



## Annual Awards Luncheon



Join members and friends in celebration of an extraordinary year of programs and achievements!



Meet Helen Dennis, 2014 Status of Women Awardee (read more about her on page 2)



Celebrate Named Gift Awardees: Trish Dilligan and Dale Richards

**Red Onion Restaurant – 736 Silver Spur Rd, RHE  
Saturday June 7, 11:30 am**

You will have a choice of house salad or cup of soup and 3 popular entrees plus dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity.

Cost: \$28

**Reservations are Required**

Send check to Nancy Rayner. 2200 Vanderbilt Ln. #20, Redondo Beach, 90278  
Make check payable to AAUW-PVP

Questions? Nancy (310) 318-1037 [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com) or  
Kay Odgers (310) 367-0621



Helen Dennis

## Helen Dennis - 2014 Status of Women Awardee

Helen is a nationally recognized leader on issues of aging, employment, and retirement. She has been the recipient of numerous awards for her teaching at the Davis School at USC's Andrus Gerontology Center.

She is the editor of two books, *Retirement Preparation* and *Managing an Aging Work Force*, author of over 50 articles, frequent speaker and weekly columnist on Successful Aging for the Daily Breeze Newspaper Group reaching 1.3 million readers, and co-author of *Project Renewment*.

In her volunteer life, Helen has served as president of five nonprofit organizations. She was a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging and has served as an expert witness in large class action suits against age discrimination.

Helen has been extraordinarily generous to AAUW–PVP by donating her time and expertise. She was the main speaker of one of our community events, guided the exploratory meetings leading to the Village Concept Project and the formation of the Living Room discussion group. And finally she has acted as the main speaker and panelist for the Village Concept Community events at the Peninsula Center Library

## VILLAGE CONCEPT UPDATE: BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!

The response was absolutely overwhelming at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation of the Village Concept idea. The Community Room was filled to capacity of 120 people and over 100 more community members were turned away.

**TWO REPEAT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED.**

**When: Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm AND Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm**

**Where: Peninsula Center Library Community Room**

A YouTube video of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> presentation is available on the AAUW/PVP website, <http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net/> under the *Village Concept* tab and the PVL D website [www.pvld.org](http://www.pvld.org) under Connect with Us, YouTube, at the bottom of the homepage.



Front: Kathy Fitzgerald, Jane Jones, Joanne Dusseau, Judy Von Muller. Back: Jacky Mason, Kathryn Lee

## ***An Encounter of the Best Kind***

Once again, our very own playwright, Jacky Mason, engaged our imagination and broadened our knowledge during the inaugural performance of *An Encounter of the Best Kind* at the May 13 Council Meeting. Readers Theatre members introduced us to architect Julia Morgan; Navy Commander Grace Hooper; marine biologist and conservationist Rachael Carlson; astronaut Sally Ride; and the many contributions they made that benefit us all.



## Penny Royal Players Fundraiser a Success!

Eighty supporters attended the event at the Wayfarers Chapel April 21 and enjoyed a lovely evening and a lively performance.

Funds will sponsor Marymount students attending the AAUW National Student Leaders Conference in 2015.

Front: Marymount students talking about how the Conference experience influenced their lives.  
Background: Penny Royal Players

## Council Meeting Notes

**Policies and Procedures** - The membership approved four (4) changes to Branch bylaws and Policies and Procedures. (1) Increase branch dues by \$2 to \$22 effective 2015-2016 (2) Offer discounted branch dues to college/university partner member representatives and staff (3) Offer discounted branch dues to Student Affiliates and e-Student Affiliates (4) Rename the Leadership Council the Branch Council. The full text of changes can be found in Coast Lines April/May, page 3.

**Branch Elections** – The membership elected the 2014-15 slate of officers: Chair- Connie Davenport; Membership Co-chairs– Kay Odgers and Leann Roque; Treasurer– Faith Morrow.

**“State of the Branch”** - Sherry May presented the chair’s annual report. Attendees were overwhelmed by the number of branch accomplishments, and new short and long term projects that have been added to our existing projects, interest groups and community commitments.

Newly elected Branch chair Connie Davenport thanked members for the opportunity to serve as Branch chair and outlined her goals which will serve as a basis for discussion at the Planning Meeting, Tuesday June 24, 11am-2pm.

May 24, 1pm-4pm, PVP League of Women Voters  
• Candidates Forum • 66<sup>th</sup> State Assembly Dist.;  
26<sup>th</sup> State Senate Dist.; 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional Dist.  
Torrance Civic Center Library Community Room



## Branch Planning Meeting

**We need YOU!**

**Newer members are especially welcomed!**

This is your chance to share ideas, help set plans for 2014-15 and have fun lunching with friends. We will discuss what are doing well, what we can improve and strategies learned at the AAUW-CA convention..

Tuesday, June 24 – 11am to 2pm.

Seaview Villas Clubhouse on Highridge Road just off of Crest Road. Parking on Highridge (watch for signs and balloons)

\$7.00 donation payable at the door.

For planning purposes, we need to know if you are coming. Contact Eileen Edelson at 310-541-1969 [eileenedelson@cox.net](mailto:eileenedelson@cox.net)

## 92nd State Convention Report

**E3=Engage, Educate, Empower....a Formula for Success** was the theme for this year’s convention. Eight PVP members attended.. All came back feeling empowered to educate our branch and the community and to engage more deeply in the AAUW mission. Kay Odgers and Sherry May were on the local arrangements committee, and Lanna Pian was a volunteer. Also attending were Maria Ashla, Connie Davenport, Nancy Mahr, Susan Negrete and Marion Smith

Sherry participated on a panel, *Many Ways to Lead*, describing our governance system. It was a great opportunity to highlight what our branch is doing and was very well received.

