworth Junior College, then Mankato State College in Mankato, MN. While there she married and graduated in 1972 with a BS in Home Economics. They moved to Minneapolis/St. Paul for jobs. She worked one year before starting her career with the federal government.

Susan's federal career started at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis where she was administrative staff to the medical staff on patient wards. In the earlier 80's, Susan was chosen to become an Air Traffic Controller. She underwent two years of training before being assigned to the Duluth, MN airport, working there for two years. Returning to Minneapolis, Susan was rehired at the VA Medical Center. She held several positions over time and was selected to co-chair a challenging role in building and moving into a new VA facility. She eventually worked for a national division in the VA that was responsible for providing staff continuing education programs, assisting eventually with the implementation of the electronic medical record system throughout the 172 facilities. While working, Susan went back to school and received a Master of Arts in Health and Human Service Administration from St. Mary's College, Winona, MN. Upon retirement from the VA in 2012, she worked part time for a Washington, DC, based consulting company for three more years.

In fall of 2015 Susan and her husband became snowbirds, wintering in Venice. Susan enjoys reading, all the various entertainments that are available, plus they have taken up biking and always are up for going to drum circle on Nokomis beach.

NEW MEMBER
CONNIE NELSON



Connie attended Ridgewood High School in New Jersey. She then graduated from Douglass College, Class of '66. Douglass is now a campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Her major was French/Ed. This led to her teaching in both high school and college. Teaching became boring due to the parroting of the audio-lingual method. Therefore she switched to work as a bilingual secretary at Péchiney, Rhône Poulenc and Auxilec Air Équipement, all in NJ. She studied Human Resource Management at Rutgers and worked for Campbell Soup. The family spent time in Madrid.

When she retired to Venice 12 years ago, she spent lots of time at the beaches. She still bikes in town and takes her bike to Boca Grande. She took painting classes in Venice and Englewood and then painted in Italy and Quebec. Family members have second or third dwellings in NH and Maine so travel continues.

She enjoys Venice Presbyterian Church and her Woodlake neighborhood off Jacaranda Blvd. Connie wishes for good health to be able to help her neighbors and families as they age. Tomorrow, maybe the red tide will leave our beaches and our grandkids will play in the waves liked the Nelsons did when they moved to Venice 12 years ago.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020 BOARD

The Nominating Committee (Suzanne Biviano, Dottie Bingham, Judy Houston, Fran Brinkman, Bev Weltzien) offers the following slate of officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in April: President: Kathleen Pickering; Membership Director: Patti Warner; Secretary: Elaine Izzy. Nominations can be made from the floor. [Suzanne Biviano]

MEET THE NOMINEES

It's time to renew our branch where terms for certain board positions are about to end. With our strong membership numbers and diverse backgrounds, we have great candidates for all three positions needing to be filled. Here's a snapshot of the nominees, things you may or may not know about them.

KATHLEEN PICKERING, our current branch president has agreed to sign on for a second term. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Eau Clair, she has been CEO of three Girl Scout Councils (Green Bay, Wisconsin, Quad Cities in Iowa, Illinois, and Greater Minneapolis). She's also been CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Minneapolis and the Greater Twin Cities.



She helped create a master's level nonprofit leadership program for St. Thomas University in Minneapolis and was an adjunct professor in that study area.

She has conducted major capital campaigns, developed strategic directions for organizations, and overseen major building programs.

Since moving to Venice 14 years ago from Minnesota, she's volunteered with a number of organizations including South County Food Pantry, Venice Main Street, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She's been an AAUW member for six years.

She says, "I've spent my working life making a difference for women and girls. At AAUW, I can continue to do that."

On a more personal level, this observer says "her hobby is clothes," and you'll find her working a few hours a week at one of the West Venice Avenue boutiques. That's only one of the reasons you'll always find her looking so terrific!

PATTI WARNER, who was a relentless co-chair of the Home Tour ticket committee (with Stephanie Hallowell), has been nominated for the position of membership chair. A native of Indiana, she has a degree in elementary education from Purdue University, and taught in Indiana, California and Colorado.



During the 29 years, she lived in Colorado Springs, she was an avid skier, hiker, camper and outdoors woman. She was also a quilter and enjoys "craft type things." She and her husband were snowbirds to Florida initially, and then decided to move here.

She joined AAUW to "meet year-round people as well as do something for the community. I'm happy to be doing something that helps other women."

ELAINE IZZI has been nominated for the position of secretary. A native of Pennsylvania, she earned a degree in economics from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in psychology from Shippensburg University. What followed were two distinctively different careers.



