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## **Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton**

Director of PAInT Center

University of South Florida

Plan to connect with friends, bring a guest, and enjoy our first member meeting on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - noon, at the William H. Jervy Public Library, 300 Nokomis Avenue in Venice.

We kick off the 2022-23 program year with a special guest who will speak to a philosophy many AAUW members likely share: that the arts are important in education and in life! How that becomes a reality is what we're about to learn!

Dr. Denise Davis-Cotton is recognized as a leading authority in arts integrated-teaching, an accomplished curriculum designer for cultural-inclusive education, arts integration, and new school/program development. She is the Director of the Florida Center for Partnerships for Arts-Integrated Teaching (PAInT Center) at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. She shares with others her belief in the importance of arts integrated-teaching and learning in schools; thereby, garnering the distinct honor as a woman of vision, keen insight, and action.

Davis-Cotton and her colleagues believe that by practicing arts integration in - Pre-K through Higher Education - teachers can ensure that students are learning in ways that meet their unique cultural, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.

Program Committee,

Pam Swarts, Joy Mahler, Anita Kunkle and Elizabeth Ehik



## President's Message

Take a close look at your new and improved directory when it is distributed at the October 13 meeting. It should help you better understand the Venice Branch structure, goals and opportunities. We have eleven board members and a large number of committee members and chairs who assist them. For the first time you will see our Strategic Plan in the directory. Several years of effort have gone into putting it into a coherent format. There is a strategic plan committee to oversee it and keep us on track. Our members are very generous and donate to the branch, to the state and to National AAUW funds. We added a page to recognize all of our wonderful donors. If you see any errors, please contact Paula Dulski.



## ART IN THE AFTERNOON

As we get organized for another year of Art in the Afternoon, please reach out to friends, and let us know of any artists and/or storytellers that might want to participate. The storytellers get to select a favorite painting to write and read about. We want fiction or personal experiences and not a critique. Artists can be any medium--including photography that has been enlarged. We all look forward to these fun events, so help us make it even better.

Contact Trena Kelly.

## LAST CHANCE

This is your last chance to pay your dues and to be included in the printed AAUW Directory.

**September 30** is the final date to submit a check in the amount of \$98.00 to AAUW Venice. Send to AAUW Venice Branch, P.O. Box 515, Venice, FL 34284 before the end of the month.

BUT there is **never** a deadline to volunteer for the organization. We are strongest when members help out with some of the leadership positions. We have been very fortunate to have some of our new members in the last two years step up to help. Thank you to those newbies who have volunteered to be on committees, be co-chairs for SIGs, and who have accepted even board positions. In addition, we are always pleased for the long-time members who continue to be involved in some way that makes our organization run smoothly and be successful! **Thank you EVERYONE!**

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next event, SIG, or our very first meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

Patti Warner

Membership Director



## **Cook's Corner**

Our first Cooks Corner of the new AAUW year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at noon at my home, 20490 Capello Drive, Venice. Our theme will be "A Favorite Summer Food" as proposed in the spring. After a delicious lunch and renewing friendships, we will have an informal discussion as to the story behind our choice and what was very special about our summer. Please let me know if you can attend, and we welcome new members to join us for this and future luncheons.

Joan Kieran, Chair



## Meet New Member—Barb Gahry

Barb was born and raised in CT. where she attended and graduated ('68) from the University of CT. Having lived in Rhode Island, Mass. and Michigan, she eventually, returned to school and received a Master's Degree in 1982 in Detroit from Wayne State University. For 16 years, she worked at the Epilepsy Center of MI (ECM), eventually ending up as Director of Clinical Services. While at ECM, she assisted in developing a research based Clinical Drug program for patients with epilepsy. During this time, she became certified as a Clinical Research Coordinator. Working along with pharmaceutical companies she assisted in recruiting and working with eligible patients for investigational studies for the treatment of epilepsy. She was subsequently recruited to develop a similar research program for the Epilepsy Clinic in the Neurology Dept at Henry Ford Hospital (HFH) in Detroit, along with having clinical, teaching, and administrative roles over the next 10 years. Her knowledge and work in the field of epilepsy were instrumental in getting a contract to consult with the Michigan Department of Developmental Disabilities during her years at ECM and HFH. By the end of 1999, Barb and her husband decided to retire and move to the Sarasota area. As with many others who move to FL, Barb obtained a driver's license AND a real estate license, thus beginning her second career in 2004, this time in Real Estate. She is still active after 18 years and now provides mentoring for interested new agents in her Coldwell Banker office.

