



AAUW CA President

Kathleen Doty
Guest speaker

Kathleen will discuss current AAUW issues at the state level. There will be plenty of time for questions and comments.

When: Saturday, March 12, 2016 2-4pm

Where: Hesse Park, Fireside Room



Don't forget to bring your Rainbow Services donations.

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Message from the Chair

This year is flying by fast but we have some exciting events ahead of us and the celebration of some past accomplishments. At the last two Branch Council Meetings we have had dynamic speakers, Annie McBride from Marymount California University and Judy Gordon from Rainbow Services. Annie's talk about Title IX and dealing with campus sexual assaults was eye opening. Judy Gordon told us how Rainbow Services and other like organizations take care of families who have experienced domestic violence and how much more is needed. We are asking for contributions (see page 4) that will help Rainbow accomplish their mission.

At the next Branch Council Meeting, I am so excited that we are going to have the pleasure of Kathleen Doty, President of AAUW-CALIFORNIA, presenting an informative update on what is occurring in AAUW at the State level. We have invited the Torrance and Beach Cities Branches to attend, so we will have networking with their members.

In our branch, we embrace the fact we have many new members but realize that some of our Interest Groups have reached full capacity due to space constraints. So.....we now are starting five new interest groups and reminding everyone that the Women In Transition Group (WIT) is ongoing and open to everyone. Plans have started for our June 4, 2016 Recognition Luncheon which is always well attended. We will introduce the newly elected Officers, salute the Branch Named Gift Award nominees and the Status of Women Award winner, and have a great time socializing with each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

We are so pleased by the response we have received from the membership in filling key branch positions--even more so because several new members have volunteered. We encourage that because we need the energy and enthusiasm of people coming into AAUW. Those who volunteer will always be working with members who are experienced and willing to provide guidance.

Special thanks to Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla for their contribution to the branch as "interim" CoastLines editors when the need arose. And kudos to Eunice McConaughy for taking over this important task.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Council Meeting, Saturday, March 12, 2016, 2-4 pm, at Hesse Park!

AAUW CA's Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) Meets on Sunday, March 20, 2016

"Speaking Out for Women's Equality and Rights in the US & Globally".

LACIC 's March speaker is Elahe Amani, a gender, peace, and human rights activist. She will have just returned from the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York City, where she will have participated in panels and presented a workshop. If her name sounds familiar, Elahe presented a very well-received talk to AAUW/PVP about five years ago.

LACIC meetings are held bimonthly, 2-4 p.m., at PIH (formerly called Presbyterian Community Hospital), 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier. If you want more information about this LACIC meeting or if you want to talk about carpooling to the meeting, contact Susan Negrete at susimone@aol.com or [310-377-0642](tel:310-377-0642) or Marion Smith at mariondsmith@gmail.com or [310-832-3000](tel:310-832-3000).

Joining the Celebration of Women's History Month Spotlight on Courageous Women

Though the contributions of women should rightfully be integrated throughout the year, the month of March has been designated as **Women's History Month**. Schools, museums, newscasts and articles across the nation will highlight famous women and their place in the past. We join in their celebration.

Virginia Apgar (1909-1974) was an obstetrical anesthesiologist who originally completed a residency in surgery. After being discouraged from practicing in that field, she turned to anesthesiology. Considered a leader in this field and that of teratology, Virginia is best known for her creation of the "Apgar score," which is a way to quickly assess a newborn's health immediately after birth.

Grace Murray Hopper (1906-1992) graduated with degrees in math and physics from Vassar College and joined the Navy during World War 2. She was assigned to program the Mark 1 computer and lead the team that created the first computer language compiler. This eventually led to the popular COBOL language. Grace rose to the rank of Rear Admiral before retirement.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931), an African American journalist and activist, led an anti-lynching crusade in the 1890s after her friend was lynched by a mob without trial. She established several civil rights organizations and is considered a founder of the NAACP. Ida took her crusades to Washington, calling upon President Woodrow Wilson to end discriminatory hiring practices in government jobs.

Okolo Rashid (1951 -) is an African American Muslim living in Jackson, Mississippi. Dismayed by the lack of inclusion of the influences by Islam on Spain in a large exhibit coming to Jackson, Okolo organized her own exhibit in just four months that drew 25,000 visitors. With the timing of 9/11, many saw the need for the exhibit to become permanent and the International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC) was born.

Esther Peterson (1906-1997) was the first voice championing equal pay for equal work. Esther created the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women during the 1960s. She led the fight for truth in advertising and was the driving force for the Equal Pay Act of 1963. She created nutritional labels and "sell before" labels for food.

Ruth Mary Rogan Benerito (1916-2013) began her college career at the age of 15. Ruth went on to work in the textile industry, helping to perfect modern wrinkle free cotton known as "permanent press," which is often considered one of the greatest inventions in the 20th century. She held over 50 patents, many dealing with wash and wear fabrics. Ruth was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2008.

