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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT PAULA DULSKI



In April and May we met in the Jervey Library. I had my fingers crossed, hoping that all the members approved of the change. It was a financial decision as the Library Meeting Room is free. We save about \$1800 per year which can be applied to scholarships and/or STEM. It was a decision based on other considerations. There is plenty of parking. It is centrally located. Members can convene at a nearby eatery after the meeting.

The library is a new construction and it has other advantages. The meeting room is large and airy. Members can walk around and socialize. The new chairs are light, which is important since we need to set them up when we arrive. They can be easily moved into a circle pattern for small group discussions and then moved back to the audience arrangement. The stored tables are on wheels and easy to set up for the needs of our membership, refreshments and book swap. The audio-visual controls are on an uncomplicated touch screen. It is a win-win for us.

We have booked the room for October through May. We had to compromise and book an afternoon meeting for February and March since a group called Great Decisions took the morning time period. Morning and afternoon meeting times will be clearly denoted in the Directory under Important Dates.

OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT!

The membership of the Venice Branch of AAUW sincerely thanks the retiring board members who have served with enthusiasm and dedication. We salute outgoing Vice President Susan Farstrup, SIG Director Stephanie Hallowell, and Director of Development Susan Hotzler.

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR PATTI WARNER

WANTED: YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE!



As we enter another summer with Covid winding down think about what area of AAUW you are most interested in and become involved.

Volunteer to help a board member with her particular responsibilities. Attend some of the summer socials and/or host one. A variety of activities have already been planned. Become part of a Study/Interest Group that meets in the summer. Be a mentor to a new member. Brainstorm a new idea for a SIG group. Recruit one of your friends to become a member with you. Look forward to the Home Tour and consider being on this fun committee. There are many opportunities for you to become more involved right now. You could even join us on the board as Director of Development and help brainstorm new fundraising ideas. Just enjoy being a member of AAUW in some way this summer!

Membership 199 members. Welcome to our newest member **Nancy Savenko**.

All new members please send your bio and picture to veniceaauw@gmail.com so we can include you in our next newsletter.

All members who have any changes to your personal information such as a change of address, email, telephone number, etc. send to veniceaauw@gmail.com.

Have a healthy, safe, and wonderful summer!

RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT NOW!

Thanks to the many members who have recently renewed their AAUW membership for the 2022-2023 year. There are two convenient ways to pay your dues:

1. **Mail your \$98 check (payable to "AAUW Venice") to:**
AAUW Venice Branch, PO Box 515, Venice, FL 34284; OR
2. **Pay by credit card online at the AAUW Community Hub at <https://my.aauw.org/onlinejoin>.** If you have not previously signed in to this new database, you must start by resetting your password.

AAUW VENICE BRANCH DUES

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Regular Membership \$98

Includes: Branch dues \$19

Florida State dues \$12

AAUW National dues \$67*

*Note that \$64 of National dues is tax deductible. \$3 of National dues payment is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4).

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

**MEET NEW MEMBER
NAN SAVENKO**



Greetings! My husband, Val, and I have lived in the Paradise known as Venice for the past 11 years. I grew up in New Jersey and graduated from SUNY @ Stony Brook (B.A. in Psychology). I spent the next 18 years working on Wall Street while living in Greenwich Village. Weekends we alternated between Off, Off, Off Broadway to shows that made it to the Broadway show stage and flying gliders in Wurtsboro (Catskills).

My next chapter was a second marriage living in La Jolla while still working in the brokerage business. When I tired of his Gordon Gecko persona, I eventually found my way to Ohio State University where I earned an M.A. in Anthropology and taught (adjunct) at one of the branch campuses.

I met and married my third husband in Ohio (think serial monogamy) and earned an Ed.D. in Education from Regent University (VA). Following a circuitous route to Virginia Beach we then retired to Florida. As a fitness fanatic I divide my time between playing pickleball, swimming, Beach Yoga, and taking classes at the YMCA. I am also a Stephen Minister with Venice Presbyterian Church and play Mah Jongg. Prior to moving here, I couldn't spell either Mah Jongg or pickleball but have since taught many to play and have founded 12-step programs for those seriously addicted to both.

