



We wish you and your families a happy Holiday Season!

From the Council Chair

During September and October our Branch continued the fast-paced, mission-driven, member-driven, community service programs that have been so successful in raising the profile of the branch and attracting new members.

The Tech Trek Celebration was a totally captivating event showing how well the campers can express themselves and how excited they are by the learning and possibilities opened up to them by this program.

The Candidates Forum and the Ballot Propositions programs where we assisted the LWV were very well attended and much appreciated by voters in PV.

The two International Women's Issues programs, one on Safe Access to Water, and the second on Micro-lending, helped to raise community awareness of those issues.

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The PVP Village, now incorporated, has moved out into the community but AAUW / PVP, designated a founding partner, is still very involved in every aspect. There was an organizational meeting in early September at which over 60 people signed up to work on the development phase. Work has begun on branding, developing a business plan, a budget, a fundraising plan, a marketing plan, etc. The fast forward movement continues.

To me, one of the highlights of October was the AAUW Funds Luncheon, where nine recipients of the AAUW Fellowship and Grants spoke about their research. One of the fellowship recipients, Reout Arbel, was partially funded by our Branch.

In November and December we will be a little more relaxed, with time to visit with our Branch friends at the various Interest Group parties. The Holiday Social on January 10th will bring the holiday season to a very enjoyable close.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Holiday Season,

Connie

Celebrating Tech Trek

Each summer AAUW-PVP sends rising eighth grade students from Wilmington and Dana Middle Schools to week-long summer camps. The girls attend Tech Trek camps at UC Irvine, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara and participate in classes, projects, and field trips that focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.)

On September 21 the girls, their families, and AAUW members gathered at Hesse Park to celebrate the completion of the camp experience. AAUW members heard first-hand how this program is influencing these students to pursue a STEM career. Katie, a student attending Dana Middle School, stated that going to Tech Trek Camp “reinforced my plan to major in Marine Biology and attend UCSB.”



Tech Trek campers

Photo by Joe DeVenuto

Former campers who have demonstrated leadership may attend Tech Trek Camp again as a Junior Counselors. Kimberley, who attended UCSB in 2012 said that her experience this summer as a Junior Counselor enabled her to see the camp experience from another perspective and made her “more mature and responsible.” This was the first year that an AAUW/PVP former camper returned as a Junior Counselor. We hope to recommend another former camper for next summer.

The 20 members of the Tech Trek Committee work throughout the school year to raise funds for camp scholarships and to select candidates who are nominated by their science or math teacher. We look forward to another exciting year working together to find another group of talented and deserving girls. *Denise DeVenuto*



Two of our campers and their families

Photos by Myrna Plost

Thank you

To all the volunteers who helped to make the 2014 Tech Trek Celebration so successful.

Special thanks to Patty Dilks who chaired the Refreshment committee and to Carolyn Ayers who provided the beautifully wrapped cookies. Thanks also to Patty Dilks and Judy Purvis who directed the Science Experiment.

And special thanks to the Tech Trek Chairs, Dale Richards and Denise DeVenuto who made the 2014 Tech Trek year possible.

If you would like to donate to 2015 Tech Trek program make your check in any amount payable to **AAUW CA SPF** and write AAUW PVP in the memo line.

Checks should be sent to Dale Richards at 3124 Palos Verdes Drive N, Palos Verdes Estates CA 90274.

THANK YOU 2014 Camp Season TECH TREK DONORS

Fifteen scholarships were possible because of the following donors.

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Judy and Marianne at the Santa Clarita Branch meeting

AAUW Santa Clarita Branch invites our branch to discuss our experience with the Marymount Project

On October 11, Judy Purvis and Marianne Dewar attended the Oct. meeting of AAUW Santa Clarita Branch. Branch members, representatives of College of the Canyons, and Marianne and Judy discussed strategies for the mutually beneficial connection between branches and colleges or universities.

Santa Clarita members were eager to hear the value of sending students to National Council of College Women Student Leaders. (NCCWSL, known as “Nicwhistle”) and were appreciative of Judy’s and Marianne’s input.

AAUW Funds Luncheon

Several branch members attended AAUW CA's Annual Southern California Funds Luncheon on October 19. They were delighted to meet Reout Arbel. Reout is a post-doctoral student at USC, studying clinical psychology. A native and resident of Israel, Reout's AAUW fellowship is partially funded by AAUW/Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch.

Reout holds a bachelor's degree from Hebrew University and master's and doctoral degrees from Haifa University in clinical psychology. She practiced clinical psychology for ten years, working primarily with victims of domestic abuse. But her observation of intergenerational domestic abuse led her to seek her post-doctorate, where her research focuses on a bio-psychosocial perspective on understanding intergenerational transmission of aggression and its implications for women's health.

She is truly a lovely woman, and we can be proud of our partial support for her studies. *Marion Smith*

Readers Theater

A NEW IDEA

Sunday, January 18, noon to 4pm, 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”. The presentation will be held at the Croatian Cultural Center at 510 West 7th Street in San Pedro. The players will dramatically read selections from plays, monologues, original pieces, and poems all relevant to the lives and concerns of women, famous and not. Audience members are invited to come when they can and stay as long as they wish. There is a token entrance fee of \$10.00. Refreshments will be served. *Jacky Mason*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Ford (Dual Member) Kathy graduated from UCLA with a BA and an MBA. She is interested in WIT, Tech Trek, Marymount Connection, Great Decisions and Branch Council.

Sandra Smith graduated from CSU Los Angeles. She is interested in WIT, Great Decisions, Art & Artists and Gourmet Dining Out.

Anastasia Law graduated from Ravene School in Berlin. She is interested in Exploring Science, Branch Council, International Women's Issues, Art & Artists and the Walking group.

