



*Enjoy the company of your AAUW friends  
at the Annual Holiday Social Gathering*

Saturday January 10 2pm – 4pm

At the home of Eileen Edelson

Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to serve 8

No reservation is required but would be appreciated.

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## *From the Council Chair*

Happy New Year!

The holiday season will be brought to a sparkling close with our Holiday Social on Saturday, January 10th. This is always an enjoyable afternoon, after the rush of the holidays, when we can relax and catch up with old friends and new.

January starts another interesting and dynamic year for our Branch. The Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, will include a further discussion of the AAUW Research Projects, especially Pay Equity presented by Elayne Nahman. We will explore the possibility of two new interest groups, one on Pay Equity and one tentatively called Coffee and Conversation. We will use our three exploratory meeting process which has been so fruitful in the past.

On the horizon are programs on domestic violence, an outing to the Mount St. Mary's College's Status of Women and Girls in California Conference at the end of March and an International Women's Issues program.

We move forward into the New Year, 136 members strong, progressing on mission-driven projects, enjoying interesting discussions and having a lot fun along the way.

*Connie*

## *From AAUW CA President*

Please mark your calendars for exciting events:

The AAUW CA Annual Meeting is going to be held **April 18, 2015** at the Manhattan Beach Marriott in Manhattan Beach, CA. This promises to be a day full of valuable information as well as the Speech Trek finals.

On the next day, **April 19**, and on the same location the Leadership Development Day will be held. There will be practical, transferrable, leadership skills training especially designed for those members who are considering leadership positions

And, DO NOT forget the National Convention will be in San Diego **June 18-21, 2015**. Registration is open now.



### *It's something to think about:*

**The Village Movement** is part of a national movement that is “reframing” the way we think about aging. As Barry Kemp, the former CEO of AARP reminds us, we don't just want to add years to our lives, but to add LIFE to our years.

If you're not involved in the development of the Peninsula Village and would like to be, it's not too late. If you'd like to be on one of the many work teams, or simply add your name to the database to receive updates, let us know. You can reach us at [palosverdesvillage@gmail.com](mailto:palosverdesvillage@gmail.com) or email Sherry May, [sherrypmay@gmail.com](mailto:sherrypmay@gmail.com)



## IN MEMORY

We are sad to report that our dear **Trish Dilligan** passed away November 25, 2014.

Trish became a member of the branch in 2006. From the start she worked diligently to promote the AAUW mission and to support the branch activities. She was Hospitality chair, Tech Time chair, Membership and an all around volunteer.

When we started to get together to study the AAUW mission and the activities at National and State levels, Trish offered her home and always greeted us with delicious home-made refreshments. Thus, it was at her house and aided by her hospitality that WAWA was formed.

Two years ago Trish combined her love for Marymount California University, where she was a member of the Board of Trustees, and for AAUW by promoting the program that sponsors Marymount students to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington DC. It was because of her work that Marymount is now an AAUW College University Partner.

We will miss Trish, not only for her valuable contributions to the branch but as a dear, generous and gentle friend.

*The family has requested that donations in her name be made to AAUW-PVP. P.O.Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274*

## Notes from the Council Meeting

The November 11 meeting was very well attended with over 25 members present including Kathy Ford, a new member.

In addition to the business reports, Connie gave kudos to **Denise DeVenuto** and **Dale Richards** for the wonderful Tech Trek celebration; **Kay Odgers** and **Leann Roque** for a convivial new member gathering; **Susan Negrete** for the two excellent salons on International Women's Issues; **Nancy Mahr** for the League of Women Voter Candidates Forum and Ballot Measures programs, and to **Elayne Nahman** who spoke on the ballot measures at several LWV programs; **Judy Purvis** and **Marianne Dewar** for reaching out to the Santa Clarita branch to discuss strategies for the connections between branches, colleges and universities

The extraordinary Progress on the Village Concept was also noted with kudos to **Sherry May** who is heading the project.

The main portion of the meeting was dedicated to AAUW research. Cordelia Hwang had prepared material for discussion based on the research conducted by AAUW in the last 10 years. Three small groups were formed and a lively discussion ensued.

**Reminder:** Council meetings are open to all members. Attendance by new members is especially encouraged. Next meeting January 13, 2-4pm, Hesse Park.



Are you interested in exploring the formation of a new Interest Group tentatively called "Coffee and Conversation?"

This group is envisioned as a means to reconnect with friends and meet new ones in an informal setting.

Join us in the first exploratory meeting to discuss feasibility, possible dates, times, format, venues and leadership. All ideas and suggestions will be welcomed.

Tuesday, February 3, 2pm – 4 pm  
Home of Maria Ashla  
27516 Longhill Dr. RPV

**For planning purposes RSVP is required.** [MariaAshla@cox.net](mailto:MariaAshla@cox.net) or (310) 541-5234

### *ACT II of The Select Sorority*

**Saturday, February 21** our Readers Theater will perform Act II of The Select Sorority, written by Jacky Mason, at the San Pedro Library at 2:00PM.

This act of The Select Sorority features Presidential Wives, Lucy Hayes, Frances Cleveland, Helen Taft, and Edith Wilson played by Pilar Hale, Jane Jones, Joanne Dusseau, and Robbi Winters interviewed respectively by Marlin More.

