



CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch
March/April 2015

Access to Justice for Women and Vulnerable Groups

*Gain an international perspective at a talk given by
AAUW International Fellowship recipient Astrid
Sanchez-Mejia.*

*Astrid Sanchez-Mejia is pursuing her PhD in law at
UCLA, and has developed research projects on criminal
justice, human rights and is now is analyzing the impact
of the adoption of an accusatorial criminal justice
system on victim's rights in her native Colombia.*

Join our branch and our AAUW/PVP International Women's
Issues Salon for this insightful talk.

Saturday, March 14, 2015

2:00-4:00 pm

**Fireside Room, Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne
Blvd, RPV**

This program is free and open to the public.

Message from the Chair

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the branch year. We continue our wide range of activities.

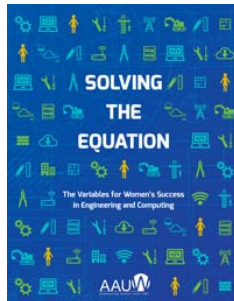
The Winter Social was a huge success and the new interest group Coffee and Conversation had an excellent first meeting and is off to a great start as building friendships and connections are very important to many members.

Our mission-driven projects, Exploring Science, Tech Trek and the Marymount NCCWSL project are all moving forward at this time of year. Our Project Funding committee has planned sustainable funding for all for the next five years.

With a ideas from WAWA's study of AAUW Research over the years led by Cordelia Hwang, some additional study/interest groups are forming under our three meeting process.

With a talk by an AAUW International Funds Scholar and both AAUW CA Conference and Leadership Day right here in LA and then National Convention in San Diego, the rest of the year looks as though it will be fast-paced, dynamic and very interesting for all of us.

Connie



Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing

From the research team who brought you *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* comes a deeper dive into engineering and computing, fields that offer 80 percent of STEM jobs but still boast dismal numbers of women students and workers.

Watch the launch event live on your computer from the new Samsung headquarters in Silicon Valley to find out why women aren't in these fields — and what can be done about it.

March 26, 2015

Time: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m Pacific/2–3:30 p.m. Eastern

Location: Online (Registration required. AAUW.com and follow instructions)

Cost: Free

Deedee Rehtin



Deedee enriched AAUW and our branch for 25 years. She enriched our community for much longer than that and in the process she impacted many lives.

18 years ago, when STEM was an unknown acronym, Deedee understood that girls needed to be encouraged to love math and science and designed an AAUW program for 4th and 5th graders. Today, Exploring Science, the program she initiated, draws girls from 11 elementary schools that continue to profit from what Deedee dreamed so many years ago.

When Tech Trek became a vital part of our branch, Deedee embraced it. She became the gracious hostess for their meetings and the enthusiastic recruiter of other women who wanted to be part of a program that opens possibilities for deserving Middle School girls. Many of Deedee's friends joined our branch and became a vital force in the program. Tech Trek makes a difference and Deedee, through her legacy will continue to be part of that difference.

There was also Deedee the friend who brought "Red Riding Hood baskets" or lovely flowers to cheer us up when we needed it, who wrote thoughtful lengthy notes of encouragement and who never failed to greet everyone with her radiant smile.

At her memorial, Deedee was remembered as a truly "class act", a handsome, accomplished, artistic, strong woman who in her life journey partnered a most successful husband, created a beautiful family and made a significant difference in many lives. We, in AAUW, celebrate her for all of her accomplishments and are deeply grateful for the years she was part of us.

The family has requested that donations in her name be made to AAUW Tech Trek with checks payable to AAUW CA SPF and mailed to Dale Richards, AAUW PVP, P.O. Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

LA County Interbranch Council (LACIC)

**Celebrating International Women's Day
Women's Progress in the 21st Century
Kolkata, West Bengal, India
Presenter: Reshmi Dutta (Ghosh Choudhuri)**

- **Sunday, March 8, 2015 2 - 4pm**
 - PIH (Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)
 - 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA
 - Information: Marion Smith,
 - mariondsmith@gmail.com

AAUW California Annual Meeting & Developing the Leader in You

Plan to attend these important AAUW-CA events that will take place in our backyard – The Manhattan Beach Marriott Hotel.

April 18

The Annual Meeting features a business session, an AAUW Funds Luncheon with a panel of board members and & a national speaker answering questions or addressing branch concerns. The Speech Trek finals will take place in the afternoon.

April 19

Developing the Leader in You is developed by the State Leadership Development Committee. It features several workshops of interest to both long-term and new members. Two of our branch members, Susan Negrete and Kay Odgers will be among the presenters.

Registrations are required for both events. Forms and full details at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

Tech Trek Update

The Tech Trek Committee selected 16 girls to attend a week-long camp this summer that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Eight girls were chosen from both Dana MS and Wilmington MS. They have been assigned to camps at UCSB, UCSD, and UCI.

The selection process included reading essays from all the applicants, and based on the essays, 14 girls from each school were chosen to participate in interviews. The interviewees from both schools represented an impressive and diverse group of students who displayed strong interest in STEM careers and made persuasive cases for selecting them to attend camp.

At each school, as the girls waited to be interviewed, alumni campers spoke to applicants and their parents about how their Tech Trek experience had changed their lives. Some mentioned that before attending camp they had not been able to speak comfortably in public before, but were now able to with ease. Others talked about being introduced to STEM careers that they'd never heard of before and about collaborating on hands-on projects. And every alumni camper said that after having attended Tech Trek, she was now determined to go to college.

