



The Village Concept: Living Independently As We Age

A thought-provoking conversation designed for Peninsula residents who enjoy living in their own homes yet would like to benefit from the amenities and services of a retirement community



Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m.

**Peninsula Center Library
Community Room**

**Co-sponsored by PVLD, AAUW/PVP
Branch and Peninsula Seniors**

Free and open to the public

“Piecin’ It Together

Pennyroyal Players Wayfarers Chapel-
Special Benefit Performance



Come experience the humor and hardship of settling the American West through stories and songs.. Created and directed by AAUW member Anne Destabelle.

Monday, April 21, at 6 p.m.
Wayfarers Chapel
Donation \$20adult/\$10 Student

This performance supports Marymount students attending the AAUW National Conference for Women Student Leaders

Reservations: Make check payable to AAUW/PVP, send to Mary Shackle [310-544-630](tel:310-544-630) or pmsackle@verizon.net

Save the Date

Awards Luncheon

Saturday, June 7
The Red Onion

Come and celebrate the Status of Women honoree, other award winners and the end of a very successful branch year!

Details to follow in next issue of CoastLines.
Contact: Kay Odgers (310) 367-0621

[Message from the Chair](#)

It's hard to keep up with all the exciting things going on in the branch. AAUW-PVP is really on the move! Be sure you read CoastLines carefully so you don't miss anything.

This is my last column as chair. When I set upon this journey as chair two years ago I had no idea how much my life would be enriched. I could never have imagined the deepening of my understanding of AAUW's mission, its importance in my own life, and my commitment to continue its work. And perhaps greatest of all has been the new friendships and community that I am now a part of. My thanks to all of you for your confidence in me.

One of the most satisfying aspects of this year has been the new program opportunities that have arisen and the creative leadership of our members to implement them.

The first of five International Women's Issues Salons on March 23 was a great success. Thanks so much Susan Negrete, Susan Grimshaw and Nancy Veits for bringing this critical issue of literacy to our attention. We're looking forward to the next salons on sex/work trafficking, access to safe water, women's health and micro-loans.

On May 3rd, thanks to Susan Wallace, Connie Davenport and their committee, we will be bringing to the larger Peninsula community the important issue of how to enjoy living in our own homes as we age.

The International Women's Issues Salons and the Village Working Group are just two of the many activities in which the branch is making a difference. We are indeed lucky to have so many creative, committed members who are willing to jump in and do whatever needs to be done. My special thanks to those of you who have taken time to advise me whenever I have asked. Your experience and wisdom was invaluable and made my job doable.

Lastly, I want to salute two members who are having influence beyond our own branch. Marion Smith has been elected co-chair of the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC). and Susan Negrete is running for AAUW-CA Director-at-Large. How lucky AAUW-CA is!

And the journey continues.

Sherry



Thank you Sherry for two years of superb leadership!

[Election of Branch Officers](#)

The Leadership Development Committee presented candidates for elected Branch officers for 2014-15.

Candidates: Branch Chair- Connie Davenport; Membership Co-chairs– Kay Odgers and LeAnn Roque; Treasurer– Faith Morrow.

The Council accepted the committee's recommendations. Elections will take place at the **Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 13 at Hesse Park, 2pm.**

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. The remainder of the leadership positions will be appointed by the chair on the recommendation of the Leadership Development Committee.

Leadership Development Committee – Ruth Bloland, Muriel Blatt, Eileen Edelson

We thank them for a job very well done!

Our own SUSAN NEGRETE has announced her candidacy for AAUW CA Director-at-Large.

Her pre-campaign statement:

"I was drawn to AAUW due to the natural alignment of the Mission and my personal commitment to serving women and girls. I've enjoyed my 5 continuous years of service on the Torrance Branch Board of Directors and my dual membership with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch. The wide array of projects and activities that reflect the leadership and personality of each branch brings endless opportunities to meet new people and stretch personal skills and resources.

If I am elected to serve California as Director-at-Large, my goal is to ensure AAUW's mission and legacy continues to be carried forward to girls and young women throughout the state. In addition, I will serve the branches as a conduit of state information and resources, and ensure their efforts and activities receive support and affirmation.

I hope members in the AAUW organization who know and value my commitment, expertise and skills will vote for me. For those members who haven't met me yet, I will work to gain your trust and vote.

Susan

LACIC Leadership Day

The Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) will hold its annual Leadership Day on May 31, 9:00am-2:30pm at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier

\$15/ person which includes lunch

Topics include Board Effectiveness, Membership, Funds and Fellowship. Sections led by state leaders.

Contact Marion Smith for details

Persian New Year (Norooz) at Marzy Raza's



After attending Sherry May's presentation of her trip to Iran, Marzy invited branch members to her home for a celebration of Persian Culture.

The ceremonial New Year table in the forefront displays the traditional seven special dishes that stand for life-rebirth, health, happiness, prosperity, joy, patience and beauty. Marzy served delectable goodies and tea and performed an ancient dance from her Iranian nomadic heritage.

**By-Laws Change and Dues Increase
For Vote at Annual Meeting, May 13, 2013**

1. Rename the Leadership Council to Branch Council in the By-laws and Policies and Procedures.
2. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, increase branch dues by \$2, \$1 of which would be allocated to AAUW Funds.
For Regular Members, Life Members and Dual Members 2015-2016 branch dues would be \$22, with \$3 of that allocated to AAUW Funds. Fifty-year Honorary Members would continue to pay no dues.
3. Offer discounted branch dues for college/university partner member representatives and staff of \$12, \$3 of which would be allocated to AAUW Funds.
4. Offer discounted branch dues to Student Affiliates and e-Student Affiliates of \$5, \$3 of which would be allocated to AAUW Funds.
This discount would apply to students at all accredited schools, not only those attending college/university partner members.

