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ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

AT 12:15 (11:30 FOR REFRESHMENTS)

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE

AGENDA

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Minutes

Treasurer report

Annual report

New Business

- ◆ Proposed by-law changes as printed in the March Venice Views
- ◆ Election of Officers
 - President: Kathleen Pickering
 - Secretary: Elaine Izzi
 - Membership: Patti Warner
- ◆ Election of Nominating Committee
- ◆ Installation of Officers Anne Russell
- ◆ Recognizing and Honoring Members

At the Annual Meeting you may nominate someone from the floor providing you have the consent of the nominee.

Many thanks to the nominating committee for their hard work:

Suzanne Biviano, Chair

Bev Weltzien, Fran Brinkman, Judy Houston, Dottie Bingham

SINCERE APPRECIATION TO HOSTESSES AT OUR MEETINGS

Lydia Russo has taken the helm for coordinating logistics and soliciting members to help with refreshments at our monthly meetings. *Not an easy job!* Thank you to **everyone** who signed up all year long and brought food for socializing before the meeting.

REMINDER - Use aauwveniceviews@gmail.com to SEND ALL NOTICES to Venice Views

DUES are DUE

Please pay your dues before July 1, 2019 to meet AAUW deadlines and to be sure you are included in the 2019-2020 Branch Yearbook.

AAUW VENICE INVOICE FOR DUES

July 1, 2019 –June 30, 2020

Regular Membership	\$90
Includes: Branch dues of	\$19
Florida state dues	\$12
AAUW National dues of	\$59*
Dual Membership (branch/state dues)	\$31
Paid Life Membership	\$31
Printing and Postage for Venice Views	\$15**



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**AAUW – Venice Branch
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Venice, FL 34285**

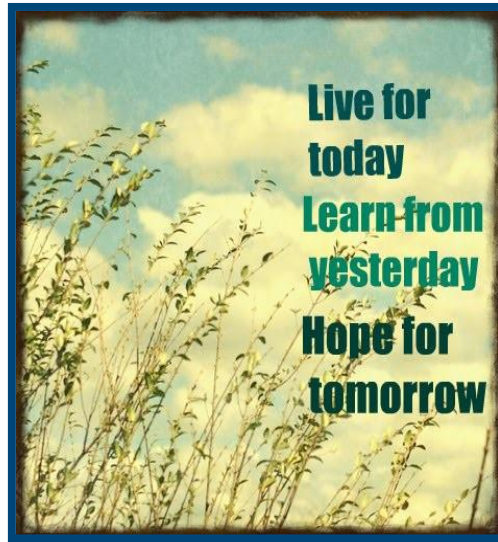
*\$56 of the National Dues is deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

**If you choose to have Venice Views mailed to you (and you have internet access), the cost is an additional \$15 for the year. There is no charge for those without internet access. To receive a mailed copy, this must be added to your membership dues payment.

Please note that dues are **not** prorated and members must pay the entire amount regardless of the time of year they are paid.

If you have questions about the dues, please contact Kathy Black, Membership Director, or Fran Potter, Director of Finance.

2019 AAUW SCHOLARSHIP 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 April 11 Annual Meeting or mail your check (payable to "AAUW Venice") with your choice of entrée noted to Joani Leeds (see yearbook directory for address).

? ? ? TRIVIA TIME ? ? ?

***Trivia Time comes to AAUW on April 30 from 1:00 to 4:00
at the Clubside Clubhouse in Plantation!***

It is the Teck Trek designated fundraiser you've been waiting for!

You may register as a Team of 6 or, if you register as a single, you will be put on a team. You could register as a Team of 4 and we might add 2 singles to your team.

Non-AAUW members may participate.

The cost is \$15 per player.

If you didn't pick up a registration form at March meeting, call me for a reservation.

The registration fee will then need to be brought to the April 11 meeting.

First come first serve. Maximum no. of teams - 8

The format and refreshments and snacks will be similar to Patriotic Bridge.

Coffee, ice tea, and water will be available or BYO too.

