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

## **Vice-President's Message**

Susan Farstrup



When I first joined AAUW, philanthropy was included in National's mission statement. While National has since dropped the mention of philanthropy as part of its mission, it is heartening to know that our Venice branch continues to include philanthropy as part of our endeavors. We know well the personal benefit we receive for our own well-being when we volunteer and make charitable donations that promote the concern for the well-being of others.

Our branch supports philanthropy at both the local and national levels. We witness the impact we have on women's lives through our scholarship programs when we hear the heart touching stories of scholarship recipients. We heard this most recently from our March speaker, Dr. April Glasco, a scholarship recipient who founded the non-profit organization, Second Chance, Last Opportunity. Some of our members saw the nearly speechless amazement of Family Promise staff when we delivered our contributions to their stock of supplies to support displaced families moving into a new home. We nearly filled a small storage room! At the national level, our branch contributed over \$8,000 to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund. This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, as the need emerges, to critical issues affecting women.

As many of us donate through a variety of organizations, it is a bonus to contribute when there are matching funds available to extend the impact of our dollars. The Giving Challenge is just such an opportunity. This year the AAUW Venice Branch is pleased to be included in the long list of non-profit organizations vetted by The Community Foundation of Sarasota. Contributions to our branch from noon to noon on April 26-27 through the Giving Challenge will support our programs and our mission. To strengthen giving during the 2022 Giving Challenge, The Patterson Foundation will provide a 1:1 match for all unique donations, up to \$100 per donor, per organization made online with a credit or debit card. After you have made your donation, encourage other family members and friends to consider making their own donation to our organization. We will all benefit from our collective acts of philanthropy.

**ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**

**LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM WILLIAM JERVEY LIBRARY**

**LIBRARY OPENS AT 10:00 AM**

**SET UP OF CHAIRS FOR MEETING WILL TAKE UNTIL 10:15**

**MEETING BEGINS AT 10:30 AM**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION OF BOARD**

### **Membership Article**

Our membership number is growing as we have almost 190 members. We had lost members during the Pandemic but since January of 2021 we have welcomed 15 new members, one transfer, and one reinstatement for a total of 17. Welcome to our newest member, Bernadette McEnerney, who has been a member in Doylestown, Pennsylvania for 30 years.

A New Member Coffee will be on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at Suzanne Biviano's home 10:00 a.m. It is not too late for new members to R.S.V.P. at the last minute to [veniceaauw@gmail.com](mailto:veniceaauw@gmail.com). All new members should have received an invitation via email. Please wear your name badge at the Coffee.

We hope that the new members who have not sent us a bio and picture to publish in Venice Views will do so soon. Please send to [veniceaauw@gmail.com](mailto:veniceaauw@gmail.com)

Right now, the new National Database is not up and running yet. The only way you can change any of your personal information is on [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting, April 14, at our new meeting place, the downtown Library.

Patti Warner

Membership Director



## Scholarship Reception at Sarasota National May 1<sup>st</sup> 4 to 7 pm

The Scholarship Committee members this year are Dottie Bingham, Marge Ostrom, Bobbi Amero, Trena Kelly and Elaine Jarchow. Applicants will be interviewed and winners will be selected. An honorary reception will be held at Sarasota National on May 1, 2022 from 4 to 7 pm. The cost of the reception is \$25.00 which will include a variety of both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket. The cost of each ticket will also pay for each scholarship winner and their guest. Please join us for this celebratory event.

Please make checks payable to AAUW Venice Branch. Write Scholarship Reception on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to AAUW Venice Branch, P.O. Box 515, Venice, FL 34284.

Wendy Seeley, Scholarship Committee Chair

## GIVING CHALLENGE

The Venice Branch of AAUW is participating in the 24 hours online Giving Challenge on April 26 and 27. This online event will only accept donations using a credit card. All funds raised during this event are matched up to \$100.00 per person donation by the Patterson Foundation.

There will be a party for the Giving Challenge at the home of Paula Dulski. It will be held on Tuesday April 26 from 5 to 7 pm. You will be assisted in making your donations. Paula needs to know who is coming to give the names to the gatehouse.



