



Celebrate our own TechTrek!

- Meet the campers AAUW/PVP & our friends sponsored in 2014
- Greet campers' families
- Witness the excitement of the girls as they talk about their experiences
- Find out how you can get involved
- Enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes

Sunday, September 21

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Hesse Park

Member/Guest cost \$10 at the door

No cost for campers and their families

Psst..... remember to bring your checkbook; this is our premier program designed to encourage Middle School girls to pursue STEM careers.

From the Chair

Fall Fling started our 2014-15 year off with a cheer for our Branch and for AAUW! Over 40 members and guests gathered in the beautiful gallery room of the Malaga Cover Library to enjoy tea and conversation. Fall Fling is the one time of the year when all of our Interest Groups and Special Projects meet in one room and all that AAUW/PVP has to offer is on display. And the display is very impressive. Some Interest Groups and Special Projects date from the beginnings of the Branch and some just started last year. They all contribute to the fellowship, vitality, and unique profile of our Branch.

As we start the fifth year of our new and evolving branch organizational structure, there is an emphasis on member-driven projects and programs and on mission-through-action. We are an organization in which activities and interests are decided by consensus and where new Interest Groups can be developed through our three-meeting process.

'Active', 'Interesting', 'Fun', and 'Community-Involved' are all words used to describe our Branch at the recent planning meeting. And, it was agreed there that our current path of collaborative action is the direction in which the Branch should continue.

With four major programs and events scheduled in September, and then joining LWV for two election-related programs in early October, I see another very interesting and productive year ahead for AAUW/PVP...

Connie



Kudos to Carol Torelli and her team for a beautifully organized Fall Fling! The lovely flowers and delicious food greatly contributed to the event's success!

Carol Torelli, Kathy Fitzgerald, Eileen Edeldson part of the Hospitality Group,

AAUW at Marymount



Cynthia Vidrio at Fall Fling

Cynthia Vidrio oozed enthusiasm as she told the Fall Fling audience about her experience at National Conference of College Women Student Leaders and her plans for recruiting students for their Marymount Campus AAUW Club. "Awesome, Mind-blowing, and Empowering" were the three words she used to describe her time in Washington this past June. She told of the inspiring keynote speech by Chelsea Clinton, and of hearing and meeting other women leaders. She connected with Campus Club officers from other schools and met a woman who will mentor her as she works toward her personal goal of working abroad. She thanked us on behalf of all four students who attended.

As president of AAUW Marymount, Cynthia is busy recruiting new members for that organization and planning the programming for this year. She says she is eager to maintain a strong connection between that club and AAUW/PVP.



Wilmington Tech Trekkers with teacher Mrs. Rodriguez (center) who is the program's contact at the school



Dana Tech Trekkers with teacher, Mr. Rueter who is the program's contact at the school

Tech Trek Report

Hearing from Tech Trek campers about their fun and broadening experiences while learning about STEM is one of the highlights for all of us who contribute toward the success of this program. Alina Morales attended Tech Trek at UCI in July. She states in a thank you note addressed to the PV Branch: "I would like to thank you for paying for my scholarship. Without you, I wouldn't have the best week of my life. This week is truly my inspiration to succeed and reach my goal to become a forensic scientist. This week is going to be another reason why I'm thankful on Thanksgiving Day. It was super fun, and I feel twice as smart in the math and science field." Alina's thank you note is one among the many we receive at the end of summer each year expressing appreciation for the life changing experience that Tech Trek provides.

Many Tech Trek campers continue to show their enthusiasm for the program by participating as volunteers to help Tech Trek committee members with school events that promote interest in the program such as Parent Information Nights, distributing brochures, or attending Orientation and Celebrate Tech Trek to share their camp experience. Mia Lecesse attended Tech Trek at UCSB in 2013. She consistently stays in touch with Committee Member Carolyn Ayers by sending her Thanksgiving Day cards and recently a post card from Italy. Mia convinced her yearbook adviser at Dana MS to allow her to include a page that includes photos and information about the Tech Trek program, motivated by her desire to interest younger students to apply.

Kimberly Solorio attended Tech Trek at UCSB in 2012. Due to her consistent initiative and leadership in assisting Committee members with events designed to promote Tech Trek at her school and to select students for the program, she was selected to be a Junior Counselor at UCSB in 2014. Join us at Hesse Park on September 21 to Celebrate Tech Trek and meet some of the girls in whose lives you have made such a difference.

