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

General Meeting Thursday , January 9, 2020

At 12:15 (11:30 for refreshments)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church , 790 S. Tamiami Trail Venice, FL 34285

Program: Past and Present Scholarship Winners—House Tour Presentation

## President's Message

### Happy New Year

Two thousand twenty is going to be a very busy year, not only for AAUW but also for the nation. Thinking ahead for AAUW Venice. We start the year getting ready for our annual home tour and 9 of our members are going to Lobby Day in Tallahassee. In February there will be the Eleanor Roosevelt event on Thursday, February 20. April brings our Annual meeting and the State Convention in Daytona. May is the annual scholarship luncheon and then while our year is winding down there is the celebration of Women's Equity and the 100-year anniversary of women getting the right to vote.

Between all these activities we will be supporting work on Title IX, Stem events, selecting girls for Teck Trek, offering Work Smart workshops and just carrying on with our Sig groups and the other work of the Branch.

AAUW National will be holding the National Convention but in a different format which is yet to be unfolded.

We need all of you to help carry out this ambitious agenda. So Please volunteer where you see your passion.

Have a very happy New Year.

Kathleen Pickering



## NEWS FLASH

Patti Warner

Membership Director



FLASH: The Venice membership is about 240. Our last February, 2019 count was 227.

And why is this important? Because it helps us win a part of a star as we have achieved more than the 90% of the February 2019 count requirement.

IF you are still in the spirit of giving after Christmas, consider giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. The Greatest Needs Fund gives the organization the flexibility to respond to any unforeseen challenges facing women and girls, cultivating mission based plans of action, and attracting new members and support. Our member participation in this way earns us the other part of the star.

ALERT: The fun part of the year is just ahead of us with two events--the Home Tour and the Eleanor event. Sign up to help, but most of all take it all in and enjoy being a part of it!

It will be a HAPPY HAPPY NEW YEAR in AAUW too.



### **Bobbi Amero: Member with a Mission**

Our Facebook page and our website are resources for our members but also public “calling cards” that build our public presence. That is especially important as print media, both our local newspaper and the Sarasota one, continue to shrink their coverage. The papers get skinnier and skinnier.

To help us expand our internet sites and upgrade them, Bobbi is taking on the role of content manager. What exactly does that mean? She’ll be logging such items as volunteer hours of AAUW members, totals of funds raised and donated to our various projects. Also more detailed descriptions of activities and a greater effort to keep both sites refreshed and interesting.

She and her husband began “snowbirding” in Venice about a decade ago. Now, a full-time resident, she brings to this undertaking 40 years experience in the insurance industry, 25 of them with the W.R. Berkeley Corporation.

Please help her with this tremendous effort by anything you can do to provide her with the information to add both substance and style to our communications.

## Membership Profile Susan Farstrup



She's wearing two AAUW hats at the moment. One is co-chair of the 2020 Home Tour with Samira Easton. The other is as an editor on the Venice Views team, one of three. This latter role is one she's been doing for the past seven years.

She's been involved with the Home Tour since she became a member of our branch a dozen years ago. Last year, she and Samira coordinated all the home managers and now, they've taken on responsibility for the overall project. "Over the years, the tour has been a popular and much anticipated event by the entire community. What's really important is the impact it has on the lives of its scholarship recipients," Susan notes.

Susan encourages all members to join a home team. For newer members, she states, you work with others in our organization and participate in a very worthwhile undertaking. For longer-term members, most are excited to take it on again because of its positive outcomes.

Growing up in west Los Angeles, she earned a degree in English at UCLA. She began her teaching career in east Los Angeles and then moved to San Francisco. Her husband's career moves as a university professor and then as executive director of the International Reading Association caused them to move to many different states. "We've lived in the two smallest and the two largest continental states," she explained, "as well as the mid-west. The global reach of IRA provided many opportunities to meet people around the world. She continues these friendships and still visits friends in Europe.

With her retirement in Florida, she became a modern quilter. She belongs to the Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild and to a second, informal modern quilting group that meets at the Englewood Library.

Look for her at the January meeting and take time to sign up for one of the Home Tour positions that will need filling. It's a great way to spend the day!

The collection of Venice Island homes are all within walking distance of each other as well as downtown restaurants and shops. All members are encouraged to sign up to staff the houses during the tour.

