



# Coast Lines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch  
August 2012 Volume 55 Number 1

## Annual Fall Fling Membership Meeting

Come to a yard party,  
catch up with your friends,  
enjoy a light brunch, and  
hear all about branch interest  
groups and upcoming



**Saturday, August 25**  
**10 am to 12 noon**  
**Home of Penny Stein**

Member Cost \$10  
(No charge for guests)

Reserve your place  
and pay at the door

Call or e-mail . . .  
[rbandmali29@cox.net](mailto:rbandmali29@cox.net)



## Branch Council Meeting Short Notes

The AAUW PVP Branch Council, chaired by Sherry May, met on Tuesday June 12 at Hesse Park to set up the branch program calendar for the 2012-2013 operating year which will begin this August with our annual Fall Fling membership event. In attendance were: Muriel Blatt, Ruth Bloland, Connie Davenport, Trish Dilligan, Eileen Edelson, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Mary Frangias, Jan Hurlbut, Cordelia Hwang, Arline Korb, Sherry May, Kay Odgers, Mary Palmer, Myra Plost, Judy Purvis, Deedee Rechten, Dale Richards, Mary Shackle, Marion Smith, Penny Stein, Carol Torelli, Carol Wharton Low, Fran Wielin, Rowie Wolf and Fleur Yano.

**Sherry** began the meeting by expressing her appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to provide leadership for the coming year and establishing the goals she wishes to achieve. In turn, she said, she expects the Council to hold her accountable. In addition to successfully planning the branch programs and events for the new year, several additional items were covered at this meeting.

### Website

**Fran** will be handling the branch website. **Marion S** has done an excellent job of maintaining our website for many years and would like to retire from the position. The AAUW National will set up our website for free. Maintenance and update will cost \$120 annually which the Council voted to approve as a new budget item.

### Publicity

**Connie t** has created a press release template which will be available from **Eileen Edelson**, the branch secretary, to officers and committee chairs who have a need to publicize an event. **Connie** and **Fran** will provide guidance to develop a publicity checklist for each event requiring external publicity, but it will be the responsibility of the event chair to file the press release with the appropriate publications.

### Tech Time

**Trish Dilligan** again requested volunteers to work on the Tech Time Committee if the Branch is to sponsor this program for Junior Girl Scouts (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls) in 2013. If no volunteers are forthcoming, the Council may have to cancel the program going forward. Most of the jobs are short term and include contacting the School District to set dates for the program, contacting prospective speakers (a list is available), revising the flyer sent to the Scouts, registering girls in the program and two individuals to coordinate the evening programs at area elementary schools. The Tech Time program typically runs from January to May with one or two sessions each month. **Jan** and **Deedee** have volunteered to work with Trish to study the feasibility of continuing the program in 2013.

Sherry's goals for the coming year are listed on page 3 and the branch 2012-2013 Calendar is summarized on page 4.

*Extracted from the minutes taken at the June 12 Council Meeting by Eileen*

## Greetings from our Council Chair

This year is our branch's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's time to celebrate! And what a proud history we have to celebrate. When our branch was founded in 1957, less than 4% of women graduated from college. And it was only 6 years later that President Kennedy convened a Commission on the Status of Women that documented for the first time employment discrimination against women; legal discrimination in divorce, alimony, and child support laws; and the lack of resources for working mothers. AAUW was busy working to support women and our families in all these areas and more, and we were right there too.



But the branch was also busy nearer home. Many of you remember in the 1970s we started the first **recycling center** in the landfill across from the present South Coast Botanic Garden. Our concern about domestic violence led us to raise public awareness about the issue and resulted in the establishment of **Rainbow Shelter and Services** in San Pedro. When we became aware of the extent to which girls lagged behind boys in careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), we started **Tech Time** to excite elementary girls about science, and **Tech Trek** to provide summer camp experience on college campuses for middle school girls. Some of you were involved in the **Poetry Project** for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, providing the opportunity for them to enjoy poetry while reciting in front of an audience. And for many years the community has benefited from the readings and plays written and presented by our own **Readers Theater**. Meanwhile, who has not been enriched by the friendships we have made as we participate in the many interest groups and projects in the branch?