There will be ****prizes**** for the winners.

Only requirement: Bring your brain chock full of lots of trivia tidbits!

For reservations for a registration, call **Patti Warner**, 719-659-9288.

Deadline is the next meeting, April 11, but don't wait too long as you may be risking a chance to participate if the teams are all filled before that meeting.

CALL NOW!!!

And remember this will help to send one more young girl to Tech Trek.
What a fun afternoon with friends to accomplish this goal. Ten girls have applied. We sent five last year. It would be *so wonderful* to send more in 2019!

JOIN THE FUN!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
KATHLEEN PICKERING



We're still living in the afterglow of the amazing Home Tour. At the board meeting on March 6, \$20,000 dollars was allocated for the re-entry scholarships. Last year the amount was \$14,000. And each year the board allocates \$10,500 to the American Fellowship Fund which is a scholarship set up with AAUW national to assist graduate students. We are committed to this fund until it reaches \$200,000 which will be in 2028. Members are also encouraged to give to the fund. Total proceeds and expenses from the Home Tour will be available in May. Home Tour funds also pay for the home owners and scholarship recipients and their guests to attend the scholarship luncheon.

On March 6 the board (current and future) engaged in a half day board retreat to further flush out the strategic plan, focus the board and committees on action plan orientation and worked on building the board and its culture. There will be one more session that will focus on leadership development, board culture and finalizing the strategic plan with action steps.

This board work is a result of applying for funds and expertise from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. In the next Venice Views, I will share with you the results of the retreat.

Looking forward to seeing you in April at the Annual meeting of our Branch. Not only do we carry out business at this meeting, but we also honor the work of members. Put April 11 on your calendar. It is going to be fun and rewarding.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
PAULA DULSKI



FREE Work Smart Salary Negotiation Program at SALARY.AAUW.ORG

This is a FREE online course for everyone. Take it yourself and encourage your friends, relatives and colleagues to take it. This course will give you the skills and confidence you need to successfully negotiate your salary and benefits. It is useful for negotiating for a new job, a raise or a promotion. The program has received generous support from LUNA and Coca Cola.

The modules in the negotiation course include 'Research Comparable job titles' using Payscale.com, Salary.com or LinkedIn to name a few of the reference web sites. There is also 'Research your Target Salary', 'Research your Benefits' and 'Salary Deflection'.

AAUW has a goal to train 10 million women by 2022. Knowing how to effectively push for a better salary is an important step in narrowing the gap and attaining pay equity. Register at Salary.AAUW.org for the course.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE
KATHY BLACK



I had the pleasure of meeting some of our new members at our bi-annual new member breakfast a few weeks ago. Thank you to our board for putting on this nice event. It is always fabulous to meet these wonderful women. In fact, it is amazing how diverse our 251 member branch is, coming from so many walks of life. I'm personally in awe of the incredible lives our members live, across all corners of the world! I have met some of my best friends here since moving to Venice in 2009. In fact, when I was traveling to Alaska a few years ago, I was able to stay at the home of another Venice branch member (thank you Beth!) That is the feeling of community that I know we wish for all of our members. This is a group that has the ability to open doors and create great friendships as we work for the issues important to us on the national, state and local level.

NEW MEMBER
FLORENCE RABER



I grew up in Bridgehampton, Long Island, NY, formerly a farming community before it became one of "The Hamptons." I graduated from Bridgehampton High School in 1961.

My first eclectic educational journey began at Becker Jr College, Worcester, MA. I graduated in 1963 with an associate's degree in medical secretarial science. I married my first husband shortly after graduating from college, moved to Southampton and worked for two years in a medical practice until I had my first child. I was a stay at home Mom for 10 years until a divorce with two children

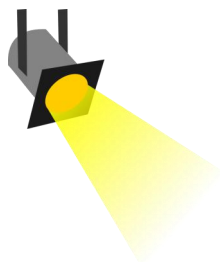
forced me back into the work force.

