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

March 9th Program

Time: 1:00 PM

**“Beyond Names, Dates & Dead People:
Teaching Historical Literacy &
Critical Thinking to Affect Change”**

Dr. Jennifer Jaso



Let's pack the house on Thursday March 9th to honor Dr. Jennifer Jaso, Sarasota County Schools Teacher of the Year for 2022 and a finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year in 2023! Dr. Jaso is excited to spend time with the Venice AAUW branch while discussing her work as a middle school history teacher.

But wait – that title just brushes the surface! Jaso is also a critical thinking advocate! She is a district coordinator for National History Day and is committed to cultivating life-long learners who appreciate the past through research, inquiry, corroboration, and project-based learning.

Jaso holds a Doctorate in Teaching and Learning with a concentration in American History. Her 18 years of teaching experience include Montessori, Gifted, Title I, and virtual learning. She is a state-wide leader in historical literacy and a founder of the Florida Council for History Education.

Plan to arrive at the Jervey Library at 1:00 pm for social connections and to assist with room set-up if able. Dr. Jaso's remarks will begin around 1:20 pm in order to allow extra time for interaction and questions.

Pam Swarts,
Program Chair

Scholarship and Tech Trek Update

The 2022 Non-Traditional Scholarship winners were celebrated on February 2nd at our AAUW meeting. Unfortunately, only Katie Cole was able to attend the reception in person, but Scena Shmucker sent a heartwarming video message. Scena also received a scholarship from AAUW in 2021. She is attending Galen College of Nursing and graduated in June 2022 as an RN. She is a Hospice nurse and is working towards her Bachelor's degree. In her message, she thanked AAUW for their support and remarked on what a positive impact our scholarship had on her and her family. Katie Cole, a single mother who escaped an abusive marriage, shared her story which was sad but also hopeful. Despite her significant health issues, she wants to continue her education to make a better life for her daughter and herself. Although I had hoped that the other recipients had attended or sent messages, I am confident that our scholarship had a positive impact on them as well.

Gulf Coast Community Foundation's scholarship site opened in early December and the application deadline is March 3, 2023. Our scholarship committee includes Marge Ostrom, Dottiev Bingman, Bobbie Amero and myself. GCCF will notify us when our applicants' documents are ready to be viewed. Interviews will be held, and the awardees will be chosen by June 2023.

Last year AAUW Venice chapter established the Pat Weber Scholarship at the University of South Florida. This scholarship is awarded yearly to a young woman interested in pursuing a career in the STEM field. Bobbi Amero and I will be meeting with Kaitlyn Kramer Reeves, the Associate Director of Development at USF to discuss future opportunities of involvement for our AAUW chapter.

For the first time since the Covid 19 pandemic, we have four Tech Trek applicants. Three have scheduled their interviews which will be completed by March 6th. Mary Fritz, Jean Norman and I look forward to meeting these young ladies. Our Venice chapter will pay \$1000 for each of them to attend the camp at either Stetson University held from June 11th to the 17th, or Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter held from June 18th to the 24th. One of our members has graciously agreed to pay each attendee's \$50 registration fee.

Wendy Seeley
Education Director



Paula Dulski, Katie Cole, Wendy Seeley



Member Profile—Nancy Brex

Nancy Brex, who is now one of the branch's three newsletter editors, grew up in Rhode Island and began her college studies at Connecticut College. When she became engaged to marry a man enrolled at Columbia, she completed her education degree at Barnard College in New York. She went on to acquire a master's degree at New York University.

After a brief stint at teaching, Nancy became a stay-at-home mom until the youngest of her three boys turned nine. It was then she began substitute teaching at a school with students from preschool to eighth grade. It was going to be a yearlong position; she wound up staying 24 years. For much of that career, she was the school's librarian which meant she interacted with students in all these grades. She also taught English and literature for grades six through eight.

While she was raising her children, she involved herself in a number of volunteer activities. "I like to write," she says. "I was an English major." She exercised that interest writing for her local Friends of the Library organization and a garden club.

Like many of us, Nancy and her husband chose Venice as a Florida base through a personal connection. She and Wendy Seeley (our branch education director) have been "best friends" since eighth grade. After several visits here, the couple bought a home in Venice. They also have a part-time residence in the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Since joining our branch, she's enjoyed the boat captained by our president Paula Dulski and participating in the book group. Beyond the opportunities for personal enjoyment, she underscores her support for the branch mission. She says, "I'm impressed with all that's going on and our support for women's education."



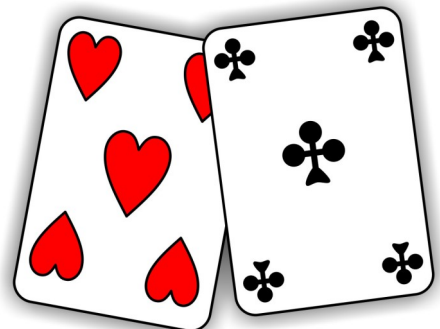
Fundraiser for SCHOLARSHIPS

Please join us for AAUW CARDS (used to be called Patriotic Bridge).

