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**MAY MEETING – THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 12:15; REFRESHMENTS AT 11:30
EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE, FL 34285**

PROGRAM: Sue Luterbach and two past scholarship winners will present success stories featuring two film clips.

Annual Meeting in Pictures



Former president Shirley Reid (2009-13) shared a letter she received from a former recipient of a Venice branch AAUW scholarship, expressing her thanks and the impact the funds had made on her life.

Incoming officers elected at the meeting, left to right: Patti Warner, membership chair, Elaine Izzi, secretary, and Kathleen Pickering, president, who will be in her second term.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathleen Pickering



It is hard to believe our year is almost over. We have accomplished much as a branch.

We are proud of our activities for girls: Sending girls to Tech Trek, providing day STEAM activities for elementary ages girls. And we also gave scholarships to women going back to school to continue their education. With all those activities the members are busy raising money through the Giving Challenge, Home Tour, Patriotic bridge, Wine tasting, Trivia afternoon, 50/50 and all the activities some of the SIG groups carry out. **THANK YOU** all for whatever your activity has been.

The board has also been working to ensure you have interesting and mission focused programs at our meetings. Making sure new members feel welcomed and can become involved.

I cannot say enough about your board. They are dedicated, caring, persistent, professional and the adjectives could go on. They have invested their time in doing their prescribed job but also doing monthly board meetings, board retreats, state meetings and just being present when needed. I had the privilege of being the president and working with them. What an awesome team!

As we go forward, we are in lock step with AAUW National and AAUW Florida. Our strategic plans follow both. One overriding message is that AAUW needs to be a real force for positive change. Continue to advocate for pay equity, keep Title IX in the forefront, and see that girls have access to math and science. And there is so much more as we look forward to 2019-2020.

Have a wonderful summer and to those leaving for the north, safe journeys. And those of us remaining, come to the summer SIG events so we stay connected.

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Member Profile: Meet Paula Dulski

by Judith Houston



You may know her as “captain” for the many excursions she conducts for members in her popular boating SIG.

Paula Dulski, who is also our branch vice president, was born and grew up in Amherst, Ohio. She earned a B.S. in zoology from Kent State University in the fall of 1969. (She says, “I missed the Kent State shootings because I attended summer school in order to graduate early.”)

She interned with a Ph.D. who was conducting a blood cell study while she was an undergraduate. She “always knew I wanted to be in research.” She applied to many pharmaceutical companies and “landed my dream research job at Merck in January 1970” which took her to Rahway, N. J. She says, “My task for the next 36 years was to discover new drugs to treat diseases of animals and humans.”

Computers are the backbone of research and she used them on a daily basis. While at Merck, she also obtained a master’s in biochemistry to keep herself competitive in this fast-paced field.

Along the way, in 1983 she married her husband Tom and acquired an instant family with his two sons. His career allowed her to travel with him at times and “I joined him in Israel three times.”

She semi-retired in 2006 and took a consulting job at a small biopharmaceutical firm in Princeton that purified therapeutic monoclonal antibodies.

An avid tennis player, her tennis buddies included many AAUW members. So, with her free time, she joined the Freehold, N.J. branch of AAUW and was quickly tapped to be their Public Policy Director and then Membership Director. She says, “I was also in charge of publishing the yearbook and chaired their traditional fundraiser, a huge book sale.

Paula and her husband moved to Sarasota County full time in 2015. Their first condo was in Osprey, so she joined both the Sarasota and Venice branches to learn the area and “see which better suited me. Venice won.” She says she enjoys the diversity and professionalism of our members who “bring their skills to our organization.”

She has made her impact on our branch as well. Prior to becoming vice president, she was membership director. Currently, she is also heading up our branch involvement in the AAUW salary negotiation programs, Work Smart and Start Smart.

Her husband died in 2017 and her family which includes “my sons, their wives and two granddaughters call Staten Island, N.Y. home.” When she is not on the tennis court or the pontoon boat, you might find her catching up on reading or gardening at her home.

NEW MEMBERS



Barbara J. Gruen

Barbara J. Gruen grew up in Yonkers, NY, a suburb of Manhattan, and spent most of her life living in Westchester County, NY. where she raised her two children. They live in Manhattan. She also has two grown step-children who live in San Diego and Washington state.

Barbara graduated from Boston University (B.S.); Manhattan College (M.A. in counseling psychology); professional diploma from Fairfield University in CT and earned her Ph.D. in counseling from Fordham University in 1978. She worked many decades as a teacher, counselor, and administrator in several Westchester and Long Island school districts and was also a clinical associate professor at Fordham where she taught master's level students who were becoming counselors in the schools or in mental health settings. She always felt counseling was a "calling" and relished her many years working in the counseling field. A life-long learner, she has also been enrolled at the State College of Florida and the University of South Florida where she pursues her passion for learning more about criminology, enhancing her volunteer experiences at the Westchester County Jail and the Delray Beach Police Department.