## Interest Groups June/July

**AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10am-12pm  
 WAWA planning meeting at home of Judy Purvis postponed to TUESDAY July 15

**ARTS & ARTISTS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7pm  
 Chair Nancy 310-519-1606  
 June 17– home of Kathleen  
*Annibale Carracil*  
 July 15 - home of Kathleen  
*Caravaggio*

**BRIDGE-ETTES** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm  
 Chair Margery 310-514-3980  
 June 17– home of Ruth  
 July 15 – home of Dale

**CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. 9:30am  
 Chair Barbara 310-519-8044  
 June 9 – home of Penny n  
*The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman  
 July 14 – home of Kathleen  
*Man From Beijing* by Henning Mankell

**ECLECTIC READERS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm  
 Chair Jan 310-791-8337  
 June 19 – home of Dale ; *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman  
 July 17– home of Jan ; *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker King

**GREAT DECISIONS** Northside 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am  
 Chair Kathleen 310-373-0946  
 June 16– Home of Susan *Topic: Islamic Awakening*

**GREAT DECISIONS** PV Shores 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10 am  
 Chair Sharon 310-541-2417  
 June 16 – South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Islamic Awakening* Facilitator – Barbara

**GRAND SLAMMERS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1pm  
 Chair Sara 310-541-2767  
 Jun 12 – Home of Nancy  
 July 10 – Home of Nell

**LUNCH BUNCH** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Noon  
 Chair Nancy 310-377-2427  
 June 25 – PV Golf Club  
 July 23 – PV Golf Club  
 Call Nancy to confirm

**LIVING ROOM** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10 am  
 Chair Maria 541-5234  
 June 26 – Home of Maria

**NIGHT BOOKS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:30 pm (note change of time)  
 Chair Rowie , 310-373-5970  
 June 9 – Dinner at Giorgio's 777 Deep Valley Dr.  
 Summer Book: *Our Mathematical Universe: My Quest for the Ultimate Nature of Reality* by Max Tegmark (No meeting again until Sept. 8)

**Monday 6:30 pm (note time change for June) READERS THEATER** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm  
 Chair Jacky 310-377-3896  
 June 9 – Potluck at home of Jane

**WALKERS** Every Thursday 7:30am  
 Chairs Kathleen 310-373-0946, Cordelia 310-541-3261 Call Kathleen to confirm that the walk is on. Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd.

**WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT)** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm  
 Chair Susan 310-377-0642  
 June 4– Home of Rowie

### Branch Calendar

- June 7** Awards Luncheon – see page 1
- June 24** Annual Branch Planning Meeting 11am to 2 pm. See details page 3
- July 27 –** International Women's Salon  
 Topic: "Status of Women's Global Health Issues"
- Aug. 23** Fall Fling, first branch get together for 2014-15  
 Malaga Cove Library
- Sept. 21** Celebrate Tech Trek  
 Hess Park
- Sept. 28** International Women's Salon  
 Topic: Access to Safe Water



**Four Marymount students attending AAUW National Student Leaders Conference**



The relationship between Marymount and the branch continues to grow. Two students attending the Conference received branch support and two were supported by Marymount. In addition to the students three faculty members are participating

The branch group working with Marymount is looking forward to next year when new areas of common interest will be explored.



**2014-5 Dues Renewal Application**

Membership expires June 30th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer Branch newsletter by: (circle one)      E-mail      US Mail      (suggest \$10 donation to cover printing/postage)

Indicate any PVP Branch **Directory** updates or corrections:

**(Yearly Dues Breakdown: National AAUW \$49 + CA AAUW \$16 + PVP Branch \$20 = \$85 Total)**

\*Remember \$46.00 of National dues is a tax deductible charitable contribution.

	After 6/1	Before 6/1	
If Renewing Member –pay Nat'l*+CA,+ PVP:	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>	_____
If Renewing Life Member - pay CA + PVP dues:	<b>\$36.00</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>	_____
If Dual Member** –pay PVP Branch dues:	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>	_____

(\*\*Dual must have paid 2014-2015 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than PVP)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make renewal check payable to: **AAUW/PVP** - send this form with your check to:  
**AAUW PVP, 30451 Ganado Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275**



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## ***CoastLines*** June/July 2014

<http://aauw.org>  
<http://aauw-ca.org>  
<http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>

### ***AAUW Mission Statement***

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

### ***AAUW Vision Statement***

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

### ***CoastLines***

*CoastLines* is the bimonthly newsletter of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch. Interim editors are Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla. Deadline for the August/September issue is August 15. Send copy & photos to [fwielin@cox.net](mailto:fwielin@cox.net). Send changes in e-mail to [mariaashla@gmail.com](mailto:mariaashla@gmail.com) to ensure receipt of *CoastLines* by e-mail in PDF. For postal delivery send changes to Faith Morrow.

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### **RESULTS OF AAUW CALIFORNIA VOTING IN APRIL 2014**

Secretary Tracey Clark and Directors Kathy Andreini, Virginia Beck, Susan **Negrete**, Jane Neimeier and Sharon Westafer were elected for two year terms (2014-2016). They will assume their duties July 1, along with the other directors: Lynne Batchelor, Helene Carr, Cathy Foxhoven, Sue Miller and CFO Donna Mertens, as the AAUW California Board of Directors for 2014-2015.

The dues increase passed. **Thanks to all who cast their ballots!** The percentage of members who voted was 20.8%, a total of 2475 votes. That is a record number of votes and a tremendous increase over last year.