



CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch
November-December 2015

November 10 Council Meeting presents:

Freedom From Fear on the College Campus

Annie McBride – Assistant Director of Student Life and Inclusion
Marymount California University

- Title IX Requirements
- Marymount's implementation of Compliance Measures
- Tools for students to keep themselves and others safe

Kimberly Hernandez and Alexandra Abel

Two Marymount students sponsored by our branch will share their experiences at the June 2015 NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) Conference.

Regular Council business will follow the presentations

All members and particularly new ones are encouraged to attend

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

2-4 PM

Hesse Park, Fireside Room

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR

We have had a very eventful last couple of months. The Fall Fiesta was a great success which brought us several new members. Celebrate Tech Trek was well attended by both AAUW members as well as the families of the sixteen girls selected for the educational camp.

As a co-sponsor of the Human Trafficking Seminar held on September 30th, AAUW is looking at how we might continue to make a difference in this critical area of saving children from slavery. AAUW and the League of Women voters co-sponsored the three local forums of candidates running for office--Palos Verdes Unified School District, Rancho Palos Verdes Council and Rolling Hills Estates Council.

I look forward to our next Branch Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 10th as we have many items on the agenda. Our presentation will be on Title IX and I hope you are able to attend.

Elayne

Human Trafficking Seminar

The PVP Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters and AAUW-PVP collaborated to present a seminar on Human Trafficking at the Peninsula Center Library on Thursday, October 15th.

The Seminar was a great success, with well over 85 attendees. Twenty six of those in attendance were AAUW members. Speakers from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, the L.A. County Department of Children & Family Services and the Children's Defense Alliance presented an overview of Human Trafficking globally and locally, and described a profile of the typical violator and victim. A sex trafficking victim who had escaped her traffickers and now counsels other young victims gave a touching and educational presentation of her own personal experience.

California has more reported cases of human trafficking than any other state in the nation, and Los Angeles has more child sexual trafficking cases than any other city in the nation.

Freedom from Violence Committee

AAUW-PVP is currently forming a Freedom from Violence Committee to review issues of violence against women and identify potential actions the branch might take to address them in our community.

If you are interested in participating in these discussions, please contact Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com or (310)318-1037.



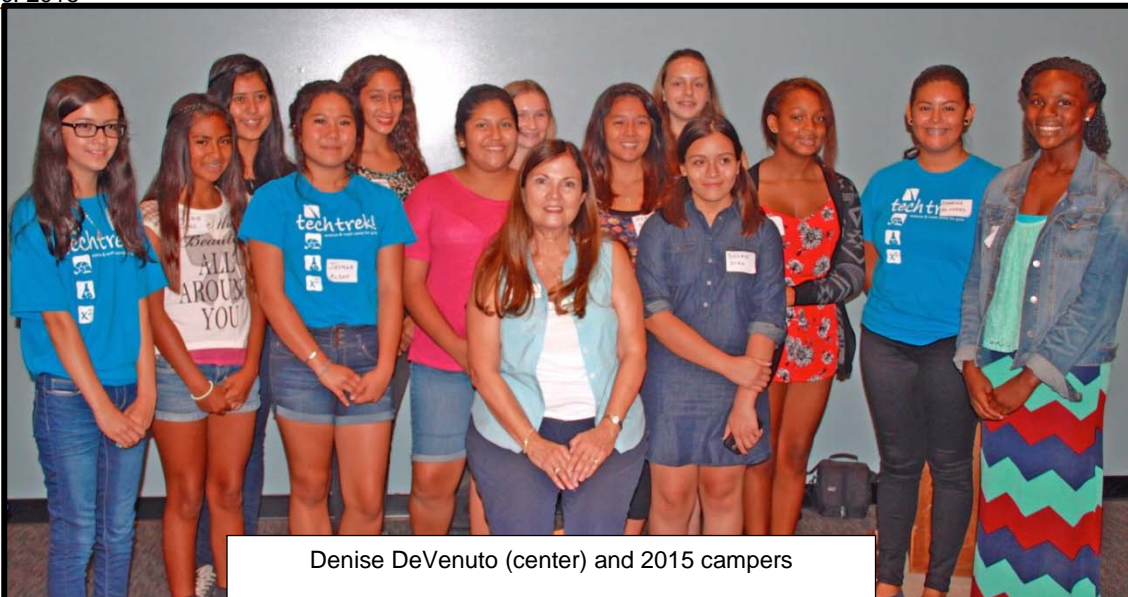
Save the Date

Our Annual Winter/Holiday party will be at Eileen Edelson's home on

Saturday, January 16

This is always a lovely time to be with friends after the holiday rush.

Details will follow in the next edition of CoastLines.



Denise DeVenuto (center) and 2015 campers

Celebrate Tech Trek a resounding success

The following is an excerpt from one of the many branch members who wrote to Denise DeVenuto, the Tech Trek Chair, after the celebration. We believe this email expresses the sentiments of those of us who attended.

“Denise, yesterday’s celebration was just spectacular! The feeling of friendship and camaraderie in the room and participation of the girls and families who attended were outstanding. The girls were so poised and articulate it was hard to believe their ages.... All of the work and thought you have put into the program and the guidance and training you have given the girls really showed. Thank you for your leadership and dedication...”

Fifteen smiling campers and their families were present at the event. Using a microphone, the girls each talked about their core class, their field trip, the projects on which they collaborated with other campers, and how much they learned. In a lighter vein, they also talked about the fun they had and the new friendships they made.

