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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 12, 2019, 11:00 A.M.

VENICE YACHT CLUB

1330 TARPON CENTER DR. VENICE



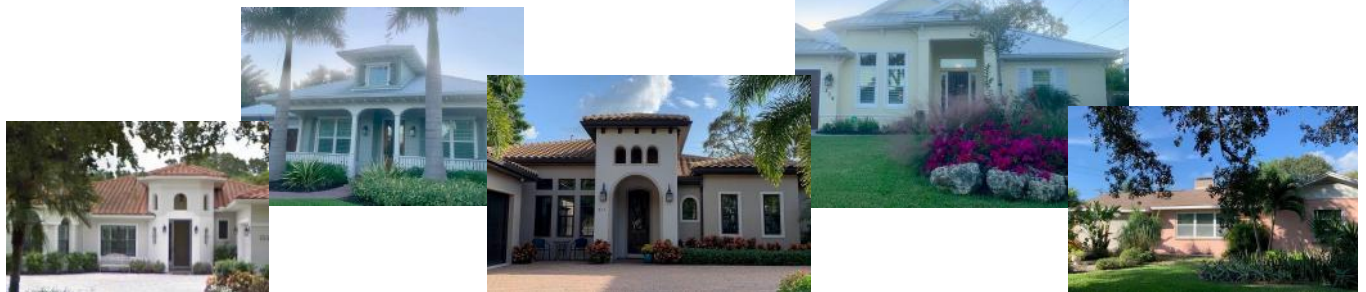
Entertainment by Jamila, a Singing Trio presenting Holiday Music with a Heart
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY DECEMBER 5, 2019, CALL JANE FARLEY

“ON AND OFF THE AVENUE”

AAUW Home Tour on February 7, 2020

The five homes are all on the Island, all within walking distance to one another as well as to downtown restaurants and shops. Three homes are on West Venice Avenue and two are next door to each other on Park Boulevard South. The oldest home, built in 1948 and in its original condition, was the first home constructed on the north side of West Venice Avenue. The other homes are new construction, reflecting current trends in local building styles.

The willingness of our members to serve as volunteers has been a significant factor in the success of our annual home tour. Sign-ups for hostesses and ticket takers began at the November general meeting. Sign-ups will continue at the Holiday Luncheon on December 12th. Members may also sign up by contacting the Home Manager co-chairs, Carol Murray and Dottie Bingman. We look forward to you being part of our “home team!”



A BIG POND

Patti Warner

Membership Director

You've heard the saying "A big fish in a little pond". Well Venice AAUW is a "BIG FISH in a BIG POND". In fact, we are the largest branch in Florida which is home to 39 branches. AAUW Florida started in 1929 and has been active ever since with over 2,000 members and another 1,000 not affiliated with a branch. The nationwide network is 170,000 members and supports 1000 local branches in the states. All have the same mission in common and each branch has goals and challenges in their individual strategic plans. This is the big picture of AAUW and what our Venice organization is part of. Then since we are a big fish in Florida we should try our best to earn the 5 Stars!

Speaking of stars, it's wonderful to mention that at the National STEM competition, the top five awards went to all girls. It was the first time in the history of the competition that out of 30 finalists the winners were all girls. So its nice to know that we are on the right track in supporting STEM activities and sending girls to Tech Trek when you hear of rewarding results like this. For the complete article regarding the competition, click on the link below the picture.



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinanderton/2019/11/02/top-5-winners-in-national-stem-competition-are-girls-infographic/>





MEMBER PROFILE SPOTLIGHT—DEGAN SAYER

You might call her our Procurer in Chief! Last year, teaming with Mary Ann Dillahunty, the two obtained all the homes on our 2019 Home Tour. This year, when acquisitions were few, she made some phone calls and quickly lined up all the homes needed for 2020. That includes her own lovely home.

When asked to be the subject of this profile, she wanted to put together some biographical information instead. Here's Degan in her own words:

“Growing up in New York City, the child of divorced parents, I never wanted anything more than to have a family and home of my own. After high school I enrolled in the University of Wisconsin but dropped out in my freshman year, eager to get on with my life. Working in the advertising business, I met my husband, Dave and by age 22 I met my goals of having a family (two boys) and home (in suburban New York) of my own. While bored at home with two toddlers, I taught myself how to decorate cakes and started a small pastry business catering to local hostesses and a restaurant. When my boys were in school all day I was free to work outside my home and went into the real estate business where I had a successful career for 12 years.