I feel very honored to have been asked to serve as your Chair this year. As we move into our busy fall schedules, let's take time to celebrate the legacy we are creating. I hope to see you August 25<sup>th</sup> at Fall Fling and no one will want to miss the special birthday celebration featuring Readers Theater following the Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 13.

*Sherry*

Sherry's goals for the coming year are:

- To continue implementation of the new governance system: meetings will be informal - decisions will be made by consensus of members present except when a motion and vote is necessary, as in matters of finance; fewer meetings; "member driven" events and projects, etc.
- To support the core business of the Branch, support members, Interest Groups and projects
- To work closely with Trish and Cordelia and support new and continuing members
- To continue to focus on the AAUW Mission, and
- To expand branch visibility, in part by appointing two task forces: One to study whether we should be more involved with the community and expand our outreach and the second, to determine whether or not we are making the best use of the Benefactor's Fund.

# Membership

Thank you to those members who have encouraged friends to join our branch of AAUW this year. Please continue to bring potential members to Fall Fling, Celebrate Tech Trek, our interest groups and the meetings this fall with the League of Women Voters at the Library and Hesse Park.

Thank you, as well, to those who have renewed their membership and continue to support the mission of AAUW. We hope our activities, events and interest groups will continue to provide opportunities that are stimulating, educational and personally fulfilling. We would also like to thank those members who are not able to actively participate but continue their support of the goals and purpose of the organization.

Submitted by **Trish** and **Cordelia**

Contact Trish at 310-541-7104 for membership materials or Cordelia at 310-541-1966 for questions about dues

## Membership Renewal

***If you have not yet renewed, there is still time to do so and be included in the 2012-2013 Directory.***

No Directory Changes Required \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the following changes:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit \$85 payable to AAUW/PVP to renew your membership and mail to:

**AAUW PVP BRANCH**  
**30451 Ganado Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**

### Mark Your Calendars Important Branch Events 2012 - 2013

#### August 2012

**25<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Fall Fling at the home of Penny Stein, Carol Torelli is event chair

#### September 2012

**11<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting Hesse Park  
**23<sup>rd</sup>** – Celebrate Tech Trek event with 2012 campers at Hesse Park

#### October 2012

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Ballot Measures Explanation  
**10<sup>th</sup>** – Candidate Forum  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Ballot Measure Presentation  
Above dates are all co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters

#### November 2012

**13<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting and Celebration of AAUW/PVP's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Readers Theater

#### January 2013

**8<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting Hesse Park  
**13<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Celebration at the home of Kathleen Fitzgerald

#### March 2013

**12<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting Hesse Park

#### May 2013

**14<sup>th</sup>** – Council and Annual Branch Meeting at Hesse Park

#### June 2013

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Annual Awards Luncheon

Other programs and events are still under consideration

## Remembering Branch Members Who are Gone

In May, two long-time branch members and dedicated community volunteers passed away. Their families and friends and the organizations they devoted their time and talent to will miss them greatly.

### Irene Gorsky Slap

Irene, who turned 90 last July, was a long-time and supportive member of PVP AAUW and for many years chaired the Night Books interest group where she brought excellent suggestions for the reading list and encouraged everyone to participate in the discussions. She was an avid reader and had a life-long interest in the arts, politics and current affairs.

She was born in Boston and received her B.A from the University of Massachusetts in Art and Fashion Design. Irene and her husband, Joseph, were married sixty-one years during which they lived in Los Angeles, Newport Beach, Nottingham England and the New York City area before settling in Palos Verdes in 1987. Wherever Irene lived she found ways to volunteer. She loved our Palos Verdes Libraries and was a member of the Peninsula Center Library Advisory Committee for eight years, a docent at Peninsula Center Library for over ten years, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Friends of the Library for five years. She was also a long-time member of League of Women Voters and served on their board.



Irene was an exceptionally warm and generous person with a true interest in and understanding of others. Irene died suddenly on May 14<sup>th</sup>. She leaves behind her husband, one grandson and many friends. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Peninsula Friends of the Library.

### Risty Wood

Barbara "Risty" Wood passed away on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 87. She had a busy and demanding career, but took the time required to raise four children and also made time for community volunteer activities. She was a member of the Marymount College Board of Trustees and Bravo!, a support group of the Norris Theater. She was also a long-time member of PVP AAUW and an active member of the Mills College Alumni Association.



