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

President's Message

AAUW members have had a busy spring and summer to organize the best programs for our membership. Pam Swarts coordinated a group planning session for the programs and outings for fall, winter, and spring. Pam and her committee members, Joy Mahler, Anita Kunkle, and Elizabeth Ehik have contacted the speakers and booked their dates. You will find the programs mission-based, thought provoking, and enjoyable.

In addition, Bev Weltzien invited the membership to brainstorm for some fresh ideas for our fundraising campaigns. Members identified the Home Tour as our signature event, one we should continue when possible. Numerous other fresh ideas for fundraisers were discussed. We now have a Development/Fundraising Committee. The Committee, consisting of Leslie Curley, Jo Rahaim, Marge Collin, and myself, will divide up the responsibilities of the Development Director. We will keep you informed about the fundraising targets.

We are so pleased with the great ideas generated through the group participation to date. It's a wonderful way to participate in our branch and the board appreciates the diverse suggestions. Please feel free to contact any board member with your proposals and ideas for future activities.

Paula Dulski



Welcome back to another year of membership in AAUW!

We have two new members to welcome: Barbara Gahry and Victoria Coulter ,and we welcome a returning member back—Sharon Carter. If other members if you are looking for a way to become more involved “mentoring” would be a good choice, as our membership has changed a lot in the past two years. It’s hard to know everyone in an organization with 200 members and over 20 enthusiastic new members. Also, you could be a greeter at meetings. If you are interested in helping Membership out, please let me know. If you are a fairly new member in the past 2 years and have not been featured in Venice Views, I hope you will still send your bio and picture to me.

There are many more opportunities for how you can get involved. Venice Views is your first source for information and your Directory is also your ultimate guide, especially if you have any questions about the organization. You will receive a PDF online directory in September and the printed Directory will be available for you at the October meeting. If you cannot find the information or answers in the monthly newsletter or the Directory, you can always contact me through veniceaauw@gmail.com. Your national contact is connect@aauw.org.

So here we go again with some great 2022-2023 programs and activities planned for you.

Let’s have another enjoyable and successful year in AAUW!

Patti Warner—Membership Director



Program Bookends!

The program committee has planned ‘outings’ for September and June that will take us to new and stimulating locations near our communities.

The 2022 September outing in south Venice, Thursday, 9/8 will help us experience some gems there.

We will convene at the library on the campus of State College of Florida at 10 am. After a brief tour, we move to the Wellen Park Welcome Center for a preview of the expansive planned development. An Optional lunch will take place right next door at Louis’ Bistro (originally Bean & Barrel).

An RSVP to Pam Swarts (is required no later than Tuesday September 6th).

Program Sneak Peak

Just when you think it's off-season, guess what? Your program committee has been having a stimulating spring and summer developing a program plan for the months ahead. We began with a think tank that attracted about 10 interested volunteers. This generated many ideas, but most importantly defined what we desired in programs overall:

- Relevance to our community
- Connection to our mission
- Meaningful and stimulating
- Opportunity for personal action

We are ALMOST ready to unveil the entire 22-23 program, but some details need to be refined. Watch for more in the next newsletter. In the meantime, here are the 2022 highlights:

September outing in south Venice, Thursday, 9/8, will be a way to learn more about current and future community development. See separate article "Program Bookends."

October kick-off, Thursday, 10/13, will feature Dr. Denise Davis Cotton, author and director of PAInt, Partnerships in Arts Integrated Teaching at USFSM.

November 10, we'll learn about School House Link, a Sarasota Schools program serving homeless students. The director, Ellen McLaughlin, will share a list of needs so that we can do some shopping before the holiday luncheon.

Our holiday luncheon will take place at Sarasota National Country Club on December 8th, located at 25510 National Blvd. Co-chaired by Dottie Bingman and TBD, it promises to be exceptionally enjoyable and entertaining. Members will be encouraged to bring their donations to School House Link at this event.

Mark these dates on your calendar now!! Also, share an applaud to the planning team members: Anita Kunkle, Elizabeth Ehik, and Joy Mahler. We've had fun getting know each other and have been enriched by each other's strengths.

