

Fall Fling

 Come to the branch annual opening meeting and reconnect after the summer break

Bring friends and introduce them to the branch

Find out what our community projects and interest groups are doing. Learn about upcoming programs and events

Saturday, August 23 2-4pm
Malaga Cove Library, Gallery Room

Member cost \$15 - No charge for guests

Reservations: Mary Shackle (address in the Directory)
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Checks payable to AAUW-PVP

Parking is limited. See suggestions on page 3



From the Council Chair....

Fall Fling is a time to welcome back long-time members and greet new friends.

'Active', 'Community-Involved', 'Interesting', and 'Fun' are all words used to describe our Branch at the recent planning meeting. Surely this describes an organization that many of your friends and neighbors would like to join.

Please come and bring your friends (guests are free) to see all that AAUW/PVP offers.

Our Branch has many aspects, all of which will be on display at Fall Fling. This is the one time to get a true overview of our Branch, with tables and displays from all fifteen Interest Groups and five Special Projects in one room.

With our new 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.

Mission-through-action is exemplified in our *community-involved* Special Projects such as Tech Trek, the Village, Readers Theater, Marymount Liaison, and Exploring Science.

Many Interest Groups are opportunities for *interesting* discussions of international relations, world problems, art and artists, international women's issues, books and women in transition.

Fun with friends is certainly represented by our Bridge, Lunch, and Walking Interest Groups as well as in working on projects together.

Connie



The Village: A Dream is Becoming a Reality

Over 350 people attended one of the three meetings in the Peninsula Center Library in May about the Village Concept. Thanks to so many AAUW-PVP members the meetings were a great success. If you were there you know the excitement and interest in developing a Village in our community. Over 120 people expressed interest in participating in some way in its development.

Since then lots has been happening. A database has been set up with basic information about the attendees. Regular communication with attendees through e-mails and our web-site has begun, key members of the community interested in Village development are being identified and an initial meeting will be scheduled this summer. We have become members of the national Village to Village Network which provides access to basic resources in establishing a village.

Keep yourself informed. Check out the updates that are posted on our web-site <http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net> and let us know how you want to be involved.



Helen Dennis and Sherrv Mav



Helen Dennis and Jacky Mason

Awards Luncheon - A delightful end of the operating year

The luncheon was a festive and lively affair attended by approximately 50 members.

Sherry May was loudly acclaimed for her leadership of the last two years. She was visibly touched when presented with the surprise gift of a beautifully bound leather book containing personal notes and messages from members. Trish Dilligan and Dale Richards were presented with the Named Gift Honorees certificate in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the Marymount Connection and Tech Trek respectively.

The program culminated with the presentation of the AAUW-PVP Status of Women Award to Helen Dennis. Jacky Mason made the presentation and recounted Helen's national and international accomplishments as well as the specific support she has given the branch. Helen expressed her gratitude for the honor and told us how impressed she was with the success of the Village Concept project.

Kudos to Kay Odgers, the event organizer, and to all the others who made this such a successful end-of-year celebration.

Branch Planning Meeting

In June, 24 members met at Fran Wielin's Clubhouse, enjoyed a delicious lunch and worked on establishing plans for the 2014-2015 operating year.

The meeting was facilitated by incoming chair Connie Davenport and began with Sherry May's summary of last year's accomplishments. (See page 4)

When Connie asked us to use one or two words to describe the branch today, the responses were extremely positive. We saw the branch as innovative, engaged, forward looking, democratic, welcoming and inclusive.

In terms of next year, we agreed to continue the branch model which includes: flexible and short term commitments and "membership without guilt" – if no one volunteers it does not happen. The Three Meeting Process to explore new ideas, flexible group(s) to advise the chair and ways to enhance collaboration with community groups will continue.

We saw as challenges our "aging" membership with resulting diminishing energy, but were encouraged by the many new members, and discussed methods to enhance their integration. There were many specific suggestions covering all phases of branch operation which will be followed up by the appropriate individuals.

Thank you to the "hospitality" group who provided lunch and arranged the setting. Their work greatly contributed to the success of the meeting.



We need your help with parking for Fall Fling!