She has 1 daughter who lives in Sarasota and teaches at Pine View School. Her three stepchildren all live in MI, along with their only grandchild who attends college there. Having lived in a homeowner's association (Rivendell) for 22 years, much of her time has been spent working on the Rivendell Communications Committee, both as a contributing member and, at various times, as Chair. Her early years of volunteering at the Women's Resource Center and the South Sarasota County Literacy Volunteers enabled her to meet variety of new people. For the last 20 years, she has been a member of the Rivendell Book group and continues to spend much of her time reading all sorts of books. Barb loves playing piano and has been working weekly with a piano coach for the last several years.

## **Book Club Update**

The AAUW book club met, via Zoom, all summer. The June book was Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles. Then July. August and September brought the natural world. The July book was Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law with examples of human and non-human interaction around the world. In August it was Finding the Mother Tree, tree to tree interaction. Continuing the trend, the book for September was West with Giraffes.

October will be the last of our natural world books when we discuss Music of Bees by Eileen Gavin on October 10. Lynda Weston will lead the discussion beginning at 1:30, but the chance to visit and chat begins at 1:00. Meeting via Zoom continues through October. If you are not already on the Zoom invitation list, email Lynda Weston to receive the information.

## **EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA**

Tuesday, October 18 will be our first outing. We will start by meeting for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Salty Dog restaurant by the south bridge.

After lunch, Beth Gamel will lead the group for a stroll through the Urban Forest that Venice Area Beautification has created along the waterway.

The magazine Harbor Style had a wonderful article by Ed Scott highlighting the Urban Forest recently.

Please contact Trena Kelly so we can reserve a table accordingly.

It will be great to bring our cameras and get together again.

## **Evening Out**

The first meeting for the group will be Wednesday October 19 at the British Open Pub on Jacaranda Blvd by the roundabout at 6 pm.

Sign up by calling or e-mailing Melanie Odom by Monday Oct 17, Looking forward to seeing you there.

## **Mah Jongg is back!**

Join us Tuesday, October 12, 12:30-3:15 at the Elks' Club (1021 Discovery Way 34275). Donation \$5.

## Service Engagement Committee

Bobbi Amero and Kathleen Pickering have an exciting project to tell you about. It is called the Service Engagement project. The purpose of the project is to give our members an opportunity to become more involved our community and to spread our charitable dollars to organizations with missions like AAUW Venice. This new project will allow AAUW Venice to have a greater impact in our community.

How would this work? The Service Engagement Committee would recommend a charity to the board. This would be our charity of choice for three years and then a new one would be selected. AAUW members could become engaged with volunteer work and raise funds to support selected programs of the charity. Any charity selected would have to be a 501(c)(3).

Members can recommend charities to the Committee. Some of the charities that have been suggested are Women’s Resource Center, Our Mother’s House, Family Promise, Safe Place and Rape Crisis center.

There is a need for five committee members. Are you interested in helping to further design the project? Please call or email either Bobbi or Kathleen.



If we missed listing your October birthday, we apologize. There was an issue with the database where the birthdays are stored, it will be corrected for the next issue.

Susan Champion	2
Patricia Ritner	4
Janice Hollister	5
Paula Dulski	7
Degen Sayer	12
Helen Boruff	20
Marcia Semen	20
Lynn Kroll	22
Linda Patriarca	22
Leslie Curley	23
Claire S. Waddington	23
Joyce Delaney	25
Carol Murray	25
Judy Weber	28

## Tour Group Discovers Treasures

“I had no idea such great things were happening here!” This was a frequently stated sentiment by members of the September 8<sup>th</sup> outing in south Venice.

