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<b>AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research</b>		

## **Next General Meeting Thursday, November 10**

Ellen McLaughlin, Director of **School House Link**, Sarasota County School’s homeless liaison, will be the presenter at our November 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Plan to arrive at the Jervey Library, 300 Nokomis Avenue, at 10 am for social interaction and an opportunity to purchase tickets for the December 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon. The program begins at 10:30, and will include tips for donation materials to bring to the December luncheon.

Learning about **School House Link** will mean learning about students “in residential transition”, a term that originates with the federal McKinney-Vento Act of 1987. The law directs public schools to help any student who doesn’t have a permanent nighttime address to enroll, attend and succeed in school. School House Link provides free breakfast and lunch, school supplies, uniforms and emergency clothing, transportation , and more.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Raise a glass to better days ahead! We deserve it. Let's put those nightmares behind us. Covid has endangered our precious health for nearly 3 years. Hurricane Ian jeopardized our precious homes weeks ago. We kept in touch during these tough times. Covid restrictions taught us to use Zoom to meet from a safe distance. After Ian's devastation, we reached out to our members and thankfully learned that most of our members were safe and secure. Due to these circumstances, we felt this was not the right time for a meeting and we cancelled for October. Please note that we will be ready and can meet in person at the Venice Island Library on November 10, at 10:30 am.

Ian will have long lasting effects in our area. It will take time to rebuild the many homes and businesses that were impacted. Because of this catastrophe, it isn't feasible to initiate the 2023 Home Tour this coming year. We'll definitely consider it for the following season. Therefore, we will plan for other fundraisers to support our scholarship funds. Whatever activities are planned, we will keep you informed. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Paula Dulski

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The latest membership news is that National AAUW has extended the grace period for renewing your dues to November 30<sup>th</sup>. There is still time for you to continue to be a member during the 2022-2023 year so you can enjoy all the benefits once again. As always, send your check (\$98.00) to AAUW-Venice Branch, P.O. Box 515, Venice, FL 34284.

This year's Directory has been sent to you online already and your printed copy will be available at our November meeting. If you wish to have it sooner for some reason email [veniceaauw@gmail.com](mailto:veniceaauw@gmail.com) to request a copy.

This year of all years—"Count your blessings not the calories!" (a favorite quote of mine about Thanksgiving). We have all made it through Hurricane Ian and after reaching out to members via phone calls, it sounds like most of us are doing well even with some damages to our homes. It will be great to be together again at some SIG activities and our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Patti Warner-Membership Director

# Public Policy News

## Remember to Vote this November

To register online: [registertovoteflorida.gov/home](https://registertovoteflorida.gov/home)

### AAUW Public Policy Priorities:

- To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to address the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women and girls.
- Achieve economic security for all women.
- Guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society.

For how AAUW advocates for the above priorities see the AAUW Florida website: [fl.aauw.net](https://fl.aauw.net)

## Where to Find Non-Partisan Election Information

Use these fact-based, non-partisan resources to get ideas and information for you and your branch:

- AAUW FL website: The ADVOCACY section will soon have more detail on priority issues and questions to ask candidates. <https://aauw.net/advocacy>
- AAUW website: The ADVOCACY TOOL KIT has ideas for branch activities; C/U partners, and specifics for 501(c)(4) and 501 (C)(3) branches. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit>
- FLORIDA SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE: Access comprehensive voter information, resources, and statistics. <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>
- FLORIDA STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS WEBSITE: Provides a list of 2022 ballot initiatives.  
<https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/>
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: The league's annual voting guide details ballot measures and candidate information with links to register to vote and check your registration.
- <https://www.note411.org>

Submitted by Alice Haber, Public Policy Director

# SIG NEWS

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE



Third Thursday at the Floridian 1:00  
Susan Leege

## WALK AND TALK



It's a new Special Interest Group: Walk and Talk. Every Tuesday, at 9:00 we will meet for a moderately brisk walk at Maxine Barritt Park. We will park in the parking lot next door to Sharky's. The 20-30 minute walk will start at the big pavilion and follow the sidewalk around the pond. The objective is to improve health and get to know each other. Following the walk, we will go to a nearby shop for optional coffee or tea. Members are asked to sign up with Beth Gamel to include their email for group communication. Once signed up, you come when you can. This fun and relaxed morning is the perfect time to invite prospective new members to join AAUW. People who come regularly will get the maximum benefit from this SIG.

Beth Gamel

# You're Invited

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

Lunch Bunch will be held Nov. 17 at 11:45 at EGGS-TRAordinary Café, which is next to Mama Leones. Go to 2282 N Tamiami Trail N in Nokomis. This is a breakfast and lunch cafe with old-school touristy Florida decor.

Beth Gamel and Lydia Russo. Call Beth.

