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**OCTOBER MEETING – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 12:00; REFRESHMENTS AT 11:30**

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE, FL 34285**

**PROGRAM:** Patrick McLain from the Brady Foundation will educate our members about the Brady Foundation and current gun laws and legislation. He will discuss how these issues might impact women and children.

AAUW is a very busy branch this year. Be sure and sign up for the Holiday Luncheon, December 12, at next October's meeting. We have a great menu planned by The Yacht Club and an exciting trio singing for our luncheon. The menu will be posted at the October meeting. Many thanks to all of you for volunteering to help at the luncheon.

The survey that was promised last spring is in the works. You will receive it via email following the October member meeting. There are only ten questions and your input will be very valuable to the board as we move forward. Your opinions are appreciated and will be taken seriously. Watch the email with complete instructions in mid-October. Once you receive the email, if you have any questions, please let Kathleen Pickering know.

## **We Want You!**

Many of us are returning to Florida after traveling or coming home to roost as "Snowbirds." That makes it the perfect time to get with friends and AAUW colleagues to be an active volunteer in our 2020 Home Tour. Do you have a favorite activity you like to do with your friends at the tour? Susan Farstrup and Samira Easton will give you your favorite spot, so let them know, as soon as possible. There will be Sign-up Sheets on the tables at the next meeting, too.

Homes are coming in slowly, so if you have any friends or contacts who know someone willing to show their home, please pass on their name(s) to Samira or Susan. They'll be thrilled to get the planning started and move forward onto another successful AAUW Home Tour. Don't forget the date...February 7, 2020!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Kathleen Pickering*



There is going to be a new twist to the President's Message this year. I have asked some of the board members to write a message so you can hear from more people. This is our schedule:

October- Paula Dulski	February- Jane Farley
November- Pat Comeau	March- Kathy Black
December- Patti Warner	April and May- President
January- President	June- TBA.

I hope you will enjoy hearing from many members of your board.

## BOARD MEMBER'S MESSAGE

*Paula Dulski, Vice President*

Our branch resolves to provide activities for our members that are educational, inspiring and serve the community. The board created a strategic plan to meet these goals. The strategic plan can be found in the members section of our webpage [VENICE-FL.AAUW.NET](http://VENICE-FL.AAUW.NET). The following paragraphs highlight the important contributions of Development, Education and Membership.

**Bev Weltzien**, our Director of Development, organizes events to raise money for non-traditional scholarships, Tech Trek camp, STEM programs, and other endeavors. One very popular fundraiser is the Home Tour on the first Friday in February. Our Home Tour organizers have always come up with beautiful homes and fresh ideas to increase the revenue for non-traditional scholarships. Bev is adding two new fundraisers.

You will hear more about the Tea with Vee and the Eleanor Roosevelt Program in the coming months. Patriotic Bridge is a consistently well-run fundraiser set up by **Fran Brinkman** and **Marion Mahoney**. Contact Bev if you would like to be involved in fundraising and grant writing.

**Pat Weber** is our enthusiastic Education Chair. She guides the scholarship committee, Tech Trek camper selection, and the STEAM program with the library. Pat can always use help in her endeavors with the educational programs. **Pat Comeau** has taken the lead in the scholarship selection committee which had been expertly run by **Sue Luterbach** and **Susanne Owen**.

**Wendy Seeley** is organizing the Scholarship Luncheon in May. Our branch is currently working on a joint project on three salary negotiations workshops with the AAUW branches in Sarasota, Manatee and Bradenton, Women's Resource Center, and the Cross College Alliance. Our members are encouraged to take the free Workshop on Salary Negotiation found at [SALARY.AAUW.ORG/WORK-SMART](http://SALARY.AAUW.ORG/WORK-SMART).

**Patti Warner**, our Membership Director, has ideas to keep our new and veteran members engaged. **Carol Carlson** assists Patti at the Membership Table where guests are welcomed and



signed in. The New Member Breakfasts are held in November and March to orient new members to our activities. Patti has started a Meet and Greet over coffee to make new members feel welcome. Patti and Jane Farley have some interesting plans to inject a little social time into the meetings. Some literary-related conversation is the purpose of the Free Book Exchange. **Joyce Kamm** manages the member's information in the branch member database. **Joyce Kamm, Jeri Jaminet** and **Paula Dulski** compile the annual directory. Patti and the Membership Committee can be contacted at [VENICEAAUW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VENICEAAUW@GMAIL.COM)

The Communication Chair, Program Directors, Director of Finance, President and Vice President have been very active with their individual sections of the strategic plan. More accomplishments will be summarized in a future Venice Views.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

*Patti Warner, Membership Director*

We have 227 members presently. There are so many opportunities for all members to be involved this year as you can easily join a committee or issue of your choice: Tech Trek, Public Policy, Title IX, Communications, or Home Tour. Perhaps you could chair a Special Interest Group such as Armchair Travelers or Outdoor Adventures.