We recently sold our home in Pelican Pointe in anticipation of a market decline and are waiting to get into The Floridan Club of Sarasota on Jacaranda.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

JUNE OUTING RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!!

To wrap up the program year for 2021-22, an outing to the Venice Theater and Café Venice is planned for Thursday, June 9. We are limited to 20 participants, so plan ahead now!!

The outing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Venice Theater, 140 Tampa Ave. West for socializing. Promptly at 10:30 a.m., our "Behind the Curtain" tour will begin. We'll see where costumes are created, props and stage sets are crafted, and where actors prepare for performances. The newly established tech building will be featured, and, of course, volunteer opportunities will be introduced. Plan to be on foot for almost 90 minutes.

Following the tour, we will move to Café Venice for lunch at 12:30 p.m. We will individually order off the menu.

RSVP to Pam Swarts at your earliest convenience, and please let her know if your plans change.
[Pam Swarts, Program Director]



LOOKING BACK AT MAY PROGRAM

“Seeds of Leadership” was the topic of the May 12 branch program. Barbara Hines, Leadership Venice Director for the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce was our guest speaker, and she brought Allison Grace, a sophomore at Venice High School, to share in the presentation.

Across the nation, many Chambers of Commerce sponsor leadership development programs, with the goal of nurturing strong and committed community leaders. Adding a layer of youth leadership development means keeping some strength near home and gleaning fresh points of view.

Miss Barbara, as Allison addressed her, spoke about the program’s values, while Allison shared what students experienced in each session over the year. The 2021-22 Venice Student Leadership program was a first and plans to grow in the future. If you know a deserving Sophomore or Junior student in the area, please encourage them to explore this opportunity!

[Pam Swarts, Program Director]



Allison Grace and Barbara Hines

ART MAKES A HOUSE A HOME!

Nearly 20 members contributed artwork for Family Promise’s new homes at the May 12 meeting. Dubbed “orphaned art,” these pieces have either been in storage or simply no longer fit in the current interior of our homes. But, imagine not having anything for your walls – or any extra money to acquire some artwork!!

Backing up --- we learned in February about the mission of Family Promise of South Sarasota County: to reduce the impact of homelessness among children. Just this year, the organization was able to build homes for homeless parents with children as transitional residences while the families rebuild their livelihoods.

Along with AAUW donations, Gulf Breeze Art and Framing contributed 10 pieces of custom-framed artwork. The frame shop also donated supplies and labor to clean, rewire, and wrap all of the donations for transport. Essentially, Family Promise received 35 “like-new” framed artwork!!

Thank you to all who contributed! You have made a significant impression in a family’s life!

[Pam Swarts, Program Director]





All workplace discrimination is dangerous and hurts our nation’s workers and families.

Nearly a full year ago, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) passed the House of Representatives in a bipartisan 315-101 vote. Despite overwhelming support, this critical piece of legislation continues to stall in the U.S. Senate. Pregnant workers cannot wait another day.

We are giving senators a deadline: pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act by Mother’s Day!

Despite federal protections for pregnant workers, loopholes in the law continue to endanger them. *This is unacceptable.* The Senate must ensure all workers have the tools and resources they need to challenge discrimination and all employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law. This is where YOU come in: **Every** Tuesday until PWFA passes is a national day of action:

- 1. Contact your senators and demand action**
- 2. Engage on social media (use the #PWFA4MothersDay hashtag!)**
- 3. Ask your friends and family to join you**

Urge your senators to get ready for Mother’s Day by protecting working moms and all pregnant workers now!



Gloria Blackwell

Gloria L. Blackwell
Chief Executive Office

Take Action

AAUW GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MAY 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. by President Paula Dulski at the Venice Public Library on Nokomis Avenue following the Program with Speaker Barbara Hines from the organization, Sowing Seeds of Leadership.