The tour group of 9 began the morning on the small but mighty campus of State College of Florida, located near the Braves Stadium. From tour host and campus administrator, Heather Shehorn, we learned about the many ways SCF Venice is unique, including its Charter High School and the near-seamless programs that help students transition to university-level course work. What struck a chord with the majority of group was how welcoming the college is to the general public, with beautiful walking paths, access to the library, a host of volunteer opportunities, and more.

Associate Director of the SCF Foundation, Lori Tomlinson, shared ways that we might collaborate, either as individuals or as an organization. Two examples are reading/evaluating scholarship applications and assisting with “Evening Under the Stars”, set for April 15, 2023.

From the campus, the tour group took a short drive to the Wellen Park Welcome Center where we got a preview of the explosive development of a premiere planned community, on schedule for its grand opening in the Spring of 2023. Lunch and great conversation followed at Louis’s Bistro.

Member Maggie Surwilo wrapped up the reactions of the majority of the tour participants: “it was an enlightening experience. To think such a fine institution is just 5 miles away from my home. There are many opportunities for volunteer work, too. The Wellen Park talk was informative, also.”





## Next Meet & Mingle

*Join Venice AAUW members  
at the Venice Wine & Coffee Complex  
corner of W. Venice & Miami Avenues*

*Monday, October 17*

*4 to 6 pm*

*We had such a good time at our August Meet & Mingle,  
We are doing it again.*

*No charge but it's BYOD....Buy your own drinks!*

*This is primarily a beverage establishment but there are plenty of restaurants within  
walking distance if you want to extend your evening.*

*To help us in our planning, please r.s.v.p.  
to one of the party planners,  
Kathleen Pickering  
or Judy Houston*

*Hope many of you will join us,  
If you know a newer member, consider extending a personal invitation  
to one or more of them. We'd like to get to know them better!*

### Sharing and Caring

Thinking of you card sent to Bonee Hagen. Bonee is dealing with some chronic orthopedic issues and with a seriously ill husband.



**Venice AAUW Holiday Luncheon**

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

**11:00 AM**

**Sarasota National Palm Club**

**25500 National Boulevard, Venice**

**Menu**

Garden Salad with Zinfandel Vinaigrette

*Main Course*

Chicken Marsala

(Chicken with mushrooms in a Marsala wine sauce)

Chef's Choice of potato and vegetable sides

Or Vegan Pad Thai

(Zucchini noodles with onions, mushrooms, bell peppers,

carrots and red cabbage in a spicy peanut sauce)

*Dessert*

Holiday Cheesecake

*Beverages*

Coffee, tea, soda

(Tickets available to purchase wine or beer)



**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

**AT THE OCTOBER 13th OR NOVEMBER 10th GENERAL MEETINGS**

**\$40.00 (CHECK or CASH ONLY)**

or mail your check to AAUW Venice Branch, P.O. Box 515

Venice FL 34284

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 26th**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Thur	6	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes.
Fri	7	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis
Mon	10	1:30	Book Group ZOOM	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	Zoom Meeting via email link. The Music of Bees by Eileen Gavin
Tues	12	12:30	Mah Jongg	Andie Mercer Naureen Zimmermann	Elks Club, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis (Off Knight's Trail)
Fri	14	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Ventian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance.
Fri	14	TBD	French	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for location
Sat	15	Deadline for October Venice Views		Send Word articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>	
Mon	17	4 to 6	Meet & Mingle	Kathleen Pickering & Judith Houston	Venice Wine & Coffee, On corner of W. Venice and Miami.
Tues	18	11:30	Exploring with Your Camera	Trena Kelley	Lunch at Salty Dog Restaurant, stroll through Urban Forest
Wed	19	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	British Open Pub, on Jacarda by Roundabout
Wed	19	12:00	Cook's Corner	Joan Kieran	Topic: A Favorite Summer Food, held at Joan's home. See directory for address
Thur	20	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridan, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes
Fri	21	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis
Mon	24	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Contact Paula to sign up.
Wed	26	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Anita Kunkle	Pop's Sunset Grill, Nokomis
Fri	28	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance
Fri	28	TBD	French	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for location



Venice Views Editor for October:

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](mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com)

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

Deadline for the November issue of Venice Views is **10/15/2022**.