Judith Milestone (Dual Member) Smith College and the University of Pennsylvania. Judy is interested in WIT, Book groups, Great Decisions, Readers theater and Walkers.

June Schwarzman June attended CSU Dominguez Hills for a BA and MA. She is interested in WIT, Great Decisions and Readers Theater.

Peggy Tigerman attended MacMurray College, the University of Kansas and University of Iowa for AB, MA and PhD. She is interested in the Marymount Connection, Great Decisions, Readers Theater and Bridge.

Halina Stroll attended CCNY and Northwestern for her BS and MS. She is interested in Book Groups and Walkers.

Joanne Wuerker (Scotty) graduated from Occidental College and CSU Long Beach. She is interested in Great Decisions.

New Member Gathering

New members attended a get together at the home of Membership Co-Chair Leann Roque on October 18. In an informal setting they talked about what attracted them to AAUW/PVP and explored how they could get fully involved.

Several members in leadership positions were on hand to welcome them and to answer questions.

Know of a member who would appreciate hearing from us?

Margery Norris, our gracious social correspondent, will be happy to send a handwritten note to anyone who is ill or has suffered a loss. Please contact Margery (310) 514- 3980 or mnorris@ca.rr.com

ANNUAL JANUARY SOCIAL GATHERING

Saturday, January 10, 2015 2pm - 4pm, at the home of Eileen Edelson

Guests will be asked to bring an appetizer or dessert for 8
Look for further information in the January-February issue of Coastlines

NEXT LACIC MEETING

AAUW CA Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) meets next on Sunday, November 9, 2-4 p.m., at PIH (Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier. Here's a description of the afternoon's program:

KBUG

That's the acronym for AAUW Beach Cities Branch's new "coaching model" Know Before You Go, designed to pair up former Tech Trek students (mentees) with branch members (mentors). It is the brain child of Dayla Sims, a branch member who will be on hand to tell us all about this pilot program and how it came into being. The impetus for initiating this pilot was AAUW's Graduating to a Pay Gap published in an October 2012, article entitled "High Student Loan Debt Burden" describing the nation's post graduation debt average of \$26,000.

Through the use of specialized software, mentors will be able to guide students toward an accurate cost benefits analysis prior to college recruiters overwhelming them with numbers and promises to prior entering colleges/universities. In addition, this software will enable students to match their skills with jobs, including jobs in the all important STEM fields.

You won't want to miss Dayla's presentation and learn more about this wonderful new program that targets and guides our Tech Trek campers on the next phase of their educational journey.

Contact Marion Smith at mariondsmith@gmail.com or 310.832.3000 if you want to talk about carpooling to the meeting.

Want to contribute to AAUW Funds the easy way?

Get Bristol Farms' **SCRIP** (certificate of money). It's simple; use it like cash at Bristol Farms for all your holiday food and edible gifts. Bristol will donate 8% to AAUW graduate Fellowships and Project Grants to further educational opportunities for women. Scrip can be redeemed anytime, it doesn't expire. It's an easy way to support the AAUW mission.

Order as little as \$50, or more from Cordelia (cordeliahwang@yahoo.com) or purchase at the November 11, 2014 Council meeting.

Interest Groups

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

3rd Thursday 10am-12pm
 Chair: Sherry May 310-378-4122
 Nov 18: Home of Judy Purvis

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
 Nov 18: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Peter Paul Rubens*
 Dec 16: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Dutch Painting in the 17th Century*

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980
 Nov 18: Home of Sue Johnson
 Dec 16: AAUW Bridge Party, 11:30am Fran's clubhouse, RSVP to Margery

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon.

9:30am Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
 Nov 10: home of Donna Day; *The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
 Dec 8: Holiday Luncheon , 11.30 a.m. at Trumps

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
 Nov 20: home of Mary Shackle; *Silkworm* by Robert Galbraith
 Dec. 18: Holiday Luncheon – 11.30a.m. PVE Country Club

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday

10am Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946
 Nov 17th: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: China's Foreign Policy*
 December: No meeting. Kathleen is collecting in November for the new books – last chance!

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday

10 am Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
 Nov 17: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: China's Foreign Policy* Facilitator – Patty Dilks
 December: No meeting

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
 Nov 13: Hosted by Fleur Yano
 Dec 16: AAUW groups Holiday Party, 11:30am, Fran's Clubhouse, RSVP to Margery

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7:00 pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970
 Nov 10: home of Leann Roque
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
 Dec 8: Holiday dinner at Luna Rossa, Promenade of the Peninsula RHE at 6.30p.m.

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
 Nov 3: Home of Jacky Mason, reading and casting for our upcoming performances. New members welcome. Please call Jacky if you would like to attend.

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) 1st Wed 7pm

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642
 Nov 5: Topic: *Thoughts on Tradition(s)*
 Home of Rowie Wolf – call her for directions.
 RSVP by Sunday, November 1, (310) 373-5970

Branch Calendar (November - March)

Nov 9	2-4 pm LACIC
Nov 11	2-4 pm Branch Council Meeting Hesse Park
Jan 10	2-4 pm Annual Social Gathering Home of Eileen Edelson
Jan 11	2-4 LACIC
Jan 13	2-4pm Branch Council Meeting Hesse Park
Mar 8	2-4 pm LACIC
Mar 14	10:30 – 12:30 pm Branch Council Meeting Hesse Park



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

Value Promise – By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Vision Statement – AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

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

Interim editors are Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla.
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Some of what we do...



Upcoming Research

Moving the Needle: Women in Engineering and Computing

AAUW’s upcoming research report will feature the latest data on girls’ achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done. Sign up to be the first to know the findings in early 2015.