Note that in all categories, AAUW and state dues as currently defined would apply in addition to branch dues. CA-AAUW will be opening a voting period shortly to increase 2015-2016 states dues by \$4. More information can be found elsewhere in this current issue of CoastLines.

Interest Groups April & May

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

3rd Thursday 10am-12pm

April 17: Home of Maria Ashla

May: No meeting

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard

April 15: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Pieter Breugel

May 20: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Mannerism and The Late Work of Michelangelo

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris

April 15: home of Sue Johnson

May 20: home of Marion Martelli

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon. 9:30am

Chair Barbara Prassas

April 14: home of Barbara Prassas; *The Lowlands*
by Jhumpa Lehra

May 12: home of Anna May Labbe; *Invention of Wings*
by Sue Monk Kidd

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer April 17: home of Anne Destabelle;

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini
May 15 : home of Marion Martelli; *The Art of Hearing*
Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald

April 21: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Israel and the*
U.S.

May 19: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Turkey's*
Challenges

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday

10 a.m.

Chair Sharon Andrade

April 21: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Israel and*
the U.S Facilitator – Marilyn Morton

May 19: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Turkey's*
Challenges Facilitator – Eileen Edelson

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus

April 10; Home of Sara Bowlus

May 8 ; Home of Betty Ettington

LUNCH BUNCH 4th Wednesday Noon

Chair Nancy Kellogg

April 23 – PV Golf Club

May 28 - PV Golf Club

Call Nancy to confirm

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf,

April 14 – Home of Judy Purvis;

The Round House by Louise Erdrich

May 12 – Home of Rowie Wolf

Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason

April 7 – Home of Carol Torelli

May 12 – Home of Pilar Hale

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 April 2 – Home of Susan
Negrete

May 7 – TBD

Branch Calendar

April 1- 4 - Volunteers to help Marymount
student elections. Contact Judy Purvis

April 8 - Status of Women Award meeting.
Contact Jacky Mason with your nominee
suggestion

April 21 - Piecin'It Together – see page 1

April 27 - International Women's Salon. Sex
Trafficking Contact Susan Negrete

May 3 – The Village Concept – see page 1

May 13 – Annual Branch Meeting and Election of
Officers Hesse Park 2:00 pm
Readers Theater debuts *An Encounter of the*
Best Kind

May 31 – LACIC Leadership Training Day.
9:00am-2:30pm Registration by May 27
Several sessions led by state leaders
Contact Marion Smith

June 7 - Awards Luncheon – see page 1



Girl Rising – A great hit!

On Sunday, March 23, the International Women's Program held its first in a series of community salons highlighting the importance of International Women's Issues. Susan Negrete introduced *GIRL RISING*, the globally acclaimed documentary film.

Speakers Mica Campbell and Bala Subramia from the *Room to Read* organization's global office in San Francisco addressed the packed audience after the film. They took questions from the floor afterwards.

Four copies of the book *Creating Room to Read* donated by Nancy Veits were part of a drawing.

The Education Salon was developed by a team headed by Susan Negrete, Nancy Veits and Susan Grimshaw (pictured above with speakers.)

The next Salon on Sex/Work Trafficking will be on April 27, 2:00–4:00 pm. Location TBD.

Readers Theater

April 24, 2 p.m. at the Malaga Cove Library -- Jacky Mason and Nancy Veits will become Martha Washington and Abigail Adams.

May 13, 2 p.m. Readers Theater

At the Branch Meeting Readers Theater will debut a play written by Jacky Mason. *An Encounter of the Best Kind...* A young Stanford student meets three very interesting women on a train to Chicago. What ensues is both entertaining and surprising,

AAUW California - *Time to Vote!*

On April 12, you will receive an email message from **Vote-Now** with your personal election access code and a link to the voting site. If you do not have an email account, or if the message sent to you bounces, you will receive a postcard with information and instructions for requesting a paper ballot.

We will be voting on candidates and on a \$4 dues increase starting 2015. AAUW California has not had a dues increase since 2004. Over the last several years, the AAUW CA has made significant cuts to program and operating costs but with no dues increase for 10 years, AAUW CA has been using up reserve funds.



Vote for Susan Negrete running for Director-at-Large.

RENEW NOW AND SAVE

Early Bird dues renewals mailed before June 1st save \$2! Your membership in AAUW PVP expires on June 30, 2014. Dues remain at \$85 this year, but as an Early Bird you can send in your renewal application below now and a check for only \$83. Life members pay \$34 as Early birds instead of \$36. And of course, Honorary Life Members pay no dues, but let us know how you would like to receive the newsletter, *CoastLines*. To be included in the Member Directory, you must renew by paying dues by June 30, 2014.



Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch

2014-5 Dues Renewal Application

Membership expires June 30th

Name _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Prefer Branch newsletter by: (circle one) E-mail US Mail (suggest \$10 donation to cover postage)

Indicate any PVP Branch **Directory** updates or corrections:

(Yearly Dues Breakdown: National AAUW \$49 + CA AAUW \$16 + PVP Branch \$20 = \$85 Total)

*Remember \$46.00 of National dues is a tax deductible charitable contribution.

	After 6/1	Before 6/1	
If Renewing Member –pay Nat'l*+CA,+ PVP:	\$85.00	\$83.00	_____
If Renewing Life Member - pay CA + PVP dues:	\$36.00	\$34.00	_____
If Dual Member** –pay PVP Branch dues:	\$20.00	\$18.00	_____

(**Dual must have paid 2014-2015 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than PVP)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please make renewal check payable to: **AAUW/PVP** - send this form with your check to:
AAUW PVP, 30451 Ganado Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275

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