

JANUARY 12, 2023 PROGRAM:

ALLIES FOR CIVILITY

Plan to be engaged and enlightened by **Jennifer Johnson, Director of Community Leadership at Gulf Coast Community Foundation**, at January's general meeting on Thursday, January 12 at the William H. Jervy, Jr., Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Ave. S, Venice. Social time – and room set up -- begins at 10 am when the library opens; our program begins at 10:30 am.

Jennifer and the team that created “The Civility Squad” in 2016-17 maintain that **civility** is the foundation of a thriving, welcoming, and resilient community. The Civility Squad is a cast of animated characters created to intrigue all ages and to promote civil discourse and civic participation in the region. (Example: A bright-eyes, banner waving creature promotes the concept of Making a Difference, saying, ‘Hold a door, lend a hand, when asked who can help, shout I CAN!)

We will learn how all of the schools in Sarasota county, many non-profits, and other community partners are integrating concepts of civility in various environments. *Could we?* Jennifer indicates “It takes all of us to nurture and sustain a culture of civility. To move our communities forward, we must embrace the differences that make our region great. Together we can encourage the next generation of elected leaders and private citizens, raise the level and tenor of public dialogue, celebrate our increasing diversity, and provide more opportunities for more people to become engaged and to volunteer in our region.”



Jennifer completed a fellowship at the National Institutes of Health promoting health-education campaigns nationwide after earning a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Hailing from New Hampshire, Jennifer loves hiking in the mountains and exploring natural wonders near and far. [Joy Mahler and Pam Swarts]

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT BEVERLY WELTZIEN

Happy New Year! It's the beginning of another fantastic AAUW year, starting with our branch's signature event. Drum roll please...**The Home Tour**. It's on the calendar for **February 9, 2024**. We'll start working this year to make it a wonderful comeback celebration.

In addition to its planning, the Development Committee (Marge Collins, Leslie Curley, Paula Dulski, and Jo Rahaim) have some exciting fun(d)raisers in the works . . . All to support one of our favorite endeavors: Scholarships.

Time to start filling in your calendars. Save the date - February 10, 5-8 pm. ***“Love, Libations & Lite-bites.”*** Get in the Valentine spirit at Jan Harris's home with friends, lovers and singles. All are welcome for a fun evening. Limited space so don't delay.

March is bringing our traditional card event “Cards for Fun” (formerly know as Patriotic Bridge) sponsored by Fran Brinkman. There's no Bridge! However, we'll have instructions at each table so all can play. Mark your calendar for March 30. Sign up early, there is a limit of 40 seats.

April is set for a great “Game Day.” This is an opportunity to bring your friends and neighbors. Form groups, come as a single or pair. Lots of activity: game types, refreshments and prizes. Don't miss this day of fun and socializing. More to come!

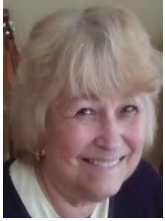
Last but not least, there's a toss-up for May. Should it be a Mexican Party of margarita and mojitos, or a special event with an outstanding speaker, similar to the Eleanor Roosevelt and Miller Baila events? Hmm...It's your chance to make your opinion known. Planning is in the works and we'll forward all the exciting details shortly.

A huge thanks to all the women who support AAUW, both nationally and locally with direct donations. Many in our membership are generous in this way. We have collected \$5000 from the Greatest Needs Fund for our branch and we currently have \$7000 for upcoming scholarships. Our members are TERRIFIC!

That's the lineup, Ladies! It's a great ways to achieve our goal of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. We are all so fortunate to have gotten an education and advanced in our careers. What a wonderful way to pay it forward to others through fun and inspiring activities for our membership. Kudos to the Development Committee!



**MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR PATTI WARNER
EVERYONE - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE
MEMBERSHIP GMAIL ACCOUNT (VENICEAAUW@GMAIL.COM)**



The gmail account is a way for members to be able to update their personal information (address, email, phone #, etc.) with our AAUW Venice branch so changes could be made to the roster and email distribution list. It is also a way for inquiring new members or interested outsiders to have contact with Membership Director about the organization. Eblasts are sent through this gmail account too.

If members have a question about a committee, SIG, or upcoming event, it would be better if they would contact the member in charge instead of going through veniceaauw@gmail.com address. All board members, committee chairs, and event planners are listed in the Directory on pages 7-11 and they are the ones who can answer your questions or hear your comments.

MAKING VENICE VIEWS BETTER FOR YOU!