Locations for purchasing tickets:

**Coles Postal Service USA • 2357-3 S. Tamiami Trail**  
**Collectors Gallery & Framery • 114 S. Nokomis Ave.**  
**Down Island Way Boutique • 225 W. Miami Ave.**  
**Venice Olive Oil Company 101 W. Venice Ave. Suite 5**  
**Venice Art Center 390 Nokomis Ave. South**



# Holiday Luncheon at Venice Yacht Club

A festive look was found throughout the Annual Holiday Luncheon held on December 12. Members enjoyed piano music prior to the luncheon provided by Betty Badawi (Samira Easton's mother) and were entertained by Jamila trio during desert.



## January Birthdays

January 1	Patsy	Campbell
January 1	Ellen	Elie
January 1	Barbara	Stevens
January 2	Joan	Cash
January 2	Joyce	Mikulski
January 5	Lynn	Fox
January 6	Joan	Schouest
January 7	Elaine	Winqvist
January 13	Roberta	Cardamone
January 13	Joy	Mahler

January 15	Carol	Carlson
January 18	Gail	Densler
January 19	Joan	Kieran
January 20	Judith	Rovins
January 21	Anne	MacIntyre
January 24	Lydia	Russo
January 25	Rosario	Morgan
January 26	Mary Lloyd	Burroughs
January 30	Kathryn M.	Nelson

# 2020 Women's Vote Centennial

## Susan B Anthony



This Month I am going to focus on Susan B Anthony. We most likely all know something about her, but I will attempt to give some facts we might not have at the tip of our tongues.

Born to a Quaker family, February 15, 1820. Died March 13, 1906

Her first activist activity began at 17 when she collected anti-slavery petitions.

She is such an amazing woman. She worked tirelessly for women's rights beyond the right to vote. She and Elizabeth Stanton organized the Women's Loyal National League on May 14, 1863 to campaign for an amendment in the U.S constitution to abolish slavery. The League gathered 400,000 signatures which proved to be the largest petition drive in US history till that time and aided in getting the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution approved which abolished slavery.

Stanton and Anthony went to Europe and met with European women's movements and help start the process for starting an international women's movement. They formed the International Council of Women. Susan presided over 8 of the first 16 sessions. The organization is still active and is a consultant to the United Nations.

Before the Civil War Anthony worked for the right of women to divorce abusive husbands, have guardianship of their children, working women paid equal to men, women to have the right to own separate property. After the Civil War much of what she accomplished was rolled back.

There is so much more about Susan B Anthony, but this all for now.



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**BRANCH DIRECTORY CHANGES:** Changes in name, address, email, or telephone **need to be sent to** [veniceaauw@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



**Inequality** the definition is difference in size, degree, circumstances. Many older women experience inequality daily – their income does not match their needs. Whether from lifetime of earnings inequality, health, loss of a partner – regardless of reason Sarasota County senior women face higher income inequality. Some statistics - there are only 33 other communities in the United States that have a higher average personal income and yet Florida has the second highest level of income inequality in the country according to the National Policy Institute.

With a focus on women, especially older women in Sarasota County, Sarasota AAUW has arranged with Dr. Mary Gatta to study older women in Sarasota County. Dr. Gatta’s areas of expertise include gender and public policy, and earnings inequality. Dr. Gatta is a professor of sociology at City University of New York. Her research on economic issues facing women is quite extensive and ongoing. Dr. Gatta’s research findings increase awareness and can help insure non-profit and government organizations address the needs of this population and contribute to a stronger Sarasota County.

Sarasota AAUW has committed to funding Dr. Gatta’s research here. The cost of the research, including published findings, requires that we raise over \$2,000 from individual donors. We have received matching grant funds from The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, and are asking all our AAUW sisters to contribute to this research. Your check for this research support can be made payable to AAUW Florida Supporting Foundation, Inc. with a note in the memo area “Sarasota County Research.” Send your check to

Ellen Roche  
4634 Mirada Way Unit 15  
Sarasota, FL 34238

We thank you for your support on behalf of the senior women who suffer daily from income equality. If you are interested in more details about the project please email Ellen at [ellen.roche.AAUW@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.roche.AAUW@gmail.com)

### **Then and Now: An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt**

In a one hour play, nationally known actress Jane VanBoskirk brings this First Lady to life as she reinvents this role and becomes a force in her own right; as her husband’s representative and activist for human rights .