I resumed my work experience first as office manager in an ENT practice and later for an orthopedic surgeon. I worked briefly for the Southampton Village police as secretary to the chief of police before my next employment at Long Island University, Southampton campus. I held the position of departmental secretary for the Business school for nine years while later transferring to the Education department for another nine years overseeing 300 undergraduate and graduate students. Simultaneously, while working, I pursued my undergraduate degree in English Literature followed by a graduate degree (MPS/Gerontology), receiving my graduate degree at the age of fifty.

I left Southampton College and created my own business, Guardian Resource, an elder care counseling and referral service. In 2008 I was hired as Social Service Coordinator for Bishop Ryan Village, a senior retirement community in Hampton Bays, LI. NY until I fully retired in 2013.

My husband Peter and I purchased our home in Venetian Golf and River Club in 2004 while still working up north and came down for short vacations. Ten years later we made our vacation home in Venice our primary residence. We continue to be snowbirds, visiting family while in NY. We traveled to Europe many years ago and perhaps in the future will do more travel in the USA.

My hobbies and interests are golf, Pickleball, kayaking, reading, socializing with friends and church. I enjoy singing (in a group) and sang with the Sweet Adelines for many years. In my younger days, I enjoyed fashion and made many of my own clothes. My daughter and family live in Rhode Island. My son and family reside on Long Island.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MEET Suzanne Biviano



Our branch's outgoing secretary has a long history of service, notably in all the ways that a nurse can contribute her skills.

Born in Ohio, she grew up in central New York State and earned her B.S. in nursing at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Marrying right after graduation, she went on staff as a charge nurse at Fort Sanders Hospital, close to the University of Tennessee campus where her husband was completing a degree.

She had two job offers while in Tennessee but her husband's career brought them to Pittsburgh where she took a position as a psychiatric nurse. More transfers and the addition of two children to the family complicated career possibilities.

Instead, she immersed herself in volunteer work where a nursing degree was an asset. In Richmond, Indiana, she was the nurse at a summer YMCA day camp. In Mobile, Alabama, she helped staff a suicide hot line. Moving to Messina, New York, she was coordinator for a well child clinic and doubled as a substitute school nurse. Returning to Indiana, she became part of one of the first federally subsidized centers for medically underserved clients. She coordinated a staff of nurses and clerical personnel along with volunteers and organized appointments to the facility.

The final company move was to Knoxville, Tennessee. She had kept her New York State nursing license but Tennessee did not have reciprocity and the fees and courses required by state regulations there were discouraging.

She and her husband moved to Florida, initially as snowbirds, about ten years ago and then decided to become full-time residents. She joined AAUW six years ago to "meet intelligent women and support the mission of helping other women." Her first stop was the book group and she moved up to chair the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). We understand that the bridge groups are also prominent in her calendar. "I count the women I've met in AAUW as my best friends. I'm so glad I joined."

Her health-related volunteering is still going strong. On most Tuesdays, you'll find her at the information desk in Venice Regional Bayfront Hospital where she is also sometimes called on as a patient escort. Here's to *your* health, Suzanne! [Judith Houston]

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT BREAKFAST

Those who joined Venice AAUW recently were invited to a welcome breakfast held on Friday, March 1. Board members were on hand to meet them and encourage the newcomers to get involved with a project or a special interest group.

Those invitees who were not able to attend the breakfast were: Sue-Ann Bailey, Erin Christian, Tricia Cook, Suzanne Croco, Phyllis Currier, Mary Ann Dillahunty, Hilda Dillman, Kathleen Economides, Claudia Hanley, Sylvia Irish, Mary Pat Kahler, Judith Kolk, Andrea Lucy-Putwen, Sherry Lynaugh, Jan Middendorf, Kindra Muntz, Pixie Sloan, Cheryl Temple, and Cheryl Tortora.

If you see any of these new members, be sure to extend your personal welcome.



New members who attended the recent breakfast.