She became a logistician for the U.S. Department of Defense at posts in Virginia, Texas, Pennsylvania and the Pentagon. She supervised projects for asset tracking (that means tanks, ships and planes to you and me) and designed computer programs to perform this function. She also helped in the renovation of the Pentagon after it was damaged during the 9/11 attacks.

After returning to school for a master's degree in psychology, she spent 15 years as a mental health specialist, working with children with diagnosed mental conditions.

She was initially a snowbird to Florida, and she says "I decided one day during a fierce snowstorm to put my Pennsylvania home up for sale. It sold to the first people who looked at it." She's glad she did it; we are too and look forward to her joining the board. [Judith Houston]

NEW NOMINATING PROCEDURE PROPOSED



The board of directors has proposed a change to the Venice Branch Bylaws to be considered by the membership at the Annual Meeting in April. ***This change will allow much more input by members to the nominating process and a continuity that doesn't exist with the current method.*** The current process is a committee selected by the president, approved by the board to serve for one year, charged to select the candidates for that year's elections to branch offices. The recommended process allows the members to vote on three positions to the committee to serve for two years. They would have alternating terms allowing there to always be one or two committee members who have served for one year and a new member or members. They would be joined by two committee members appointed by the board — also with alternating appointment years.

Please review the proposed amendment to the bylaws, which follows. A two-thirds majority is required for passage of amendments to the bylaws. We shall attempt to answer any and all your questions at the Annual Meeting. The proposed change has been reviewed and approved by the Florida AAUW Bylaws Chairperson. [Mimi Welch, Parliamentarian]

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

The board of directors has approved a change to the bylaws that will be considered by the membership at the April annual meeting. The change, if approved, will create a new system for nominating officers for the branch. It will give the membership more input to the process and there will be more consistency in committee actions as the two year terms will allow overlapping of committee members. Additionally, the committee records will be valuable for future reference.

Please read through these changes and consider them carefully. It is the opinion of the board in recommending a new nomination process that it will be in keeping with the growth and status of the branch as a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. It will be discussed at our March 14 meeting and voted on at our April meeting.

[Note that the original sections of the By-Laws is in regular type; *the amendments to the By-Laws are printed in red and italics.*]

ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

Composition and Appointment. There shall be a nominating committee of five (5) members. ~~appointed by the president with the approval of the board of directors at least three (3) months prior to the annual election.~~ ***Three (3) members who are elected by the membership at the annual meetings and two (2) members appointed from the board shall constitute the nominating committee.***

Terms. The term of service on the nominating committee shall be for ~~one (1)~~ ***two (2) years*** and no voting member may serve more than ~~once in three years~~ ***two terms.*** ***Term of office begins on July 1.*** The membership director shall be an ex-officio member of this committee without voting rights.

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PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

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Section 2. Nominations.

- a. The names of the nominees for *the nominating committee members and* elected *officers* shall be published and sent to every member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual branch meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.
- b. The nominating committee shall also prepare nominations from the branch for state offices, as appropriate. These should be submitted to the nominating committee for AAUW Florida.*

Section 3. Elections.

- a. Elections for officers *and nominating committee members* shall be held at the annual branch meeting or following procedures approved by the board of directors. *The following shall be elected in even years: vice president, program director, study/ interest director, finance director, and one (1) nominating committee member. The following shall be elected in odd years: president, membership director, secretary, and two(2) nominating committee members.*
- b. Elections shall be by written ballot unless there is only one nominee for a given office, in which case the elections may be by a voice vote.

Section 4. Appointed Nominating Committee Members.

The board shall appoint two members of the nominating committee to serve two year terms. The terms of service shall be in alternating years, the board appointing a new member in each year to replace the member who has completed a two year term. If a vacancy occurs, the board shall immediately appoint a committee member from the board to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE X. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

- a. Elected Officers. The elected Officers for the branch shall be the President, Vice President, Program Director, Membership Director, Study/Interest Director, Secretary, and Finance Director. *(The remainder of this paragraph removed.)*

Mimi Welch, Branch Parliamentarian



AAUW and SOCIAL MEDIA

Message from Mary Emerson, Social Media/Facebook/Web Chair

Greetings Members! I appreciate the opportunity to define a vision of social media as it relates to communication within our branch.

Our four dependable modes of communication are: Venice Views, our monthly newsletter; our website (<https://venice-fl.aauw.net>); our Facebook page (AAUW Venice Florida) and our e-mail blasts. Given the unique qualities of each of these we should be able to adequately promote all types of information.

