

## Museum of Tolerance

### Tour & Lunch

Tuesday

April 23

Carpools will leave at  
9am for a docent led tour  
followed by lunch at

1:15pm

**Tour Cost \$12**

Lunch is extra

Change the Way You See the World and Your Role in it!



The Museum of Tolerance is a multimedia museum in West Los Angeles and the only one of its kind in the world. Established in 1993, the MOT is designed to examine racism and prejudice with a strong focus on the history of the Holocaust.

Your visit will lead you through the dramatic events of 20<sup>th</sup> century history. You will learn what leads people to hate and how ordinary people have changed the world one extraordinary action at a time. Become a witness to history and explore the dynamics of bigotry and discrimination still embedded in society by touring the MOT.

For more information and to reserve your place for this outing, please contact either:

**Judy Purvis** at 310-375-8578 or

**Nancy Leonard** at 310-519-1606

For more info about the Museum of Tolerance:

[www.museumoftolerance.com/site/c.tmL6KfNVLtH/b.4865935/k.B355/Holocaust\\_Section.htm](http://www.museumoftolerance.com/site/c.tmL6KfNVLtH/b.4865935/k.B355/Holocaust_Section.htm)

## From the Council Chair . . .

### April 9 is Equal Pay Day

Equal Pay has long been a public policy priority for AAUW. We believe that women deserve “fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes.”

It seems a good time to remind ourselves of a couple of the findings of the AAUW report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, that was published last October.

- Just one year out of college millennial women are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers.
- Women are paid less than men even when they do the same work and major in the same field.
- Twenty percent of women working full time one year after graduation devote more than 15 percent of their earnings to pay back college loans.

This year Congress will be asked to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act that will help close some of the loopholes in existing law. Go on-line to the AAUW website ([aauw.org](http://aauw.org)) to find out more about this issue.

*Sherry*

### AAUW-PVP 2013 CALENDAR

March 30	Community Event at Peninsula Center Library, 10am to 12pm, featuring Helen Dennis, author, lecturer and syndicated columnist. The subject is <i>Building Blocks for Resilience in Later Life</i> .
April 15	Readers Theater performs <i>Athletes in Skirts</i> for the City of Cerritos at Cerritos Library - 7pm. There is no charge for this event and the public is invited.
April 23	Visit to the Museum of Tolerance - Call Judy Purvis or Nancy Leonard to reserve.
May 14	Annual Meeting and Leadership Council at Hesse Park - 2-4 pm.
May 22	AAUW Torrance showing Academy Award nominated film, <i>Invisible War</i> . Palos Verdes High School Awards Assembly, Shirley Borks will represent our branch and present Valedictorian award.
May 23	Potluck luncheon and viewing of <i>Invisible War</i> at the home of Judy Purvis. Reservations are necessary and space is limited. See film description on page 8.
May 28	Peninsula High School Awards Assembly, Shirley Borks will attend.
June 1	Awards Luncheon at the Red Onion - Call Mary Shackle to reserve.
June 6	Rancho Del Mar High School Graduation/Awards, Shirley Borks will attend.

## March Council Meeting Minutes

Our ever dependable **Maria Ashla** assumed the Council Chair in the absence of **Sherry May**. Among this month's Kudo recipients were **Jacky Mason**, **Marion Martelli** and **Robbie Winters** for the impressive Women Athletes showcase at Palos Verdes Peninsula Library; **Shirley Borks** for assuming the chair position of the Scholarship Committee; **Connie Davenport** and the Leadership Development Committee for their diligent work to fill our leadership roles for 2013-14.

Community Program – Don't miss Daily Breeze columnist **Helen Dennis** on Saturday, March 30, 10am at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library. If you'd like to join Ms Dennis and AAUW members for lunch at Fu Yuan Low's contact **Cordelia Hwang** or **Trish Dilligan**.

Museum of Tolerance – A visit is scheduled for Tuesday April 23 at 10am. Members and friends are welcome to attend. See the cover of this issue of *CoastLines* for all the details.

Leadership Development Committee - **Connie Davenport** expressed the branch's thanks to current officers for their willingness to serve in 2013-14. Chair **Sherry May**; Membership Co-Chairs **Cordelia Hwang** and **Trish Dilligan**; Treasurer **Fleur Yano**. See Connie's full report on page 7.