The name has changed because you do not have to be a bridge player to join in on the card fun.

The event is on Thursday, March 30th at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Light refreshments served. Cost \$15 Held at Clubside Clubhouse (Planation)

Sign up at the next meeting, March 9, with Fran Brinkman or send her a check in the mail. She will answer any questions too.



Book Club

The AAUW Book Club presents two events for March. First on March 13 Marge Ostrom will lead a discussion on *Women and Leadership* by Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjowweala at the Jacaranda Library. Book discussion begins at 1:30 but come any time after 1pm to plug a book you'd like on next year's list.

Sarasota Reads Book of the Year—Personal Librarian

Sarasota Reads is hosting *Personal Librarian* co-author Victoria Murray on Friday, March 3rd at 10:30 at the Career Building at 4445 Career Lane near Toledo Blade Road in North Port. The book which is coauthored by Marie Benedict and Ms. Murray is the Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources 2023 One Book One Community selections. This book is the April selection for our AAUW SIG book club. Hearing her speak about the book will give you a leg up on your April reading. A number of women from the book group are planning to attend. No tickets are required. Following the lecture many plan to join for lunch in North Port. If you would like to be a part of the lunch reservation, please be in contact with Anne Finger.



A comfortable chair
is no use to anyone
without a good book.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Swap Rules

Bring a book or two - anytime

Take a book or two – anytime

JUDY KOLK needs **two assistants**.

Transferring the books to and from
the branch meeting will be easy with
three members carrying the books.

New Member - Peggy Greene



Peggy's Education includes a BSN from John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, a Masters in Adult and Continuing Education also from Johns Hopkins University and a MSN, Catholic University, Washington, DC

She enjoyed a great career in nursing as a clinical nurse, teacher, leader, mentor and strong advocate for patient care, nursing and nurses. In her work one of the many privileges she had was to advance equity for women.

She moved to Florida from Maryland in 1995 to accept a position as the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) in the hospital in Punta Gorda. Over the last 24 years she has served as an interim CNO in over 10 hospitals. She took a 3-year break from hospital leadership to provide the leadership for Tidewell Hospices, 7 Hospice houses.

At this time she is happily retired and occasionally volunteers for the Englewood Community Care Clinic which provides care to uninsured residents in Charlotte and Sarasota County.

Her hobbies include reading, golf, and fooling around with a 3-D printer. She is married and lives in Englewood, Florida in the community of Boca Royale. She has one son who lives close enough to allow frequent visits with him and her grand dog.

Two New Members Who Joined in February

Cynthia Bioteau



Pat Coelho



SPRING BREAK!

Mix & Mingle

Monday, March 20

4 to 6 pm

Café Venice,

101 W. Venice Ave.

***Join other AAUW members
in a private room
at this lively restaurant
for a drink and great conversation.
Order and pay individually
for your beverage and food***

***(Don't forget to wear your name badge
as a courtesy to newer members.)***

**To help us in our planning, r.s.v.p. by phone or e-mail
to Kathleen Pickering or Judy Houston**

Art in the Afternoon March 29 - 11:30am Downtown Venice Library

March 29, Wednesday, is your last chance to experience Art in the Afternoon this year. Beth Gamel, Lynda Weston, and Gail Eason are the featured storytellers, and you'll enjoy their story as well as all the other writers' stories that interpret the wonderful paintings and photographs that have been chosen.

The location is the Venice Jervy library community room at 11:30 a.m. where there is ample parking and proximity to wonderful downtown restaurants.


Join your AAUW friends for a fun time. We include good music and a little humor, too.

Call Trena Kelly with questions.

Join us as we combine storytelling, music and artworks into a fun and inspiring set of performances.

ART IN THE AFTERNOON

Wednesday
March 29, 2023
at 11:30 am
Free Admission



Events is at the
Community Room
William H Jervy, Jr
Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave S

Co-sponsors

ISLANDWALK
3000 WEST TULSA

Venice Florida Branch
AAUW
American Association of University Women
<http://venice.fl.aauw.net>

Artist: Maggie McClellan



Cook's Corner February

The theme was The Mediterranean Diet. Nine of us met at Nancy Brex's home. We enjoyed delicious salads and dishes that featured vegetables, fruit, shrimp, and beans and pasta. It was all delicious and healthy! We were happy to welcome a new member, Cynthia Bioteau. On March 15, we will gather at Debbie Blackwell's home for an Irish-themed lunch. If you would like to attend and are not on our email list, send an email to me and I'll add your name.

Joan Kieran



AAUW New Member Coffee Klatch

All new members are invited to a light breakfast, coffee klatch, and informal chat with the AAUW Board Members on March 20th at the home of Paula Dulski, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

The Board is looking forward to getting to know you better and for you to know more about AAUW Venice.

Please R.S.V.P. by March 13th at veniceaauw@gmail.com or to Patti Warner.