An avid traveler, one of her most life-changing trips was to Israel where she volunteered on a military base outside Tel Aviv. Another recent trip was with friends exploring Costa Rica for a month, although cruising is her most favorite way to travel.

Most special of all, however, is the time Barbara spends with her grandchildren in NYC (ages 5, 4, and 1) and her teenage granddaughters in San Diego. One could say she keeps "the friendly skies" very busy with her frequent trips to visit her family!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Kathy Black



It has been a pleasure to fill in as Membership Director since December which allowed Paula Dulski to accept the position as our new Vice president. I appreciate all the assistance of Carol Carlson and Joyce Kamm. They made everything easier for me. What a great team. My favorite part of this job is meeting our new members and hopefully making them feel comfortable in our organization. I look forward to working with Patti Warner as she takes over as Membership Director for the next term. Welcome Patti!

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

In lieu of a program, a panel of members who attended the State Workshop in Ocala shared their take-aways from the conference. Ten Venice members attended. Some of the ideas included working on Work Smart. Tech Trek and the 19th Amendment commemoration. Suggestions for branch activities included projects other than raising money for scholarships.

Bea Holt was elected State Director of Programs and will be on the state board.

Shirley Reid shared a story about one of our previous scholarship winners who is now working as an occupational therapist. Patti Warner reminded members of Trivia party to raise money for Tech Trek on April 30th from 1 to 4 PM at Clubside clubhouse in Plantation G and CC.

The hostesses for lunch today were thanked.

The 50-50 winners were Anne Herre and Maggie Surillo.

The annual meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Pickering at 12:50.

The agenda was approved - see addendum.

Fran Potter provided an extensive annual treasurer's report, including hand-outs on fund-raisers, the American Fund and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation Endowment Fund. See addendums.

The proposed by-law change concerning the nominating committee: 3 members of the nominating committee will be elected by the membership, for two-year terms, with two being chosen for in odd years and one being chosen in even years. The other two members will be appointed by the board - see addendum from Board meeting January 2, 2019 and Venice Views for exact wording. A motion to accept the posted changes was made by Fran Potter. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

Suzanne Biviano presented the slate for election of officers and nominating committee:

Two-year term for Nominating Committee: Susan Farstrup and Maggie Surwilo

One-year term for Nominating Committee - Paula Choyke.

President: Kathleen Pickering

Membership Director: Patti Warner

Secretary: Elaine Izzi.

Nominations from the floor were opened but none offered. All were elected by acclaim.

The year's activities were presented in a power point presentation and in the written annual report.

The new officers were installed by Anne Russell.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 PM.

Submitted by Suzanne Biviano, Secretary

Take the FREE Work Smart Program at SALARY.AAUW.ORG

Work Smart is a top priority for AAUW. The goal is to close the wage gap by guiding women through salary negotiations. This course will give you the skills and confidence you need to successfully negotiate your salary and benefits. It is relevant for a new job, a raise or a promotion.

AAUW has a goal to train 10 million women by 2022. **Coca Cola will grant \$500,000 to AAUW National if 100,000 register by August 2019.** 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. It should take about an hour for the training and you do not need to finish the entire course to be counted. **Don't be concerned if you are a happy retiree. Take the course to help AAUW reach the 10 million women goal.** Take it yourself and encourage your friends, relatives and colleagues to take it.



Patricia DeWitt Shares Her Vision for AAUW

Our incoming state president-elect, Patricia DeWitt, will take that office in July of this year and become president in 2020. She has a powerful outlook for where AAUW is going.

In remarks she made before the vote to elect her, she said, **“I’ve seen AAUW change from a coalition of clubs of like-minded women, not too different from book groups, to a real force for positive societal change. Our mission is now more focused and we are being heard nationwide. Florida AAUW should be regarded as an authority on gender equity and what it takes to get there. We need to let people hear our voices of reason backed by research and strengthened by diversity and inclusion.”**



She moves up to this post from state chair of Public Policy. She held previous offices in two states: as branch president, a state EF/LAF chair, state program vice president, and state president.

We look forward to working with her in her new responsibility. And we salute Patricia Ross, our current president, for moving our organization forward on this same path. [Judith Houston]

Equity is Theme of AAUW Leadership Conference

Nine members of the Venice branch participated in a statewide meeting held in Ocala April 6 and 7. The participants in the conference represented 23 AAUW branches.

Several statewide officers were elected. That included Venice member Bea Holt who will become Director for Programs. In this role, she will be responsible for planning and implementing state equity programs for AAUW. She will also communicate information to branch program directors and gather results on successful local initiatives to be shared with all branches.

She will also plan the State convention and statewide meetings in coordination with other state officers as well as oversee the Leader-on-Loan and mini-grant programs. An additional responsibility is to assure program priorities are in line with the State's strategic plan.

A wide range of workshop topics included the AAUW online salary negotiation training called "Work Smart," fundraising success stories, social media, techniques for membership engagement, innovative program ideas and Tech Trek. [Judith Houston]



Venice branch members who participated in the Ocala Leadership Conference in April were, left to right: Paula Dulski, Bea Holt, Kathy Black, Pat Comeau, Bev Weltzien, Pat Weber, Judy Houston, Carol Newnam, Kathleen Pickering and Mimi Welch.



