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AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH

GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

AT 12:00 (11:30 FOR REFRESHMENTS)

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 790 S. TAMiami TRAIL, VENICE

PROGRAM: The Speaker for the November meeting is M.K. Mueller. M.K. has developed a program entitled *8 to Great: The Powerful Process for Positive Change*. She has been a national speaker, providing her workshop to students and others on strategies in making positive changes. Currently she is working at Venice Regional Hospital as Director of Cultural Engagement and writes a weekly column in the *Venice Gondolier Sun* which includes uplifting messages for the readers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW!

NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT NOON

Plantation Golf and Country Club, 500 Rockley Boulevard, Venice

"TEA WITH VEE"

Guest Speaker: Vee Garry-Chiulli

Champagne, Tea, Scones, Quiche, Tea Sandwiches and more . . .

Raffle, Auction, Boutique Tables

Prize for Most Original Hat

Reserve now: **Call Joan High at 941-484-5826**

Tickets \$40

Proceeds Benefit

AAUW Girls Tech Trek STEM Scholarship Camperships



"We must find the time to stop and thank the people
who make a difference in our lives"

John F. Kennedy

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

"Be present in all things and thankful for all"

Maya Angelou



**MESSAGE FROM
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS CHAIR
PAT COMEAU**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) play an important role in the enrollment and retention of members in the branches of AAUW. The groups allow our members to connect with other AAUW members in a comfortable social setting. Through these groups, members are educated about the mission of AAUW and opportunities available for support roles as well as leadership roles in our branch. The talents of the educated women in our organization need to be identified and cultured to help other women in our branch who may feel isolated and are looking for the support of other women.

I would like to recognize the leadership of the Venice Branch special interest groups for their organization skills, self motivation, and dedication to making their groups fun and well attended. There is a need for a continuation of groups such as the travel group and outdoor adventures. We are still looking for facilitators for each of these activities. Suggestions for new groups would be a scrabble group, movie group, or attending cultural events. If one or two members would like to lead a group, please contact me.

As we approach Veterans Day, it is important to remember that approximately 15% of the United States Armed Forces are women. Throughout the branches of AAUW, there are retired military women who should be thanked for their service on this day.

~ ~ A SALUTE TO AAUW VETERANS ~ ~

This Veterans Day, let's give a shout out to two branch members who are also U.S. military veterans!

If you are/were a member of our Armed Services, please let AAUW know by contacting Patti Warner, Membership Chair.



Pat Comeau, who heads up our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army. For more than 23 years, she served, both on active duty and in reserves, as an army nurse in Canada, Honduras and Germany.



Susan Champion, a recent new AAUW member and a retired Lieutenant Colonel, spent what she calls “my 22-year adventure” in the Air Force acting as a flight nurse in Germany, Turkey, Australia, the Philippines and destinations in the Far East.

Thank You for your Service!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S MESSAGE
PATTI WARNER



Our membership totals 237 with six more new members being introduced at the October meeting. That's thirteen new members since last May! New members, don't forget to RSVP (veniceaauw@gmail.com) to the Breakfast in your honor, November 1, 9:30-11:30 at the home of Paula Dulski.

As we move into the month of November, we are reminded of a long list of things we are thankful for. That list includes this organization and its mission and all the friends we have met along the way through our membership.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS, NOT THE CALORIES!
WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER
JOAN CASH



Joan Cash hails from Lancaster, PA, where she resided until 1996. After a brief sojourn at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA, she obtained her degrees in Special Education and Elementary Education from Millersville University, Millersville, PA. She taught in an elementary Special Education resource room in the School District of Lancaster, PA, for 22-1/2 years.

In 1996, she moved to Louisville KY where she enjoyed working in the retail and tourism industries.

Seeking a warmer climate, she and her husband, Marchal, moved to the Ocala area in central FL where they resided for 11 years .

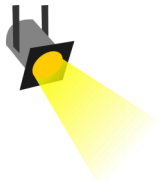
Upon selling their home in May of this year, they moved to Venice where they reside at The Floridian of Sarasota.

Joan enjoys reading, movies, theater, music, travel and fitness activities and looks forward to new experiences and friendships in AAUW.

SHARING AND CARING - ONE BIG FAMILY!!

Please notify Sunshine Chair 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.

We are a large AAUW Family and we'd like to let everyone know of our support to our members! We need EVERYONE'S input!



MEMBER PROFILE SPOTLIGHT MEET MAGGIE SURWILO



Whether you participate in branch meetings, one of our special interest groups (SIGs) or any of our fundraising projects, you'll come across Maggie. She's one of our most active members but also one of the most reliable when you need a volunteer.

