



Celebrate our branch's 55th birthday immediately following a short Council meeting

Tuesday, November 13, beginning at 1:00 pm

Hesse Park, Fireside Room

Readers Theater will present a special birthday tribute program

Birthday cake will be served

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From the Council Chair . . .

Believe it or not, we're 55!

I hope you're all set to celebrate at Hesse Park on November 13th. Mark your calendars from 1 to 4 pm. We'll have a brief Council meeting, then move on to enjoy the Readers Theater tribute and birthday cake.

In thinking about our 55 years, I remembered the familiar saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Things do change. We have a great photo in our archives of the branch's charter officers, taken June 14, 1958. There they stand – all seven of the women – in stylish hats, white gloves, prim purses, mid-calf dresses and comfortable small heeled shoes – looking very 1950ish.

But some things do stay the same. There is the same commitment to further the work of AAUW through supporting the association's programs and policies, through working in the community and beyond to address "social and civic problems," and in conviviality and having fun through interest groups and annual celebrations.

I've heard it said that changes do not affect reality on the deeper level. It makes sense that while the surface appearance and activities will change, the deeper reality remains. And we may no longer wear white gloves, but I believe we share the purpose and basic commitments of those women who founded the Palos Verdes-Rolling Hills AAUW branch back in 1957.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 13th.

Sherry

Grand Slammers Donate Loudspeaker

Thanks to members of **Grand Slammers** who each contribute \$1 every time the group plays bridge, the branch now has a new powered loudspeaker that is portable, lightweight and easy to use for meetings and programs. **Carol Torelli**, who is a member of Grand Slammers as well as a Readers Theater thespian and our branch's resident sound system expert, purchased the system which was used for the first time at the Celebrate Tech Trek meeting in September. Although she used her own personal cord and mike at the meeting, Carol says her intention is to provide a full set up boxed with instructions so anyone could use the branch equipment with confidence at any meeting or program.

Thank You, Grand Slammers!

AAUW Celebrates 55 Years

In 1957 several local Palos Verdes women met and decided they wanted to form a branch of the American Association of University Women. They did so, and now 55 years later the branch will celebrate with a birthday party at Hesse Park on November 13, 2012. The festivities will begin at 1:00 pm with a brief Council meeting and be followed by a special program by our branch's Readers Theater group. And, of course, there will be birthday cake.

The Readers Theater program was especially written for the occasion and chronicles the branch's activities and projects over the last 55 years, as well as changes on the Peninsula and in society as a whole. In five vignettes you meet AAUW branch members who, in a personal and humorous manner, portray the remarkable, subtle changes in the interests, social behavior, and priorities of our members through the past 55 years.

All members and guests are invited to celebrate the extraordinary history of our branch and to enjoy the birthday festivities and refreshments.

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 13 – 1:00 to 4:00 pm
HESSE PARK – FIRESIDE ROOM

Readers Theater Performs November 1

Readers Theater will perform their newest play *Athletes in Skirts* for Las Vecinas at the Palos Verdes Country Club on November 1 at 1:00 pm. Group members **Kendell Cornwell, Nancy Veits, Cecilia Urwin, Pilar Simmons, Carol Torelli, Marion Martelli, Kathleen Fitzgerald, and Linnea Eades** comprise the cast.

The play, written to recognize the 40th anniversary of the passage of Title IX legislation, presents four outstanding woman athletes who demonstrated, long before Title IX was conceived, that women are quite capable of excelling and achieving greatness in sports.

This is the third play AAUW Readers Theater has presented to Las Vecinas. Other performances have included *The Select Sorority* and *Interview with Queen Victoria*.

Member Updates:

Jacky Mason has a new e-mail address which is jackymason34@yahoo.com.

Peggy Costello's correct e-mail address is costellopeggy47@gmail.com.

Judy Willis's correct telephone number is 310-373-1539.

Please make note of these changes in your member directory.

Meetings with League of Women Voters Well Attended

Despite the first Presidential Debate taking place on the same evening, the Ballot Proposition Forum on October 3rd co-sponsored by AAUW/PVP and the League of Women Voters was well attended. The evening was also videoed and our branch has a copy available for member use. If you weren't able to attend and would like to view the video, please contact either **Sherry May** or **Nancy Mahr**.

The Congressional Candidates Forum held on October 10th was also a great success with a standing room only crowd. Those who missed the meeting and wish to hear what the candidates had to say may view the meeting on the local television channel during the coming week.

Thank you to branch members **Muriel Blatt**, **Mary Watson** and **Trish Dilligan** who performed the hostessing duties at these meetings.