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 of \$12; AAUW National dues of \$59*	
Dual Membership (branch/state dues)	\$31
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If you have questions about the dues please contact Patti Warner, Membership Director or Fran Potter, Director of Finance.

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SUMMER SOCIALS

It is that time of year to think about fun things you would like to arrange to do with your friends this summer, and to perhaps make new friends, too. We will go anywhere and do about anything. Take us out to eat, to a party, to a museum, to a movie, to a mall, to a dance, to the beach, to goofy golf, to a jazz night, etc. If you can think it up, we can do it. Our **regular card games** continue all summer and **Lunch Bunch** is the 4th Wednesday, but times will vary.

Readers among the membership will be happy to know that the **Book Group** will continue to meet over the summer under the leadership of Hilda Dillman. Perhaps some of you who have not had time to join in our great discussions during the "season" will find this a wonderful opportunity to see if this group will be of "special interest" to you down the road. Alternatively, if you have read an interesting book and just want someone to talk about it with call Hilda and she'll schedule it. The group will continue to meet at its regular meeting time the second Monday of each month at 1:30 at the Jacaranda Library. Happy reading this summer.

The **Evening Out Group** will be attending Loveland Follies on **June 2 at 2 p.m.** with dinner to follow at Sharky's. For further details, please contact Melanie Odom.

Passage to Punta Gorda Summer Social on Wednesday, June 26

So much to do in Punta Gorda!! Planning on visiting the **Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens, lunch and walk** along the river, ending with a quick trip to "**Funkie Junkies**"! Leaving at 8:15 plan on a FULL day of FUN! Contact Jeri Jaminet.

Coastal Cruisers is planning eight boat trips this summer. Tentative dates are June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 26 and the times will be from 5 to 8 pm.

Kathleen Pickering has volunteered to have a **cocktail party** at her home on **Monday, August 12 at 5 to 7 p.m.** Bring only contributions to Tech Trek for 2020.

Please contact me, Paula Choyke, with any questions or ideas or to see which dates are available or just anything you might want help with. The deadline is May 15th, which is when I have to have the complete schedule in to the Venice Views. I am looking forward to all of your calls and emails!



Eight Campers Heading to Tech Trek 2019

Venice branch will be sending eight area girls to the AAUW technology camp, being held this year in two locations.

Heading to the one at Stetson University are four girls from the following schools: Isabella Edwards, Imagine; Samantha Mitizak, SKY Academy; Riley Boock and Maya Kowakski, both Venice Middle School.

Four additional girls will be at the Jupiter Camp at Florida Atlantic University. They are Fiorella Gardini and Isabelle Lacrete from Imagine, and Emily Ireland and Veda Kushman, both Venice Middle School.



Coastal Cruisers



Evening Out

Venice Branch Activities Calendar for **MAY**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location and Notes
W	1	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara Stevens' home. This is the last meeting until October.
W	1	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Th	2	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	3	11:30	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
F	3	11:30	Mahjongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	IHOP's back room
Th	9	12:15	General Meeting	Program: Sue Luterbach	Refreshments served at 11:30 EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 790 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice
F	10	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun.
F	10	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe. You must sign up in advance.
M	13	1:30	Book Group	Barbara Martinage	Discussion of <u>Into the Gray Zone</u> at the Jacaranda Library.
T	14	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Emmanuel Lutheran Church room 103

W	15	Deadline for Summer Venice Views			Send articles and/or photos by email to the editors at aauwveniceviews@gmail.com
W	15	12:00	Cook's Corner	Janet Schotz	Picnic at Maxine Barrett Park
Th	16	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
F	17	11:30	Euchre	Mary Al Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
M	20	10:15	Exploring with Your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell Diane Sisko	We will be venturing into the wilds of Sarasota's Jungle Gardens.
W	22	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Lunch at Umbrellas 1296, 1296 1 st St in Sarasota. Contact Paula Choyke to reserve.
F	24	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Meet at Pelican Pointe before Bridge for Fun.
F	24	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Anne Russell Georgie Ann Fedako	Bridge and lunch at Pelican Pointe. You must sign up in advance.
M	27	3:30	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cruise to Don Pedro Island from Englewood Cape Haze Marina. Contact Paula Dulski if you wish to attend.

May Birthdays

3 Christine Cairns
 4 Mary Castell
 5 Wendy Seeley
 6 Betty Badawi
 7 Susette Bryan
 7 Samira Easton
 9 Joan Mills
 9 Lynda Weston
 11 Colette Sears
 14 Charlotte Galluccio
 14 Nancy Gorno



18 Pat Blair
 19 Sherry Lynaugh
 19 Susanne Owen
 19 Katherine Poyneer
 20 Sue Shea
 24 Pamela Clifford
 29 Bobbie Huibregtse
 30 Jo Bellett
 30 L. Carol Newnam
 31 Carol Cookson



Cooks Corner



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