Standing, L to R: Susan Hotzler, Eileen McGurk, Patricia De La Ossa, Connie Nelson, and Carmen Navarro. Seated, L to R: Carol Depp, Florence Raber, Susan Champion and Leslie Curley. Lynda Irvin also attended but is not in picture.

TWO MEMBERS JOIN LEGACY CIRCLE



Florida state president Patricia Ross recognized Judy Evenson, left, and Kathy Black, right, as new members of the AAUW Legacy Circle during the Venice March meeting.

The honor, which comes with a commemorative pin, is designated for those who have made a commitment to the AAUW mission through a legacy in a will or trust or some other kind of planned gift. The Legacy Circle is a way of commemorating their generosity during their lifetime. No specific gift is required and a gift remains confidential.

If you'd like to know more about the Legacy Circle, visit this website:

www.aauwlegacy.givingplan.net.

**LOBBY DAYS AT THE STATE CAPITAL IN TALLAHASSEE
MARCH 11-13, 2019**



L-R: Pauline Phillips, Paula Dulski, Cheryl Temple, Jane Farley

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS CONTRIBUTE TO TECH TREK

In addition to branch activities to raise funds for our Tech Trek campers, members are also working to secure contributions from area community groups.

Play Readers has done two programs this year for **PEO chapters** which have donated a total of \$75 for Tech Trek.

In January, AAUW Venice received a grant of \$250 from the “Help our Community” Referral Program of **Joyner Family Insurance**. Each quarter the locally owned agency receives referrals to charities and picks one designated referral. Additionally, the agency selects “one lucky winner from the list of everyone who gave us a referral” and makes a donation in their honor to the charity of their choice. **Samira Easton** was the lucky winner in January, designating AAUW Venice. She indicated to the Board the donation should go where needed most; the Board voted at its March 6 meeting to put in in the Tech Trek fund.

Thanks to Fran Brinkman and the Play Readers and to Samira Easton for securing these contributions!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Phyllis Hoffman | 12 Nancy Bennett | 17 Trudy Reed |
| 3 Claudette Varricchio | 12 Charlotte Whitbread | 21 Carmen Navarro |
| 4 Stephanie Hallowell | 13 Nancy Donelson | 23 DeDee Connor |
| 9 Connie Cahill | 13 Noreen Popivchak | 28 Florence Raber |
| 9 Sara Knower | 15 Val Dwek | 30 Shirley Bethke |
| 10 Melanie Odom | 15 Anita Kunkle | |

PART-TIME NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION OPEN

Love Technology? We need **YOU!**

Our Venice Branch is looking for someone to complete our Venice Views Editorial Team. We split up the work required throughout the year. You only need to commit to and edit **three monthly newsletters!** **EASY!** You pick what months are convenient for you and then work within your own schedule for those months. Flexible and minimal guidelines make editing each issue a relatively easy task. Just click on the following email address aauwveniceviews@gmail.com to express your interest, ask questions and learn more.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS!

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Armchair Travelers is a small, ever-changing group where members share their travel or living experiences in other lands. This group meets several times a year in members' homes. We are in need of a new leader for this upcoming year's Special Interest Group. Please contact Anne Finger, Chair, for more information.



BOOK GROUP



Check your calendar for Monday, April 8. at 1:30 p.m. and if you are free, come join AAUW's SIG Book group as we discuss "First Women - The and Power of America's Modern First Ladies" by Kate Andersen Brower. Our discussion leader will be Maggie Surwillo. A companion book you might enjoy is "Secret Lives of the First Ladies - Strange, Stories and Shocking Trivia From Inside The White House" by Cormac O'Brien. It should be a lively & fun romp through peccadilloes and power. Both good reads if you are a trivia pursuit player or a history buff.

All AAUW members are invited to make suggestions for books that the SIG group might tackle next year by giving an email shout-out to Lynda Weston.

EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA

On April 16, the Exploring with Your Camera SIG Group, will be venturing into the wilds of Sarasota's Jungle Gardens. Participants will find themselves "up close & personal" with over 200 native and exotic animal species. Amazing photo opportunities await! To join us, please contact Stephanie Hallowell.