The first meeting was very exciting for Membership as we had four new members and four guests. It was great to welcome them as well as all of our friends in AAUW back from summer trips and adventures. We look forward to the return of the Snowbirds and then we will all go forward TOGETHER to a great, great new year in AAUW!

A HEADS UP FOR NEW MEMBERS-You are invited to an AAUW Breakfast on November 1st at Paula Dulski's home. This will be your chance to personally meet Board Members, hear all about our great organization and ask all the questions that you want. More details later.



## **AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

The program was presented by Pat Weber and Mary Emerson with presentations by two of the Tech Trek participants.

Shirley Reid, who is moving soon to the Philadelphia area, was presented a plaque detailing her significant contributions to the Venice Branch and to the state of Florida AAUW organization, and especially for her efforts initiating Tech Trek in Florida. She was also presented a bouquet of flowers.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM.

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

The September attendees were thanked for providing the lunch.

**Treasurer** - Fran Potter presented the treasurer's report - Currently, the savings account has a balance of \$6,188.43 The checking account has a balance of \$10,568.70.

Kathleen Pickering hosted a cocktail party fundraiser which raised \$1305 for Tech Trek.

The 50-50 raised \$54 for Tech Trek.

**Development** – Joan High presented the details for the fundraiser “Tea for Vee” scheduled for November 4, 2019 at Plantation Country Club. Samira Easton reported on the need for homes to be included in 2020 Home Tour.

**Membership** – Patti Warner reported we currently have 223 members plus 4 new members. New members and guests were introduced.

**Public Policy** - Kathy Black – seeking members for this committee. Leslie Curley is researching Title IX and seeking to assess its current status in the state and possible outreach communications as well as members for this task force.

**SIGs** – Pat Comeau announced that coordinators are needed for Outdoor Activities and Armchair Travelers.

**Programs** – Jane Farley addressed the importance of the Equity Luncheon held this past August with guest speaker, Erika Quartermain. One change to the October program was noted. The speaker will be Patrick McLean from the Brady Foundation. The Hospitality committee was praised for their outstanding organization of the monthly luncheons. The concept of team captain was also presented.

**Communications** – Judy Houston announced the donation of \$250 to the Jacaranda Library for a youth program staffed by NASA volunteers and submitted a press release to the Gondolier. She also announced the receipt of a \$500 grant from the state AAUW to be used to develop the AAUW Venice's project to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. She plans a video based on “Let's Rise to the Occasion” to link the work smart program to the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. Judy is seeking additional grant funds from local foundations.

**Old Business** - Kathleen Pickering presented details regarding the member survey which will available for completion using Survey Monkey after the October 2019 meeting.

Paula Dulski presented the completed goals and those in process of the strategic plan.

**New Business** -Fran Potter presented the budget for 2019-2020. Motion made to approve the budget by Barbara Wyshner, seconded by Samira Easton. Approved via show of hands with one opposed.

Kathleen Pickering addressed the 5 Star Program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30

Submitted by Elaine Izzi, Secretary



## Member Profile: Meet Jeri Jaminet

*by Judith Houston*



She's one of the three "newsies," who keep our branch agenda and activities on track by producing and getting *Venice Views* to you each month.

With a strong interest in computer technology (she belongs to two computer clubs), she's also responsible for the printed programs for our recent Scholarship and Holiday luncheons. She was also a key part of the team bringing you our new directory. About that, she says, "That is a big job...but I learned a lot doing it."

She developed her "love" of everything digital during a career as a legal assistant in a Connecticut law firm. "I was only going to stay six months but I wound up retiring from there after 20 years."

Her skills were put to use, initially by the Venice Newcomers Club, when she and Jerry, her husband of 23 years, moved here from Connecticut in 2011. After joining AAUW four years ago, she quickly became part of our newsletter team.

Her college degree was in Spanish, an educational track her parents promoted instead of Jeri's choice of a music or dance major, which remain continuing interests in her life. While still in college she attended Interlochen, the music and arts camp, for six summers. In Connecticut, she became president of her local community theater group. She's now a member of Piano Friends, fifteen individuals who play for the group at their individual homes.

