



Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch October 2012 Volume 55 Number 3

Confused about the state propositions on the November 6th ballot?

Don't miss these informative programs ---

Wednesday, October 3th, 7:00 pm Peninsula Center Library, Community Room



San Pedro Library, Community Room

Want to know more about the 33rd Congressional District candidates?

Don't miss this candidate forum---

Wednesday, October 10th, 8:15 pm Hesse Park, Rancho Palos Verdes

Programs are free and open to the public

Presented by the League of Women Voters Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro

Co-sponsored by AAUW Palos Verdes

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Join us and let's clear the air on the State Ballot Propositions

From the Council Chair ...

Use the 19th

The 19th, of course, is the constitutional amendment that guaranteed women the right to vote. AAUW was there, from the very beginning, working to gain this right. In the fall AAUW *Outlook* magazine, Linda Haltman, our Executive Director, reminds us that in many ways it's "been a tough couple of years for women....But we can and should be part of the conversation, and the best way to chime in is to get women to the polls this November."

We can feel very proud that our branch has been actively involved this year in the non-partisan voter turnout and education campaign, *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard*. Thanks to **Trish Dilligan**, **Nancy Mahr**, **Muriel Blatt** and many others we have been working to register students at Marymount, providing information to our members, and collaborating with our local League of Women Voters to provide voter education forums.

The national magazine is a great way to keep up-to-date about what's going on, but for branch news there's an even better way. When was the last time you checked out our website? Thanks to **Fran Wielin**, working with **Marion Smith** and **Maria Ashla**, we have a brand new website. It will be maintained by the national office, and regularly updated by Fran to provide accurate and current news about the branch. Check it out today, and remember to "bookmark" it. <u>www.palosverdes-ca.aauw.net</u>.

And don't forget about the state and national sites, <u>www.aauw.org</u> and <u>www.aauw-ca.org</u>. You may be surprised at the wealth of information you'll find on these sites.

Be sure your calendar is marked for November 13th for a shortened Leadership Council meeting and a celebration of our 55th birthday at Hesse Park. You won't want to miss Readers Theater's special presentation.

Sherry

Important Date to Remember						
September 23 rd	Celebrate Tech Trek 2 - 4 pm Hesse Park					
October 3 rd	State Ballot Propositions 7 - 9 pm Peninsula Center Library, Community Room					
October 10 th	Candidate Forum with Candidates for 33 rd U.S. Congressional District					
	8:15 - 9:30 pm Hesse Park					
October 13 th	State Ballot Propositions 1 - 4 pm San Pedro Library, 931 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro					
November 13 th	Leadership Council Meeting 1 pm Hesse Park, Fireside Room					
	General Meeting 2 - 4 pm					
Readers Theater remembers the last 55 years - Birthday Celebration & cake						
November 18 th	LACIC Meeting 2 - 4 pm Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier					

AAUW CA Positions on 2012 Ballot Propositions

In order to determine positions and potential endorsements, the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures that have qualified for the November 2012 ballot in the context of our approved Public Policy Priorities. The committee determined that four Initiatives and one Referendum are relevant to AAUW Priorities.

Proposition 30 – Temporary Taxes to Fund Education - Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding

AAUW public policy positions support adequate and equitable funding for quality public education as well as safe communities. The passage of Proposition 30 will backfill a portion of the state budget deficit, generate much-needed revenues for schools and provide funds to counties for public safety, through increased income tax on the wealthy and a quarter percent increase in the sales tax, for a period of seven years. AAUW CA recommends a <u>Yes</u> vote on Proposition 30.

Proposition 31 – State Budget Process

In 2011, AAUW CA studied California's budget problems and prepared a *Position Paper on the California Budget: "Revenues, Reductions, and Reforms".* Budget reforms are long overdue. However, while Proposition 31 contains positive elements of reform, it also includes troubling policy changes such as giving the governor authority to reduce spending in fiscal emergencies, and places specified state and local budget processes in the state constitution, making these difficult to change in the future. AAUW CA recommends a <u>No</u> vote on Proposition 31.

