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**GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

**AT 12:00 (11:30 FOR REFRESHMENTS)**

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMIAMI TRAIL, VENICE

PROGRAM: Welcome Potluck Luncheon! Please bring a casserole to share.

Make sure your cold dish can stay cold and your hot dish can stay hot. Hospitality will provide spoons or servers for your dishes. We look forward to seeing all our members.

We will continue to collect \$2.00 a person to cover our room charge. Our budget was met because of everyone's contribution last year. Thanks to all of our members.

Our meeting programs begin the year with Pat Weber and the Tech Trek campers. They will share how this valuable program has encouraged them to consider STEM fields as a future career. Our Venice Branch sent eight 8th grade girls.

Thanks to all of our AAUW members for your continued support to this amazing program, which continues to support our mission statement of education for young girls and women.

## JOIN THE 2020 HOME TOUR TEAM!

The huge success of the last home tour was in large part due to a wonderful team of dedicated AAUW members. Thanks to our success, we were able to provide scholarships of \$3,300 to six well-deserving women scholars.

The 2020 Home Tour team will be led by Samira Easton and Susan Farstrup. Last year Samira and Susan served as home management co-chairs. Since membership participation is so critical to the successful outcome of this fundraiser, they are already seeking members to volunteer for various positions. **Our greatest need is someone to be in charge of home procurement.**

**Without homes, there can be no Home Tour.** Once the homes have been secured, this person's committee work is finished. Other positions needed are **home management co-chairs, ticket sales, house managers, parking manager and raffle sales.** As in the past, they know that members who will not be in a leadership position, will volunteer as hostesses. Members should contact Samira or Susan to volunteer.

The upcoming Home Tour will be on Friday, February 7, 2020. Samira and Susan are looking to get a head start in this process. They would like to have the leadership team in place by the end of September and everyone else signed up by the end of the year.

**If any member knows of a homeowner that would be willing to showcase their home on our 2020 tour, please contact Samira or Susan ASAP.**

Fellow AAUW Members –



On the next page is the proposed Venice branch budget for Fiscal Year 2020 which has been approved by your Board of Directors. Members will vote on it at the September 12 meeting.

This fiscal year's budget fully supports objectives identified in the branch's Strategic Plan including:

- Increasing and retaining broad-based membership.
- Continuing to send girls to Tech Trek; this is supported by branch fundraising activities including a new fundraising initiative, Tea with Vee, to be held in November.
- Improving educational opportunities for girls with new and continuing programs, including support for a STEM program at the Jacaranda Library.
- Support for the national AAUW pay equity initiatives – WorkSmart and StartSmart

Additionally the budget includes funding for non-traditional scholarships and the Venice Branch American Fellowship Fund which is supported by Home Tour revenues.

If you have questions about this budget, please contact Kathleen Pickering or me.

Fran Potter  
Director of Finance



May Lunch Bunch



May Coastal Cruising

**AAUW VENICE BUDGET -- FISCAL YEAR 2020**

<b>Net Assets - Fiscal Year 2019 Funds Carried Over</b>	
Scholarship)	\$844.00
Branch Prepaid Dues	\$2,717.00
Giving Challenge	\$3,603.40
Other Development Project (Wine Tasting)	\$531.36
Home Tour	\$6,850.30
Eggleston Memorial Donation	\$75.00
Operating Funds	\$716.87
<b>BRANCH OPERATING INCOME</b>	
Branch Dues (Prepaid and Current)	\$4,650.00
Monthly Meetings (7x140)	\$1,200.00
Venice Views	\$15.00
Carried over from FY 2019	\$716.87
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,581.87</b>
<b>BRANCH MEMBER EVENTS</b>	
Holiday Luncheon (100x35)	\$3,500.00
Scholarship Luncheon (100x35)	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL MEMBER EVENTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>BRANCH FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	
Home Tour	\$25,000.00
Patriotic Bridge (Tech Trek)	\$450.00
Eleanor Roosevelt Program	\$8,000.00
Tea (Tech Trek)	\$4,000.00
50/50, Other Donations (Tech Trek)	\$500.00
Grants (19th Ammendment Project)	\$1,400.00
Funds Carried over from FY 2019 and added to Income:	
Giving Challenge	\$3,603.40
Other Development Project	\$531.36
Home Tour	\$6,850.30
Scholarship	\$844.00
Eggleston Memorial Donation	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	<b>\$51,254.06</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$64,835.93</b>