Facebook is the “daily newspaper” of our organization with an emphasis on graphics/photos. Posts show events/activities going on now and in the immediate future, and can be updated on a daily basis. It also provides the opportunity to “Share” our activities and initiatives to an audience wider than just our “friends.” For example, our Home Tour post on Facebook reached 3,500 like-minded people throughout the area. Our posts should represent our mission as well as our social activities.

Venice Views, our fine newsletter, is published once per month in electronic form and can be depended upon to show the calendar of the month, profile of SIGS and in-depth articles about our significant events such as our annual home tour and scholarships. Many of these activities can also be posted on the webpage for the benefit of those viewing us and considering membership. Relevant changes that occur after monthly publication of Venice Views can be posted on Facebook and/or within an e-mail blast to members.

E-mail blasts from our local branch and from Florida AAUW are likely to be read by the most members. These are very relevant as they update members on opportunities for involvement within and beyond the local area.

Our web page is a more stable entity as regards to the local branch but contains the vehicle by which we can learn about the most important issues facing women today. As a member you may wonder how you might influence issues at a state and national level. One easy example, on the right side of our webpage is a link to “Legislative Updates” which has “Two Minute Activist” where AAUW members nationwide can provide valuable insight to issues such as the recent Title IX issues.

Another web page link, AAUW Updates (on right of web page), has recently introduced legislation Fact Sheet: The Paycheck Fairness Act of 2019. If we truly believe in our Mission Statement, these items beyond our local branch deserve our attention as well as those that are related to Venice.

The success of each of these vehicles is dependent upon us, the membership, to submit information and photos in a timely manner. Our social activities are very important because they build camaraderie that then translates to working well toward our goals.

FEBRUARY 7, 2019 AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

The Program was the Venice Symphony represented by Executive Director Christine Kasten and Operations Manager Troy Messner.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Pickering at 12:51 pm.

Hospitality Chair Lydia Russo was thanked for all her work for our lunches. A special thanks this month to all the hostesses who contributed food.

The minutes were approved as published in the Venice Views.

Fran Potter presented the Treasurer's report: 16,043.80 in the checking account and \$5,000.31 in the savings account. Advanced ticket sales for the Home Tour total around \$25,000 at this time.

Suzi Barbee reported on the Home Tour. Raffle tickets were drawn from those names who had sold five or more tickets. The winners were Cheryl Tortora, Jane Farley and Carol Cudia.

Suzanne Biviano presented the slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee: President nominee is Kathleen Pickering; Membership director nominee is Patti Warner and Secretary nominee is Elaine Izzy. The election will take place at the annual meeting in April.

Pam Cox explained the Monkey Survey which will be held in March.

Trena Kelly invited members to attend Art in the Afternoon on 2/20 at Island Walk.

Suzanne Talbot gave information for an Art Talk to be held on 3/19.

Mimi Welch presented the information on All Roads Lead to Leadership, a State AAUW leadership workshop to be held 4/6 to 4/7 in Ocala.

Kathy Black, Membership, introduced new members and guests.

The fund-raiser for tech trek thru Amazon Smile program was presented.

Cheryl Temple discussed Lobby Days in Tallahassee .

A request was made for those willing to serve on a committee to put together a program(s) here in Venice to celebrate Women's Suffrage in 2020.

Kathleen offered the Open Mic on what members would like to see happen in our branch. No suggestions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary



TECH TREK -- THE WINNER AT PATRIOTIC BRIDGE

We welcomed 36 smiling women to an afternoon of fun. It was so nice to see lots of red, white, and blue as the women came to play in the 17th annual Patriotic Bridge. In addition to having a good time at the card game, it's such an enjoyable way to play with or against your friends and meet new AAUW women. All the players truly appreciated the abundance of delicious refreshments.

Our thanks go out to Fran Brinkman for all the work she did preparing for this event. The winning Patriotic Bridge team was Mary Greenberg, Penny Nuttleman, Meryl Balko, and Carol Carlson. The winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were Rosemary Smith and Joyce Kamm.

Everyone had a delightful time and we were so pleased to contribute \$435 to Tech Trek and the valuable experience for the young girls who attend the camp. [Marion Mahoney]

ART IN THE AFTERNOON

March 27 at 1 p.m. will be the final Art in the Afternoon at the Event Center at Islandwalk in the West Villages. You don't want to miss this free entertaining event. February's event was SOLD OUT to audiences that raved about it. Great music and storytelling about art. Several AAUW members are involved and AAUW will receive half of the donations made by the audience.

Reserve your seat by emailing iwartintheafternoon@gmail.com, or call Trena Kelly.



COASTAL CRUISING



AAUW members and friends cruised Sarasota Bay on Valentine's Day.

L-R: Suzanne Inciong, Paula Dulski, Judy Weber, Trena Kelly, Jill Sneider, and Deb Casey.