Proposition 35 – Human Trafficking

AAUW CA opposes human trafficking and supports bringing offenders to justice. This proposition, however, has major flaws, and is contradictory in some elements. It focuses on sex trafficking rather than human trafficking for purposes of "slavery", although forced labor comprises 90% of human trafficking. It pits victims against each other with greater penalties for sex trafficking than for rape and greater penalties for trafficking adult victims than for minors. When a poorly written initiative alters state law, any future change becomes nearly impossible. Members should study this carefully. For more information, go to: www.aauw-ca.org.

Proposition 38 – Tax for Education and Early Childhood Programs

While AAUW CA favors increased revenues for improving education in the state, this ballot measure raises concerns. It would raise taxes on all but those in the lowest tax bracket, and continue the taxes for a lengthy period of 13 years. Funding would go to a special account, not to the state general fund. It would not be used to help the state meet its Prop 98 guarantee to schools. It also prohibits the Legislature from making any modifications to the measure – it could only be amended by a future ballot measure. AAUW CA takes a <u>Neutral</u> position on Proposition 38.

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Proposition 40 – Referendum on the Citizens Redistricting Commission Senate District Boundaries State Senate districts are revised every ten years following the federal census. This year, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, approved by voters in 2008, revised the boundaries of the State Senate districts. This referendum petition is confusing in how it is written. A No vote would prevent the revised State Senate boundaries from taking effect and sanction

the state Supreme Court to appoint special masters to draw new Senate boundaries. A Yes vote would keep the boundaries as drawn, believing that the Citizens Commission is the fairest, most equitable mechanism for revising district boundaries, and its results should remain in effect. AAUW CA urges a <u>Yes</u> vote on Proposition 40.

Here are some websites that contain information on the ballot measures: <u>www.smartvoter.org</u> <u>www.cavotes.org/vote/ballot-measures</u> <u>www.ballotpedia.org</u> <u>www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/ballot_source/Propositions.aspx</u> <u>www.followthemoney.org</u>



As part of our participation in the AAUW project "It's My Vote! I Will Be Heard!," the Palos Verdes Branch is collaborating with the Palos Verdes League of Women Voters to present the programs on the November ballot measures and an evening forum for Congressional candidates as outlined on page one of this newsletter. The programs are open to the public and we encourage your attendance in these vital voter education events.

In another election activity, **Trish Dilligan** will be on the Marymount College campus to register eligible students to vote in November.

Submitted by Nancy Mahr, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee Member

AAUW PVP Has a New Website

The new web address for our Palos Verdes branch website is <u>www.palosverdes-ca.aauw.net</u>. Our special thanks go to **Marion Smith** who managed our website for many years. The new site, which is facilitated by AAUW in Washington, will be managed by **Fran Wielin**, who will be the webmaster.

Please visit the site, and note the pages for Home, About AAUW, Interest Groups, Newsletter, Calendar, and Join (for prospective members). There are also links to both the State and National websites. If you have information you would like added, please forward it to Fran at <u>fwielin@cox.net</u>.

Branch Council Meeting Short Notes

The Leadership Council began the new year on September 11 with a full agenda and 25 members in attendance including two new members. <u>Remember</u>, Council meetings are open to all Branch members. Many of the agenda items will be addressed in separate articles appearing in this issue of *CoastLines*.

AAUW-PVP website – Be sure to check out the new branch website at <u>www.palosverdes-</u> <u>ca.aauw.net</u> established under the direction of **Fran Wielin** (see page 4).

Get out and vote – AAUW is sponsoring numerous programs throughout the USA to encourage women to get out and vote. Our Branch is doing its part in this effort. Membership Co-Chair **Trish Dilligan** will register students on the Marymount, Palos Verdes campus. In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, our Branch will sponsor and participate in three voter forums. (see page 1 and article by **Nancy Mahr** on page 3).

Membership Directory – Our new branch member directory contains information about our 123 members, including the 7 newest members (see page 6).

Tech Time – It is with great regret that the announcement was made that our 13 year old Tech Time science program for Junior Girls Scout is suspended for at least the 2013 program year. It is hoped that new leadership will come forward in the coming months so this worthwhile program can be reinstated in 2014. If you are interested, please contact either **Trish Dilligan** or **Sherry May**.