Several former campers were also in attendance. One of them, Alba Garcia (2010), is now a freshman at UCI on full scholarship. She delayed her move back to campus just to tell us once more what the experience of Tech Trek camp had meant to her. Another former camper who came to speak to us, Alexandra Ferguson (2011), has been a Junior Counselor for three years at UCI. She remarked that, ‘Being around such creative girls opens up a whole new world.’ The position of Junior Counselor is an honor given only to girls who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and maturity. Kimberly Solorio (2012), a Junior Counselor at UCSB, has exhibited such traits by making presentations to parents of potential campers and interpreting at Tech Trek parent information meetings at Wilmington Middle School for three years. She said that being a being a Junior Counselor enabled her “to see the hard work that goes on behind the scenes at Tech Trek camp.”

It was also moving to hear from parents who took to the microphone to say thank you for the gift of camp their daughters had received. Alba Garcia’s mother explained that young people often hear about the benefits of going to college, but it takes a program like Tech Trek to make it real for them and give them self-confidence and motivation.

Because of space limitations, we can only publish a few of the many delightful photographs taken by Denise’s husband, Joe DeVenuto, who acted as the official photographer and all-around helper. On behalf of the branch we salute Denise, Dale Richards (Tech Trek Treasurer) and the committee members who make Tech Trek possible. We also salute the many donors who so generously contribute to this extremely worthwhile program.

A few of the campers and families



Alexandra – Junior Counselor



Alba's mom thanking us



If you would like to donate to the 2016 Tech Trek Program, make your check in any amount payable to AAUW and write PVP Tech Trek in the memo line

Mail to: Dale Richards at 3124 Palos Verdes Drive North, Palos Verdes Estates CA 90274

Also please make a note in your Directory: Dale Richards is no longer Tech Trek Co-chair, she is the Tech Trek Treasurer

AAUW Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC)

Growing the Latino Voice in L.A. County Elections: The Work Ahead

Dr. Raphael Sonenshein is the featured speaker. He is an expert in public and political affairs and will be addressing a very important and timely topic.

Sunday, November 8, 2015 2-4 pm
PHI Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital
12401 Washington Blvd, Whittier, CA 90602

Contact Marion Smith for details or if you wish to carpool.

Fall Fiesta - Annual kickoff event

The Fall Fiesta was held Saturday August 29 in the Gallery of historic Malaga Cove Library. Co-chairs Cordelia Hwang and Kathleen Fitzgerald created a very welcoming party for members and guests.

There were 54 attendees, including nine guests six of whom joined the branch.

During the short program the interest group activities planned for the coming year were outlined, along with updates on the Marymount connection, the PVP Village, and CA AAUW State activities.

We also thank committee members Muriel Blatt, Connie Davenport, Eileen Edelson, Jacky Mason, Elayne Nahman, Kay Odgers, Mary Shackle, Susan Wallace, Ruth Bloland, Leann Roque and Judy Purvis. The festive decorations and delicious food were enjoyed by all.



Cordelia Hwang and Kathy Fitzgerald



Membership Chairs Leann Roque, Kay Odgers, and Rowie Wolf

Public Policy – Get Involved!

AAUW is actively involved in supporting public policy issues that particularly impact women at both national and state levels. Wage equity, violence against women, Title IX, etc. – AAUW has lobbied for change, given testimony at congressional hearings, and provided public education on numerous issues.

Nancy Mahr is our PVP Branch Public Policy representative. Nancy Rayner and Muriel Blatt have recently joined her to help get the word out about public policy activities. We felt that a good start would be to provide some basic information on how members can be more involved.

The AAUW national & state websites provide a great deal of information, but if you want to receive weekly **Washington Update** emails with short public policy status descriptions, just click on <http://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/> to sign up.

The **Two Minute Activist** allows you to enter your zip code and easily generate an email to your specific legislator regarding pending legislation. To access the **Two Minute Activist**, click on this link - <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>.

In case you would like to contact one of our elected officials...

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<p>Governor Jerry Brown c/o State Capitol Building, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916)445-2841 governor@governor.ca.gov</p>	
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INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

Bi-monthly, 3rd Tuesday 10am-12 pm
Chair: Sherry 310-378-4122
Jan 19: home of Mary Shackle

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy 310-519-1606
Nov 17: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Manet and Monet – The Birth of Impressionism

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery 310-514-3980
Nov 17: home of Ruth Boland
Dec 15 – Bridge holiday luncheon – contact Fleur Yano for reservations

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

1st Tuesday 2pm
Host: Marlin 310-791-2849
Please respond if planning to attend
Currently space limited

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

2nd Mon 9:30am
Chair Barbara 310-519-8044
Nov 9: home of Sharon Butler
The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Philipp Sendker
Dec 14 Holiday Luncheon at Terranea

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan 310-791-8337
Nov 19: home of Jan Cofer;
Honeydew by Edith Pearlman
Dec 17: Holiday Luncheon at Palos Verdes Country Club

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen 310-373-0946
Nov 16: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Human Trafficking*

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores

3rd Monday 10am
Chair Sharon 310-541-2417
Nov 16: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Brazil's Metamorphosis*: Facilitator – Holly Cain

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara 310-541-2767
Nov 12: home of Nancy Leonard
Dec 15 – Bridge holiday luncheon – contact Fleur Yano for reservations.

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie 310-373-5970
Nov 9: home of Sue Johnson
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Dec 14 Holiday Dinner

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky 310-377-3896
Nov 16: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Dec 14: home of Jane Jones

WALKERS Every Thursday

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 310-377-0642
November 4: private residence. Please RSVP to Rowie 310-373-5970 by Nov 3.
TOPIC: Thoughts on Women Leaders

THE VICTORIAN AGE

This is a new evening group in the process of forming. We plan to watch videos of stimulating lectures followed by discussion.

Call Jacky for details. 310 377-3896



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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