Currently, she is a liaison with our "Tea with Vee" being held this month. She's been a co-chairman of the Scholarship Luncheon (twice), spent a year-long stint as a ticket seller for our monthly 50-50 raffle, and been at the welcome table for activities too numerous to mention. For the eleven years she's been a member, she's also helped staff a residence on our Home Tour.

Her interests are wide-ranging. She's a regular with the euchre players, Lunch Bunch and Cook's Corner. In her spare time, she's an avid reader. As one of the Play Readers, she'll be re-enacting early suffragette, Lucretia Mott, at our February general meeting. Get ready to enjoy learning about this women's rights pioneer. She says she already has most of her costume ready.

She encourages new members to follow her example and explore the SIG groups. "If you only come to the monthly meetings, you won't really get to know people."

Before retiring and moving to Venice with her husband of 54 years, she was a guidance counselor for 18 years at an elementary school in Harvard, Mass. In addition to her bachelor's degree in English and history, she has two masters, one in guidance and counseling, and another in administration.

While her husband was serving in the Air Force, they lived in the Azores (Portugal) and Germany. While abroad, she taught in schools administered by our Department of Defense. Two of her three children attended German schools while they lived there. "I encourage them to keep up their German speaking skills," she says.

Living overseas, she was also able to indulge her own travel bug. "I loved living in Europe and teaching history. I was able to take my students on many field trips." On a personal level, she was also able to travel extensively, including journeys to Egypt, Lebanon, Greece, and Russia.

She and her husband are still traveling because their children are scattered in California, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. Or they have a full house because "they are coming here to visit."

While she's not on the move, she says "I love all the things I do with AAUW. My truly favorite thing is the Scholarship Luncheon. I believe in giving these scholarships to women who haven't had the opportunities that many of us have had. It's wonderful to help these women who want to get a leg up."

Amen to that and thanks to members like her, we'll have the support to keep at it.

AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 10, 2019

The meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on October 10, 2019.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

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

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 \$13,010.54 The endowment fund is at \$25,423.10.

Last month's luncheon raised \$133 for the meeting's room rental.

President's Update – Kathleen Pickering thanked Anne Russell and her team for the luncheon provided today.

The 50-50 raised \$36 for Tech Trek.

The President initiated contact with presidents of women's clubs in the area to determine how the groups can support one another. This group will meet quarterly.

Title IX– Leslie Curley requested support for an ad hoc committee to address Title IX issues/ education in the local area.

Public Policy - Kathy Black – seeking members for this committee, initial meeting to be held on October 21. Kathy reported that Lobby Days will be Jan 21-22, 2020.

Membership – Patti Warner reported we currently have 231 members plus 6 new members. New members and guest were introduced.

Development – Bev Weltzien - Joan High updated the details for the fundraiser "Tea for Vee" scheduled for November 4, 2019 at Plantation Golf and Country Club. Samira Easton/Susan Farstrup reported that we currently have one definite and one strong possibility for homes to be included in 2020 Home Tour and are continuing the search for additional properties. Sign-up sheets for multiple levels of volunteers were placed at each table. Other fundraisers are the Eleanor Roosevelt Show, Patriotic Bridge and monthly 50/50.

Work Smart Start Smart – Paula Dulski addressed the success of this program and intent to make it more widely available at libraries in the local area. Volunteers are needed to oversee the workshops.

Programs – Kathleen Pickering announced that the November speaker's, M.K. Mueller, program is titled "8 to Great: The Powerful Process for Positive Change."

Old Business - Kathleen Pickering reviewed some of the basic goals for the AAUW 5 Star program. Kathleen Pickering reminded members that the member survey will be available for completion within the next week. Members will receive an email with the link.

New Business - Pat Comeau moved to continue with the original mission of certificate, associate, undergraduate and add graduate degree applicants to the scholarship program. Kathy Black seconded. Phyllis Currier motioned to amend the motion by changing Undergraduate to Baccalaureate. Kathy Black seconded the motion. A motion to table the amended motion was made by Barb Tompkins and seconded by Bev Weltzien and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Submitted by Elaine Izzi, Secretary





**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 12, 2019, 11:00 A.M.
VENICE YACHT CLUB
1330 TARPON CENTER DR, VENICE**



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Menu

CHICKEN & SHRIMP (COMBINATION) SCAMPI

with Basil Couscous and Broccolini with Roasted Red Peppers
(please let Jane Farley know if you have an allergy to shell fish);

OR

(Vegetarian Option) ROASTED ACORN SQUASH

filled with Cauliflower "Rice"

All meals are Gluten Free.

Coffee/iced tea and dessert are included.

