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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### PAULA DULSKI



When my term as President began on July 1, 2021 the covid pandemic seemed to be trending in the right direction. Just days later cases increased and we are resuming our vigilance. We must protect our precious health in every way we can. This is an unfortunate obstacle since our meetings and fundraisers had been social and crowded events. For a second year Covid will have a significant impact on fundraising, branch meetings, our Scholarship and Holiday luncheons and our various social activities. Unfortunately, the membership suffered a decline last year due to the strict public health regulations and a slow roll out of the vaccines. I know our branch can navigate the troubled waters and end up where we need to be.

Our monthly programs and activities this year are designed to keep us focused on our mission and on community involvement. Pam Swarts with her Program Committee members, Joy Mahler and Anita Kunkle, have worked diligently to offer many educational, timely, and community-oriented programs that you are sure to like. Please note (on page five) our new monthly meeting time will be **9:30 a.m.**

I look forward to working with the all the members of the board. We have already had Zoom meetings to flesh out our plans while the challenges persist. Likewise, I look forward to communicating with all members of the Venice branch. I encourage members to email, text, or call me any time. I like to consider all the great ideas of our accomplished members. We are devoted to keeping our branch the biggest and best in the state. Stay positive and stay safe.

## "WOMEN ON MAIN"

### FIRST AAUW VENICE MEETING of 2021-2022

The **Thursday September 9** general members meeting is an **Outing** and will not be the usual indoor sit-down meeting. In lieu of a regular meeting, the program committee has teamed with Venice Main Street to organize an outing from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. featuring women-owned businesses. Enjoy a day in historic downtown Venice as we visit four specially-selected stores and their women business leaders, celebrate their success, and, yes, shop!

We will meet in Centennial Park at 10:00 a.m., then form small groups to visit Mother's Cupboard Spice Shoppe, Eye's on You, Tangi & Jess, and Luxurious Interiors. Each owner will share her entrepreneurial story. Afterwards, we will have lunch at Cafe Venice (owned by yet another successful female!)

Be sure to RSVP according to the instructions in the email previously sent to you.

## **FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**

### **PATTI WARNER**



A new beginning is usually fun to look forward to and I certainly feel that way about the 2021-22 year starting for Venice AAUW. Meeting face to face again with the membership, experiencing a variety of new programs and fundraisers, being part of a favorite SIG again, and welcoming new members is exciting indeed. Two new members joined us last year and three more became members over this summer which brings our membership total to 171. At our first meeting we will introduce them to you and give them their magnetic nametags as a gift.

The new meeting time and format in the mornings will allow for social time before the meeting, during the after-program table discussions, and possibly with prearranged lunches with friends on your own afterwards.

I hope you are looking forward to our new year too that hopefully will be so different from the pandemic year and a half we just experienced. However, we will have to stay tuned into what is happening with covid and, if we need to readjust our plans again, we will. Our health is still a top priority. In the meantime continue to stay healthy and hope to see you soon at the September 9th Outing!

### **NEW MEMBER**

#### **GALE YOUNG**

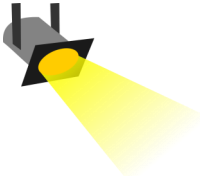


Originally from Peabody MA, Gale earned a Master's Degree in Music from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and performed in Operas and Musical Shows. She still teaches voice lessons.

Gale has been involved in the sport of purebred dogs since 1973. In 1988, Gale's avocation became her vocation. She owned a large boarding kennel in Oxford, MA for 18 years. The kennel had training classes as well as a daycare program, grooming, boarding, pet transportation and relocation services. Gale is an AKC judge and has judged at dog shows all over the Planet.

In 2005 she sold the kennel thinking she would retire but then began working at a private school in Hardwick, MA teaching voice lessons. She retired in 2019 from the position of Associate Director of International Admission at Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, MA an Independent College Preparatory Boarding School.

Gale resides in Venice, FL with one Weimaraner, and one Norfolk Terrier.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PHYLLIS VOGEL



Meet our new chair for branch communications. Phyllis grew up on an Ohio family farm and her education and interests led her to train as a nurse, initially in pediatric nursing. After marriage and while she had young children (one son, three daughters), she worked part-time while attending classes at the University of Cincinnati, earning a double major in psychology and philosophy.

She went back to school in a graduate program at the University of Miami (Ohio), and shifted her focus to psychiatric nursing. About her love for education, she says, "I have been going to school all my life." With a master's degree and credits toward a Ph.D., she also taught developmental psychology at the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University.

She and her husband eased into retirement, initially as snowbirds, having looked at a number of Florida options before settling on Venice. She says she retired in 2000 but she continued to teach for more than a decade via an on-line adult development course she created.