At Wilmington Middle School enthusiasm and support for our Tech Trek program is so strong that a fund-raising effort led by Teacher Contact, Maricela Rodriguez, was able to raise \$500 over a period of a few weeks this past fall.

Our next Tech Trek meeting will be April 22, at 1:00 p.m., at which time we will discuss our plans for Orientation on May 31 and Celebrate Tech Trek on September 20. Many thanks to all the committee members who make the selection process possible.



VOTE FOR NANCY MAHR!

AAUW California elections will be April 18-May 8. We will elect a president-elect, a CFO, a secretary and three directors.

PVP AAUW member Nancy Mahr is running for a Director position. If elected she will join branch member Susan Negrete on the board. Nancy will be Public Policy Chair for the state next year, and will be able to perform the Public Policy duties as a Board member.

On April 18 an e-mail message will be sent to you with your personal access code and a link to the voting site. If the e-mail does not work, you will receive a postcard in the mail with instructions for requesting a paper ballot. Detailed instructions and pictures and information on all the candidates are on the CA AAUW website.

Learn more about the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village at two important events



City of Rolling Hills Estates Neighborhood Forum

Presentation by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village along with their community partners, Peninsula Seniors and H.E.L.P. Learn how to volunteer, or how to participate in neighborhood organizing for this project.

Saturday March 21, 9am to 11am
Norris Pavillion

The meeting is free, but registration is required.
e-mail AFukunaga@HELP4srs.org or call [310-533-1996](tel:310-533-1996)

PVP Coordinating Council Noon Meeting

stay settled * stay connected * stay engaged

Belonging to Palos Verdes Peninsula Village brings informed access to support and social connections that enrich and brighten the road ahead. Adding life to our years, not just years to our life.

Presenter: Sherry May, Chair of the Board of Directors, and a panel of speakers

Thursday March 26, 12:05pm - 1:15pm,
Peninsula Center Library Community Room

Free and open to the public, no reservations required

For a Bristol Farms box lunch @\$10 call Janet [310-729-3589](tel:310-729-3589) by Noon on Monday March 23.



MARCH 2015 WIT MEETING

This meeting is WIT's 5th Anniversary - 1/2 a Decade of Women in Transition!
Join our little celebration.

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

TOPIC: Remembering an Important Mentor or Teacher

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Directions: Susan Negrete 310-377-0642



And More!

A *Coffee and Conversation* meeting took place at Maria Ashla's home on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Fourteen new and long term AAUW members attended to discuss interest in creating a new women's discussion group and/or other potential new interest groups. After a lively discussion, the group decided on three possible new groups: a women's discussion group, a Pinochle group and possibly a Movie Interest group

The women's discussion group will focus on member determined topics of interest. The Pinochle Group will meet once a month to play Pinochle – novices and experienced players are welcome.

If you are interested in joining either of these new interest groups, please contact the following for more information:

- Women's discussion group – email Dale Richards at ddrichards@verizon.net
- Pinochle Group – email Elayne Nahman at elaynej@aol.com
- Movie Interest Group - Mary Shackle at pmsackle@verizon.net.

INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)
3rd Tuesday 10am-12pm
Chair: Sherry May 310-378-4122
April 21; 10 a.m. Location: home of Maria Ashla

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rdTuesday 7pm
Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
Mar 17: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Poussin and Claude – The Allure of Rome*
Apr 21: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Baroque Painting in Spain*

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rdTuesday 1pm
Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980
Mar 17: home of Ruth Bloland
Apr 21: home of Dale Richards

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon.
9:30am
Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
Mar 9: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Still Life with Breadcrumbs by Anna Quindlen
Apr 13: home of Donna Day
China Dolls by Lisa See

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm
Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
Mar19: home of Bunny Rosenzweig; *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty
April 16: home of Anne Destabelle; *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday
10am
Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946
Mar 16: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Privacy in the Digital Age*
Apr 20: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Sectarianism in the Middle East*

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday
10am
Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
Mar 16: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Privacy in the Digital Age* Facilitator–Sharon Andrade
Apr 20: South Shores Clubhouse : *Topic: Sectarianism in the Middle East* Facilitator – Larry Kittiver

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm
Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm
Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970
Mar 9: home of Maria Ashla
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
April 13: home of Judy Purvis
Orphan Train by Christina Blake Kline

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm
Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
March 9: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
April 15: 2 pm: Performance for Peninsula Seniors at Hesse Park *Encounters of the Best Kind*
Everyone is welcome, Free

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) 1st Wed 7pm
Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642
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COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
Host: Marlin More 310-791-2849
Tuesday, March 3, 2-4pm
Please respond if planning to attend

Branch Calendar - March/April 2015

Sunday, March 8 2-4 PM AAUW CA Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) see pg 3

Saturday, March 14 2-4PM Branch Council Meeting. Fireside Room, Hesse Park, AAUW Funds scholar will speak at the meeting.

Wednesday, April 15 2PM, Readers Theater *Encounters of the Best Kind*, Hesse Park, Free

Saturday, April 18 AAUW CA Annual Meeting - Marriott, Manhattan Beach

Sunday, April 19 AAUW CA Leadership Development Day - Marriott, Manhattan Beach



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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The Branch **Calendar** is published in the alternate months.



The next Equal Pay Day is Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

This date symbolizes how far into 2014 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.