(Tickets available to purchase wine, beer or soda)

\$35.00

There is an elevator to the 2nd floor venue with a wonderful view of the Intercoastal!

Entertainment by Jamila, a Singing Trio

presenting

Holiday Music with Heart

SIGN UP AT THE NOVEMBER 14 GENERAL MEETING

OR CALL JANE FARLEY BEFORE DECEMBER 5

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT



**SAVE THESE DATES!
ART IN THE AFTERNOON**

Again, AAUW and IslandWalk will be sponsoring Art in the Afternoon. The dates for 2020 are January 22, February 12 and March 18. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this entertaining event.

We always welcome new artists and storytellers to participate, as well as audience members who can sit back and do nothing but enjoy. If you are an artist or would like to make up a creative short (5 minute) story pertaining to a painting, give Trena Kelly an email or call. New email is Trenasue111@gmail.com.

We put piece of art on the stage, have two storytellers read their short interpretation of the painting or fictional story relating thereto, have a musician play a song relating to the painting, and finally have the artist come forward and tell their inspiration and/or techniques. Photographs are welcome. If necessary, we would need your consent to have the photographs enlarged. Larger pieces show better.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



BRANCH DIRECTORY CHANGES: Changes in name, address, email, or telephone **need to be sent to** veniceaauw@gmail.com or contact Joyce Kamm, Membership Committee.

AAUW NATIONAL DATABASE CHANGES: National database information is changed *by the member* through the National site. Changes in name, address, email, or telephone **need to be sent by the member to** connect@aauw.org.

VENICE VIEWS: All submissions to our monthly Venice Views need to be sent by the **15th of the previous month** to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com.

PRIVACY: Since Venice Views is available to the general public, for the privacy of our members, we do **not** publish personal contact information. Member contact info can be obtained in the Membership Roster section of our 2019-2020 Directory or website.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

You may sign up for any of our recreational Special Interest Groups by calling/ emailing the individual Chair (SIG list and contact info in Directory) or sign up on the informational pages provided at the SIG side table at General Meetings.

→ **LUNCH BUNCH IS NOT MEETING IN NOVEMBER.**

→ **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE: EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA is now meeting on the 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

Selected Reads 2019-2020

Date	Title	Author	Facilitator
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

*BOOK CLUB THIS MONTH AT HOME OF BARB MARTINAGE (library closed)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS					
4	Patricia Otto	8	Hilda Dillman	16	Phyllis Barth
5	Patricia Perry	8	Susan Luterbach	17	Nancy Bradtmiller
6	Lois Armstrong	10	Irene Falcetti	21	Paula Sala
6	Sharon Carter	10	Carol Wollert	21	Cheryl Tortora
6	Pat Dye	13	Janet Hemond	25	Kathleen Schwartz
6	Phyllis Shonk	13	Eleanor Locke	26	Ann Herre
7	Boneeta Hagen	15	Wendy Orlando	29	Barbara Wyshner
				30	Rosemary Smith
[Apologies for any names inadvertently left off the birthday list this month]					

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR -- AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES					
DAY	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Fri	1	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
Fri	1	11:00	MahJongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Calusa Lakes Clubhouse, 1995 Calusa Lakes Blvd, Nokomis
Weds	6	9:30	Board Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Gulf Coast Community Foundation
Weds	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	9:30	Exploring with your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell	Location: Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens, Punta Gorda
Fri	8	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Hotel Venezia
Fri	8	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Hotel Venezia. Bridge/lunch - You must sign up in advance.
Mon	11	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	**NOTE** Meeting at home of Barbara Martinage (library closed). Book: <i>Women Rowing North</i> by M. Pipher.
Tues	12	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Conference room of Emmanuel Lutheran Church office building
Thurs	14	11:30 /Noon	Refreshments/ General Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Refreshments - 11:30; mtg - Noon
Fri	15	DEADLINE DECEMBER VENICE VIEWS SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO aauwveniceviews@gmail.com			
Fri	15	11:30	Euchre	MaryAl Gagnon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
Weds	20	Noon	Cooks Corner	Janet Schotz	Home of Penny Nuttleman. Theme: Homegoing: Favorite Family Dishes
Wed	20	6:00	Evenings Out	Melanie Odom Lois Odom	Café Venice (have moved across the street) is now at 116 W. Venice Ave. (next to Made in Italy). Call/email Melanie by Sunday, Nov. 17.
Thurs	21	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	22	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Hotel Venezia
Fri	22	11:15	Bridge for fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Hotel Venezia. Bridge/lunch - You must sign up in advance.
Mon	25	2:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Venice Marine Max. Contact Paula Dulski to sign up.



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