Task Forces Established – Council chair, Sherry May has appointed a task force to study how we have been using available Benefactor scholarship funds and if we have been putting the funds to the best possible use. Members Maria Ashla, Trish Dilligan, Nancy Mahr, Sherry May and Rowie Wolf hope to have recommendations to present to the Council at its January 8, 2013 meeting. A second 9 member task force has been appointed to study Branch Community Service/Outreach programs. Members include Shirley Borks, Marion Martelli, Jacky Mason, Margery Norris, Mary Palmer, Judy Purvis, Marion Smith, Carol Torelli and Carol Wharton.

Readers Theater – Director **Jacky Mason** announced the group plans to present *Athletes in Skirts* in February as a community service project. The group will arrange a display in the PV Library lobby showcase, which will run from February 4th to February 18th and feature women athletes. Jacky also advised that Readers Theater will donate \$500 to AAUW Educational Funds.

AAUW/PVP 55th Birthday Celebration – Members should plan on attending the November 13th meeting of the Leadership Council when Readers Theater will help celebrate our branch's 55th birthday with a special presentation.

Extracted from the September 11, 2012 Leadership Council Minutes by Eileen Edelson, Secretary

Membership

Fall Fling

We start the season with 7 new members who joined at Fall Fling. Our annual fall gathering, held this year in August, was well attended. Thank you to **Muriel Blatt**, **Sherry May**, **DeeDee Rechtin** and **Rowie Wolf** who encouraged friends to attend and to **Connie Davenport** for the publicity in *Peninsula People* and *The Daily Breeze*. Thank you, also, to **Carol Torelli** and her team who worked so hard to make this year's event very special. (See Fall Fling photos on page 8). All members are asked to continue to remember to invite friends to our general meetings and interest groups. Refer them to **Cordelia Hwang** or **Trish Dilligan** for further information and our membership application package. Membership information is also available on our new website: <u>www.palosverdes-ca.aauw.net</u>.

New Meeting Meeting

There will be a new member orientation on Saturday, October 20, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the home of **Cordelia Hwang**. Please call or email Cordelia by October 10 if you would like to attend.

Welcome Our Newest Members

Peggy Costello - Peggy has both her BA and MA degrees from UCLA where she majored in European History. She has had three Fullbright Fellowships for a year each in India, Egypt and China and taught History for thirty nine years in PV High Schools. Peggy is interested in Great Decisions, WIT, Gourmet Group and Local Outings.

Marianne Dewar - Marianne grew up in So Cal and graduated from San Diego State. Her late husband was an engineer and they moved to Connecticut where they both worked for Pratt and Whitney before she decided to become a teacher. When Marianne returned to CA and settled in the South Bay, she taught English for twenty years at Banning HS and math for fourteen years at Narbonne HS. Since 1977 she and her two sons have lived in RHE. Tech Trek, WIT and Local Outings are among her interests.

Susan Grimshaw - While attending CSUN and earning her teaching credentials, Susan met her husband, Mike, who had just returned from Viet Nam. They have been avid travelers ever since and also enjoy leisurely rides on their tandem bicycle here at home. She taught both art and special education in middle school. Their two daughters and grandchildren live in the area. Susan is interested in Tech Trek, Contemporary Literature and Art and Artists.

Sheila Steinberg - Sheila was raised in NYC and graduated from the City University of NY. She taught in NY for four years and moved to the South Bay in the 60's where she taught 5th and 6th grades in LAUSD. She is fortunate that her two daughters and grandchildren live nearby. Night Books, Art and Artists and Local Outings interest her.

Susan Wallace - Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Susan graduated from Simmons College in MA with a BS in Business. She became a licensed real estate broker when she moved to CA and she started the *continues on page 7*

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Dial-A-Ride Program on the Peninsula after she convinced four city councils that it was needed for our community. She has also taught Business Ethics at USC with Bill May. Susan would consider joining more than one interest group.

Mary Watson - Mary was born in San Pedro and grew up living in several areas of the country. After HS in Chicago she graduated from CSUN, taught for a year, established a graphic arts firm and was the Executive Director of the non-profit Sunshine Alliance. Three of her four children live in So Cal and she takes great delight in her eleven grandchildren. Mary is interested in Night Books.

Judy Willis - Judy grew up in a large family in Connecticut. She earned her JD from Boston College School of Law and was a practicing attorney when she moved to CA and joined Mattel's corporate legal department where she remained for twenty years, the last fifteen as SVP of Business Affairs. Judy negotiated all of the in-license agreements that Mattel produced and sold - Toy Story, Harry Potter, fashion designers for Barbie and the car companies for use in Hot Wheels. Now Judy's time is spent volunteering, mainly with children.