<b>BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Florida Annual Report	\$145.00
Liability Insurance	\$185.00
Misc. Fees (PO Box, Bank, Foundation)	\$150.00
Website Maintenance	\$120.00
Officers and Chairs	\$500.00
Memorials	\$100.00
National/State Convention	\$2,000.00
Monthly Meetings	\$2,040.00
Programs	\$150.00
Annual Meeting	\$300.00
Venice Views	\$75.00
Membership (Directory, Brochure)	\$380.00
Consulting Services (Board Governance)	\$1,500.00
Storage (1/2 to Home Tour)	\$270.93
Accounting Software (QuickBooks)	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,065.93</b>
<b>BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES</b>	
Holiday Luncheon	\$3,500.00
Scholarship Luncheon	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
<b>BRANCH FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	
Home Tour	\$2,500.00
Eleanor Roosevelt Program	\$470.00
Tea	\$1,000.00
Giving Challenge Event	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,270.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	
Non-Traditional Scholarships	\$15,000.00
American Fellowship Fund	\$10,500.00
Florida Tech Trek	\$11,000.00
Girls Activities	\$750.00
Additional Programs TBD	\$3,250.00
19th Amendment Project	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$45,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$64,835.93</b>

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
KATHLEEN PICKERING**



September is like our back to school time. I remember how fun it was to have my new dress for the first day of school and my school bag filled with the new color crayons, notebooks, pencils. We were anxious to get back to see all the kids we did not see all summer. Our September meeting is like the first day of school. We come to our member meeting looking forward to seeing all the members we have not seen all summer. Fun to catch up with everybody. As in the school year, there is a lot to look forward in the 2019-2020 year. There is a whole year of excellent programs to look forward to. Leslie Curley is going to lead an initiative to inform the community more about Title IX. As we learned several years ago, there is a lot to it.

There will also be more work done on Work Smart and Start Smart to assist people of all ages in their quest for equal pay. This is an AAUW national initiative.

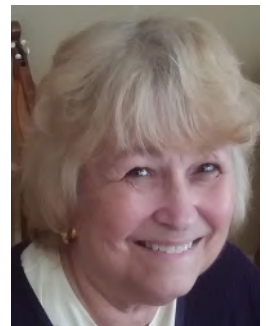
Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women finally getting the right to vote will be an active program during the year. I discovered women in my home town of Neenah, WI were very instrumental in securing the right to vote. They even had copies of the original ballot.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in September and even more in October. Let's have a good year and make sure you get engaged in activities that keep the branch vibrant.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S MESSAGE  
PATTI WARNER**

It's WELCOME BACK time to a new year in AAUW with goals, challenges, and opportunities for us individually and for our organization.

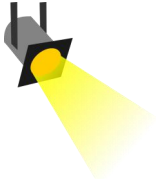
First of all I'd like to share some excerpts from a thank you note we received from one of our Scholarship recipients, Christine Pomerieu, as she gets ready to face a new year too. At the end of the year she will be graduating with a B.A. She says, "I am writing to thank each and every member of the AAUW for the hard work and time each of you put into raising money to provide scholarships. Words cannot even express how truly thankful I am to have been chosen this year as a recipient."



"Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal. Your kindness has inspired me to pass on this gesture. I started a random act of kindness act and last school year I gave every staff member at Venice High School a small random act of kindness."

She concludes, "You women truly are an inspiration to me. Thank you all again for your continued support, words can't express how grateful I am."

Presently we are 214 strong and we will continue this positive impact that we have on girls and women in our community. Again, WELCOME BACK to your being the contributing member that you are!



## MEMBER PROFILE SPOTLIGHT

### JANE FARLEY



If you look forward to delving into the topics featured at our monthly meetings, thank Jane Farley, branch program chair, an office she shares with co-chair Barb Martinage.

This is just the latest “hat” she has worn in the seven years since she became a member of Venice AAUW. Starting out as a Home Tour “helper,” she has served on a number of committees: Scholarship, Scholarship Luncheon, Holiday Luncheon, and STEM.

She says, “I was attracted to AAUW by our mission in education, our support for women and women going back to school. I was a returning student myself, and I found no scholarships for this in my time.”

A native of Springfield, Ill., she married after two years of college and started a family. “My goal was always to get back to college.” A family move to Milwaukee, Wis., provided that opportunity. She took an aptitude test which pointed her to sociology, and enrolled at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. She went on to obtain a Masters in social work with certification in marriage and family counseling.

What followed was a lengthy career in counseling that included women who had been sexually abused, adults with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and therapy groups. “These were people who wanted to get better,” she explains. “I was on that journey with them.”