Margaret Chase Smith (1897-1995) from the state of Maine, got her start in politics when she succeeded her husband in the House of Representatives after his death. After four terms in the House, Margaret became the first woman to be elected to both the House and the Senate, where she served an additional four terms. In 1950, she was the first member of the Senate to denounce Joseph McCarthy and his anti-Communism crusade. In 1964, Margaret ran for President of the United States and became the first woman to seek the backing of a major party, running for the Republican nomination. Spending a whopping \$335, she took her candidacy all the way to the Republican convention in San Francisco, where she came in second to Barry Goldwater.

Mary Jane Patterson (1840-1894) was the first African American woman to graduate from college when she received her B.A. from Oberlin College, the first college in the nation to grant undergraduate degrees to women. Born a slave near Raleigh, North Carolina, she escaped with her family to the north. Her father then bought their freedom and moved the family to Ohio so that all his children could attend college. Well into the 20th century, black families differed from white families in that they educated both their sons and daughters. Mary Jane went on to have an illustrious career as an educator and to serve as a mentor to the African American community.

Submitted by Nancy Mahr

Domestic Violence

Then...

In 1978, AAUW-PVP obtained a grant from the AAUW Foundation to provide community education on the topic of domestic violence. At that time, knowledge about the problem was limited and very little assistance was available for victims of this type of abuse. AAUW members, under the leadership of Janet Smith, then president, and Jodie Fay, project director, provided domestic violence education to over 2,000 individuals. Education was offered at high schools, colleges and universities, to healthcare workers, law enforcement officers, and the general public. A brochure was developed and 5,000 copies were distributed to potential domestic violence victims. Work on this issue was ongoing and contributed to the 1984 creation of Rainbow Services, a domestic violence hotline, and shelter and support program located in San Pedro, California.

Today...

The problem of domestic violence is still very much with us. The Mayor of Los Angeles and L.A. Chief of Police announced recently that domestic violence reports to LAPD are up over 20%. At Rainbow Services, hotline calls are up 41% and referrals for emergency shelter are up over 50% in 2014 as compared to 2013. L.A. County and HUD are primary sources of funding to support shelters for victims of domestic violence; CA State funding has been drastically cut in recent years.

The AAUW-PVP Freedom from Fear Committee recently invited a representative from Rainbow Services to be the guest speaker at our January, 2016 Council meeting. Judy Gordon, Director of Education and Volunteers, provided an update on Rainbow Services and answered numerous questions. Rainbow Services currently operates a 24 hour hotline and has two shelters - an emergency shelter for stays of up to 60 days, and a transitional shelter where victims and their children may remain for up to one year. Counseling, case management, parenting classes, life-skills classes, and several programs for children are provided by 45 bilingual (Spanish) employees and 64 volunteers.

What WE can do now.....

- Education – we can help to open doors for education at churches, synagogues, community centers, etc. Domestic violence is found even in teenagers and youth groups can benefit from education on how to build healthy relationships.
- Contributions – while monetary contributions are always appreciated, there is also a great need for food, NEW towels and bed linens (all beds are twin sized), hygiene products, and gift cards (especially for stores like Target, Ralph's, Wal-Mart).
- Volunteering – volunteers are given 40 hours of training and provide office support (filing, Excel work), childcare during adult support programs, assist in life-skills classes, etc. Volunteers do not have to be bilingual.
- If you can help by opening a door for education or are interested in volunteering at Rainbow Services, please contact Judy Gordon directly at (424)264-0641 or jgordon@rainbowservicesdv.org.
- If you would like to contribute new twin-sized sheet sets, supplies, or gift cards, the AAUW-PVP Freedom from Fear Committee is collecting these items and will deliver them to Rainbow Services after our next Council meeting March 12. Either bring the items to the Council meeting or contact Nancy Rayner (nrayner777@gmail.com) or Margery Norris (mnorris@ca.rr.com) to make arrangements for us to collect them.

Submitted by Nancy Rayner

*Save the date
Readers Theater new production!*

**Sunday, May 15 2:00pm
Hesse Park**

Readers Theater is presenting their newest production, **Potpourri**, a collection of four vignettes about women, all true.

Bring friends of all ages– tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. To add to the fun, a potpourri of treats will be served.

This entertaining and educational performance is a fundraiser for Tech Trek and AAUW Funds.

Reservations – call Carol Torelli, 310-378-1882

Thanks from Readers Theater to Torrance Branch Past President Athena Pacquette

Last November Readers Theater performed *The Select Sorority* for Torrance AAUW at the Grand Annex in San Pedro. A DVD was recorded and donated to the group. It is a valuable tool for us to assess our performance and to help us identify our strengths and areas for improvement.

We sincerely thank Athena for her generosity.

Any member wishing to view the DVD can contact Jacky Mason.



We're always looking for a few good ideas! It's easy to contribute to the good of the branch. Please bring your ideas to:

- Elayne Nahman, Council Chair Sherry May, WAWA Chair.... Mary Shackle, Interest Group Coordinator

(or)

- Attend a Council Meeting
- Attend a WAWA Meeting.



Join the group of branch members who will be attending this significant program. The 2016 event, themed **Celebrating Pioneers**, will feature leaders whose accomplishments have helped pave the way for a just and equitable society for women and girls.