Paula introduced the officers for the 2022-23 term:

President - Paula Dulski
Vice President - Beverly Weltzien
Secretary - Jan Harris
Treasurer - Bobbi Amero
Membership Director - Patti Warner
Program Director - Pam Swarts
Education Director - Weedy Seeley
Study/Interest Group Director - Lynda Weston
Communications Director - Phyllis Vogel
Public Policy Director - Alice Haber
Nominating Committee Chair - Kathleen Pickering



Minutes were approved as published in the May Venice Views.

Treasurer's report showed donations from the Giving Challenge were matched to a sum of approximately \$7400. The operating account shows \$5900, Tech Trek has a total of \$15,874 and Non-Traditional Scholarships have a balance of \$16,500. The Pat Weber Scholarship has \$3400 to date and the net assets equal \$47,311.63.

Patti Warner introduced guests: Patricia Coelho, Victoria Coulter and Alice Berg. Nancy Savenko joined as a new member. Currently, we have a membership of 199 women.

Special Interest and Study Groups (SIGS) announced upcoming events. More summer activities are being sought. Several are scheduled. Details are listed in the Venice Views.

The return of the Home Tour is scheduled for February 10, 2023. We are looking for 4 homes for the event.

The June program will be a Tour of the Venice Theater followed by an optional lunch. RSVP to Pam Swarts.

Wendy Seeley announced that we have seven individuals to be interviewed for Scholarships this year. Five are new and two are returning applicants.

Phyllis Vogel, Communications Director, asked for photos to be sent to her for possible publication in the local outlets.

Kathy Black, Historian, requested any documents or artifacts to retain for the organization's historical records.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Weltzien, Secretary

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS– 2022 –2023

BOOK CLUB

The AAUW SIG book club will continue to read all summer because summer is the perfect time to read! Meetings will move to Zoom, but the schedule remains the same: second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. for the book discussion, a little earlier if you want to chat.

Here are the summer books:

June - *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, led by Anne Finger

July - *Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach, led by Gail Densler

August - *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard, led by Susan Farstrup

You know you don't want to miss out on reading and discussing these books, so if you have not done so already, email Lynda Weston at lyndalweston@hotmail.com to get your Zoom invitation for June through October.

Book club members have voted, and here is the list for 2022-2023.

****Dates marked with an asterisk will be Zoom meetings.****

Date	Title	Author
*June 13, 2022	<i>Lincoln Highway</i>	Amor Towles
*July 11, 2022	<i>Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law</i>	Mary Roach
*August 8, 2022	<i>Finding the Mother Tree</i>	Suzanne Simard
*September 12, 2022	<i>West with Giraffes</i>	Lynda Rutledge
*October 10, 2022	<i>Music of Bees</i>	Eileen Gavin
November 14, 2022	<i>Dictionary of Lost Words</i>	Pip Williams
December 12, 2022	<i>Downstairs Girl</i>	Stacey Lee
January 9, 2023	<i>Black Cake</i>	Charmaine Wilkerson
February 13, 2023	<i>Lady Clementine</i>	Marie Benedict
March 13, 2023	<i>Women and Leadership</i>	Julia Gillard & Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
April 10, 2023	<i>Personal Librarian</i>	Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray
May 8, 2023	<i>The Rose Code</i>	Kate Quinn

COASTAL CRUISING

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Both June and August Coastal Cruising will be at 3:00 p.m. from Cape Haze in Englewood.

The pontoon can take a total of 12 people. We are off to Don Pedro Island State Park for a picnic, swimming and shark tooth hunting. Contact Paula Dulski to sign up and for any questions.



LUNCH BUNCH, ETC.

Wednesday JUNE 22 -- Come to **HAPPY HOUR** at **Applebee's**, 4329 Tamiami Trail S., Venice (across from Walmart) at **3:00 p.m.**

Thursday July 28 - Enjoy **DINNER AND JAZZ** at **Allegro Bistro**, 1740 E. Venice Ave., Venice at **5:30 p.m.** **Husbands/Partners most welcome!** [Note *different* day of week]

Wednesday August 24 Let's **LUNCH** at **Duval's** 1435 Main Street, Sarasota at **11:30 a.m.**

Contact Paula Choyke for reservations.