Do you have a neighbor or friend who might enjoy connections with like-minded women? Forward this newsletter and invite her to check out one of our events!

Pam Swarts, Program Director

(Note If you are interested in co-chairing the holiday luncheon with Dottie, email Pam.)

2022 SUMMER SOCIALS AND EVENTS

Question: How Did AAUW-Venice Spend Its Summer Vacation?

Answer: Expanding Our Minds!

Summer in Florida is a time to lay back, take it easy, stay cool, and do things which one doesn't ordinarily do throughout the year.

Besides our scheduled Special Interest Groups (SIG) Bridge and Euchre, book club, lunch bunch, and coastal cruising, we experienced some different kinds of outings.

Our wanderings brought us to enjoy the contemporary Sarasota Art Museum, the fabulous(!) Punta Gorda Military Heritage Museum, our own local wonderful Venice Art Center, a guided and interactive history tour of Newtown in Sarasota and a creative and fun Paint Party.

Each venue took us out of our daily ordinary lives and expanded our minds and challenged our thinking.

Perhaps we filled in knowledge gaps, boosted our problem-solving skills, were urged to ask questions when faced with something new, or had our creativity reinvigorated for us..

We were able to use our brains in new ways to access more of it to make us smarter and more conscious of our surroundings and of other people. These insightful perceptions changed us in some way.

We look forward to using what we have learned this summer to make us a better person.

Submitted by:

Jeri Jaminet

Sharing and Caring

A card sent to Mary Greenberg wishing her better health.

Joyce Delaney was sent a card as she has orthopedic issues with her hip and will have a hip replacement on September 28.

Get Well/Thinking of You card sent to Bonnee Hagan. Bonnee has been dealing with a rash of orthopedic problems.



Cocktail Party

Kathleen Pickering and Judy Houston, the planners of the cocktail party that was held at Paradise Grill on August 15.

At Paradise Grill
enjoying the party!
Donna Herold, Pam Swarts,
Suzanne Biviano, Kathy Black,
Carol Schwenk



New Mah Jongg Group

Hi Ladies,

Andie Mercer and I volunteered to coordinate the Mah Jongg group for our AAUW organization. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning in September, from 12:30 to 3:30. The first gathering will be September 13th. Our meeting place will be at the Elks Club, Knights Trail, Nokomis. This is off of Laurel Road, other side (east) of freeway from the new hospital .

We have several ladies interested in joining the group who responded back to Andie. If others decide they would like to join, they are certainly welcome by contacting either Andie or myself.

Enjoy your summer! 😎🌴

Naureen (DeFonzo) Zimmermann



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| 2 | Joyce Boot |
| 3 | Susan Donovan |
| 5 | Jane Brodt |
| 11 | Linda Taylor |
| 12 | Patricia Boruff |
| 15 | Karen Limkimann |
| 20 | Barbara Gahry |
| 20 | Delores Glatz |
| 20 | Roberta Lovelace |
| 25 | Judy Evenson |
| 25 | Kathleen Grossenbacher |
| 29 | Dorothy Korwek |

September 2022 Calendar

| DAY | DATE | TIME | EVENT | CONTACT | LOCATION/NOTES |
|------|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Thur | 1 | 10:00 | Duplicate Bridge | Susan Leege | The Floridian. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes. |
| Fri | 2 | 11:30 | Euchre | Charlene Turczyn | Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis |
| Fri | 9 | 11:30 | Bridge for Fun | Carol Cudia | Bridge and lunch – Ventian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance. |
| Mon | 12 | 1:30 | Book Group ZOOM | Linda Weston Hilda Dillman | Zoom Meeting via email link. West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge |
| Tues | 13 | 12:30 | Mah Jongg | Andie Mercer Naureen Zimmermann | Elks Club, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis (Off Knight's Trail) |
| Thur | 15 | Deadline for October Venice Views | | Send Word articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com | |
| Thur | 15 | 10:00 | Duplicate Bridge | Susan Leege | The Floridian, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes |
| Fri | 16 | 11:30 | Euchre | Charlene Turczyn | Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis |
| Fri | 23 | 11:30 | Bridge for Fun | Carol Cudia | Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance |
| Mon | 26 | 3:00 | Coastal Cruising | Paula Dulski | Leaving from Marine Max in Venice. Contact Paula to sign up. |
| Wed | 28 | 11:30 | Lunch Bunch | Paula Choyke | Call or email Paula for location |