Everything outdoors is a strong interest, ranging from 30-mile bike rides and hikes, to skiing (both downhill and cross country), to swimming and beach yoga.

Bridge is another facet of her life. "I used to play in my twenties but then I took a 40-year hiatus." Now she's back and participating with two or three card groups."

Jeri aims for a 50-50 balance between work and play, she says. It's a conscious choice she came to after the death of her only sibling and both parents within a two-year span. Her blended family now includes her two children and six of Jerry's.

Everything Jeri does, she does with enthusiasm. "I support AAUW and all its missions," she says. "But in the end, it's all about the people in our organization."

Thanks to what she brings to our group, largely unseen, she is a strong support for our branch.

## Venice Views Public Policy Report

*Kathy Black*

Our Public Policy committee is gearing up for a busy season. We will be paying attention to what is going on in Tallahassee and in Washington DC for issues important to our AAUW priorities. Did you know that AAUW was very involved in advocacy for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first legislation signed by President Obama? I have had the pleasure of meeting her at our national convention several years ago where she was an honored guest.



All of this starts with participation at our local branches. As I am fascinated by all of this, I hope that you may be also. Please get in touch with me (call or email) if you would like to be a part of our committee this year. We will be having our first meeting on October 7.

### **A MESSAGE FROM TECH TREK CAMPER Isabella Edwards**

Let me start this off by saying I loved Tech Trek, and I am super glad I went. Though at first, I was very reluctant. I had never done anything like that, not to mention it was probably the longest time I've ever been away from my family. I have issues with anxiety pretty often so to say accepting the offer was difficult would be an understatement. None the less I took the chance and ended up really enjoying my time there. I loved the classes that I took, including "Living in a Plastic World" and the smaller classes like Robotics and Zumba. I also really enjoyed meeting the lovely people there and spending time with them. To find people with the same level of maturity as me can be difficult, so going there was a great opportunity for me to have. I'm so lucky to have had the opportunity to go to Tech Trek and wouldn't trade the experience for the world. From the funny stories I now have to tell, to the lessons I've learned, Tech Trek will be a time to remember.

## NEW MEMBERS



### **CAROL SHARP**

I grew up in Indianapolis and left to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where I met my future husband on a blind date the first week of school--arranged by our respective roommates. I earned my B.A. degree in 1953, majoring in Spanish.

We were married in 1954 when he was between his sophomore and junior years of medical school, and following his graduation, we lived in Grand Rapids for 20 years where we raised our two sons and a daughter.

In 1977 we moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where we lived for 22 years before retiring and moving to Venice which we had "discovered" when vacationing in Englewood for several winters.

My "career" was largely spent in volunteer work wherever we lived, and my main interest has been in teaching English as a Second Language

which began in the 60's when our church sponsored a wonderful, young refugee family from Cuba who left as Castro was coming to power. I found it so rewarding that I taught others and went back to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids to get Secondary Education Certification. I continued to teach ESL as a volunteer when I became the Education Coordinator for the Office of Refugee Resettlement in Roanoke for a few years, but I found that administration was much less rewarding than actual teaching.

Other volunteer work has been with Meals-on-Wheels, and I worked weekly with that organization continuously from 1977 until last year.

Another interesting endeavor was working a shift one day a week at a Crisis Intervention Center in Roanoke where we manned a 24-hour telephone Help Line plus a 4-BR shelter with a one or two-night limit. Also in Roanoke, another church member and I organized a social club for about 25 ex-hospitalized mental patients who lived in various homes in the area.

I now look forward to my membership in AAUW and supporting the projects that contribute to the education of women which I feel is a very important mission. I'm also excited about joining some of the many social activities that the group offers and meeting more of the interesting women than I've already met through Mary Al Gagnon who encouraged me to join.

**Elaine Jarchow** earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Kent State University. She taught high school English in Ohio for nine years before holding faculty and/or administrative positions at Iowa State University, New Mexico State University, UNLV, and Texas Tech University. She also served as dean and helped to establish universities for Arab women in Saudi Arabia and the UAE. She finished her career in higher education at Northern Kentucky University where she served as dean of the college of education and dean of international education. She is happily married to Ron and proud of daughter Elizabeth who is an Indiana high school principal. She enjoys playing bridge, swimming, reading, attending plays, and watching movies.