She began as a hospital social worker in a neurology clinic, hired there before she achieved her master’s degree. After four years in that position, she transferred to the psychiatry division where she worked as a therapist. When the hospital merged with another one, she went on to manage behavioral health clinics at the combined institution. “In behavioral health,” she says, “you are always learning. It’s important that you look at the strengths people have, not what they don’t have.”

If you ask transplants to Venice, you’ll frequently find that they became familiar with our area because their parents retired here. In Jane’s case, she and her husband “had been coming here for 25 years because our only daughter lived here.” In any case, they were attracted to our “small town charm.” Her two other children, sons, live in Michigan and North Carolina.

Definitely a “people person,” she loves our AAUW members because they are so supportive. “We all bring something different to the table,” she says. “At times, it is very humbling.”

Right back at you, Jane! We appreciate everything you bring to our branch.



**NEW MEMBER  
SUSAN CHAMPION**



Hi all. I'm new to AAUW but have lived in Venice for going on 5 years. Originally from Syracuse NY, I left in 1968 to attend college at SUNY Plattsburgh. After receiving a BS in Speech Pathology/Audiology, I returned to school to receive my R.N diploma from the local hospital school of nursing. Soon after, I received my commission in the US Air Force and began my 22 year adventure. During this time, I attended the University of Texas at Austin and was awarded a Masters in Nursing Administration. Although my main AF positions were as a nursing administrator, my most cherished assignments were as a Flight Nurse in places such as Turkey, Germany, Australia, The Philippines and all around the far east, airlifting military and civilian patients. My last assignment was at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base where I retired from the Air Force. I immediately went back to school and received a BS in Interior Design Form from Northern Arizona University. It was a fun job, but I eventually went back into nursing administration and retired for good in 2013 and moved to Venice.

A few of the things especially enjoy are traveling, cooking, reading, bike riding, kayaking, walking and wine tasting excursions. I look forward to meeting everyone!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS			
2	Anne Finger	15	Karen Limkemann
5	Jane Brodt	25	Judy Evenson
5	Georgie Ann Fedako	25	Kathleen Grossenbacher
12	Patricia Boruff	29	Dorothy Korwek
[Apologies for any names inadvertently left off the birthday list this month]			

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \* Sharing and Caring \*  
 \* Ann Finger - Thinking of you as you recover from surgery \*  
 \* Pat Weber - Thinking of you and sending our support in your \*  
 \* health issue \*  
 \* [Please notify Sunshine Contact Marge Collin if you are aware of \*  
 \* someone who needs get-well wishes or if there is a serious illness or \*  
 \* passing of an AAUW member or family member so that we can \*  
 \* acknowledge this on behalf of the Branch.] \*  
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## AAUW Donation Underwrites Jacaranda Library Youth Program

A check for \$250 was presented to the Friends of the Frances T. Bourne Library Venice branch by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The donation will be used to fund programs of the library's Tween STEM Club for youth ages seven to 12. The programs are conducted by Linda McKenna, a Solar System Ambassador, which is a volunteer outreach program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She was an earth and space science teacher who taught eighth graders in her home state of Pennsylvania before retiring to Sarasota County.



Left to right are: Paula Dulski, AAUW Venice Vice President; Jamie Naylor, Jacaranda librarian; Linda McKenna, NASA Solar System Ambassador; Bonnie Stanbro, treasurer of the Friends of the Library; and Pat Weber, AAUW branch Education Chair.



**AAUW Venice Branch Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Highest degree earned: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual dues: \$50.00 (July 1 - June 30)  
 Includes National \$55, State \$12, Branch \$10

If you are a current member of another AAUW branch, please pay only state and branch dues of \$10.

Make check payable to: AAUW Venice

Mail application and check to:  
 AAUW Venice  
 808 Box 510  
 Venice, FL 34284

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 AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

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New Member Brochure Applications are now available. Give copies to interest your friends and neighbors in joining Venice AAUW. Available from Patti Warner, Membership Chair.