Parking at the Malaga Library is limited. Some street parking is available. Please carpool if possible – you can drop off friends at the Library.

You may park at Malaga Cove Plaza and walk up, or call Fran's cell at 310-819-7142 for a shuttle.

It Was a Very Good Year!

- Members are engaged and energized; about 25 participate in our bi-monthly councils
- Growing Membership and outreach to new members is strong – 23 new members last year (We are now about 135)
- Solid financial situation- \$2 increase in 2015 will enable us to support and develop our programs
- Strengthened communications: Website, CoastLines, publicity and a new Communications Working Group will focus on the integration of all our written and online communications
- WAWA has helped us renew our focus on the mission and continues to focus on public policy and AAUW Funds and functions as an incubator for new programs
- Emphasis on collaboration with other groups and community involvement (about 10 groups)
 - League of Women Voters
 - PV Library District for joint community programs
 - Marymount CA University
 - With other branches: (WIT), (TT) Tech Trek Orientation, (RT) Readers Theater
 - Girl Scouts: Exploring Science
 - Peninsula Seniors:
 - PennyRoyal Players
 - PV Land Conservancy: film series
 - Palos Verdes Coordinating Council
- We have probably had more activity than in the past under the old Board of Directors structure with a VP for Programs.
 - About 12 special events each year and 15 interest groups
 - 3 major continuing projects (TT, Exploring Sci, RT); HS Scholarship discontinued. Last 3 months: RT has presented at San Pedro Library Act One of Select Sorority, Martha and Abigail at the PV Library and Athletes in Skirts for PV Shores homeowners this year.
 - 5 new special projects
 - Village
 - Connection with Marymount CA University
 - Our Living Room – conversation group about older life issues
 - International women’s Issues Salons
 - “Working Women in Developing Countries” note cards (2013 only)
- Increased State & National Visibility and Connections
 - Leadership visibility:
 - State level: Susan Negrete, newly appointed CA Director
 - State level: Nancy Mahr, CA public policy committee
 - LACIC: Marion Smith and presentation about our new system
 - State Convention: local arrangements committee and workshop presentation
 - Interest in our new model: Visit from national office Nov, 2012 (Claudia Richards), presentations at LACIC and convention, inquiries from other branches
 - Sharon Westafer’s (AAUW-CA Director) visit at our Council meeting

By Sherry May - Council Chair - 2013-14 Report

Interest Groups

Please Note: Since some groups do not meet during the summer, we are listing only those meeting in August. A full listing will appear in the September/October issue.

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)
3rd Thursday 10am-12pm

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm
Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
August 19 – Topic: Italian Baroque Painting in Rome

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm
Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980
August 19, home of Jan Cofer

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon.
9:30am
Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
August 11 - Book: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
Home of Sharon Andrade

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm
Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
August 21 – Book: *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle
Home of Ellen Alkon

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm
Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
August 14 – Home of Sara Bowlus

LUNCH BUNCH 4th Wednesday Noon
Chair Nancy Kellogg 310-377-2427
August 27 – PV Golf Club
Call Nancy to confirm

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
August 6 – Topic: Thoughts on Giving
Home of Susan Negrete
RSVP by Sunday, August 3.

BRANCH CALENDAR - 2014

- Aug. 23** Fall Fling – 2-4 pm Malaga Cove Library
- Sept. 9** Branch Council Meeting – 2-4 pm Hesse Park
- Sept. 21** Celebrate Tech Trek – 2-4 pm Hesse Park
- 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 Palos Verdes Peninsula Library 7-9 pm
- Oct. 26** International Women’s Salon – Topic: NGO’s and
Micro Loans to Women
- Nov. 11** Branch Council Meeting – 2-4 pm Hesse Park

AAUW CA Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC)

September 14, 2-4 p.m., at
PIH (formerly Presbyterian
Intercommunity
Hospital) in Whittier

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AAUW Mission Statement

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

CoastLines

CoastLines is the bimonthly newsletter of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch. Interim editors are Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla. Deadlines for the August/September issue is August 20.. Send copy & photos to fwielin@cox.net and Maria Ashla MariaAshla@cox.net

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