Scholarship Committee – **Shirley Borks** received an enthusiastic response from counselors at our three high schools. They are pleased that AAUW/PVP will continue to recognize one of their students at their respective Awards Night. See Branch Calendar on page 2 for dates Shirley will present branch awards.

June 1 Awards Luncheon – Do you have this date marked on your calendar? **Marion Martelli** has arranged for us to have our program and lunch at the Red Onion beginning at 11:30am. You'll be introduced to our Status of Women Awardee in *CoastLines* prior to the luncheon and have an opportunity to hear her speak at the luncheon. **Jacky Mason** is chair of the Status committee.

Membership – **Eileen Edelson** moved that membership dues be reduced by \$2 if paid by June 1 for 2013 -14. Members would pay \$83 rather than \$85. The motion was seconded and passed. Check page 7 of this issue for more on early dues payment.

Academy Award Nomination - *Invisible War* was recognized by the Academy and the film will be shown at the home of **Judy Purvis** on May 23. The documentary discusses sexual harassment and abuse in the military. Two plaintiffs are being supported by the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Torrance AAUW is sponsoring a public showing on May 22 at Torrance Public Library. The film is also available to rent from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library. See page 4 for brief description.

Community Service Task Force Survey – **Marion Martelli** announced that 124 surveys had been sent and 58 responses received. **Muriel Blatt** and **Maria Ashla** tallied the results and the committee will meet in April to assess results and decide how to proceed. One survey result revealed that our branch members volunteer in 55 organizations and financially support over 60 organizations.

Public Policy – Chair **Nancy Mahr** introduced us to the process AAUW-CA uses to select the State Legislative Bills we will support. Look for Nancy's article in the next issue.

*Extracted from March 13, 2013 Leadership Minutes by Eileen Edelson, Secretary*

## Exploring Science

### STEM for All of Us!

On February 21 we had the second session of Exploring Science. **Tracy Drake**, the manager of the Madrona Marsh Nature Center, delighted us once again with a view of the microscopic life of marsh water. Admirably, she brought microscopes for all our young scouts so they could marvel at the microscopic organisms. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were not the only beneficiaries; we adults also got a chance to view the amazing marsh life. Our very own **Deedee Rehtin**, the founder of Tech Time (now known as Exploring Science) was there for the experience. We need to celebrate her, the loyal presenters and our members who have made this program possible for 16 years!



*No, that isn't the instructor working with one of the scouts --- it's **Deedee Rehtin**, who founded the Tech Time program more than 16 years ago and continues to support Exploring Science by volunteering.*



## Library Board of Trustees President Named

Branch member **Fran Wielin** recently assumed the responsibilities of president of the PVL D Board of Trustees, a position previously held by fellow branch members **Janet Smith**, **Nancy Mahr** and **Connie Davenport**. Fran began volunteering at the library in 1995. She joined the board of the Friends of the Library in 2000 and was its president from 2003 to 2006. She has worked with the Board of Trustees since 2007, when she was asked to fill a vacancy, and was elected in 2007 and again in 2011. Her current term will expire in 2015. Fran was recently featured in an article by Annie Lubinsky in the January 24<sup>th</sup> Peninsula News. For more about Fran and the library district, check out the link to the article through the Friends website by going to: [pvldfriends.org/palos-verdes-library-districts-board-of-trustees-president-fran-wielin-featured-in-peninsula-news/](http://pvldfriends.org/palos-verdes-library-districts-board-of-trustees-president-fran-wielin-featured-in-peninsula-news/).



*Fran Wielin*



## In the Spotlight: Night Books

This long standing and well attended book group, currently chaired by **Rowie Wolf**, meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm.

Group members enjoy reading contemporary and historical literature as well as non-fiction and discussing the themes, structure, character development and historical implications of each literary selection. Each month a different member does brief research about the author and the critics' analyses of the selected title and leads the discussion. Location of group meetings is rotated among homes of members with an occasional meeting at the Peninsula Center Library. In December and June, members socialize over dinner at a local restaurant. There are no summer meetings.