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Venice Community Center

Doors open at 3 pm—Performance at 4 pm

Tickets: \$40.00 (includes one free beverage and “light bites”) following the performance.

Proceeds benefit AAUW Tech Trek.



## SAVE THE DATE

**Art in the Afternoon** will be at Islandwalk Event Center January 22 at 1 p.m. Changes this year: Bring your own water or container as we're minimizing our carbon footprint. CALL OR EMAIL TRENA KELLY FOR GATE ADMITTANCE (note new email and old cell number work.)

We will continue to supply snacks.

Member Val Dwek will have art featured and Kathleen Schwartz will be a featured storyteller.

This event gets rave reviews from those that have attended.



### 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.

### 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: Suncoast Technical College Conference Center (Connected to the Shannon Staub Library), 4675 Career Lane, Northport. No registration is required. 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.

## 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 SIG table at General Meetings.

### Exploring with your Camera

Save the date to join the "Exploring with your Camera" Group, on January 10th, for a trip into the fanciful world of the Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy, located in Sarasota. The museum is open from 1:00 - 4:00PM. So, for this adventure we will be meeting for lunch FIRST, then follow with a visit to the museum.

If you are interested in participating, you may obtain more information by contacting: Stephanie Hallowell

The Museum's Mission: "To operate an extraordinary art and whimsical Museum for the public by collecting, preserving and exhibiting works of Artistic and Whimsical importance to Educate our visitors about our culture and history. We have created an environment to Inspire, Nurture

Creative Expression, and Lift our Spirits."

The Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy is located on US 41, in Sarasota's Museum District just north of Greater Downtown Sarasota.



### Exploring with your Camera

December Adventure and Gift Making Trip



**JANUARY 2020 – AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Thurs	2	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes.
Fri	3	11:15	Euchre	MaryAl Gagon	Euchre and Luncheon Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	3	11:00	MahJongg for Fun	Nancy Donelson Wendy Orlando	Calusa Lakes Clubhouse 1995 Calusa Lakes Blvd, Nokomis
Thurs	9	12:00	General Meeting	Kathleen Pickering	Emmanuel Lutheran Church Lunch – 11:30, Meeting – 12:00
Fri	10	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	10	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Jacaranda West Country Club Bridge/lunch – you must sign up in advance
Fri	10	11:00	Exploring with Your Camera	Stephanie Hallowell	Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy, located in Sarasota's Museum District, Meet at Publix Shopping Center, corner of Laurel Rd. & 41. Park on Laurel Road side.
Mon	13	1:30	Book Club	Barbara Martinage	Jacaranda Library Book – The Gulf by J. Davis
Tues	14	10:00	Financial Fitness	Fran Potter	Conference room of Emmanuel Lutheran Church office building
Fri	10	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Hotel Venezia
Fri	10	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia Jan Hollister	Hotel Venezia. Bridge/lunch – You must sign up in advance.
Wed	15	DEADLINE DECEMBER VENICE VIEWS SEND ALL ARTICLES/PHOTOS TO <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>			
Weds	15	Noon	Cook's Corner	Janet Schotz Shirley Schaefer	Home of Trena Kelly Theme: hors d'oeuvres
Weds	15	6:00	Evenings Out	Melanie Odom Lois Odom	Kumo Japanese Steakhouse, 1657 US 41 Bypass S., Call/email Melanie Odom by Jan. 12
Thurs	16	11:15	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	Mission Valley Country Club. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy and bidding boxes
Fri	17	11:15	Euchre	MaryAl Gagon	Euchre and luncheon at Jacaranda West Country Club
Weds	22	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Mary Greenberg Paula Choyke	Paradise Grill, 1091 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Thurs	23	10:00	Play Readers	Fran Potter	Meet at Fran's Home
Fri	24	10:30	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Jacaranda West Country Club
Fri	24	11:15	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Jacaranda West Country Club Bridge/Lunch—You must sign up in advance
Mon	27	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cruise from Venice, Contact Paula Dulsik to sign up.

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