Denise De Venuto

Editor's Note:

Special thanks to Dale Richards and Denise De Venuto – the wonderful Tech Trek Coordinators whose work makes the program possible



Women's Safe Access to Water: A Global Health Safety Issue

Dr. Tom Williams – International Water Specialist

Sunday, September 28, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Hesse Park, Fireside Room

This is the third event presented by the AAUW-PVP highlighting International Women's Issues
 Admission is free and open to the public

RSVP – Seating is limited. Susimone@aol.com or (310) 377-0642

Branch to Approve 2014-2015 Operating Budget

The 2014-2015 branch operating budget was approved by Leadership Council members in August and is presented below for general membership review. At the September 21, 2014 general meeting at Hesse Park, members in attendance will be asked to vote their approval of this budget. Any questions regarding the budgeting process or any line item on the budget should be addressed to a member of the Finance Committee (Faith Morrow, Rowie Wolf or Connie Davenport) prior to the September meeting.

	2013 -2014 Actual	2014-2015 Proposed
Income		
Branch Dues	2,483.00	2,400.00
Donations to Branch	27.00	150.00
Coast Lines	150.00	100.00
Events net	363.06	0.00
Reserve withdraw	78.28	1,245.00
Total	3,101.34	3,895.00
Expenses		
*General Operating	550.10	725.00
CoastLines	408.38	500.00
Directory	167.80	250.00
Membership	56.09	200.00
Programs/Hospitality		525.00
**Convention/Seminars	990.00	1,000.00
CA assessments	101.00	125.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	188.02	200.00
Donation to EF/LAF	266.00	250.00
Village Concept	254.07	0.00
Branch Website	119.88	120.00
Total	3,101.34	3,895.00

Notes:

* The primary item in General Operating is insurance which we are required to take through AAUW-CA. It is close to \$500.

** The AAUW-CA will be local (San Diego) in 2015. \$1,000 will be divided by those attending.

INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

3rd Tuesday 10am-12pm

Chair: Sherry May 310 378-4122

Sept 16: Home of Maria Ashla

Oct 21 :Home of Eileen Edelson

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rdTuesday, 7pm

Chair: Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606

Sept 16: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Italian Baroque in Rome*

Oct 21: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Gian Lorenzo and Bernini*

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rdTuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980

Sept 16: Home of Margery Norris

Oct 21: Home of Mary Palmer

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon. 9:30am

Chair: Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044

Sept 8: Home of Marilyn Morton

Defending Jacob by William Landry

Oct 13: Home of Donna Day

Luminaries by Eleanor Catton

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair: Jan Cofer 310-791-8337

Sept 18: Home of Myrna Plost; *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Oct 16: Home of Faith Morrow; *Still Life With Breadcrumbs* by Anna Quindlen

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946

Home of Susan Wallace

Sept 15: Topic: *Energy Independence*

Oct. 20: Topic: *Food and Climate*

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday 10 a.m.

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417

Sept.15: South Shores Clubhouse

Topic: *Energy Independence* Facilitator – Holly Cain

Oct. 20: Topic: *Food and Climate* Facilitator – Jan Gardner

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

Sept 11: Home of Judy Purvis

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970

Sept 8: Home of Mary Shackle

Our Mathematical Universe: My Quest for the Ultimate Nature of Reality by Max Tegmark

Oct 13: Home of Ruth Bloland

The Language of Flowers

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896

Sept. 8: Home of Pilar Hale

Planning session. Call Jacky if planning to attend

Oct. 6: Home of Jacky Mason

Note: Change of second to first Monday

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

Sept 3: Private Residence, 612 Gertruda Ave. Redondo Beach

Topic: The Value of Journaling

Oct.1: 708 Yarmouth Rd., PVE

LUNCH BUNCH

Due to health concerns Nancy Kellogg will no longer be able to chair the group. Lunch Bunch is cancelled as of now.

Nancy thanks those who recently participated: Mary Shackle, Grace Leonard, DeeDee Rehtin, Ginny Whittier, Penny Stein, Barbara Todd, Carol Wharton, Holly Cain and Peggy Costello. In turn, the group thanks Nancy for being such a dedicated and gracious host for so many years.



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Organizing Meeting
Palos Verdes Village
Saturday, Sept 6, 1:00-3:00 pm
Hesse Park
RSVP 310-378-0721"

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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**BRANCH CALENDAR
2014**

- Sept. 9** Branch Council Meeting – 2-4 pm
Hesse Park
- Sept. 21** Celebrate Tech Trek
2-4 pm Hesse Park
- Sept. 28** International Women’s Event
2-4 pm. See pg. 4
- Oct. 8** League of Women Voters Candidates Forum
Hesse Park 7-9 pm
- Oct. 14** League of Women Voters November Ballot Propositions Pros and Cons
Peninsula Center Library 7-9 pm
- Nov. 11** Branch Council Meeting – 2-4 pm
Hesse Park