The characters not only share with the audience details about their lives as First Lady, but also reflect the societal changes that led to the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. No charge for this presentation.

**Sunday January 11** PVP Readers Theater will present "Encounters of the Best Kind" as the program at the LACIC meeting in Whittier. Contact Marion Smith to attend.



Last WIT meeting

### *Spotlight on Women in Transition (WIT)*

WIT members meet monthly using topics selected by the group to engage in discussion and self-discovery in a non-therapeutic setting. There is no required reading or homework!

Our mission is to be an intimate, supportive, social and service-minded community of women seeking better understanding about the crucial transitions that face women throughout their lives. WIT is the first AAUW multi-branch interest group in the South Bay, with regular attending members from Palos Verdes Peninsula, Beach Cities and Torrance branches.

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 - 8:30pm!  
Contact Susan: [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)

### *A New Idea!*

In collaboration with the San Pedro Readers Theater, our AAUW Readers Theater group is planning a marathon performance of vignettes by and about women titled "There is Nothing Like a Dame."

**Sunday, January 18.** Croatian Cultural Center at 510 West 7th Street in San Pedro.

The presentations will begin at 1PM and continue until 4PM. The players will dramatically read selections from plays, monologues, and original pieces, as well as skits and poems, all relevant to the lives and concerns of women, famous and not so famous. Audience members are invited to come when they can and stay as long as they wish.

There is a token entrance fee of \$5.00. No reservations are required. Refreshments will be served.

# INTEREST GROUPS

**AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY?** (WAWA)

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10am-12 pm  
 Chair: Sherry May 310-378-4122  
 Jan 20; 10 a.m. Home of Maria Ashla  
 Feb 17: TBD

**ARTS & ARTISTS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606  
 Jan 20: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
*Rembrandt*  
 Feb 17: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
*Poussin and Claude – The Allure of Rome*

**BRIDGE-ETTES** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980  
 Jan 20: Home of Fran Wielin  
 Feb 17: Home of Marion Martelli

**CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.

9:30am  
 Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044  
 Jan 12: Home of Sharon Butler  
*The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion  
 Feb 9: Home of Barbara Prassas  
*Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

**ECLECTIC READERS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337  
 Jan 15: home of Dale Richard: *Delicious* by Ruth Reichl  
 Feb 19: home of Jan Cofer: *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren

**GREAT DECISIONS** Northside 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

10am  
 Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946  
 Jan 19: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: US Trade Policy*  
 Feb 16: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Russia and the Near Abroad*

**GREAT DECISIONS** PV Shores 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10 a.m.

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417  
 Jan 19: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: US Trade Policy* Facilitator – Larry Kittiver  
 Feb 16: South Shores Clubhouse : *Topic :Russia and the Near Abroad*

**GRAND SLAMMERS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767  
 Jan 8; Home of Sara Bowlus  
 Feb 12: Home of Betty Ettington

**NIGHT BOOKS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970  
 Jan 12: Home of Rowie Wolf  
*The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett  
 Feb 9: Home of Sue Johnson  
*Horse People* by Cary Holladay

**READERS THEATER** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896  
 Jan 12: Home of Marlin More  
 Feb 9: Home of Jacky Mason

**WALKERS** Every Thursday 7:30am

Chairs Kathleen 310-373-0946, Cordelia 310-541-3261 Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd.

**WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT)** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642  
 Jan 7: Home of Susan Negrete: Annual Business meeting; discussion of topics; how can WIT better serve its members  
 Feb 4: Home of Susan Negrete, Topic TBA

Tech Trek Committee Kick-Off, Jan 8, 10am-12pm, home of Denise DeVenuto. Lunch will be served.  
 January – essay reading and interviews.  
 April - names of campers sent to the State.

## Branch Calendar - January- February 2015

Thurs, January 8	Tech Trek Kickoff, Home of Denise DeVenuto, 10am-12pm
Sat., January 10	Social Gathering. Home of Eileen Edelson
Sun, January 11	LACIC. Contact Marion Smith (program by PVP Readers Theater)
Tue, January 13	Council Meeting – Hesse Park 2-4 pm
Sat. January 18	Readers Theater- Act II of the <i>Select Sorority</i> 2pm (see page 4)
Tue. February 3	Coffee and Conversation (see page 4)
Sat. February 21	Readers Theater – <i>There is Nothing Like a Dame</i> (see page 4)

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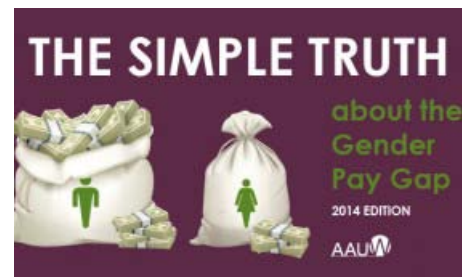


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***AAUW Mission Statement***

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



***CoastLines***

CoastLines is the bimonthly newsletter of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch.

Interim editors are Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla.

Deadline for the March/April edition: Feb 20

AAUW's *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* succinctly addresses pertinent issues by going beyond the widely reported 78 percent statistic. The report explains the pay gap in the United States; how it affects women of all ages, races, and education levels; and what you can do to close it.

Read more about it at:

<http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>