Skirball Cultural Center

Wednesday, March 30

Registration & continental breakfast 9:00 am

Program: 10 – 12 noon

We will have carpools. If interested e-mail

Judy Purvis: BJPurvis@cox.net

Make your own reservation:

<https://www.msmu.edu/status-of-women-and-girls/>

Welcome !

Annie McBride is our newest member.

We have known and worked with Annie since the inception of the Marymount project. As the Associate Director of Student Life and Inclusion Annie is the key contact at the University. She has nurtured and guided the project taking special care of the students selected to attend the Washington DC Leadership Conference (NCCWSL)

Annie has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from the University of Kansas. She moved to California three and a half years ago for the job at Marymount.

We have a new Webmaster!

Leanne Roque is our new webmaster. Thanks, Leanne for assuming this important responsibility.

The website contains important links and information. Did you know, for instance, that it has an archive of past issues of CoastLines?

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

Our role of “Interim” CoastLines editors is ending

Having done the job before, we pitched in when Marion Martelli, the incomparable editor of 8 years, suddenly became ill. Special thanks to Mary Shackle, Ruth Bloland, Margery Norris and all of the contributors who helped us. It was a temporary move, but now with Eunice Mc Conaughy taking over, we have a more permanent solution.

Eunice is eminently qualified, having been newsletter editor for other organizations. We warmly thank her and look forward to beautiful future CoastLines editions.

Fran and Maria

By popular demand we are introducing **NEW INTEREST GROUPS**

1. Art Appreciation Group (i.e. Art and Artists)
No day or time set at this point but will be in the daytime
CONTACT: Nancy Rayner 310-318-1037 nrayner777@gmail.com
2. Lunch Bunch
Last Wednesday of the month at noon
First meeting is February 24 at noon held at Fu Yuan Low
CONTACT: Jann Segal 310-372-7193 jannsegal@earthlink.com
3. Social Group (i.e. The Living Room Group/Coffee and Conversation)
Other groups are full--this is an opportunity to join a new group
No day or time set at this point
CONTACT: Leanne Roque 310-541-3525 leannr@cox.net
4. Great Decisions
No day or time set at this point but will be held at night. Spouses are welcome
CONTACT: Bonnie Durling bonnie.durling@gmail.com
5. Bridge Group
No day or time set at this point
CONTACT: Elayne Nahman 310-541-6839 elaynej@aol.com
6. Women In Transition (ongoing/open group)
Not new --- **Celebrating the 6th anniversary**
WIT thanks everyone who has participated in the only interbranch group.
Meets first Wednesday of the month 7 pm
Private residence
CONTACT: Susan Negrete 310-377-0642 susimone@aol.com

Interest Groups

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

Bi-monthly, 3rd Tuesday 10am-12 pm

Chair: Sherry May 310-378-4122

Apr 19: Home of Eileen Edelson

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606

Mar 15: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald

Beyond Impressionism – From Seurat to Matisse

Apr 19: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald

Cubism and Early Modern Painting

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980

Mar 15: home of Margery Norris

Apr 19 : home of Sue Johnson

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Group over- subscribed. New group forming

Those interested contact Leann Roque 310-541-3525

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon.

9:30am

Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044

Mar 14: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald

Orchardist by Amanda Coplin

Apr 11: *Secret History* by Donna Tart

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337

Mar 17: home of Margery Norris - *Euphoria* by

Lilly King

Apr 21 home of Mary Shackle – *The Billion Dollar*

Spy by David E. Hoffman

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946

Mar 21: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: The Rise of*
Isis

Apr 18: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: The Future*
of Kurdistan

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday 9.30 a.m.

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417

Mar 21: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: The*
Future of Kurdistan

April 18: *Migration*

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

Mar 10: home of Carol Torelli

Apr 14: home of Ginny Whittier

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970

Mar 14 – home of Fran Wielin - *The Boys in the*
Boat by Daniel James Brown

Apr 11 – home of Ruth Bloland – *The Notorious*
RBG by Irin Camon and Shana Knizhnik

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896

March 14. 7:00pm Home of Pilar Hale – casting
Potpurri

April 11 7:00 pm Home of Jacky Mason-Rehearsal
for *Potpurri*

WALKERS Every Thursday

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 7 pm

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642

March 2: Jazz Expression Fundraiser

April 6: Music & the Special Way It Connects With
Memory

Call Susan for details

PINOCHLE 4th Tues 1p.m.

Chair Barbara Gerber 310-377-0441

Location TBD

EXPLORING THE VICTORIAN AGE

This new interest group has been exploring life in the Victorian age through lectures on DVD by scholars of the era. Lively discussions follow while learning how the Victorians influenced life today. New members are welcome!

If you would like to know more about this fascinating subject call Jacky Mason 310-377-3896. Meetings are at Maria Ashla's home, 7pm, third Wednesday.

Make sure to RSVP (310) 541-5234
MariaAshla@cox.net



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

CoastLines

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Branch Calendar

March 12	Branch Council, Hesse Park, 2-4pm
March 20	LACIC Meeting, Whittier, 2-4pm
April 15-17	AAUW CA Convention, San Mateo
May 15	Readers Theater New Production
June 4	Recognition Luncheon, Red Onion