MARCH 14, 2019 AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on March 14 at noon.

The program was presented by Pat Ross, President of AAUW Florida. She updated policies and activities from both national and state AAUW. She also presented Legacy Circle pins to Kathy Black and Judy Evenson.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 12:56 PM.

The February minutes were approved as printed in the Venice Views.

The March hostesses were thanked for providing the lunch.

Treasurer Fran Potter presented the treasurer's report - see printed addendum. \$20,000 will be allocated to local scholarships for returning students; \$10,500 will be allocated to the American Scholarship Fund. Currently, the savings account has a balance of \$36,740.00. The checking account has \$16,626.26.

The 50-50 pots were won by Chris Cairns and Jan Middendorf. \$60 will go to Tech Trek.

Joani Leeds spoke on the Scholarship Luncheon to be held on April 27. Tickets are \$35.

A big thank you was given to all the workers of the Home Tour and especially the committee.

Kathy Black, Membership Chair, reported we have had 36 new members in the past 6 months. Dues of \$90 are due by July 1. Approximately 90 members were present today. New members and guests were introduced.

Bev Weltzien of Development presented two new fund-raisers. A wine-tasting and food-pairing will be held at the home of Mary Ann Dillahunty for \$40. A trivia party to raise money for Tech Trek will be held on April 30 at Plantation's Clubside Club House at 1:00. \$15/person.

Cheryl Temple, Paula Dulski and Jane Farley reported on their activities at Lobby Days.

Judy Houston, Communications Chair, referred members to an article in Venice Views by Mary Emerson about our web page and Facebook page.

Carol Newman spoke on the Equity Luncheon to be held on Aug. 24 at the Grove in Lakewood Ranch. This will be to celebrate passage of the 19th Women's Suffrage amendment.

Judy Houston spoke on AAUW Venice's project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. She plans a video based on "We've Come a Long Way Baby - or Not" to be used both as a potential fund-raiser at its debut viewing with a wine and cheese event and as a basis for a speaker's bureau for AAUW Venice. She needs a committee to help with the research and production.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary



APRIL 2019 CALENDAR -- AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES					
DAY	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Mon	1	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cruise out of Marina Jack, Sarasota
Wed	3	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara's home
Thurs	4	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	5	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre/lunch at Hotel Venezia (Ramada)
Fri	5	11:30	Mahjong for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Hotel Venezia, 425 US 41 Bypass N., Venice
Mon	8	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library. Book: ."First Women - The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies" by Kate Andersen
Tues	9	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Room 103
Tues	9	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Thurs	11	11:30/ 12:15	Refreshments/ Annual Meeting		Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail. Refreshments - 11:30; mtg - 12:15
Fri	12	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Location to be determined.
Fri	12	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Location to be determined. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	15	DEADLINE MAY VENICE VIEWS		SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO AAUWVENICEVIEWS@GMAIL.COM	
Tues	16	10:15	Exploring with your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell Diane Sisko	We will be venturing into the wilds of Sarasota's Jungle Gardens
Wed	17	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	At the home of June Lee Reninger. Theme: Back to Our Roots
Wed	17	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Gold Rush Barbecue. Need a minimum of 10 people to keep reservation. Contact Melanie by email/phone by Mon. 4/15.
Thurs	18	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	19	Noon	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre/lunch at Hotel Venezia (Ramada)
Fri	19	1:00	Mahjongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson	This game is geared for experienced players
Wed	24	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke	Napulè Italian restaurant, 7129 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Contact Paula for reservations/questions.
Thurs	25	10:00	Play Readers	Fran Brinkman	At the home of Fran Brinkman
Fri	26	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Location to be determined.
Fri	26	11:30	Bridge for fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Location to be determined. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	29	2:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cruise out of Englewood to Don Pedro Island State Park with picnic.



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- _____ **FOR TECH TREK ONLY:** Checks payable to "*Tech Trek Florida*" should be mailed to P.O. Box 2938, Jupiter, FL 33468

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