

What to Do This May 8th

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch Annual Meeting

Don't miss this important meeting to:

- Elect new council leaders
- Hear an update on branch business
- Learn about ballot changes for June
- Discuss AAUW's position papers on:
 - Education in California and the impact of the proposed budget
 - Budget impacts on the Safety Net as it affects women and children

May 8th ~ 2pm to 4pm
 Hesse Park
 Fireside Room

Now that we women have the vote,
 let's use it well !!



Scuttle the Shovel



Get Rid of the Gloves



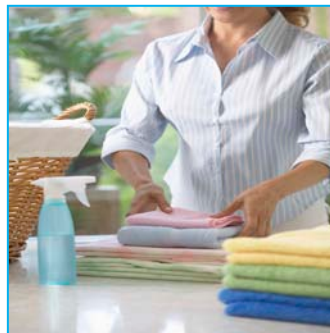
Cancel the Chopping



Put down the Project



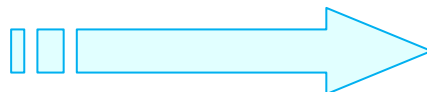
Lose the Laptop



Leave the Laundry



Shake off the Sand



*Get Yourself Relaxed and Refreshed
 and Come to the Meeting*

Status of Women and Girls in California

On March 29, **Maria Ashla, Sherry May** and **Margery Norris** attended a conference at Mount St. Mary's College, on the beautiful Doheny campus near the University of Southern California campus, joining 800 women and girls to hear Geena Davis, Val Zavala and other women of high achievement discuss the results of a newly published report described below.

The Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California 2012 was prepared by Mount St. Mary's College, a women's college with a mission to serve and to lead. The information in the report was gathered from existing databases and surveys at both the state and the national level, and from public and private sources. It is an overview of the challenges facing California women in 10 critical areas: demographics, poverty, education, media and technology, employment, leadership, physical health, mental health, violence and incarceration. Below are a few the highlights of the report, but for more information, visit www.statusofwomen.msmc.la.edu.

Demographics: Women of color comprise over half of the female population of California and nearly 40% of California women and girls speak a language other than English at home.

Education: In college-level enrollment and degree completion, females overall are on par with or surpassing males. However, there is a gender gap in most areas of science and mathematics, as girls move up in grade level. In addition, women are underrepresented in these fields.

Employment and Earnings: In every job category, women's median income is lower than the median salary for men. More men than women hold higher level jobs, such as business executives, medical doctors and lawyers.

Poverty: Nearly 17% of all women and girls in California are living in poverty. This equals almost 3.1 million females. The highest rate is among female headed households.

Leadership: California women are significantly underrepresented in federal, state and local government and comprise only a small portion of public company CEO positions. However, over half of California small businesses are owned or jointly owned by women.

Media and Technology: Women and girls continue to be underrepresented in family films both in front of and behind the camera. Women lag behind men in their confidence in their abilities in this area. This digital divide is a major concern as more jobs require technology skills.

Physical Health: It is improving among those with health insurance and access to providers. There are significant health disparities for women in poverty and for African American women and Latinas.

Mental Health: California women receive the same amount of treatment as men, while twice as likely to experience depression or anxiety.

Violence: The rate of intimate partner assault of California women is higher than the national average. Social services to support survivors of violence are insufficient in number with three-fourths of the shelters regularly at, or exceeding, capacity.

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Report from the 91st AAUW California Convention



Nancy Mahr and **Sherry May** arrived in Santa Clara Thursday afternoon April 12 for the presentation on the new Public Policy Initiative **"It's My Vote, I Will Be Heard"** aimed at getting more young women voters to the polls in the fall 2012 elections. Nancy, who is a member of the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee, will speak about this effort at the branch annual meeting on May 8, which will be held at 2pm at Hesse Park.

On Friday morning **Sherry May** attended the President's Brunch "On Leadership." **Fran Wielin** joined Sherry and Nancy for the children's musical group production of "Bullies Anonymous", offering awareness and solutions to the problem of bullying in schools and cyberbullying online via social media. The "Connection Corner" room displayed branch projects from all over the state.

In the afternoon we saw the documentary film "Miss Representation," which PVP AAUW showed with the PV Library on March 18. We were glad we saw it again and felt its powerful message that the media's misrepresentations of women has led to the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence. Saturday evening the director and producer **Jennifer Siebel Newsom** spoke on "Re-envisioning Women as Leaders in our Society." She noted the small percentage of women in Congress, state governorships and CEO's and boards of large corporations.

Friday evening we heard the charismatic speaker **Tara Sophia Mohr** coach on "10 Rules for Brilliant Women", originally published on The Huffington Post and available at www.taramohr.com. She urged us to find our own unique gift and calling.

During the Friday evening business session we heard **Kat Braeman** from National talk about several AAUW Leadership Programs, as seen on www.aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms.