Then, a spiritual awakening caused me to shift gears and I left real estate to seek a career in nursing. Entering college for the second time - this time as a serious student - I earned a BSN degree and finally graduated -magna cum laude! My nursing career offered many opportunities and I sampled a few until I found my niche as an ET (Enterostomal Therapy) nurse specializing in the treatment of wounds and ostomies.

When I became a grandmother, I downshifted to part time work most notably - and briefly! - in a maximum-security women's prison. We moved to Venice 11 years ago when my husband retired though he still continues to assist his former employer (Publishers Clearing House) in giving out millions in prizes.

My life in Venice is rich with friendships and involvements in church and bridge groups. A long time quilter, I've recently started a business - “Purse-nickety” - making custom purses out of fabric I create by stitching various yarns, ribbons and threads into an artful design. You will be able to see them at the AAUW House Tour in February.” (Degan will be one of our artisan vendors this year.)

But wait, there's more. When we asked how she and her husband came to relocate to Venice, she explained that they were in Florida for a wedding and started looking at potential places to retire. They fell in love with Venice because it reminded them of the small New York town where they had raised their family.

Like many other members, love of bridge brought her to our branch. She's doing that and more and says she's “thrilled to be part of the projects that help educate women and encourages women she meets to join.”



2020 Women's Vote Centennial



On August 18, 2020 it will be the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote. During the months ahead there will be some fun facts about the suffragette movement. I am going to start the articles, but I welcome anyone else to join me in this adventure.

This month the focus will be 5 facts about women's suffrage and the 19th amendment. These are taken from the web. They are pretty interesting.

1. The 19th amendment does not mention women. it says *The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.*
2. Women who were unmarried were allowed to vote in New Jersey from 1797 to 1807. Women were allowed to vote in the Wyoming territory in 1869. By time the amendment was ratified there was unrestricted suffrage in 15 states.
3. The first time the amendment was offered was in 1868, and it went nowhere. The next bill was introduced in 1878 and was rejected. But every year for 41 years it was introduced and finally passed in 1919 and was ratified by three-fourths of the states in 1920.
4. Many anti -suffrage groups sprang up throughout the country as well as pro-suffrage. Many women thought that the right to vote would cause a loss of status and privileges of their sex.
5. Some of the states did not ratify the amendment until 40 years later. Florida in 1969 and not certified until 1973.

These facts as I said earlier are from the web. Action Institute Power Blog.

Enjoy,

Kathleen Pickering

President, Venice AAUW



TEA with VEE

The event netted \$4523.62 which will fund Four Girls attendance at Tech Trek.



Sharing and Caring

- ♥ Barbara Martinage - Thinking of you card - going through a difficult time
- ♥ Paula Dulski - Get Well

SAVE THE DATE

ART IN THE AFTERNOON—Mark your calendars for January 22, February 12 and March 18 at 1 p.m. at the Islandwalk Event Center. It is a free event, but we have a donation bucket for our charities.

This year I must have you registered at the gate, so email me with the dates you're coming. I have space for a couple more storytellers if you like public speaking and can create a short 4 minute story based on a painting of your choice. Again, just call or email me. Others, just sit back and be entertained.

Trena Kelly



Patriotic Bridge Fundraiser

This event will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 1 PM, at the Clubside Clubhouse.

This is the same clubhouse where the event has been held in the past.

The cost will be \$10. There will be a raffle. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Reservations and money collected at the January 9 meeting.

Questions contact Fran Brinkman.

Note : Directions will follow at a later time for those who are new.

PLAN To ATTEND

AAUW Florida State Convention Sat. April 18 - Sun. April 19, 2020

Theme: *Waves of Change...Oceans of Opportunity*

Daytona Beach and Conference Center

Daytona Beach, FL

(Reservations being accepted)

Please find more details at aauw-fl.aauw.net

Or contact Bea Holt, Venice Branch member



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.