Submitted by Trish Dilligan, Membership Co-Chair

PVP Members Attend LACIC Leadership Day

Trish Dilligan, Sherry May, Kay Odgers and **Fran Wielin** attended the August 18th LA County Interbranch Council Leadership Day in Manhattan Beach. Our delicious box lunch was supplied by Homegirl Café, which provides restaurant and culinary training for at-risk and formerly ganginvolved young women and men. LACIC consists of 15 AAUW branches in LA County. This year the meetings will be held in Whittier, on Sunday afternoons, hoping that more branches can attend.

The special guest was newly elected California AAUW President **Alicia Hetman** from Marysville, CA. Her emphasis for the next 2 years will be: a) Leadership Development, b) Membership Increase, and c) Transparency – Fiduciary and Governance. She encouraged us to always carry an AAUW membership brochure in our purse.

The AAUW Funds Fellows & Grant Recipients Luncheon will be Sunday October 28 at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. This is a great opportunity to hear some of the women who are doing graduate work at local universities with the help of Fellowships provided by the AAWU Funds that we support.

Rozanne Child from Tech Trek said that next year the camps will emphasize more Math and less Marine Biology. Other states are starting Tech Trek programs, but that will not affect the California programs. Many branches are also participating in Speech Trek, and Money Trek, a financial literacy program. Many other branches are developing new websites with AAUW site-resources, which our new website will be using.

Submitted by Fran Wielin

Fall Fling 2012







(*Top Row*) Past Membership Chair Mary Shackle; Membership Co-Chair Cordelia Hwang;

Event Committee: Muriel Blatt, Mary Shackle, DeeDee Rechtin, Fran Wielin, Ruth Bloland and Chair Carol Torelli; Nancy Mahr, State Public Policy Committee

(Second Row) Kathleen Fitzgerald, Interest Group Chair; Penny Stein, Event Hostess; Guests: Judy Martin, Sheila Steinberg*, Judy Svec, Susan Grimshaw*

(Above) Branch Past Presidents: Jacky Mason, Janet Smith, Betty Ettington, Geri Chaudhri and Immediate Past Council Chair Maria Ashla

(At Right) Guests: Judy Willis*, Susan Wallace*, Monique Sugimoto, Peggy Costello*, Betty Williams, Marianne Dewar* and Mary Watson*

(Bottom Row) Tech Trek Co-Chairs Mary Palmer and Dale Richards; Council Chair Sherry May and Geri Chaudhri

* indicates guests who joined our branch at Fall Fling







Other AAUW Happenings

Los Angeles Interbranch Council

AAUW Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC) met on Sunday, September 16th. Marion Smith attended this meeting which focused on sex trafficking of our youth and included a 30-minute video called *Indoctrinated: The Grooming of our Children into Prostitution*. This issue is of particular importance to the AAUW national organization (the Association) and to AAUW of California. Look for Marion's meeting report in the November *CoastLines*. LACIC will meet four times this program year. The next meeting is November 18th at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, at 2 pm. If you are interested in knowing more about LACIC or attending a future meeting, please contact Marion by e-mail to <u>mariondsmith@gmail.com</u> or by telephone at 310-832-3000.

Attend Luncheon Most Deadly - If You Dare

AAUW Long Beach Branch's annual fundraising luncheon, called *Luncheon Most Deadly*, will take place on Saturday, October 20th at 11 am, at the Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach. Three authors are featured: Avery Aames, Sue Ann Jaffarian and Linda O. Johnston. The luncheon raises funds for fellowships, research and project grants. The cost is \$60/person (\$30 of which is tax deductible) and the reservation deadline is October 12th. For more information or to make a reservation, contact **Sharon Westafer**, AAUW Funds EO Co-Chair, at <u>sharwest1@hotmail.com</u> or 562-493-4749.