Hope to see you there!



Love, Libations and Lite Bites Fund Raiser

Hostess, Jan Harris, along with her co-chair Bev Weltzien planned the event to a 'T' with help from a great team!!

GAME DAY SHUFFLE

Join us for a fun filled afternoon playing a variety of easy games with friends and neighbors. On April 20, 2023 from 2 to 5 in the afternoon AAUW presents the Game Day Shuffle in the Grand Palm Social Club. The cost of \$25.00 per person makes it possible for AAUW to offer additional scholarships. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Marge Collins by Monday March 13

Attention birding and/or camera enthusiasts in AAUW. “Exploring with your Camera” Study/Interest Group

Attendees will meet Tuesday, March 14th at 10:00am at the Rookery. This is the Venice Area Audubon Society at 4200 S. Tamiami Trail via Annex Rd. in Venice. Please meet at the pavilion by the pond. Barbara and Bob Zittel will lead the group. Both are experienced birders and camera buffs and will share their experience with us. Lunch will follow at one of the following restaurants chosen that morning: Bob Evans, Chilis, Skillets or the Metro Diner where photos can be shared. Most use their phone cameras but Bob Zittel is knowledgeable of other cameras if you want to bring one. Please contact Barbara Zittel or Lynda Weston if you plan to attend!

Sharing and Caring

A card was sent to Bonnee Hagen on the death of her spouse, Gary.

AAUW-Venice Branch General Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2023

President Dulski called the Branch’s General Meeting to order at 2:30.

Minutes of 1/12/23 Branch Meeting as submitted to Venice Views were approved.

Treasurer - Bobbi Amero

Total assets - \$35,224.46

Operating funds - \$14,279.52

Tech trek - \$11,058.92

USF Pat Weber Scholarship - \$1,000

Membership - Bev Weltzien substituting for Patti Warner

Introduced new members

Program – Pam Swarts

March 9th Branch meeting will feature Teacher of the Year Ms. Jaso who will speak on “Critical Thinking.”

Communications – Susan Hotzler/Nancy Brex – no report

Study/Interest – Lynda Weston

Exploring with Camera 2/14 canceled

Sign up sheets are available for all activities

Old Business – none

New Business - none

Announcements

There are 4 applicants for Tech Trek

Beth Gamel - Art in Afternoon 2/25

Paula Dulski – book exchange; Public Policy trip to Tallahassee; fund raisers in February, March and April; Home Tour 2-10-24

Meeting adjourned - 3:18

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Harris

Secretary



3	Kathleen	Pickering
5	Cathy	Edwards
9	Trena	Kelly
15	Beatrice	Holt
17	Patricia	Bull
20	Donna	Herold
24	Karol	Olson
30	Evelyn Harriet	Kent
30	Carol	Miske
30	Melissa	Stofko

March Calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/NOTES
Thur	2	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian. Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes.
Fri	3	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis
Tues	7	9:00	Walk & Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barrett Park, Next to Sharkey's
Thurs	9	TBD	French Conversation	Jane Metcalf	Contact Jane for location
Fri	10	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch-Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance
Mon	13	1:30	Book Group	Lynda Weston Hilda Dillman	Women and Leadership by Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjolweala
Tues	14	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barrett Park, Next to Sharkey's
Tues	14	12:30	Mah Jongg	Naureen Zimmermann Rosemary Smith	Elks Club, 1021 Discovery Way, Nokomis (Off Knight's Trail)
Tues	14	10:00	Exploring with Your Camera	Barbara Zittel Lynda Weston	Venice Rookery, 4200 S. Tamiami Trail
Wed	15	Deadline for April Venice Views		Send Word articles and/or jpg formatted photos by email to aauwveniceviews@gmail.com	
Wed	15	6:00	Evening Out	Melanie Odom	Leone's Jacaranda Pines Plaza, Corner of Center Rd. and Jacaranda
Wed	15	12:00	Cook's Corner	Joan Kieran	Irish Themed Lunch, Hosted by Debbie Blackwell
Thur	16	10:00	Duplicate Bridge	Susan Leege	The Floridian, Players should have experience with modern conventions, duplicate strategy & bridge boxes
Fri	17	11:30	Euchre	Charlene Turczyn	Paradise Grill, 1097 N Tamiami Trail Nokomis
Tues	21	9:00	Walk and Talk	Beth Gamel	Maxine Barrett Park, Next to Sharkey's
Wed	22	11:30	Lunch Bunch	Beth Gamel	Artur's Restaurant 70 N. Indiana Avenue Englewood
Fri	24	11:30	Bridge for Fun	Carol Cudia	Bridge and lunch – Venetian Golf & River Club. You must sign up in advance
Mon	27	2:00	Coastal Cruising	Paula Dulski	Sarasota Marine Max, contact Paula



Venice Views Editor for March:

Susan Hotzler

E-copies Circulation: Susan Donovan

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 April issue of Venice Views is **03/15/2023**.