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 information can be obtained in the Membership Roster of our 2019-2020 Directory or website.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carol Cudia	1 Barbara Matinage	2 Rebecca Garcia
3 Kathy Black	5 Kathy Dierstein	6 Susan Leege
9 Susan Hotzler	9 Patti Warner	10 Karen Cianci
11 Judith Kolk	12 Jean Norman	13 Diane Sisko
15 Dottie Bingman	15 Barbara Gruen	16 Sylvia Irish
17 Elaine Jarchow	18 Amy Schirber	19 Carol Sbabo
20 Carole Goolden	22 Susan Graves	27 Jane Harris
28 Margaret Collin	30 Emily Jennings	30 Ronnie Storch

NOVEMBER 14, 2019 AAUW VENICE BRANCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on November 14, 2019.

President Kathleen Pickering called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

The October 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 \$6,188.74. The checking account has a balance of \$17,278.06. The endowment fund is at \$25,725.12.

Parliamentarian – Mimi Welch reviewed the procedures for tabled motions. A motion was made by Kathy Black to take the motion off the table. It was seconded by Anne Russell.

The motion to vote to change undergraduate to baccalaureate was voted upon with 40 yea votes and 31 nay votes. A vote on the original motion was defeated with 56 nay votes and 23 yea votes.

President's Update –

The 50-50 raised \$66 for Tech Trek.

Title IX– Leslie Curley -No report.

Public Policy - Kathy Black – reported that Lobby Days will be Jan 21-22, 2020.

Membership – Patti Warner reported we currently have 240 members plus 2 new members. New members and guests were introduced.

Development – Bev Weltzien – The Tea cleared \$4523.62 which is going to support Tech Trek. Susan Farstrup reported all the homes are on the island and within walking distance of one another. This year's theme is "On and Off the Avenue." Committees are forming, see Susan Farstrup or Samira Easton for details.

Work Smart Start Smart – Kathleen Pickering announced that workshops will be restarted in January of 2020.

Programs – Jane Farley thanked Lydia Russo and her team for providing the luncheon.

Old Business - Kathleen Pickering stated that the results of the member survey will be reviewed by its developer and presented to the membership.

State Board – Bea Holt stated that the state convention will be held in Daytona Beach on April 18-19 and encouraged members to attend.

New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54

Submitted by Elaine Izzi, Secretary

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 information in Directory) or sign up on the informational pages provided at the

OPEN INVITE

AAUW SIG Book Club members would love to have you join them as they attend author Kate Moore's discussion of her book "The Radium Girls" which has been selected as this year's all county read. The date is **Friday, January 31st, 2020**; location to be announced. The time will be 10:30.

The group thought it would be fun to do lunch afterward to discuss her presentation. If you are interested in attending the discussion and/or joining us for lunch please contact Linda Weston or Barb Martinage so we can pursue getting a bloc of tickets. More information including the location of the talk and the name of the restaurant to come closer to the date.

Exploring with your Camera

Are you searching for that perfect Christmas gift for the person who has everything?

Why not, join our Camera "Crew" at the **Tervis Store** in Osprey, on **Fri., Dec. 13th** for a Private Lab Party.

We will be designing uniquely, personable **Tervis drink ware**, for presenting to that special someone.

We will be meeting at **10:00 a.m.** inside the **Tervis Store Lab (928 S Tamiami Trail, Osprey)**.



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*** We are hoping for at least **10** committed members to sign up to attend. This number will enable us to reserve the Lab Rm. for just AAUW members, have an employee with us at all times to walk us through the process, and bring in refreshments.

DECEMBER 2019 – AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
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 Gagon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
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	Book: Summer Before the War by H. Simonson Jacaranda Public Library
Tues	10	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Conference room of Emmanuel Lutheran Church office building
Thurs	12	11:00	Holiday Luncheon	Jane Farley	Venice Yacht Club 1330 Tarpon Center Dr.
Fri	13	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Hotel Venezia
Fri	13	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Hotel Venezia. Bridge/lunch You must sign up in advance.
Fri	13	10:00	Exploring with your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell	Tervis Tumbler Store Lab, 928 Tamiami Trail, Osprey
Sun	15	DEADLINE JANUARY VENICE VIEWS SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO aauwveniceviews@gmail.com			
Weds	18	Noon	Cook's Corner	Janet Schotz	Home of June Weber. Theme: Cookie Exchange
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 Gagon	Euchre and lunch at Hotel Venezia
Fri	27	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Hotel Venezia
Fri	27	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Hotel Venezia. Bridge/lunch – You must sign up in advance.

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Exploring with You Camera

October Outing