The Venice Views Editorial team continually tries to make our newsletter more informative and easier to read. In order to do so we came up with the following requests:

Everything that is emailed for inclusion in a monthly newsletter **MUST BE SENT ONLY** to: aauwveniceviews@gmail.com. This is **NOT** the same email as Patti mentions above. Venice Views has its very own email address.

(1) We ask that each member who submits a notice to please keep the article down to a reasonable size. Too much information is often **not read** at all!! All submissions should be sent in **WORD** format, either as an attachment to the email (preferably) or may be written in the body of the email.

As of now, because the newsletter is posted on the internet, personal contact information is **not** to be included.

(2) We LOVE your photos! **BUT** please do **not** send them **twice**. Often photos are sent to the SIG chair and by the individual straight to the Venice Views.

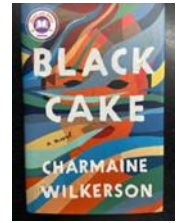
(3) Not everybody knows everybody! **Please** label your photos, as much as possible, with the event and the names of the people in the photos.

(4) All photos are to be sent in **JPG format ONLY**.

STUDY/ INTEREST GROUPS – 2022 – 2023

BOOK CLUB

The AAUW Book Club will be reading historical fiction for January. Joyce Mikulski will lead the discussion of *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson. The meeting is Monday, January 9 at the Jacaranda Library. Book discussion begins at 1:30, but come anytime after 1:00 pm to catch up with what others are reading.



COASTAL CRUISING

Boating out on Monday, January 23 at 3:00 pm from the Marine Max in Venice. Contact Paula Dulski for information.

COOKS CORNER

A small but fun group enjoyed a salad buffet in December, followed by a cookie exchange. We will celebrate the New Year on January 18 at the home of Trena Kelly with the theme of "It's All About Corn". We have committed to allow only one corn casserole! Please join us!

EVENINGS OUT

Evening out will be at Cafe Venice at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 18. Call or email Melanie Odom by Monday, January 16.

EXPLORING WITH YOUR CAMERA

Please join your fellow AAUW members and guests on our Exploring with your Camera outing on Saturday January 21. We will meet at the parking lot outside the British Open Pub at 10:00 a.m. and drive to the Crowley Museum and Nature Center, east of Sarasota. They have a pioneer cabin, Indian Village and many fun animals to photograph.

This month we will bring a bag lunch to eat at a picnic table and compare our photos by email when we are home.

Most of us just use our cell phone cameras, but better photographers are welcome, too.

We are a fun group and I look forward to being with you.

Call Trena Kelly for details.



LUNCH BUNCH, ETC.

Our next Lunch Bunch will be held at the MadFish Grill which is located at 4059 Cattlemen Road in Sarasota. The easiest way there is to get off at I-75 Exit 210-Fruitville Road and make a left. Go to Cattlemen Road and make a right. You can also take Honoré if you don't like taking I-75.

The date is January 25 at 11:30. Please contact Beth Gamel by January 23 to know her know you would like to attend.



WALK AND TALK AT MAXINE BARRITT PARK Every Tuesday morning 9:00 a.m. with Beth Gamel Have **YOU** ever walked the park?





Fort Myers/Lee County Branch, Inc.

Dear AAUW Member Chapters,

We are excited to invite you to an exciting and unique program and luncheon on January 14, 2023 in Fort Meyers.

Our program, "I Dissent," will be a dramatic interpretation of former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg by Sheryl Faye. Sheryl has brought to life important women in one-woman shows such as Helen Keller, Sally Ride, and Susan B. Anthony. Her performances are not only entertaining but educational, as they convey the profound importance these women have made in history.

AAUW recognizes Ruth Bader Ginsberg and her tireless advocacy in the fight for gender equality and as a trailblazer for women's rights. Remember her famous quote, "Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception."

The Luncheon and Program will be at The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis club, 4420 Flagship Dr., Fort Myers. The gathering is at 11:30 A.M., Saturday, January 14 at the Helm Club in the Main Deck dining room.

Luncheon Menu

Rolls, Coffee, Tea

Choice 1: Shrimp Caesar Salad - Crisp romaine Hearts tossed in our creamy Caesar dressing, finished w/pecorino Romano cheese & homemade croutons

Choice 2: Italian Chicken Cutlets w/fresh lemon mist harvest rice and chef's vegetables

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Fee for attending is \$30 payable by cash or check (made out to AAUW Fort Myers/Lee County, Inc.) RSVP by January 9, 2023 to: Carolyn Nance at cnance5240@gmail.com or (239) 785-9993.