Pictured left to right:

Linda Herman

Arlene Block

Katy Watkins

Sherry May,

*AAUW/PVP Council
Chair*

Nancy Mahr,

President of the Palos

Verdes League of

Women Voters and

member of the AAUW

State Public Policy

Committee

and

Jo Ann Waller



Tech Time Update

For over a decade Girl Scouts in Palos Verdes have benefited from Tech Time, a once monthly (January through May) evening program with presentations by professional women in the fields of math and science for 4th to 5th grade Girl Scouts. Our branch's recent announcement of the need to discontinue this program because of the lack of new leadership was met by an outcry from both our membership and the community and many members offered to assist. Now a member to lead the program has come forward and Tech Time will be delivered in 2013. Watch for the big announcement and some changes to the Tech Time program in the next issue of *CoastLines*.

Campers and Families Celebrate Tech Trek

Tech Trek co-chairs **Mary Palmer** and **Dale Richards** welcomed over 30 members and more than 40 guests to Celebrate Tech Trek on Sunday, September 23 at Hesse Park. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the AAUW members that supported this event. Special thanks to **Marion Martelli** who headed up a dedicated group of volunteers who set up, handled refreshments, and cleaned up on the day of the event. Refreshments included lemondade, cookies and ice cream sundaes.



Mary and Dale talked about the Tech Trek Science and Math Program and provided a little history about the 98 girls that have been able to attend this summer camp program through our branch's sponsorship. The nine campers present came up to introduce their family members and to receive their Certificates of Achievement. We were all touched as the parents told us how important this program was to their daughters and how this type of exposure to math and science and life on a college campus would make an impact on their futures.



Cordelia Hwang and **Judy Purvis** led the science experiment portion of the meeting. There were many laughs and some splashing as members, campers and their families participated together in the "diver experiment" at each table.

Dale explained the need to raise funds in order to be able to sponsor 12 campers again next summer. At that point **Jacky Mason** presented a contribution of \$1800 from Readers Theater. She was followed by **Anne Destabelle** who presented a check for \$1000 on behalf of the Pennyroyal Players. We received many other generous donations and are off to a wonderful start. However, we still need more funds. Please make a real difference in the life of one of our future campers by giving a tax-deductible donation to our Tech Trek Program for 2013. Make your check in any amount payable to AAUW CA SPF and write AAUW PVP in the memo line. Mail the check to: **Dale Richards** at



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Submitted by Dale Richards

November Calendar

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
AAUW – Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)	11/15 Thursday	10:00 am	Home of Judy Purvis 310-375-8578 Retreat for monthly discussion group about AAUW mission Call to reserve a lunch	Judy Purvis 310-375-8578
Arts & Artists	11/19 * Monday	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
	* Note Date Change			
Bridge-Ettes	11/20 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Dale Richards 310-375-3369 Contact Margery if interested in subbing	Margery Norris 310-514-3980
Contemporary Literature	11/12 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Penny Stein 310-377-5648 <i>Bring Up the Bodies</i> by Hilary Mantel December: No Book – Lunch at Trumps on 12/10	Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
Eclectic Readers	11/29 * Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Myrna Plost 310-541-6743 <i>Heartburn</i> by Nora Ephron - No meeting in December	Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
	* Note Date Change			
Great Decisions – Northside Group	11/19 Monday	10:00 am	Home of Mary Shackle 310-541-4630 Topic #6: State of the Oceans: Waves of Change Facilitator: Mary Shackle Kathleen will be taking orders for 2013 Great Decisions books	Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946
Great Decisions – South Shores Group	11/19 Monday	10:00 am	South Shores Clubhouse Topic #6: State of the Oceans: Waves of Change Facilitator: Marilyn Morton	Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
Grand Slammers	11/8 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Betty Ettington 310-750-6417 Contact Sara if interested in subbing	Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

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Lunch Bunch	11/7 * Tuesday	12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club	Nancy Kellogg 310-377-2427
	* Note Date Change		At this gathering we will open the presidential election predictions we made last year to determine a winner so please call Nancy to confirm attendance	
Mah Jongg	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
Night Books	11/12 * Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Connie Davenport 310-541-4380 <i>Gone Girl</i> by Gillian Lynn December: No book Dinner on 12/10 at Buona Sera Ristorante, Redondo Beach	Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
	* Note Date Change			
Readers Theater	11/12 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Pilar Simmons 310-514-0192 All interested members are welcome – Contact Jacky	Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
Walkers	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
Women in Transition (WIM)	11/7 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

Anne Destabelle shared one of her favorite quotes from Nora Ephron:

Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim.

Thank you, **Anne**, for these words to live by. If you have words to live by that you would like to share, submit your suggestions to **Marion Martelli** at vinmar@cox.net for consideration.



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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

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 may be posted in June or August.

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.

Branch Message Board

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Bridge Players – On December 12, beginning at 11:30 am Marion Martelli will host the annual bridge holiday celebration, which will be a catered lunch and lots of play time. Anyone wishing to participate should confirm their attendance to Marion at 310-377-3729 by the end of November so arrangements can be made for lunch. Cost is expected to be between \$12 and \$15.