Her longstanding interest in civics prompted her to join the League of Women Voters "after my children left for college." She linked up with the organization after moving to Venice and served as the League chapter president here from 2016 to 2018.

Like many of our members, she learned about the Venice AAUW branch when she attended one of our home tours and discovered our scholarship program. "I believe it's really worthwhile to help other women go back to school."

She jumped into our branch communications last year when she helped by developing news releases to promote our successful Eleanor Roosevelt performance at the Venice Community Center. She's looking for others to join her as we return to publicizing in-person meetings and fundraising to support our educational support efforts.

Currently, we have two editors for Venice Views, and Phyllis is actively seeking a third to replace Sue Farstrup who served in that role for eight years. Knowledge of the Microsoft Publisher program is helpful, she says, and hopes you'll consider joining her team.

Interested? Give Phyllis a call. Her details are in the branch directory and on the private portion of our website

**LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW  
ASSISTANT TO COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR  
NANCY BREX**



Nancy graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University and received her Master's Degree from New York University. She taught at the city school for the deaf for a year before moving back to Rhode Island where her husband and she were both from. She stayed home to raise her three sons, then went back to teaching. Nancy became a school librarian and taught English to middle schoolers for 24 years. She has four wonderful grandchildren. She is an avid reader, and has

been in the same book group for 46 years and likes to garden, enjoy traveling, and swim for exercise.

Nancy has accepted the position to be an Assistant for our new Communications Director, Phyllis Vogel. She is a newer member and will help with the communication of our activities.

**WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK NEWS**

Charlene Turczyn has graciously accepted the position as Manager of our local Venice branch website and of our AAUW Venice Facebook presence. Thank you, Charlene, for volunteering!



**IN MEMORIAM**

As a new year begins, we must remember our friends and members who passed away this past year. They all served on the Board and were an important part of AAUW with their years of membership and service.

Roberta Cardamone

Joyce Kamm

Diane Kreutzer



## 2021-2022 PROGRAMS

### “INSPIRED!”

September 9, 2021 - **Women-owned Venice Main Street business tour**

October 14, 2021 - **A Judicial Perspective on Women & Girls**

The Honorable Rochelle Curley, Circuit Court Judge, Sarasota

November 11, 2021 - **Keeping the Arts Alive**

Speaker TBA

December 9, 2021 - **Holiday Luncheon at Venice Yacht Club**

January 20, 2022 - **Collegiate Women Today**

Dr. Karen B. Holbrook, Regional Chancellor, USF

February 10, 2022 - **Community Impact Day**

Members contribute & pack “shower” gifts for families associated with People, Inc.  
CEO of donor organization speaks.

March 10, 2022 - **Gateway to Hope**

April Glasco, scholarship winner & founder of Second Chance/Last Opportunity

April 14, 2022 - **Annual meeting**

May 12, 2022 - **Seeds of Leadership**

Barbara Hines, Venice Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership Program

June 9, 2022 - “Behind the Curtain” **Back-Stage Tour Event at Venice Theatre**

### NEW MONTHLY MEETING TIME

A snapshot of our monthly meetings:

**9:30 a.m.** - Convene for social time; coffee & muffins available

10:00 - Program presentation

10:30 - Roundtable discussion

10:45 - Q & A with speaker

11:00 - Business meeting

12:00 - Small group lunches (optional)

**VENICE AAUW BUDGET FY 2022**

<b>Net Assets - FY 2021 Funds Carried Over</b>	
<b>Fundraising Income - Restricted Funds</b>	
Available Funds in Reserve (Scholarship)	\$4,059.02
Tech Trek	15,874.92
19th Amendment Project	500.00
<b>Fundraising Income - Unrestricted Funds</b>	
Giving Challenge (2019)	3,603.40
Giving Challenge (2020)	602.41
Other Development Project/Donation	606.36
Savings Interest	6.30
<b>Operating Funds</b>	
Branch Prepaid Dues - FY2022	2,812.00
Operating Funds	2,783.44
<b>BRANCH OPERATING INCOME FY 2022</b>	
Branch Dues (Prepaid and Current)	3,000.00
2019 Giving Challenge Unrestricted Funds carryover	3,603.40
2020 Giving Challenge Unrestricted Funds Carryover	602.41
Monthly Meetings	150.00
Venice Views, Other	15.00
Carried over from FY 2021 (Operating)	2,783.44
Donation to print Membership Brochures	225.00
<b>TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,379.25</b>
<b>BRANCH MEMBER EVENTS</b>	
Holiday Luncheon (100x35)	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL MEMBER EVENTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>BRANCH FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
Patriotic Bridge	\$450.00
Jane VanBoskirk Program	8,000.00
Baila Miller Fundraiser	5,000.00
Wine Tasting Event	1,700.00
Giving Challenge	2,476.02
Scholarship Drive	5,000.00
Scholarship funds carried over from FY2021	4,059.02
Tech Trek funds carried over from FY2021	15,874.92
19th Amendment Project Grant	500.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$43,059.96</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
Other Development Project (carried over from FY 2020)	\$606.36
Savings Account Interest (carrried over from FY 2021)	6.30
Savings Account Interest FY 2022	2.30
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$614.96</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>	<b>\$43,674.92</b>
<b>TOTAL BRANCH INCOME</b>	<b>\$57,554.17</b>