# *"Tea with Vee"*



*to Benefit the AAUW Girls Tech Trek  
Summer Camp focusing on STEM  
Science - Technology - Engineering - Math*

*Guest Speaker*

*Vee Garry-Chiulli*

*Monday, November 4th at 12:00 pm  
Plantation Golf and Country Club  
500 Rockley Boulevard - Venice Florida*

*Champagne - Tea - Scones  
Quiche - Tea Sandwiches - Dessert  
Door Prizes - Raffle - Boutique Tables  
Prize for Most Original Hat*

*Tickets - \$40*

*Contact Joan High  
to purchase tickets  
941-484-5826*

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Judy Bosch	22	Linda Patriarca
2	Susan Champion	23	Leslie Curley
4	Patricia Ritner	23	Claire Sears
5	Janice Hollister	24	Sandra Walker
7	Paula Dulski	25	Joyce Delaney
9	Penny Nuttleman	25	Carol Murray
12	Degen Sayer	28-	Carol Ann Beyer
20	Helen Boruff	28	Judy Weber
20	Marcia Seman	29	Ute Guenther
22	Lynn Kroll	30	Pixie Sloan



### CARING AND SHARING

Card sent to Shirley Reid-Best wishes in her new location  
Get well card sent to Roberta Caramone  
In memoriam-Pat Dye

### SIG NEWS

If you have a sense of adventure & own a Smart Phone, we want YOU! **“Exploring with your Camera”** SIG Group is **NOT** a professional camera group. Our group focuses on camaraderie, cameras, and a convivial atmosphere. On Oct. 11th we will trek to Sarasota to explore Circus City Architectural Salvage. It is located in a vintage downtown building, and showcases a mix of antiques, collectibles, circus memorabilia, furniture, and much more. If you would like to join us, call/text/email Stephanie Hallowell. Information on **where** and **time** to meet the carpool to Sarasota, will be forthcoming to all participants signed up.

<b>OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR -- AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES</b>					
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Location/Notes</b>
Weds	2	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Weds	2	10:00	Bridge Discussion	Barbara Stevens	Meet at Barbara's home
Thurs	3	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege Karen Mullen	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	4	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Fri	4	11:00	MahJongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Calusa Lakes Clubhouse, 1995 Calusa Lakes Blvd, Nokomis
Tues	8	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail
Thurs	10	11:30/ Noon	Refreshments/ General Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail. Refreshments - 11:30; Meeting -Noon
Fri	11	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe
Fri	11	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Pelican Pointe. Bridge and lunch. You must sign up in advance.
Fri	11		Exploring with your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell	Circus City Architectural Salvage. Contact Stephanie. Details in Oct. Venice Views.
Mon	14	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Book: <i>Circe</i> by M. Miller. Facilitator: Susan Farstrup
Tues	15	<b>Deadline NOVEMBER Venice Views</b> <b>Send ALL articles/Photos to <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a></b>			
Weds	16	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	At the home of Barbara Stevens. Theme: vegetables
Weds	16	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom Lois Odom	Leone's Restaurant in Venice Pines Plaza (corner of Jacaranda Blvd and Center Rd). Call or email Melanie by Sunday, Oct. 13
Thurs	17	11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience w/modern

					conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	18	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Pelican Pointe
Weds	23	11:30	Lunch Bunch Etc.	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Lock 'N Key, 2045 N. Beach Rd., Englewood. Contact Paula for reservations/questions.
Thurs	24	10:00	Play Readers	Fran Brinkman	At Fran Brinkman's home. MUST SIGN UP in Sept. for the year!
Fri	25	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Pelican Pointe
Fri	25	11:15	Bridge for fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Pelican Pointe. Bridge and lunch. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	28	2:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Don Pedro Island State Park Email Paula to sign up.



President Kathleen Pickering and Past President Shirley Reid

The Members of Venice Branch  
American Association of University Women  
Express their heartfelt Appreciation to

### **SHIRLEY REID**

For your steadfast leadership, including as Branch  
President (2009- 2013),

Florida State President (2016-2018) and Director of Florida  
Tech Trk

For your enduring contributions to our organization,  
including achieving 501(c)(3) status  
for Venice Branch and establishment of the Florida  
Supporting Foundation

All who know you find your enthusiasm for serving  
AAUW's mission and members contagious and will fondly  
remember that

"When Shirley Reid asks you to do something, you can't  
say no."

**THANK YOU, SHIRLEY, FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

September 14, 2019



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