VENICE BUDGET 2023

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| Net Assets - FY 2022 Funds Carried Over | | IRS 990 | \$200.00 |
| Fundraising Income - Restricted Funds | | Liability Insurance | \$300.00 |
| Available Funds in Reserve (Scholarship) | \$6,912.02 | Misc. Fees (PO Box, Bank, Foundation) | \$300.00 |
| Tech Trek | \$11,058.92 | Website Maintenance | \$150.00 |
| | | Officers and Chairs | \$1,000.00 |
| Income - Unrestricted Funds | | Memorials | \$100.00 |
| Giving Challenge (2019) | \$1,549.50 | National/State Convention | \$1,500.00 |
| Other Development Project/Donation | \$606.36 | Monthly Meetings | \$1,100.00 |
| Savings Interest | \$8.09 | Programs | \$1,000.00 |
| Added back in check not cashed | \$90.00 | Annual Meeting | \$700.00 |
| Branch Dues 2022 | \$3,192.00 | Venice Views | \$50.00 |
| Branch dues prepaid 2023 | \$1,891.00 | Promotional | \$150.00 |
| AAUW notecards | \$38.00 | Membership (Directory, Brochure) | \$800.00 |
| 2022 Giving Challenge - unrestricted | \$7,352.35 | Consulting Services (Board Governance) | \$750.00 |
| Operating Funds carryover | \$14,727.30 | Contingency Fund per Policies and Procedures | \$8,302.30 |
| | | Storage | \$825.00 |
| BRANCH OPERATING INCOME 2023 | | TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | \$17,427.30 |
| Branch dues | \$3,200.00 | | |
| Operating Funds carryover from FY 2022 | \$14,727.30 | BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES | |
| TOTAL BRANCH OPERATING INCOME | \$17,927.30 | Holiday Luncheon | \$4,500.00 |
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| BRANCH MEMBER EVENTS | | TOTAL BRANCH MEMBER EVENT EXPENSES | \$4,500.00 |
| Holiday Luncheon (100 x \$40.00) | \$4,000.00 | | |
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| TOTAL MEMBER EVENTS INCOME | \$4,000.00 | FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | |
| | | Home Tour | \$5,000.00 |
| BRANCH FUNDRAISING INCOME (Restricted) | | TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | \$5,000.00 |
| Patriotic Bridge | \$500.00 | | |
| Home tour | \$25,000.00 | PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES | |
| Scholarship funds carried over from FY2022 | \$6,912.02 | Non-Traditional Scholarships | \$20,000.00 |
| Tech Trek funds carried over from FY2022 | \$11,058.92 | Florida Tech Trek | \$11,000.00 |
| Pat Weber Scholarship Fund | \$2,000.00 | Pat Weber Scholarship Fund | \$2,000.00 |
| Total Restricted Funds | \$45,470.94 | Programs supporting AAUW Venice Mission | \$3,000.00 |
| | | Contingency Fund | \$4,470.94 |
| TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME | \$45,470.94 | TOTAL PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENSES | \$40,470.94 |
| TOTAL BRANCH INCOME | \$67,398.24 | TOTAL EXPENSES | \$67,398.24 |
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| BRANCH OPERATING EXPENSES | | | |
| Florida Annual Report | \$200.00 | | |



Venice Views Editor for September: Susan Hotzler

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Reminder for Sharing and Caring Cards.

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!!

VENICE VIEWS:

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

Text in Word Formatted File—Pictures in JPG Format Only!

Deadline for the SEPTEMBER issue of Venice Views is **9/15/2022**.