Regular group members not pictured include: **Ruth Bloland, Geri Chaudhri, Carol Hook, Sue Johnson, Margery Norris, Judy Purvis and Carol Sugimori.**

### Night Books Reading List 2011-2012

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford (September)  
*Enemies, A Love Story* by Isaac Bashevis Singer (October)  
*The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman (November)  
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (January)  
*Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson (February)  
*Home to Italy* by Peter Pezzelli (March)  
*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (April)  
*The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht (May)

### Reading List 2012-2013 to Date

*The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard (September)  
*Radio Shangri-La* by Lisa Napoli (October)  
*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn (November)  
*Wolf Hall* by Hillary Mantel (January)  
*In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson (February)  
*Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks (March)  
*My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor (April)  
*The Sense of An Ending* by Julian Barnes (May)



*Fran Wielin, Jeanne Wilson, Connie Davenport, Muriel Blatt and Mary Shackle*



*Mary Watson, Leann Roque, Sheila Steinberg, Maria Ashla and Rowie Wolf, chair of the group*



*Leann Roque, Mary Palmer, Jeanne Wilson and Fleur Yano*

Confucius said:

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

## Two AAUW/PVP Members Named Legends Honorees

Each year the Affinity Group of the Volunteer Center South Bay-Harbor-Long Beach selects four women recipients of the "Legends In Our Time" award for exemplary volunteering in our community. The 2013 recipients include **Anita Javitt** and **Dorothy Lay** as well as two AAUW Palos Verdes long-time branch members **Janet Smith** and **Jane Jones**.

AAUW life member **Janet Smith**, was a trustee of the Palos Verdes Library District from 1985 to 1997. She has also volunteered with the League of Women Voters, Ascension Lutheran Church, Norris Center, Help the Homeless Help Themselves, Palos Verdes Art Center, Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance and Peninsula Seniors to name just a few of the many organizations she has served.



*Janet Smith*

According to **Meredith Grenier**, who interviewed the honorees for her "About Town" piece in the Daily Breeze, "... honoree Janet Smith, whose volunteer resume over the past 40 years is six pages long, also was surprised and delighted (by the award). 'Well, I guess it's better to be a legend than a myth,' she (Janet) said."



*Jane Jones*

**Jane Jones** has actively volunteered with the Palos Verdes Library District since 1993. After the Creative Solutions Committee and creating Library Advisory Committees at each branch, Jane began a docent program to assist library patrons during renovation and expansion at Peninsula Center and to conduct tours of the new library. She also served eight years as a PVLD trustee, three as president. Jane has been a director on the Peninsula Friends of the Library board for five years and has been president since 2009. She has served on the boards of the Peninsula Symphony and Friends of the Symphony, and been a member of many other organizations.

Jane is an active member of the Volunteer Center's Affinity Group and AAUW Palos Verdes Readers Theater where she has played many roles, the most notable being presidential wife Sara Polk and tennis legend Billy Jean King.

"Service to the missions and successes of community organizations so others may enjoy a better life and benefit from those more fortunate is my mission".

According to Volunteer Center President and CEO **De De Hicks**, "These legendary women were chosen for their decades of quality volunteering and making a significant difference in the community."

They will be honored at a party hosted by members of the Affinity Group, a 60-member support organization for the Volunteer Center, at 4:30 pm May 5<sup>th</sup> at The Yellow Vase in Palos Verdes Estates.

## Membership

### Discounted Dues for Early Renewal

At the March Leadership Council Meeting, Membership co-Chairs **Trish Dilligan** and **Cordelia Hwang** received unanimous approval to allow all early renewing members a \$2.00 discount on dues. Therefore, if you renew your membership on or before June 1, you pay only \$83 rather than \$85.

Trish and Cordelia will be happy to receive your checks at any meeting or interest group gathering or, if you prefer, you may mail your renewal to either Trish or Cordelia.

Remember, to qualify for the discounted rate, your dues payment of \$83 must be received by Trish or Cordelia no later than June 1. Renewal dues paid after June 1 will be at the regular \$85 rate.