Risty was a commercial real estate broker and a certified foodservice management professional. She was involved in every aspect of The Admiral Risty from the moment she and husband Ralph established the restaurant in 1966. The couple have been married for 67 years and traveled widely setting foot on six of the seven continents.

Risty is survived by her husband, their four children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family requests that gifts be made in Risty's honor to the Mills College Annual Fund in support of scholarships.

# August Calendar

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<b>AAUW – Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)</b>	8/16 Thursday	9:30 am	Call Judy for meeting location	Judy 310-375-8578
			Monthly discussion group about AAUW mission Call for date of next meeting	
<b>Arts &amp; Artists</b>			No Meeting in August	Nancy 310-519-1606
			Monthly meeting for art lovers.	
<b>Bridge-Ettes</b>	8/21 * Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Mary 310-378-9406	Margery 310-514-3980
			* Please note this group no longer meets at night and the new meeting time is now the third Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the afternoon. Contact Margery if interested in subbing.	
<b>Contemporary Literature</b>	8/13 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Donna 310-377-9662	Barbara 310-519-8044
			<i>Death Comes to Pemberly</i> by P.D. James September Book: <i>In the Garden of Beasts</i> by Erick Larson	
<b>Eclectic Readers</b>	8/23 Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Jan 310-791-8337	Jan 310-791-8337
			<i>Steve Jobs</i> by Walter Isaacson September Book: <i>The Soloist</i> by Steve Lopez	
<b>Great Decisions</b>			No Meeting in August No Meeting in September	Kathleen 310-373-0946 Sharon 310-541-2417
			Starting in October, we will be two groups. One will continue to meet at the P.V. Shores Clubhouse, the other will meet in member homes. Both groups will continue to meet monthly on the third Monday morning. If there are any questions or if you are a new member wishing to join GD, please contact Kathleen or Sharon. Specific information about the first meetings will be included in the October <i>CoastLines</i> .	
<b>Gourmet Group</b>	8/25 Saturday	6:00 pm	Taxco Restaurant, 29050 S. Western #154, RPV 310-547-4554	Anne 310-541-8469
			Taxco Restaurant, 29050 S. Western #154, RPV We'll order from menu, corkage is \$7.50, easy parking	

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<b>Grand Slammers</b>	8/9 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Carol i 310-378-1882	Sara 310-541-2767
Contact Sara if interested in subbing.				
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	8/22 Tuesday	12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club	Nancy 310-377-2427
Call Nancy to reserve if you wish to attend.				
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Every Friday	1:00 pm	Contact Myrna for dates and locations	Myrna 310-541-6743
Contact Anne at 310-541-8469 if you are interested in lessons				
<b>Night Books</b>	No Meeting in August			Rowie 310-373-5970
September Book: <i>The River of Doubt</i> by Candice Millard				
<b>Readers Theater</b>	No Meeting in August			Jacky 310-377-3896
September will be first general meeting of the new operating year – all interested members are welcome. Contact Jacky.				
<b>Walkers</b>	Every Thursday	7:00 am	Ocean Front cliffs	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261
Weekly 60-90 minute walk along the cliffs at the bottom of Hawthorne Boulevard.				
<b>Women in Transition (WIM)</b>	8/1 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Malaga Bank 2514 Via Tejon, PVE	Susan 310-374-2116
Monthly discussion group for women in all types of transitions.				

In the February 2012 issue of *CoastLines*, which focused on the AAUW/PVP and Palos Verdes Library District connection, we listed AAUW members who routinely volunteer at the Library. Unfortunately we missed **Shirley Collins**, long time branch member and volunteer in the Library Shop. Shirley, please accept our sincere apologies. We appreciate your dedication to AAUW and our local community library.



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### ***AAUW Mission Statement***

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, 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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### **Branch Message Board**

**Anne Destabelle** would like to invite branch members to support Angels of Hope by attending the "Hope is in the Air" luncheon at Los Verdes Country Club at noon on Sunday, October 28. LA Vocal Core will be performing at this event. Contact Anne for more information at 310-541-8469.

**Marion Martelli** would like to thank all the branch members who contributed toiletries from their various travels. She has put together 130 hygiene kits for the homeless clients of Harbor Interfaith Services in San Pedro. Unused toiletries of any size and type are always welcome. Call Marion at 310-377-3729 for information or to contribute.