AAUW Fellowships and Grants Luncheon

The annual Southern California Fellowships and Grants Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 28th at Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel in Buena Park where you can meet and hear some of the 2012-13 AAUW Fellowship and Grant recipients. This is a wonderful way to hear some of the inspiring young women who received interest money from AAUW endowments and see how your contributions are used. The cost is \$35/person, the time is 11:30 am to -3 pm, and the reservation deadline is October 15th. You can find the reservation form at http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=files.ViewByTopic&categoryid=14&title=AAUW%20Funds, or contact Sharon Westafer, AAUW Funds EO Co-Chair, at sharwest1@hotmail.com or 562-493-4749.

This year 4.3 million dollars has been awarded to over 278 Fellowship and Grant recipients to complete studies at the dissertation or doctoral level, pursue further education in their fields, pursue studies in careers underrepresented by women, present community action projects, or study in the United States from countries around the world. Go to <u>www.aauw.org</u> to access the directory of this year's Fellowship and Grant recipients.

Submitted by Marion Smith

When You Belong to AAUW. . . You Are Part of a Long Tradition

In 1881, Mary Talbott envisions an organization in which women college graduates could band together to open doors to higher education to other women,

the beginning of AAUW

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GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE	<u>CONTACT</u>
AAUW – Who A	re We Anywa	/? (WAWA)	No Meeting in October Monthly discussion group about AAU	Judy Purvis 310-375-8578 N mission.
Arts & Artists	10/16 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 Monthly meeting for art lovers. Please contact Kathleen Fitzgerald if helping to start a second group.	Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
Bridge-Ettes	10/16 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Marion Martelli 310-377-3729 Contact Margery if interested in subbi	Margery Norris 310-514-3980 ng.
Contemporary L	L iterature 10/8 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Ceil Woods 310-541-5304 <i>The Virgin Blue</i> by Tracey Chevalier	Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
Eclectic Reader	s 10/25 Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Bunny Rosenzweig 310-541-7103 <i>King Lear</i> by William Shakespeare November Book: <i>Heartburn</i> by Nora	Jan Cofer 310-791-8337 Ephron
Great Decisions	10/15 Monday Topic #5: Exit Facilitator: Ka	10:00 am from Afghanis thleen Fitzge	Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 stan & Iraq: Right Time, Right Place? rald interested in helping to start a third dis	Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 cussion group.
Great Decisions	10/15 Monday	10:00 am from Afghanis	South Shores Clubhouse stan & Iraq: Right Time, Right Place?	Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
Grand Slammer	s 10/11 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767 Contact Sara if interested in subbing.	Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

<u>CoastLines</u>	Sept	GM	ber Calent	October 2012
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Lunch Bunch	and any other	members wi	Palos Verdes Country Club lo and Nancy Mahr indicated their in no may wish to join us for lunch and ce so the right number of reservatior	friendship. Please call
Mah Jongg	Every Friday	1:00 pm	Contact Myrna for dates and locations Contact Anne Destabelle at 310-5 interested in lessons.	Myrna Plost 310-541-6743 41-8469 if you are
Night Books	10/15 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Fran Wielin 310-541-6189 <i>Radio Shangri-La</i> by Lisa Napoli November Book: TBD	Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
Readers Theater	10/15 * Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathy Roberts 310-377-9809 * Please note this is the third Mone Group usually meets on the secon All interested members are welcor	d Monday of each month
Walkers	Every Thursday	7:00 am	Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd. Weekly 60-90 minute walk. Four-I	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261 legged friends welcome.
Women in Trans	ition (WIM) 9/5 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Malaga Bank 2514 Via Tejon, PVE Monthly discussion group for wom	Susan Negrete 310-374-2116 en in all types of transitions.

Powerful Women's Motto: Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit the floor in the morning, Satan shudders & says... "Oh shit...she's awake!!"

Thank you, **Ruth Bloland**, 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 <u>vinmar@cox.net</u> 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

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Branch Message Board

Chadwick Music Fair takes place on October 7 from 1pm to 5:30pm. Tickets are \$50 after September 19. Event includes appetizers, wine, other beverages and the bus ride from Peninsula High. All tax deductible. Lineup includes Dr. Bobby Rodriguez and Friends, LA Phil Principal Horn William Lane, LA Cello Quartet, Tesoro Mariachi and Soprano Jean Cobb.

The Music Showcase of Young Musicians takes place on October 21 from 1pm to 4pm at the Botanic Gardens. Tickets are \$10.

Contact Anne Destabelle at 310-541-8469 or by email to destabelle@cox.net for tickets or information.