## Leadership Development Committee

### Final Report Delivered at Leadership Council Meeting on March 13, 2013

This is a short report, full of thanks to our current elected officers. All of the current officers have agreed to continue for one more year!

So our 2013-14 year nominees are:

- **Sherry May**, Council Chair
- **Trish Dilligan**, Membership co-Chair
- **Cordelia Hwang**, Membership co-Chair
- **Fleur Yano**, Treasurer

Thanks you officers and nominees!

And, I want to say a big thank you to my Leadership Development Committee:

- **Rowie Wolf**, with her knowledge of the job descriptions, by-laws and policies and procedures and her knowledge of our branch and members;
- **Marion Martelli** with her knowledge of the president's role and branch structure and members

Also, we have provided the officers with a complete list of members willing to serve on committees or work on special projects and whom we hope will develop into chairs and officers in the future.

**Congratulations to all of our nominees!**

*Submitted by **Connie Davenport**, Leadership Development Chair*



## Readers Theater

### New Cast Member

We welcome new member **Marlin More**, who already "got her feet wet" by joining the cast at the March 16<sup>th</sup> performance of *Athletes in Skirts* for the Palos Verdes Women's Club. Marlin performed as one of the narrators. Good job, Marlin!

### Cerritos Library Next Venue for *Athletes*

On April 15<sup>th</sup> the AAUW RT group will again travel to the beautiful Cerritos Library to perform the popular *Athletes in Skirts* for local Orange County residents. Cerritos Library has hosted Readers Theater for a performance of every one of the five plays written by **Jacky Mason**. This presentation of her latest play is scheduled for 7pm and is open to the public at no charge. If you haven't yet seen *Athletes*, please consider joining us at the Cerritos Library performance.



*Marlin More*

## The Invisible War

*The Invisible War*, an investigative documentary about the epidemic of sexual assault in the U.S. military, explores that question and shows the impact that rape — and retaliation for reporting it — has on thousands of our brave service members. Sexual assault is a rampant problem in our military. Only 8 percent of reported military sexual assaults are prosecuted and only 2 percent of those end in convictions. Overall, reporting is very low.

*The Invisible War* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2012, where it won the Audience Award, and has since received many other honors, including an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary. AAUW has supported this film from its premier and continues to make efforts to educate members and the broader community about this problem and what can be done to make the military safer for all service members.

### Branch Showing

**Judy Purvis** is hosting a potluck luncheon and showing of the *The Invisible War* at her home on Thursday, May 23, at 12:30 pm for lunch, 1:30 pm for the documentary. Plan to bring a salad for 6 people. Please RSVP to Judy at [bjpurvis@cox.net](mailto:bjpurvis@cox.net) by May 20.

### Other Ways to View the Film

*The Invisible War* will be presented on PBS SoCal on *Independent Lens* on Monday, May 27, at 10 pm. *The Invisible War* is available for purchase on DVD and for rental from Netflix. The Palos Verdes Library District has the DVD available for check out as a new DVD.



## Title IX Subject of AAUW Display at Library

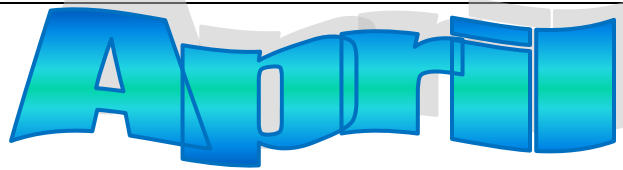
In February, the display case at Peninsula Center Library was devoted to female athletes and the passage of Title IX legislation. This legislation, enacted in 1972, mandated that all public institutions receiving federal funds provide equal opportunities and equal facilities to female students for sport and scholarship. Last year marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title IX. In celebration of this event, **Jacky Mason** wrote a script, *Athletes in Skirts*, for the Readers Theater project.

*Athletes in Skirts* highlights the lives of four amazing women who tell the dramatic stories of the challenges and triumphs experienced while following their enthusiasm for sports in a time when women “didn’t sweat, they glowed”. All were pioneers who defied the sports establishment and paved the way for women to enjoy the equality in physical training and games they have today.