Longtime AAUW Member **Jo Harberson** raised \$10,000 for "Elect Her", one of AAUW's Leadership Programs, to encourage college women to run for student government, hoping to empower young women to view themselves as political candidates.

Saturday morning, AAUW Director of Membership **Christy Jones** noted that AAUW membership is increasing. We then attended Workshops. Fran went to "Explore Our AAUW CA Website" and learned that there is a huge amount of information available there. She also attended "Fair Play for Girls in Sports – Strategies to Level the Playing Field for K-12 Athletes", focusing on Title IX. Sherry attended "Boards That Fly: Building an Effective Branch Board that will Grow the Branch and Advance AAUW's Mission" and "Energize Your Branch: Create a Campus Connection." We heard from some of the 350 members of the San Jose Branch on their five Community Action projects, targeting homeless adults and teens, local scholarships, sports equity and teen science excellence, which have brought the branch into the community, increasing awareness of the AAUW mission and the vitality of the organization.



*Convention Team 2012
Nancy Mahr, Sherry May, Kay Odgers (Torrance branch
president and new PVP branch member) and Fran Wielin*

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Membership

Welcome to a new dual member **Kay Odgers**. Kay served as founder and first president of the Torrance Branch and is currently again serving as president. A life member of AAUW, Kay is an advocate of AAUW and what our organization means to each individual member. She is a retired litigation paralegal and excited about meeting our members and participating in branch activities. Kay received her B.A. from the University of Tulsa and attended UCLA to complete a litigation paralegal certificate. *(Kay is pictured with Nancy, Sherry and Fran on page 3. The photo was taken at State Convention in Santa Clara, April 12 to 15.)*

Please add Kay's information to your directory:

Kay Odgers

2066 W. 234th St, Torrance 90501
e-mail: dokokk@aol.com
telephone: 310-534-1122

Renew Early & Save

Again this year, the PVP branch is offering members the opportunity to renew their AAUW membership early and save \$2.00. Those who renew before June will pay only \$83. Renewals beginning June 1 will pay \$85. Life members pay \$34.00 as Early Birds instead of \$36.00. Honorary Life Members pay no dues. Remember \$46.00 of your National dues are tax deductible.

Use the form at the right or just forward your check with a note regarding changes to your directory listing to either Mary or Cordelia depending on when you renew. If you have any questions, call **Mary Shackle** at 310-541-4630 or e-mail pmsackle@verizon.net.

Did you know AAUW is a nationwide community of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches and 500 college and university partners?

To be included in the PVP Member Directory, you must renew your membership by June 30 at the latest.

(Submitted by Mary Shackle)

Membership Renewal

Indicate all changes required on the form below. If no changes are required to your directory listing, please check the appropriate line below and clearly print your name where indicated.

Return this form with your dues payment to the address indicated below.

No Changes Required _____

Name _____

Please make the following changes to my directory information:

Address _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Other _____

Please indicate here if you need to receive *CoastLines* (the Palos Verdes Peninsula branch newsletter) by regular postal service. Otherwise, the e-mail address on your member directory will be used. _____

Before June 1, return this form with your \$83 early bird renewal dues payable to AAUW/PVP to:

AAUW PVP BRANCH
112 Aspen Way
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

After June 1, 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

Report from Convention

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A highlight for Nancy and Sherry was the finals of Speech Trek, on the topic of "BULLYING...so what?" with truly excellent speeches by three high school students.

AAUW CA has a new Legislative Advocate, **Shannon Smith-Crowley**, who spoke at the Sunday Public Policy Breakfast. AAUW is supporting or opposing several bills in the Legislature this year. This is an important election year, with re-districting also a factor. Priorities include Education, the Safety Net and Health. Nancy was a speaker on AAUW's priorities on Public Education and the effects of the budget crisis. California now ranks 46th in the nation on funding per pupil. The Public Policy priorities are also on www.aauw-ca.org.

The last event was the AAUW Funds Luncheon, celebrating the generous donations of California AAUW members to the various AAUW fellowships for women's graduate study, career development grants and community action grants. PVP's branch donation of \$2,280.50 to AAUW Funds was listed in the program, as well as our donation of \$177 to the LAC. **Dr. Catherine Hill**, AAUW Director of Research spoke at the Funds Luncheon and told us about AAUW's latest research report "*Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*," which is also a form of bullying. She explained the careful methodology, which results in widespread respect for AAUW studies. She is currently working on two projects: graduating to a pay gap and the burden of student loans, and how community colleges can help in breaking through barriers for women.

AAUW CA is in good shape financially, with a balanced budget. The convention was paid for by the registration fees and new office space was rented at the lower market rates. The new Administrative Assistant is **Susan Crabtree**.

There were a total of 324 members registered at the Convention. There was no controversial business this year. Instead of voting at the convention for State officers for the next two years, every member of CA AAUW will vote for President, Secretary, and four directors by e-mail in April and May – voting will close on June 1. Candidates can be seen on the website at www.aauw-ca.org.