## March Meeting Recap

Featured presenter, Dr. April Glasco, captured our attention with her heart-warming speaking style and personal story. Once a single, homeless mom, she attained a Bachelor's degree in Human Development, a Masters in Mental Health Counseling, and a Doctor of Divinity. In 1995, she opened Second Chance-Last Opportunity, a hands-on intervention center, and she describes herself as the first client! To learn more and see opportunities to contribute, visit

[www.secondchancelastopportunity.org](http://www.secondchancelastopportunity.org)

Dr. Glasco reminded us that we are all growing and finding freedom and happiness, no matter how our lives appear on the outside. The mantra that she lives by and shared in memorable ways is:

"I Am That I Am!" Here's more:

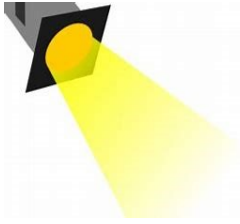
"I am that I am because this is how I see myself. I see myself as the person that I thought I couldn't be. I am that I am, strong, brilliant, and powerful! I am! I will no longer see myself the way people would want me to be. I am that I am!"

In 2006 and 2007, Venice AAUW awarded April with reentry scholarships, and anyone present at the March event would attest that these were great investments!

Pam Swarts

Program chair





## Member Profile Carol Murray

This Ohio native may have a few more zigs and zags in her life story than most of us.

As an undergrad she was present and witnessed the tragedy of May 4th, 1970 on the Kent State University campus. Eventually, she received a B.A. Degree in Psychology, and earned a M.A. Degree in Rehabilitation and Community Counseling from Kent and later received from the state of Ohio a Professional Clinical Counselor - Supervisory license. Work in the public agency sectors and in private practice along with research in issues of social justice contributed to her solid career in human and community social services. Later, she became a professor of Human Development and the Coordinator/a Director of the Human Service Program at Kent State University, her alma mater.

But that's getting ahead of her story.

Her first job out of high school was as a clerical-stenographer. It was there she discovered that she possessed a severe linguistic learning disability which limited her work output and ended her career as secretary-stenographer.

A lifelong love of dance persuaded her to head off to New York City and pursue a career in theater. It was there she auditioned and was accepted by the famous Radio City Rockettes. However, this was short lived, due to a serious knee injury. This forced her to rethink that choice and return to Cleveland, Ohio, where she opened and operated her own dance studio. "It was very successful, and I became aware that I was a good and effective teacher."

However, six years later, she received a diagnosis of complex congenital back and disc problems, which resulted in her total exit from the field of dance. Her physical injury and disability was compounded with financial stresses that gave her insights into the multiple problems and issues of the clients she would eventually encounter and counsel. "I learned that there are few simple solutions to multi-complex - compounded problems," she says.

The disability qualified her for services and financial resources from the Ohio Bureau of Vocation Rehabilitation and additional services from welfare. She was identified as a "people person" with good cognitive abilities. This led her to a new education path, starting with enrollment at Tri-C Community College in Cleveland, and then on to Kent State University.

Now retired and living in Venice eight months out of the year, she and her husband started visiting relatives during their spring breaks while teaching at Kent State University; thirteen years ago they purchased a permanent residence here.

Like many other members, our branch's social justice and educational support for women and girls paralleled her interests. "Plus, provides an opportunity to meet and get to know women with varied stories and diverse interest. "

Profile by:

Judith Hanson



### **Book Club**

You know about Hamlet, but what do you know about Hamnet? Susan Farstrup will be leading a discussion of Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell at the next meeting of the AAUW SIG book club. The meeting is April 11 at 1:30 at the Jacaranda Library. Come a little early and talk about other books you have been reading.

### **Exploring With Your Camera**

Our usual attendees had company in March, so we're re-scheduling our visit to the whimsical Childrens' Garden in Sarasota to April 19 (Tuesday) at 10 a.m. Please email or call Trena Kelly to arrange carpooling.

We will follow our photo-taking with lunch at The Rosemary and perhaps walking through some historical Sarasota areas.