In honor of the anniversary of Title IX and the presentation of *Athletes* for the P.V. Seniors, Jacky along with **Marion Martelli** and **Robbi Winters** designed the display, researched old photos and produced the materials used to portray women athletes “then” and “now” and to celebrate the super success of American women in the 2012 Olympics. Jacky along with **Pilar Hale** and **Penny Stein** did the actual setup and tear down in the library showcase.



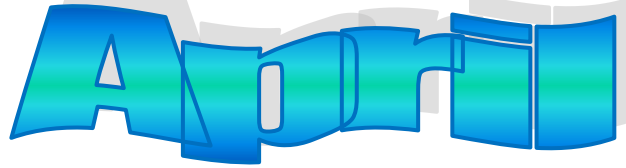
Photo by Shirley Borks



<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<b>AAUW – Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)</b>	4/18 Thursday	10:00 am	Home of Judy Purvis 310-375-8578 Monthly discussion group about AAUW mission	Judy Purvis 310-375-8578
<b>Arts &amp; Artists</b>	4/16 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 Monthly meeting for art lovers Please contact Kathleen Fitzgerald if you are interested in helping to start a second group	Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
<b>Bridge-Ettes</b>	4/16 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Margery Norris 310-541-3980 Call Margery if interested in being added to sub list	Margery Norris 310-514-3980
<b>Contemporary Literature</b>	4/8 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044 <i>The Chaperone</i> by Laura Moriarity May: <i>Clara and Mr. Tiffany</i> by Susan Vreeland	Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
<b>Eclectic Readers</b>	4/18 Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Faith Morrow 310-378-2966 <i>Me Before You</i> by JoJo Moyes May: <i>Drift</i> by Rachel Maddow	Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
<b>Great Decisions – Northside Group</b>	4/15 Monday	10:00 am	Home of Susan Wallace 310-541-4380 Topic #2: “Egypt” Facilitator: Rowie Wolf	Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946
<b>Great Decisions – PV Shores Group</b>	4/15 Monday	10:00 am	PV South Shores Clubhouse Topic #2: “Egypt” Facilitator: Lucia Dzwonczyk	Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417

*Smile when you want to, cry when you need to,  
laugh whenever possible.*

*Silence is golden, but laughter is priceless.*



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<b>Grand Slammers</b>	4/11 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Judy Purvis 310-375-8578 Call Sara if interested in being added to sub list	Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	4/24 Wednesday	12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club Call Nancy to confirm attendance	Nancy Kellogg 310-377-2427
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Every Friday	1:00 pm	Contact Myrna for dates and locations Contact Anne Destabelle at 310-541-8469 if you are interested in lessons	Myrna Plost 310-541-6743
<b>Night Books</b>	4/8 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Mary Watson 310-373-5431 <i>My Beloved World</i> by Sonia Sotomayor May: <i>The Sense of An Ending</i> by Julian Barnes	Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
<b>Readers Theater</b>	4/8 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Penny Stein 310-377-5648 All interested members are welcome	Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
<b>Walkers</b>	Every Thursday	7:00 am	Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd Weekly 60-90 minute walk – Four-legged friends welcome	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261
<b>Women in Transition (WIT)</b>	4/3 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Malaga Bank 2514 Via Tejon, PVE Monthly discussion group for women in all types of transitions	Susan Negrete 310-374-2116

## An Opportunity to Help

Think you would enjoy writing a press release now and then for an upcoming AAUW branch event? We're looking for someone to assist from time to time in preparing and distributing branch program news. If you'd like more information about this opportunity, please contact **Connie Davenport** at 310-541-4380.



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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*

***CoastLines***

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Materials should be forwarded to Marion Martelli at [vinmar@cox.net](mailto:vinmar@cox.net). For changes in your e-mail account to ensure receipt of *CoastLines*, contact Marion. For members receiving *CoastLines* via postal delivery, please notify Faith Morrow at [morrows@verizon.net](mailto:morrows@verizon.net) of any changes.

**Branch Message Board**

**Annual AAUW California  
Business Meeting  
April 20 in Sacramento**

**Topics include:  
Proposed Bylaws Changes  
State Dues Increase**

**This is the first-ever annual meeting  
outside of a state convention.**

**For more information, go online to:  
[aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) or  
Read all about it in the Winter issue  
of California PERSPECTIVE**