The next CA State convention will be in two years, in 2014, at the LAX Marriott. Next year, 2013, the National Convention will be held in New Orleans.

Submitted by Fran Wielin

Status of Women and Girls

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Incarceration: Despite the decline in crime rates for the past 10 years, female incarceration for non-violent crimes has increased. The number of white and Latina prisoners has increased, while the number of African American prisoners and female juvenile offenders has declined.

"We have seen the first woman become Speaker of the House, make a serious bid for the Presidency, be elected Attorney General of California, and for the first time in history we have three women on the Supreme Court of the United States. But much work remains to be done. By examining the role of gender in greater depth, we can pave the way for true equality and a culture that fosters the success and well-being of the women and girls in California." Quoted from *A Call to Action* at end of the report.

Submitted by Margery Norris

May Calendar

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Bridge-Ettes	5/1 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Jan Cofer 310-791-8337	Margery Norris 310-514-3980
			Contact Margery if interested in subbing in group June 5: Home of Ruth Bloland	
Women in Transition	5/2 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Malaga Bank 2514 Via Tejon, PVE	Susan Negrete 310-374-2116
			Monthly discussion group for women in all types of transitions	
PVP Branch Annual Meeting	5/8 Tuesday	2:00 pm	Fireside Room at Hesse Park	
			Election of Council Leaders, Branch Business, Introduction of 2012 Voter Campaign, Examination and Discussion of AAUW Position Papers on Education and Budget Impacts	
Grand Slammers	5/10 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Betty Ettington 310-517-5517	Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
			Contact Sara if interested in subbing in group June 14: Home of Judy Purvis	
Contemporary Literature	5/14 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Marilyn Morton 310-750-6417	Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
			<i>Electric Michelangelo</i> by Sarah Hall June 11: <i>On Beauty</i> by Zadie Smith	
Readers Theater	5/14 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Carol Torelli 310-378-1882	Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
			Regular Meeting and Review of <i>Athletes in Skirts</i> June 11: Potluck at the home of Pilar Hale-Simmons	
Art & Artists	5/15 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946	Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
			Monthly meeting for art lovers	

Mark your calendars for these coming events:

June 12 Council & Branch Planning Meeting ~ Fireside Room, Hesse Park
 August 24 Fall Fling at the home of Penny Stein
 September 23 Celebrate Tech Trek with our 2012 campers at Hesse Park

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Great Decisions	5/21 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Jan Gardner 310-378-1953	Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
Topic #3 "Mexico: Transborder Crime and Governance" Leader is Barbara Prassas June 18: Clubhouse at PV Shores Mobile Park, call Lucia Dzwonczyk 310-832-0540 Topic #4: "Cybersecurity: The New Frontier" Leader is Bonnie Durling Group does not meet in July, August or September – next meeting will be October				
Night Books	5/21 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Leann Roque 310-541-3525 <i>The Tiger's Wife</i> by Tea Obreht June 18: No book, dinner at Szechwan in Lomita Summer Book: <i>The River of Doubt</i> by Candice Millard	Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
Lunch Bunch	5/23 Wednesday	12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club Call Nancy to reserve if you wish to attend	Nancy Kellogg 310-377-2427
AAUW – Who Are We Anyway?	5/24 Thursday	9:30 am	Home of Trish Dilligan 310-541-7104 Monthly discussion group about AAUW mission	Trish Dilligan 310-541-7104
Eclectic Readers	5/24 Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Myrna Plost 310-541-6743 <i>The Paris Wife</i> by Paula McLain June 28: Book is <i>The Hunger Games Trilogy</i> by Suzanne Collins	Jan Cofer 310-731-8337
Walkers	Every Thursday	7:00 am	Ocean Front cliffs Weekly 60-90 minute walk along the cliffs at the bottom of Hawthorne Boulevard.	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261
Mah Jongg	Selected Mondays or Fridays	1:00 pm	Contact Myrna for play dates and locations If interested in lessons, contact Anne Destabelle	Myrna Plost 310-541-6743



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<http://www.palosverdes.com/aauw>

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PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, CA 90274

AAUW Mission Statement

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

CoastLines is the monthly newsletter of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch edited by Marion Martelli.

CoastLines is distributed to members via e-mail as a PDF file. Those requiring printed and posted copies are requested to make an annual contribution of \$10 to cover printing and postage.

Deadline for copy and photos is the 10th of each month preceding the issue month. *CoastLines* is issued September through May with a combined issue for December/January. In some years, a ninth issue is posted in June.

Materials should be forwarded to Marion Martelli at 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 of any changes.

Save the Date . . .

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch
Planning Meeting

Hesse Park
Fireside Room

June 12

2pm to 4pm

All branch members are welcome and encouraged to participate in planning programs and events for the coming year
Please come ~ Be involved in your branch