Checks and menu choice are to be mailed to:

Carolyn Nance
11674 Lady Anne Circle
Cape Coral, FL 33991



Guests are Welcome!
Masks are Optional!

Patti Warner will be organizing car pools to this event!

**ART IN THE AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
11:30 A.M.**

Please join us as we kick off Art in the Afternoon for 2023, where we combine storytelling, music and artworks into a fun and entertaining set of performances.

Our first performance is Wednesday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the **Venice downtown Jervey Public Library's Community Room**. IT'S THE SAME PLACE AS OUR MEETINGS. The address is 300 Nokomis Avenue S., Venice.

We will be dedicating the performance to Andy Connolly who was a frequent storyteller and lost his battle with cancer.

The start is somewhat earlier than usual, but we had to take what was available at this busy location and the IslandWalk Event Center is not repaired after hurricane damage.

Please support us at this location which is more convenient for most of you. You can have a late meal, breakfast or lunch, in conjunction with this event at one of Venice's great restaurants if you wish.

Glenn Babcock will again provide lively music.

BE SURE TO JOIN US AT THIS MORE CONVENIENT LOCATION!

Call Trena Kelly with any questions and support your fellow AAUW members.

NO NEED TO SIGN UP--JUST PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR AND COME.

IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



→ **Save the date!** ←

Friday, February 10

5-8 PM



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SHARING AND CARING

LYNDA FRIEDMAN...PENDING ORTHOPEDIC (HIP) SURGERY.

**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 input from all members!**



1	1	Patsy Campbell
1	1	Ellen Elie
1	2	Joan Cash
1	2	Joyce Mikulski
1	7	Elaine Winqvist
1	13	Joyce Mahler
1	15	Carol Carlson
1	16	Betty Ehik
1	18	Pat Blair
1	18	Gail Densler
1	19	Joan Kieran
1	20	Judith Rovins
1	24	Lydia Russo
1	26	Mary Lloyd Burroughs

2022 HOLIDAY PARTY



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AAUW Elves and stockings for Schoolhouse Link children

L to R:

Debbie Blackwell

Betty Ehik

Marigene Written

Susan Donovan

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Wendy Seeley



Over four dozen stockings were donated by members and delivered to the office of Schoolhouse Link in Sarasota. The three-piece band, Paradise Found, provided festive music.



Special Recognition & thanks to
Dottie Bingman & Marge Ostrom!





Naureen Zimmermann, Dottie Bingman,
Marge Ostrom



Bev Weltzien, Leslie Curley, Gail DeVet



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AAUW VENICE BRANCH ACTIVITIES — JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Event	Contact	Location/Notes
Tues	3	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr S, Venice
Thurs	5	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	6	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, Nokomis
Mon	9	1:30	Book Group	Lynda Weston Hilda Dillman	Jacaranda Library, in person. Book: <i>Black Cake</i> by Charmaine Wilkerson.
Tues	10	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr S, Venice
Tues	10	12:30	Mahjong	Andie Mercer Naureen Zimmermann	Elks Club, 1021 Discovery Way, off Knights Trail, Nokomis
Thurs	12	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for more information.
Fri	13	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. Sign up in advance.
Sun	15	Deadline for FEBRUARY Venice Views		Send Word formatted articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com	
Mon	16	4:00	Mix and Mingle	Kathleen Pickering Judy Houston	Location to TBA
Tues	17	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr. S, Venice
Wed	18	12:00	Cook's Corner	Joan Kieran	Theme: It's All About Corn. At Trena Kelly's home.
Weds	18	6:00	Evenings Out	Melanie Odom	Cafe Venice, 101 W. Venice Ave., Venice
Thurs	19	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players experienced with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bidding boxes.
Fri	20	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, Nokomis
Sat	21	10:00	Exploring with your Camera	Trena Kelly	Crowley Museum and Nature Center, Sarasota
Mon	23	3:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Marine Max, Venice
Tues	24	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr. S, Venice
Wed	25	11:30	Lunch Bunch, Etc.	Beth Gamel	Madfish Grill, 4059 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota
Fri	27	11:30	Bridge For Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge & lunch. Venetian Golf & River Club. You Sign up in advance.
Tues	31	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr. S, Venice



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Deadline for the **February** issue of Venice Views is **1/15/2023**