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Speaker for October



Plan to attend the October 14th meeting! It's not easy to perceive about women who have been victims of crime – or who have committed crimes! Imagine sitting at the judge's bench daily and hearing about felonies – thinking what could be different. The Honorable Judge Rochelle Curley will share her observations and thoughts in a *not-to-be-missed* presentation! Members are encouraged to invite friends to this opening event of our 2021 program.

Meeting Information

Our new time to meet is at 9:30 am. We will start with social time and our program will begin at 10:15 am. Programs will include a short one-on-one discussion after the speakers. The Business meeting will follow, adjourning no later than 12:15 pm.

Meetings will be held at the **Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 790 S. Tamiami Trail**, Venice.

We hope this new schedule will encourage members to plan spontaneous **“Let's do lunch”** gatherings following the meetings.

President's Message for October

Paula Dulski



Many of us will be heading back to our homes in Florida after a vacation while others relaxed with a staycation. It will be refreshing to hear what is new with our friends. What states did you visit on your RV journey? Did you knock off an item from your bucket list? Did you welcome a new grandchild? What new hobby kept you sane? It will be such a pleasure to meet face to face again.

AAUW Venice will continue in our mission to be women's advocates. The branch board was busy over the summer filling appointed positions and planning activities. Pam Swarts has planned wonderful programs and outings beginning in September and continuing through June. I have updated the directory and it will be available to members at the October branch meeting. The Study/Interest groups are back in the swing of things and will offer sociable monthly activities. I anticipate an exceptional year.

Membership Update

It was a fun and perfectly planned day to start the year in AAUW Venice. Even though all of us shop and meet friends in downtown Venice all the time, there is still value in going on an outing such as this. Not only did I discover a couple of new shops I didn't know existed but there were a few new faces of members I had never met before. And what better way to get to know them than in a smaller social event such as this.

We need more times like this with members in such a large organization as ours. Also, that is why it is important to take part in a Study/interest Groups where you can really get to know members in smaller group as well as socializing at monthly meetings where we unite in our common mission.

I think your membership will be more rewarding if you get involved in these ways.

REMEMBER our meetings are open to your guests. They are always introduced and welcomed and we have a beautiful updated application for them to fill out if they wish to join us.

I hope you are all looking forward to our first meeting at our new time and format with a very interesting speaker planned for our program.

See you on OCTOBER 14th!

Patti Warner
Membership



September “Main Street” Outing

Sixteen members enjoyed a stroll through the Venice Main Street District on Thursday, September 9, in a tour of four women-owned businesses. Kara Morgan, Venice Main Street Director, assisted in arranging this on-site program. Breaking into small groups, participants visited Mother’s Cupboard Spice Shop, Eyes on You, Luxurious Interiors, and Tangi & Jess. The group enjoyed camaraderie over lunch as well!

Participants were treated to refreshments and goodie bags, and we learned about the passion and commitment it takes to open and operate a small ‘bricks and mortar’ business. Yes, we impacted the economic flow of business in a small way with some shopping, but more importantly, we spread some visibility for AAUW in our downtown.

Personally, I was delighted to ‘discover’ Mother’s Cupboard! Suzanne Andrews specializes in clever tools and ingredients for every ‘foodie!’ (Think stocking stuffers and hostess gifts!) And, not on our tour but right next door, is a new bookstore, The Island Bookshop, at 206 West Miami Ave, also women-owned!

The program year will wrap up in June with another downtown tour called “Behind the Curtain” at the Venice Theatre.

Pam Swarts
Program Director



New Member—Linda Taylor



Originally Linda is from Massachusetts, but she has lived in Upstate NY, NH, and now Florida. She has taught all grades from K- Seniors in college. The only class that she missed teaching was 3rd grade.

Linda has a B.S. in Education was from Wheelock College in Boston. (It is now part of Boston University.) Her M.S. in Reading came from U. Of N.Y at Albany. She also holds an M.A. in Writing from Rivier University in N.H.

Avocations are reading, music, and art. She is an avid reader. Playing musical instruments such as: piano, guitar, frame drums, folk dulcimer, African drums, and Native American flutes is equity calming if she does not have to give recitals. She has shown her oils and acrylics when living in N.H. Just before her late husband died, she took up Sumi-e painting. This includes Japanese ink painting and Chinese Brush painting. It keeps her active mind in learning mode.

Multiple Sclerosis has caused her to daily adapt from an athletic lifestyle to enjoying her hobbies, eating out with friends, and playing cards and games. Linda is truly grateful for the friendships that have formed since moving to Venice.

