

# COAST LINES



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## COUNCIL CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW friends,

It's time to BRAG.

We don't often stop to celebrate what AAUW is doing nationally and throughout the world. AAUW has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a bang and we have a lot to brag about.

In addition to the important public policy and legal advocacy work, and the many fellowships and grants we award, there have been some significant shifts in focus we need to celebrate. The attention paid to the millennial generation has resulted in a doubling of AAUW student organizations in 2013. There are now more than 800 college/university partners. And I hope you read the recent edition of *Outlook* that was devoted entirely to our work on the international scene. Strategic partnerships with the UN Commission on the Status of Women and the Clinton Global Initiative are expanding our opportunities.

**Mark your calendar for March 11, 2-4 at Hesse Park**, the bimonthly meeting of the Branch Council. The members of WAWA (Who Are We Anyway?) have prepared a very special presentation on what's happening, with our support, at the national AAUW level.

You won't want to miss this BRAGGING opportunity. That's Hesse Park, 2 o'clock, March 11.

*Sherry May*, Council Chair

## **NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AFFILIATES MEETS WITH MARYMOUNT STUDENTS**

Adelaida Padilla, senior at Marymount, is progressing energetically with her plan to form an AAUW Student Organization on the Marymount

California University Campus. Recently Christine Hernandez, AAUW National coordinator for College/University Affiliates, and Donna Lilly, California College/University Coordinator, came to the Marymount Campus. They met with Adelaida, Annie McBride, Asst. Director of Marymount Student Affairs, and Sherry May and Judy Purvis. Marymount could be the second student organization in California. Christine and Donna were able to connect Adelaida and Annie with other campuses in the process of forming groups. Nationwide there are approximately 25 AAUW campus organizations. Since Christine is in close contact with these, she was able to share their ideas for programming and areas of interest.

L-R Donna Lilly, Sherry May, Adelaida Padilla, Christine Hernandez, Judy Purvis. (Not shown, Annie McBride)



Sherry and I are most impressed with the campus support shown by the state and national organizations. They seem to be putting lots of attention into the campuses and the National Student Leadership Conference. It is feeling like we might be seeing a new look of AAUW with many generations taking on the concerns of women and girls.

-Judy Purvis

## Branch Events February & March 2014

### February 15 Readers Theater to Perform at San Pedro Library 2pm, Free, Gaffey & 10<sup>th</sup> Street

•*Act One – The Select Sorority*• This fully costumed play is an interview with 4 former First Ladies. Author Jacky Mason has revised the play a bit over the years, and has found ways to make it better. We hope some of our newer members will take advantage of this opportunity.

• Players include Joanne Dusseau as *Abigail Adams*, Jacky as *Martha Washington*, Robbi Winters as *Dolley Madison*, Pilar Hale as *Sarah Polk*, and Marlin More as the *Interviewer*.

March 9 Sunday LACIC meeting call Marion Smith for details)

March 11 Council Meeting Tuesday 2-4 pm, Hesse Park.

- Candidates for elected Branch officers will be announced.
- Special presentation by WAWA about AAUW Funds.



•Guest Sharon Westafer, member of CA State Board of Directors.

**All members are encouraged and welcome to attend.**

April 10-13 AAUW-CA Convention - LAX Marriott Hotel

•Energizing California- Engage, Educate, Empower  
More information on page 5

April 21 Monday 6:00pm Wayfarers Chapel  
AAUW PVP sponsors a Pennyroyal Players benefit to send Marymount student(s) to the *AAUW National Conference for Women Student Leaders*.

- 6pm Social, 6:30pm Program
- **Piecin' It Together**
- Reception to follow

May 3, Saturday, 1pm-3pm Peninsula Center Library Community Room

•"The Palos Verdes Village Concept: Aging at Home" •Video and speakers from established

Village groups in Southern California

- Helen Dennis, *Successful Aging*
- An informative presentation for the Branch and the Community – everyone is welcome.

May 13 Tuesday Annual Branch Meeting 2pm-4pm Hesse Park; Election of officers

•Readers Theatre presents a new one act play. **All members are encouraged and welcome to attend.**

May 31 Sunday LACIC meeting, call Marion Smith for details

June 7 Awards luncheon

## Interest Groups – February & March 2014

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10am-12pm

Feb 20: Home of Eileen Edelson

Mar 20 TBD

ARTS & ARTISTS 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

Chair Nancy Leonard

Feb 18: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald- *Riemen Schneider and Grünewald*

Mar 18: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald- *Netherlandish Art in the Sixteenth Century*

BRIDGE-ETTES 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris

Feb 18 home of Mary Palmer

Mar 18 home of Sue Johnson

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. 9:30am

Chair Barbara Prassas

Feb 10 Home of June Kagdis; *Transatlantic* by Colum McCann

Mar 10 Home of Sharon Butler; *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton

ECLECTIC READERS 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer

Feb 20: Home of Betty Ettington; *Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman!* By Richard Feynman

Mar 20: Home of Myrna Plost; *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

**GREAT DECISIONS** Northside 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald

Feb 17 Home of Susan Wallace Topic: *Threat Assessment*

Mar 17 Home of Susan Wallace Topic: *Defense Technology*

**GREAT DECISIONS** PV Shores 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am

Chair Sharon Andrade

Feb 17 South Shores Clubhouse. Topic: *Threat Assessment*

Mar 17 South Shores Clubhouse. Topic: *Defense Technology*

**GRAND SLAMMERS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus

Feb 11 Home of Ginny Whittier

Mar 11 Home of Fleur Yano

**LUNCH BUNCH** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Noon

Chair Nancy Kellogg

Feb 26 PV Golf Club

Mar 26 PV Golf Club

Call Nancy to confirm

**NIGHT BOOKS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf,

Feb 10: Home of Maria Ashla *The Circle*  
by Dave Eggers; reviewer Muriel Blatt

Mar 10: Home of Connie Davenport *Dear Life*  
by Alice Munro; reviewer Mary Watson

**READERS THEATER** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason

Feb 10 Home of Janey Jones

Feb 15 *The Select Sorority Act I*, SP Library, 2pm

Mar 10 home of Marlin More

**WALKERS** Every Thursday 7:30am

Chairs Kathleen, Cordelia

Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd. Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on.