**VENICE AAUW BUDGET FY 2022**

<b>BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Florida Annual Report	\$200.00
IRS 990	0.00
Liability Insurance	200.00
Misc. Fees (PO Box, Bank, Foundation)	200.00
Website Maintenance	120.00
Officers and Chairs	500.00
Memorials	100.00
National/State Convention	1,500.00
Monthly Meetings (Virtual & In Person meeting expenses)	2,800.00
Programs	700.00
Annual Meeting	700.00
Venice Views	25.00
Promotional	150.00
Membership (Directory, Brochure)	700.00
Consulting Services (Board Governance)	750.00
Contingency Fund per Policies and Procedures	1,014.25
Storage	720.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,379.25</b>
<b>BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES</b>	
Holiday Luncheon	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	
Jane VanBoskirk Program	\$3,000.00
Baila Miller Fundraiser	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>
<b>PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	
Non-Traditional Scholarships	\$20,000.00
Florida Tech Trek	11,000.00
Florida Tech Trek Reserve Account	4,874.92
Programs supporting AAUW Venice Mission	3,000.00
19th Amendment Project	700.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$39,574.92</b>
<b>TOTAL BRANCH EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$57,554.17</b>



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS – 2021 -2022

### **BOOK GROUP: (Lynda Weston & Hilda Dillman)**

Book lovers are encouraged to join in discussions on a variety of group-chosen literary titles.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday/Sept + Oct via ZOOM/Nov - Spring at Jacaranda Library/1:00 PM**

### **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\***

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday/11:30/Venetian Golf & River Club**

### **COASTAL CRUISING: (Paula Dulski)**

Members engage in a two-hour pontoon boat cruise. Cruises treat members to views along the bay or Intracoastal Waterway.

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday/ Times & Location TBD**

### **COOK'S CORNER: (Trena Kelly)**

Members choose a monthly culinary theme, and choose a recipe to prepare & share. Recipe discussions follow the group tastings.

**\*Must Pre-Register\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/Oct. – May**

**Noon @Member's Homes TBD**

### **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\***

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays/10:00 AM/The Floridian**

### **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\***

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays/11:30 AM/Elks Club, Nokomis**

### **EVENINGS OUT: (Melanie Odom & Lois Odom)**

Enjoy an evening dining out at one of the many delicious restaurants located in our area.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/Oct.- Nov. & Jan. – April**

**6:00 PM/ Restaurants TBD - Evenings Out will resume in January, unless otherwise stated.**

### **EXPLORING W/YOUR CAMERA: (Stephanie Hollowell)**

Grab your camera, smart phone, or iPad, and join us in exploring some of the wonderful, wild & wacky sites you can only find in Florida. Every picture tells a story. Come with us to find yours!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday/Time & Location TBD**

### **FRENCH CONVERSATION: (Jane Metcalf)**

Stay active practicing & engaging in the French language. All levels are welcome to participate in conversational French discussions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays/Time & Location TBD**

### **FINANCIAL FITNESS: (Charlene Turczyn)**

Learn what you need to know, to stay in top financial shape & feel more secure, in these uncertain times.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/ Time & location TBD**

### **LUNCH BUNCH, ETC.: (Paula Choyke & Mary Greenberg)**

Let's do Lunch...or Brunch...or Happy Hour!

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday/Time & Location TBD**

### **PLAY READERS: (Fran Brinkman)**

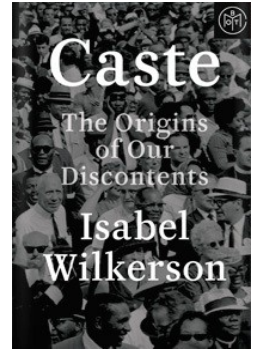
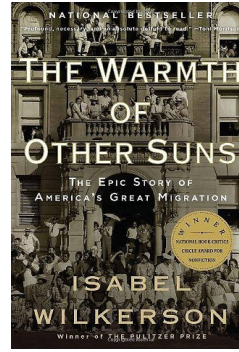
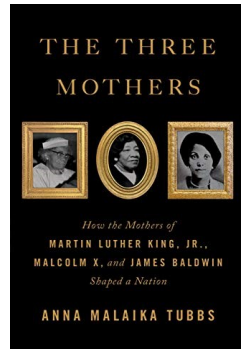
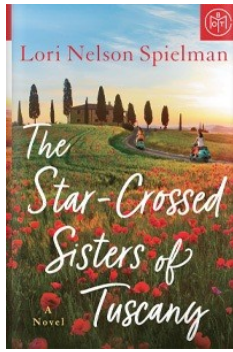
Thespians unite! Join us to bring to life the written works of famous & infamous playwrights from around the world.