**SAVE THE DATE !!**

Mark your calendars for **November 4 at Noon**  
 Plantation Golf and Country Club  
**"Tea with Vee"**  
 Champagne, scones, teas and more...  
 Guest Speaker Vee Garry-Chiulli  
 Tables of 8 and 10  
 Boutique, raffle, and auction ....  
 Reserve now: **Call Joan at 941-484-5826**  
 Tickets \$40  
 Proceeds go for Tech Trek Camperships

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**You may sign up for these SIGs by calling/emailing each Chair (contact info in Directory) or sign sheets on the info pages at the SIG side table at General Meetings.**

- BOOK GROUP**, Barb Martinage, 2nd Monday, 1:30, Jacaranda Library
- BRIDGE FOR FUN** , Carol Cudia, 2nd and 4th Friday, 11:15, Location to be determined
- BRIDGE DISCUSSION**, Barbara Stevens, October through May, 10:00, 1st Wednesday at Barbara's home
- COASTAL CRUISING**, Paula Dulski, 4th Monday, times vary, Locations vary - Venice, Sarasota, Englewood
- COOKS CORNER**, Janet Schotz, 3rd Wednesday in homes, Noon
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE**, Susan Leege, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 11:15, Mission Valley Golf and Country Club
- EUCHRE**, MaryAl Gagnon, 1st and 3rd Friday, 11:30, Pelican Pointe Golf and Country Club
- EVENINGS OUT**, Lois and Melanie Odom, 3rd Wednesday, October, November, January thru April, 6:00
- EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA** Stephanie Hallowell, 3rd Monday, various locations
- FRENCH CONVERSATION** Jane Metcalf 2nd and 4th Friday, 10:30, Location to be determined
- FINANCIAL FITNESS**, Fran Potter, 2nd Tuesday, 10:00, Various locations (**see description below**)
- LUNCH BUNCH**, Paula Choyke/Mary Greenberg, lunch, brunch or happy hour, 4th Wednesday, times vary
- MAHJONGG FOR FUN**, Nancy Donelson, Wendy Orlando, 1st Friday, 11:00, Calusa Lakes Clubhouse
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**, Looking for new, energetic Leader!
- PLAY READERS**, Fran Brinkman, 4th Thursday, at Fran's home, 10:00, October, January through April



### Book Club -- Jacaranda Library – 1:30 Selected Reads 2019-2020

Date	Title	Author	Facilitator
June 10	Before We Were Yours	L. Wingate	Hilda Dillman
July 8	Venice Dreamers	L. Thomasson	Penny Nuttleman
August 12	TBA		TBA
Sept. 9	All Member Share		All Members
Oct. 14	Circe	M. Miller	Susan Farstrup
Nov. 11*	Women Rowing North	M. Pipher	Hilda Dillman
Dec. 9	Summer Before the War	H. Simonson	Mary Fritz
Jan. 13	The Gulf	J. Davis	Kathy Dierstein
Feb. 10	Where the Crawdads Sing	D. Owens	Kathy Black
March 9	The Great Alone	K. Hannah	Jackie Mikulski
April 13	Educated	T. Westover	Anne MacIntyre
May 11	The Only Story	J. Barnes	Lynda Weston

\*Library Closed, meet at home of Barb Martinage

### FINANCIAL FITNESS -- SAVE THE DATE!!

The Financial Fitness Special Interest Group is a forum to discuss and learn more about 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. Come join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. **On October 8 we will meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Room 103.** Want to know more? Call Fran Potter.



**SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR -- AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Location/Notes</b>
Weds	4	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Weds	4	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara's home
Thurs	5	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	6	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	6	11:00	MahJongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Calusa Lakes Clubhouse, 1995 Calusa Lakes Blvd, Nokomis
Mon	9	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	All Member Share
Thurs	12	11:30 /Noon	Refreshments/ General Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail. Refreshments - 11:30; mtg - 12
Fri	13	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Location to be determined.
Fri	13	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Bridge and lunch - Location to be determined. You must sign up in advance.
Sun	15	<b>DEADLINE OCTOBER VENICE VIEWS SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a></b>			
Thurs	19	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	20	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Mon	23	9:30	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Email Paula to sign up
Weds	25	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Cafe Evergreen, 801 S Tamiami Trail, Nokomis. Contact Paula for reservations and questions.
Fri	27	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Location to be determined
Fri	27	11:15	Bridge for fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Bridge and lunch - Location to be determined. You must sign up in advance.



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Write **Venice (FL) American Fellowship #4390** on the memo line.

\_\_\_\_\_ **LOCAL NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Checks payable to "**AAUW, Venice Branch**".

Write **Non-Traditional Scholarship Fund** on the memo line.

\_\_\_\_\_ **FLORIDA TECH TREK:** Checks payable to "**AAUW**",

Write **Tech Trek** on memo line.

**Mail contributions for American Fellowship Fund, Local Non-Traditional Scholarship Funds and Tech Trek to:**

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