SAVE THE DATE!!
HONORS LUNCHEON
APRIL 27, 2019
VENETIAN GOLF AND RIVER CLUB
DETAILS AND RESERVATION INFO ON NEXT PAGE!!!

**2019 AAUW
HONORS LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019
11:00 A.M.
VENETIAN GOLF AND RIVER CLUB
502 VENETO BLVD., NORTH VENICE/NOKOMIS**



Menu

Chef's Garden Salad

Choice of:

Honey Ginger Glazed Grilled Salmon, Risotto & Chef's Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Chicken Marsala, Sweet Marsala Wine & Mushrooms, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, & Chef's Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Non-Alcoholic Beverages

\$35

Sign up and pay for the luncheon at the March 14 General Meeting or mail your check (payable to "AAUW Venice") with your choice of entrée noted to Joani Leeds (see yearbook directory for address).

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS!

FINANCIAL FITNESS

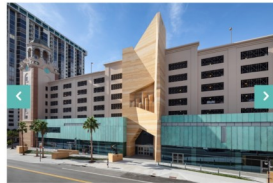
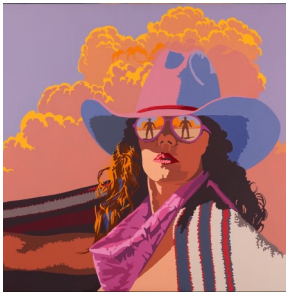


Financial Fitness Interest Group is a forum to discuss and learn more about investing and other financial topics of interest and importance to women. The group brings together members with varying levels of knowledge and experience in an environment in which we can all learn from each other. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Our March meeting is Tuesday, March 12 in Classroom 103 of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Our topic will be Impact Investing – Making investments with the intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

VIEW WESTERN & WILDLIFE ART

Join the Outdoor Adventure SIG in a visit to 'The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art' in downtown St Petersburg on Monday, March 25. The Museum, opened in 2018, allows visitors to enjoy the rich and diverse heritage of the American West. Its more than 400 works of art evoke the spirit of a wide-open frontier and the beauty of life in the wild. For more information about this day-trip, contact Bea Holt.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 -- Fredda Kanetsky
2 -- Gretchen Dawson
3 -- Kathleen Pickering
4 -- Pat Weber
5 -- Cathy Edwards
5 -- Ann Robinson
6 -- Kira Schneider

9 -- Jane Gulotte
9 -- Trena Kelly
15 -- Lois Minnich
17 -- Patricia Bull
17 -- Camille Cline
18 -- Mimi Welch
23 -- Barbara Farrar

24 -- Karol Olson
25 -- Mary Emerson
27 -- Pat Swindler
28 - Carolyn Boudreaux
28 -- Mary Greenberg
30 -- Evelyn Kent
30 -- Melissa Stofko

MARCH 2019 CALENDAR -- AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

DAY	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Fri	1		New Member Event	Kathy Black	
Fri	1	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	1	11:30	Mahjong for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Hotel Venezia, 425 US 41 Bypass N., Venice
Wed	6	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara's home
Thurs	7	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	8	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	8	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	11	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. Book: <i>A Gentleman In Moscow</i> by Amor Towles.
Tues	12	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Room 103
Tues	12	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Room 103
Thurs	14	11:30/ 12:15	Refreshments/ General Meeting		Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail. Refreshments - 11:30; mtg - 12:15
Fri	15	DEADLINE APRIL VV		SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO AAUWVENICEVIEWS@GMAIL.COM	
Fri	15	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	15	1:00	Mahjongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson	This game is geared for experienced players
Mon	18	10:15	Exploring with your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell Diane Sisko	Tour of Venice Theater
Tues	19	2:00	Art Talk	Suzanne Talbott	Contact Suzanne for details.
Wed	20	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	At the home of Judy Weber. Theme: Comfort Food
Wed	20	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	TJ Carney's, W. Venice Ave. Contact Melanie by email/phone by March 18.
Thurs	21	1:30	Armchair Travelers	Anne Finger	Kathy Black will present New Zealand memories at her home. Limited capacity. Contact Anne to join email list.
Thurs	21	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	22	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West County Club
Fri	22	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	25	10:00 to Noon	Outdoor Adventure	Bea Holt	Visit the new James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art - Downtown St. Petersburg, Lunch follows. Carpooling arranged.
Wed	27	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke	Art Cafe, located in the Venice Art Center. Patio is reserved for AAUW. Contact Paula for reservations and questions.
Thurs	28	10:00	Play Readers	Fran Brinkman	At the home of Fran Brinkman



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