NEW MAH JONGG STUDY/INTEREST GROUP (SIG) TO START UP IN SEPTEMBER

Andie Mercer and Naureen Zimmermann have volunteered to coordinate our new Mah Jongg SIG. Mah Jongg will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning in September, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The first gathering will be September 13 and will meet at the Elks Club, Knights Trail Rd., Nokomis.

If you would like to join this SIG, please contact either Andie or Naureen.
Enjoy your summer!



Exploring with Your Camera Study/Interest Group Matlacha, FL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

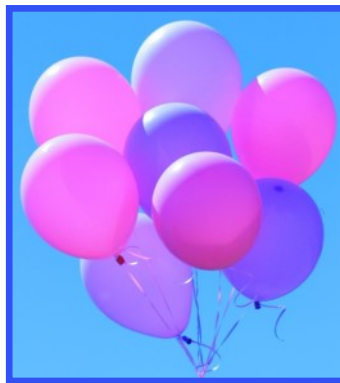
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11 Beverly Weltzien
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16 Jane Metcalf
16 June Lee Reninger
17 Pam Swarts
19 Phyllis Currier
19 Mitzi Fiedler
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21 Donna Wilson
22 Connie Nelson
22 Phyllis Vogel
23 Nancy Pike
23 Barbara Rao
24 Claudia Withey Hanley
24 Charlene Turczyn
25 Maida Zamoff
26 Jane Levin

JULY

2 Deirdre Christman
5 Bobbi Amero
9 Joan Armstrong
10 Susan Wood
11 Barbara Tompkins
14 Jean Hanson
16 Kindra Muntz
17 Aimee Odette
24 Elaine Izzi
25 Irene Walsh
26 Ruth Sweetser
27 Fran Brinkman
30 Marie Ruvolo

AUGUST

1 Jane Farley
1 Pat Knasiak
2 Patricia Orr
3 Ellen Franck
3 Catherine Rodriguez
9 Sharon Cullinan
9 Frances Potter
11 Jane Ann Carreiro
12 Julie Fiedler
14 Florence Bennett
14 Janet Schotz
26 Nancy Brex
28 Maggie Surwilo
30 Susan Farstrup



SHARING AND CARING

In Memoriam - Pat Weber --December 23, 2021. An AAUW Scholarship named in honor of Pat Weber has been created at the University of South Florida Manatee-Sarasota to support students needing assistance in STEM majors. Pat was Education Director for many years and enthusiastically supported STEM and Tech Trek.

Sympathy card sent to Beth Gamel on the passing of her husband.

Please email Marge Collin and let her know of any illnesses/accidents/deaths or other events happening to our members within our branch. We need your input!!



COOKS CORNER MAY PICNIC



Cook's Corner SIG had a Rock 'n Rolling picnic at Maxine Barritt Park. Tasty sandwiches, fresh watermelon and oranges, chocolate chip cookies, the world's **best** brownies (**do** ask Janet for the recipe) and serenaded by Trena on karaoke with *I Got You Babe!*, along with more rock tunes from a Venice Theater DJ.

LUNCH BUNCH, VENICE ART CENTER, VENICE



S U M M E R S O C I A L S

Friday, June 3 - Sarasota Art Museum and Lunch, Sarasota. Have you been to Sarasota's newest museum? "As a platform for education, exposure and experimentation, the Museum inspires new ideas and new ways of being through an endless rotation of transformative, relevant, and pioneering exhibitions and programs designed to elevate and empower all by cultivating discerning visual thinkers and ethical citizens." Contact **Jeri Jaminet** to register for this event.

Friday, June 10 - 10:00 a.m. Guided, interactive tour of locations important in Newtown history, Sarasota. Air conditioned bus. Pickup and Drop off at Fogartyville Community Center 525 Kumquat Court. \$40 pay online via PayPal at www.newtownalive.org OR send \$40 check to: Vickie O Heritage Productions, Inc. PO Box 1523, Sarasota, FL 34230. Indicate you are with the Sarasota League of Women Voters. Contact **Debbie Blackwell** for more info.