### **Evening Out**

The final event for this year will be at TJ Carney's on Wednesday April 20 at 6 pm. Please call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Monday April 18. Hope to see you there.

### **Cooks Corner**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

11:30-1:30

at the home of Joan Kieran

RSVP to Joan: contact information

is in the directory

The Theme: "Florida's Spring Specialties"

e.g. vegetables, fruits

Come join us!



4	Stephanie	Hallowell
10	Melanie	Odom
13	Nancy	Donelson
14	Barbie	Swenson
15	Anita	Kunkle
23	DeDee	Connor

## AAUW General Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am by President, Paula Dulski, following the program by Dr. April Blasco, founder of Second Chance/Last Opportunity. She is a former two-time recipient of our scholarships.

Bea Holt, AAUW Florida State President Elect, announced that the State Annual Convention will be held virtually, April 1, 2 and 3. The theme is "The Power of Story."

Minutes from February 10, 2022, were approved as published in the Venice Views.

There was not a Treasurer's Report this month. However, the balance is growing.

Patti Warner stated that we have 17 new members this year, which brings us to a total of 190 members. A New Members Breakfast will be held on March 28, 2022.

Wendy Seeley announced that the portal to apply for scholarships has opened for this year. A cocktail party honoring the recipients will be held May 1 from 5-7 pm at Sarasota National Country Club. Reservations will be \$25.

Tech Trek will once again be done virtually. We did not have any applicants from our branch this year.

Phyllis Vogel continues to send announcements to the newspapers. She encourages chairs to send her information about their events.

### Announcements:

- The Annual Meeting will be held at the Venice Library, our new meeting location, on April 14. Set-up is at 10 am with the meeting starting at 10:30 am.
- The Giving Challenge is on April 26 and 27 from noon to noon. The Patterson Foundation will match 100% up to each \$100 donation.
- Patriotic Bridge will be March 29, 1 pm at The Clubhouse in Country Club Estates. Contact Fran Brinkman to sign up. Proceeds of \$15 per person benefit the local re-entry scholarship program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Weltzien, Secretary



Pam Swarts and Anita Kunkle, program committee members, celebrate with Dr. April Glasco at the conclusion of her presentation.



The Lunch Bunch Group at Ken and Barbs in Englewood.



Val Dwek and Joan Kieran at February's visit of Exploring with Yout Camera to the North Jetty.



A variety of tea from Red Zinger, Jammin Ginger, Irish Breakfast and Chocolate to name a few. The savory tea plates corn beef Parmesan cups, cream cheese, dill bread - tuna salad cucumbers, seafood swirls and tuna salad filled puff pastry as well as a goat cheese wrapped in blueberry cinnamon.... and sweet conversation! This is how the Cook's Corner SIG celebrated St. Patrick's Day.



## AAUW VENICE BRANCH – APRIL 2022 CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Fri	1	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Elks Club, Nokomis
Thurs	7	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes
Fri	8	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Venetian Golf & River Club
Fri	8	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance.
Mon	11	1:00	Book Group	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	Jacaranda Library Book: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
Fri	15	Deadline for May Venice Views		Send Work articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>	
Fri	15	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Elks Club, Nokomis
Tues	19	10:30	Exploring with Your Camera	Trena Kelly	Children's Garden in Sarasota
Weds	20	Noon	Cook's Corner	Joan Kieran	Theme: Florida's Spring Specialties
Weds	20	6:00	Evenings Out	Melanie Odom Lois Odom	TJ Carney's, Downtown Venice, Call or email Melanie by April 18
Thurs	21	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes
Thurs	21	9:30	Away Day	Stephanie Hallowell	Contact Stephanie for location
Fri	22	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Venetian Golf & River Club
Fri	22	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance
Tues	26	5:00	Giving Challenge Party	Paula Dulski	Call Paula to have name added to list at gate.
Weds	27	11:30	Lunch Brunch	Paula Choyke Mary Greenberg	Call or email Paula for location
Thurs	28	10:00	Play Readers	Fran Brinkman	Fran's Home



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## **VENICE VIEWS:**

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