## **EVENING OUT**

For the first Evening Out of the season we will be dining at the British Open Pub on Wednesday November 16 at 6pm. It is located on Jacaranda Blvd. by the Roundabout. Hope to see you there.

Call or e-mail Melanie Odom by Monday November 14.

## **MIX AND MINGLE**

Mix and Mingle is going forward but at this time no date or place has been chosen. A special announcement will follow.

Kathleen Pickering

## EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA



Because of hurricane damage, let's meet at the Salty Dog on Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30 and we will go to the Urban Forest as we were scheduled to do in October. Just call Trena Kelly so we will have a headcount and we'll have a great time. Please call so if Salty Dog isn't open yet, I can call you with alternate plans.

Trena Kelly

## BOOK CLUB



The AAUW book club met on Zoom October 10 to discuss *Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin. Discussions are always good, but this one was special because the author joined the group for part of it.

On November 14th the group will meet again in person although the location may have to change due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. Hilda Dillman will facilitate a discussion of *Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. If you enjoy fiction based on an historical event, this book is for you. Come any time after 1:00pm to catch up; the discussion begins at 1:30. For more information or to make sure you get the latest information, email Lynda Weston, or Hilda Dillman.

## COOKS CORNER



Our first Cooks Corner of the new AAUW year took place on Wednesday, October 19 at noon at my home. Our theme was "A Favorite Summer Food" as proposed in the spring. After a delicious lunch and renewing friendships, we had an informal discussion as to the stories behind our choices and what was special about our summer. We also explored new themes and recruited hostesses for the season. We welcome new members to join us for this and future luncheons.

Joan Kiernan



Pat Perry 11/5	Irene Falcetti 11/10	Cheryl Tortora 11/21
Sharon Carter 11/6	Janet Hemond 11/13	Alice Haber 11/22
Phyllis Shonk 11/6	Eleanor Locke 11/13	Ann Murphy Herre 11/26
Boneeta Hagen 11/7	Patty Otto 11/14	Barbara Wyshner 11/29
Nancy Savenko 11/7	Wendy Orlando 11/15	Rosemary Smith 11/30
Hilda Dillman 11/8	Phyllis Barth 11/16	
Susan Luterbach 11/8	Nancy Bradtmiller 11/17	

*\*If we missed listing your November birthday, we apologize. There is still an issue with the database where birthdays are stored. It will be corrected.*



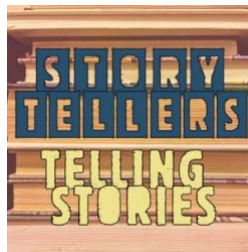
## SHARING AND CARING



Cards were sent to Mary Castell, who is undergoing cancer treatment, Joyce Majors, who was in the hospital being treated for COVID, and Roberta Meyers who is dealing with some back issues.

Marge Collin

## 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 in any medium--including photography that has been enlarged. We all look forward to these fun events, so help us make it even better. Art in the Afternoon will meet the last Wednesday of January, February, and March.

Trena Kelly

*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

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)

*Holiday Entertainment by the trio Paradise Found,  
Featuring singers Ray and Shari on guitar and Steve on  
bass*



Please make your reservation at the November 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
\$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**

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Tues	1	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, Meet at Big Pavilion, 20-to-30-minute brisk walk.
Fri	4	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Location to be determined.
Tues	8	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, Meet at Big Pavilion, 20-to-30-minute brisk walk
Tues	8	12:30	Mah Jongg	Andie Mercer Naureen Zimmermann	Elks Club, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis (Off Knight's Trail)
Fri	11	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance.
Fri	11	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for location
Mon	14	1:30	Book Group	Linda Weston Hilda Dillman	<i>Dictionary of Lost Words</i> by Pip Williams, Location TBD due damage from Hurricane.
Tues	15	Deadline for December Venice Views		Send Word articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to <a href="mailto:aauwveniceviews@gmail.com">aauwveniceviews@gmail.com</a>	
Tues	15	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, Meet at Big Pavilion, 20-to-30-minute brisk walk
Tues	15	11:30	Exploring with Your Camera	Trena Kelley	Lunch at Salty Dog Restaurant, stroll through Urban Forest
Wed	16	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	British Open Pub, on Jacarranda by Roundabout
Wed	16	12:00	Cook's Corner	Joan Kieran	Location -home of Wendy Seeley Bring a Fall soup or salad
Thur	17	1:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridan, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes
Fri	18	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Location to be determined.
Tues	22	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, Meet at Big Pavilion, 20-to-30-minute brisk walk
Wed	23	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Beth Gamel	EGGSTRordinary, 2282 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis
Fri	25	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance
Fri	25	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for location
			Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Will resume in January.
Tues	29	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, Meet at Big Pavilion, 20 -to -30 minute brisk walk



Venice Views Editor for November:

Nancy Brex

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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!!

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 December issue of Venice Views is **11/15/2022**.