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays/Oct., Jan. - April**

**10:00 AM @ Fran's Home**

**CONTACT INFORMATION IS IN THE DIRECTORY**

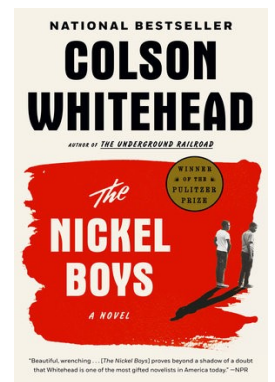
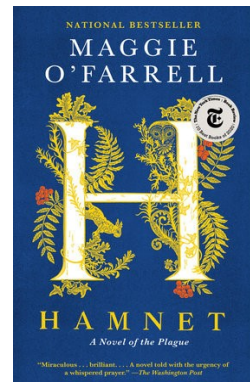
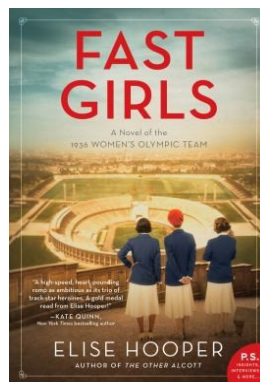
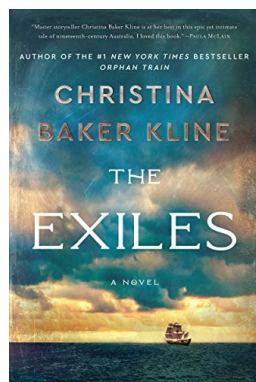
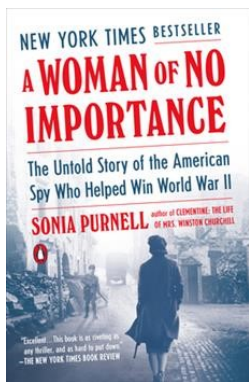




### SIG BOOK GROUP SELECTED READS -- 2020-2021

The book club has been meeting the second Monday of every month via Zoom thanks to Pam Swarts. **We hope to begin meeting in person again in November.** In the meantime, if you would like to join the Zoom book group, email Lynda Weston at [lyndalweston@hotmail.com](mailto:lyndalweston@hotmail.com). Here are the selections for 2021-2022:

Month	TITLE	AUTHOR
<b>2021</b>		
SEPT 13	The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany	Lori N. Spielman
OCT 11	The Three Mothers	Anna M. Tubbs
Nov 8	The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson
DEC 13	Caste	Isabel Wilkerson
<b>2022</b>		
JAN 10	A Woman of No Importance	Sonia Purnell
FEB 14	The Exiles	Christina B. Kline
MARCH	Fast Girls	Elise Hooper
APRIL 11	Hamnet	Maggie O'Farrell
MAY 9	The Nickel Boys	Colson Whitehead





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
2	Joyce Boot
5	Jane Brodt
5	Georgie Ann Fedako
11	Linda Taylor
12	Patricia Boruff
15	Karen Limkemann
20	Delores Glatz
25	Judy Evenson
25	Kathleen Grossenbacher
29	Dorothy Korwek

### **SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON POSTPONED**

Unfortunately due to the escalating COVID cases in our area, AAUW must postpone the Scholarship Luncheon originally scheduled for October 2, 2021 at the Venetian Golf and River Club. Due to this ongoing pandemic, we have not been able to honor the four scholarship recipients from 2020 nor the six recipients from 2021.

Let's hope for a healthier spring! Be well and stay safe.

[Wendy Seeley, Education Chair]

### **SHARING AND CARING**

#### **AAUW Venice Branch - One Big Family**

**Please** notify 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.

2021 SUMMER SOCIAL FUNDRAISER



## COASTAL CRUISING - MAY 2021



L to R: Bev Weltzien, Paula Dulski, Jean Norman and Joan Kieran.

## COASTAL CRUISING - JUNE 2021



L to R: Susan Farstrup, Jeri Jaminet, Gale Young, Elaine Izzi, Maggie Surwilo, Paula Dulski, Bobbie Amero, Joan Kiernan and Phyllis Vogel

Venice Views Editor for September Issue: Jeri Jaminet

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**Text in Word Format or in an Email**

**and**

**Pictures in JPG Format Only**

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