**International Women's Issues Group**

The group met 3 times to explore the issues facing women in developing countries. The first meeting was devoted to identifying 5 critical issues; at the second those who had researched the issues presented their findings and we began conversation about possible ways to follow up.

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to develop an International Women's Issues Salon, which will consist of 4-5 programs each year. They will be "Salon" style meetings, held in private homes and include knowledgeable speakers. We will invite

both Beach Cities and Torrance branches to join us, and Susan Negrete will chair.

• **St John Fisher Church, Crenshaw & Crest – Fair Trade Faire** March 30, Sunday, 7:30am-2:30pm - opportunities to make choices that have the power to lift people out of poverty by our purchasing their goods.

**WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT)** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm

Chair Susan Negrete

Conference Room, 3625 Del Amo Blvd, Ste 360

For meeting access problems on the night call Athena's cell

Feb 5; 7-8:30pm Topic: *Building or*

*Managing Friendships in Adulthood - Tips &*

*Challenges*; RSVP by Feb 3 [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)

March 5; 7 - 8:30pm Discussion: "What WIT brings to the Transition Table"

Possible topics for 2014:

1. Music & the special way it connects with memory;
2. Politics and the prospect of a Woman President or third Party;
3. How to be a good grandmother, mother-in-law or other extended family member;
4. Privacy – how it's changed and the generational differences about privacy in an internet world;
5. Inequality in America and whether the Government should do something about it.
6. Diet and what works;
7. Revisiting key life transitions: School to work, work to motherhood or re-entry; Special needs of middle-aged women; preparing to leave work for retirement

**WIT 4<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

WIT Founders: The 4 founding PVP members shown are: Kimberly Park (PVP President), Mary Bavafa, Barbara Case and Susan Negrete. Also included were Torrance and Beach Cities AAUW members, which marked the first-ever interest group collaboration in the South Bay branches.



WIT Holiday Back Row, L-R Billie Lee, Susan (Torrance), Ann, Terry, Judy (Beach Cities).

Front Row, L-R Arline, Barbara (PVP/Torrance), Donna, Indrani (Torrance), Kathy (Beach Cities), Athena (President - AAUW Torrance), Jann, Kay (Torrance). Unseen Photographer: Sherry May



**Later Chapters of Life – A living room discussion**

The first meeting took place on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and was very successful. The group shared backgrounds and discussed expectations and topics for future meetings. After thoughtful discussion, it was decided that it would proceed following the guidelines outlined in Helen Dennis' book *Project Renewment* which calls for a limited and committed membership.

It was agreed that as of now the group has reached the maximum number of members for meaningful discussions. While regretting the inability to open it to others, it was determined that if there is interest, the formation of a new group should be encouraged. Please contact Maria Ashla ([MariaAshla@cox.net](mailto:MariaAshla@cox.net)) if you would like to spearhead such a group. We will be glad to share insights and thoughts on how to proceed.

## Other Branches and Other Events

**Feb 3 10am-12pm** PVP/SP League of Women Voters The Impact of the Common Core Standards on Public Education – Pros & Cons Peninsula Center Library; Discussion with Walker Williams, Joan Romano, PVPUSD; experienced Common Core teachers from the LAUSD.

**Feb 22 10am** Banning Museum – Tour Three San Pedro Historical Sites St. Peters Church, 1884; Harbor View Cemetery 1883; Muller House Museum 1889. Meet at Green Hills at 10am. Call Judy Von Muller

**Mar 30 7:30-2:30**, Fair Trade Faire, St John Fisher, call Carol Torelli for information

**Mar 27 Noon** PVP Coordinating Council Meeting- Land Use in Palos Verdes. Peninsula Center Library

**May 3** AAUW Beach Cities Branch Annual Authors Luncheon

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6. View all your information and edit as necessary
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  - a. Community Rewards
  - b. Edit my community contribution and follow the instructions
  - c. Remember to click on the circle to the left of your organizations' name

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! AAUW CA  
CONVENTION IS COMING TO OUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD!

LAX MARRIOTT HOTEL

Friday APRIL 11-Sunday APRIL 13

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) "Convention 2014"

**Some Highlights:**

Friday • Plenary Session, Tech Trek Today

- Film *The Invisible War*
- Dinner with Women Legislators
- General Session –National President

Saturday •Workshops; Speech Trek

- Gala Dinner-Geena Davis "Gender Equity in the Media"

Sunday • Breakfast Panel •Mentoring;  
Recruitment

- General Session
- Closing Luncheon –Plaintiff & Director  
*The Invisible War*

See the Winter "AAUW California Perspective"  
newsletter in your mail or e-mail for more details.

Watch your e-mail for volunteer opportunities,  
branch activities, and carpooling options!

Meet AAUW members from around the State!



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***AAUW Mission Statement***

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

***AAUW Vision Statement***

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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