Friday, June 24 - Military Heritage Museum, River Walk, and Lunch, Punta Gorda. A full day to be spent in Punta Gorda enjoying some of its many interesting sites. We will carpool there. Contact **Jeri Jaminet** to register for this event.

Friday, July 8 - Venice Art Center and Lunch, Venice, providing cultural resources to the Venice community and enhancing the knowledge and appreciation of all forms of visual arts. Contact **Jeri Jaminet** to register for this event.

Thursday, July 28 - Paint Party - Info Below

PAINT PARTY
THURSDAY, JULY 28
FROM 6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

Marge Ostrom and Dottie Bingman invite members to join them for a paint party with refreshments at the Venice Art Center.

Please sign up ahead of time - the sooner the better - on the Venice Art Center website (veniceartcenter.com) or by phone (941-485-7136).

Class size is 20.

Cost is \$40.00 for nonmembers and \$35 for members of VAC.

We look forward to meeting you there on July 28 for a creative, fun evening. Bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share with our group.

Please let Marge or Dottie know if you will be joining them.



**2022 VAC
Uncorked**
cocktail and paint party!

Thursdays, 6:30-9:00pm

VACU-01 Thursday, May 26:
Haley Ponder

VACU-02 Thursday June 23:
Susan Wilcox

VACU-03 Thursday, July 28:
Gary Maria

VACU-04 Thursday, August 11:
TBA

Invite and gather your friends, sip your favorite beverage and delight in step-by-step art instruction with our talented Venice Art Center instructors. You will create a unique masterpiece! No experience is necessary. Bring your own cocktails and snacks and enjoy them alongside your friends. Reserve private parties from birthday and bachelorette celebrations to date nights. Parties are booked in advance, on request. *Food and beverages need to be shared only with your private group.*

\$35 Members (except where noted)
\$40 Nonmembers (except where noted)
Register on veniceartcenter.com, at the Art Center, or call 941-485-7136



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JUNE 2022 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Thurs	2	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	3	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Fri	10	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.
Mon	13	1:30	Book Group Zoom	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	Zoom Meeting via email link. Book: <i>Lincoln Highway</i> by Amor Towles
Tues	14	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cape Haze Marina, Englewood. RSVP to Paula D.
Thurs	16	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	17	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Wed	22	3:00	Lunch Bunch, Etc. (Happy Hour)	Paula Choyke	Happy Hour at Applebee's, 4329 Tamiami Trail S., Venice (across from Walmart)
Fri	24	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.

JULY 2022 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Fri	1	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Thurs	7	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	8	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.
Mon	11	1:30	Book Group Zoom	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	Zoom Meeting via email link. Book: <i>Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law</i> by Mary Roach
Fri	15	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Thurs	21	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	22	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.
Thurs*	28	5:30	Lunch Bunch, Etc. (Dinner/Jazz)	Paula Choyke	Dinner and Jazz at Allegro Bistro, 1740 E Venice Ave., Venice. Husbands/Partners most welcome! *Note different day of week

AUGUST 2022 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Thurs	4	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	5	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Mon	8	1:30	Book Group Zoom	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	Zoom Meeting via email link. Book: <i>Finding the Mother Tree</i> by Suzanne Simard
Fri	12	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.
Mon	15	Deadline for September Venice Views		Send Word formatted articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com	
Thurs	18	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Cape Haze Marina, Englewood. RSVP to Paula D.
Thurs	18	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	19	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Elks Club, Nokomis, 1097 N Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Wed	24	11:30	Lunch Bunch, Etc.	Paula Choyke	Duval's, 1435 Main Street, Sarasota
Fri	26	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.



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The **NEXT** Venice Views will be the **September 2022** issue.

All submissions to our monthly Venice Views need to be sent by the **15th of the previous month** to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com

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