Art In The Afternoon



We are hoping to have Art in the Afternoon indoors this year at the Islandwalk Event Center.

At this time we are always looking for artists or photographers who have large art that lends itself to storytelling. If you have art you would be willing to display, send it to Trena Kelly.

Also if you would like to challenge yourself to tell a story about a painting in front of an audience, also call or email Trena. It's a fun experience!

We have performances one Wednesday each in January, February and March, but we give you plenty of time to prepare. We will be selecting participants in early November.

Member Profile—Joy Mahler



You may not recognize her by sight as she has a “day job,” president of an area Big Brothers Big Sisters, an organization she’s been a part of for the past 39 years.

A Michigan native, she holds a degree in community consumer services from Michigan State University. A dean at MSU introduced her to field study in the juvenile division of probate court. It was in the intake division, a place “where the door locks after you.” That was what launched her into advocacy as a “friend of the court.”

After graduation, she worked in support enforcement and mediation in the Lansing area, then moved briefly with her husband to Arizona.

In 1982, the couple moved to Florida where his grandparents lived. Here she initially worked in a family business when she saw an advertisement for a part-time position with Big Brothers Big Sisters. The organization’s service area was south Sarasota County when she was hired. In 1983, she became a full-time employee and eventually president of the non-profit, which had expanded to serve ten Florida counties.

Along the way, she did long distance postgraduate work in business executive management at Columbia University (NYC) and non-profit management at Duke University (NC).

The clients of Big Brothers Big Sisters are diverse, evenly split between boys and girls with nearly two-thirds minorities. She describes the goal of the organization and its volunteers are to “help young people ignite the power and promise of youth.” She adds, “Youth achieve their potential with a caring and committed mentor”. The organization focuses on the educational progress of youth supporting children from elementary and beyond high school to age 21.

Joy has four children of her own, two boys and two girls and a husband of 33 years.

Although she’s usually too busy to attend monthly AAUW meetings, she has high regard for our support for education. “I really admire the scholarship program and the focus on empowering women”, she says.

What’s ahead for her? “I can’t really think about retiring,” she says. “There’s too much to do. [Judith Houston]

STUDY/ INTEREST GROUPS– 2021 –2022

Book Club News



Gail Densler facilitated a lively discussion of the September book, *Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany* by Lori N. Spielman.

October's book is a complete change of pace: *The Three Mothers* by Anna M. Tubbs. It is the story of the mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr, Malcolm X, and James Baldwin. Marge Ostrom will facilitate the discussion. The meeting is via Zoom on

October 11. We will meet at **1:00 p.m.** to share what we have been reading during the month; the October book discussion will start at **1:25 p.m.**

Contact Lynda Weston or Hilda Dillman for the Zoom link information.

Bridge For Fun: (Carol Cudia)

An inclusive group which welcomes newly playing to intermediate, and beyond. However, it is not a beginning teaching group. We enjoy lunch while playing together.

*Must Pre-Register

2nd & 4th Friday/11:30

Venetian Golf & River Club

Duplicate Bridge: (Susan Leege)

This card group is for players at the intermediate level or higher. Partners are drawn at random.

Scoring follows ACBL guidelines.

*Must Pre-Register

1st & 3rd Thursdays/10:00 AM

The Floridian

Cooks Corner: (Trena Kelly)

Thanks Beth Gamel for agreeing to host Cooks Corner **Oct. 20 at her home at noon.** We had a last minute change and our theme will be **Family Favorites.**

A casual get-together of members who bring a dish to share, and we discuss recipes after lunch. Call Beth or Trena Kelly to reserve a spot, and we'll see you there. Please, *only vaccinated members*, and if you are feeling ill, please stay home. A fun event!

Coastal Cruising: (Paula Dulski)

The pontoon goes out of Venice Marine Max at **2:00 pm on Monday, October 25.** Lunch at Old Salty Dog follows the cruise. Contact Paula to sign up.

Euchre: (Charlene Turczyn)

Players enjoy this excellent social card game, simple in concept but, with a high degree of subtlety in the play.

*Must Pre-Register

1st & 3rd Fridays/11:30 AM

Elks Club, Nokomis

Play Readers: (Fran Brinkman)

Thespians unite! Join us to bring to life the written works of famous and infamous playwrights from around the world.

4th Thursdays/Oct., Jan. - April

10:00 AM @ Fran's Home

Watch for updates in Venice Views for other Special Interest Groups as they start up their activity in the coming year!



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