

Are You Safe in Your Community?



**AAUW Joint Meeting with
PVP Coordinating Council**

Thursday, October 24

Noon to 1:00 pm

Pen Center Library - Community Room

Meeting is free. Optional box lunch may be purchased if ordered ahead.

Meeting Details on page 3.

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Branch Outing

The El Segundo Museum of Art

208 Main Street, El Segundo ~ Tour at 1:00 pm

Optional Lunch at Farm Stand Restaurant, 11:30 am



Thursday, November 14

Reservations: **Judy Purvis** at 310-375-8578 or by e-mail to BJPurvis@cox.net.

Let Judy know if you are willing to drive or just want to ride.

Tour Details on page 3.

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From the Council Chair . . .

Why do we renew our AAUW membership from year to year? That was the question **Ginny Hatfield** and **Lisa Beauchamp**, AAUW-CA Directors, asked AAUW Californians in a recent survey. The answer: *because we support the AAUW mission.*

Ginny and Lisa found that most women 50 or older originally joined AAUW because of their interest in connecting with like-minded women, but they stay because of their commitment to the mission. I think this is consistent with what we find in our own branch. Programs and projects like Tech Trek, Readers Theater, WAWA, the Village working group, the annual Southern California AAUW Funds luncheon and the new conversations around international women's issues, as well as many of the interest groups, confirm this finding.

Check out the other membership survey findings in the fall issue of the state newsletter, California PERSPECTIVE. You may be surprised.

Did you know, for instance, that a person with a pet is more likely to join an organization like AAUW than those without pets? Or that the main reason younger women don't join is because no one asks them!

The next time you walk your dog, or are having coffee with a younger friend, take along some AAUW membership brochures. (By the way you can easily download the brochures from the website: www.aauw.org, put in membership brochure.)

Sherry

AAUW-PVP 2013 CALENDAR

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| October 19 | AAUW Funds Annual Luncheon for Southern California, Knotts Berry Farm Hotel, \$40
Go to aauw-ca.org on line to register by October 8 or print flyer with full details |
| October 23 | Meeting on International Women's Issues Group, 10 am to 12 noon, Sherry May's home |
| October 24 | Joint Meeting with Coordinating Council, 12 noon, Peninsula Center Library, Community Room, "Home Safety Services and Crime Prevention on the Hill", details on page 3 |
| October 26 | New member welcome gathering, October 26 from 10 am to 12 noon, home of Cordelia Hwang

Long Beach Branch Fundraiser Luncheon for EF Funds with Author Lisa See, 11 am
For information: Sharon Westafer 562-493-4749 or aauw-longbeach.org |
| October 29 | Sherry May will give us her "Personal Reflections about Iran" based on her travel this Spring, home of Susie Wallace, 2 pm to 4pm |
| November 6 | Tech Trek 2014 organizational meeting, 2 pm to 4 pm, contact Dale Richards for location |
| November 12 | PVP Branch Council Meeting, Hesse Park, 2 pm to 4 pm – All Members are Welcome |
| November 14 | Outing to El Segundo Museum of Art, Optional Lunch 11:30 am, Tour 1 pm, details on page 3 |

October Program: Are You Safe In Your Community?

AAUW will partner with the PVP Coordinating Council in presenting this special program at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room on Thursday, October 24, from 12 noon to 1:00 pm.

Captain Bolin from the Lomita Sheriff's station and a representative from Fire Station 106 in Peninsula Center will be the speakers. They will address crime on the Peninsula, what you can do to protect your home and car from burglary, Fire Department services available to you in an emergency and when to call 911, among other topics. There will also be Q & A time for you to ask about your concerns.

The meeting is free. Everyone is welcome. Box lunches from Bristol Farms are available for \$10. To reserve your box lunch, call **Connie Davenport** at 310-541-4380 or e-mail to cdavenport@pvld.org by noon on Monday, October 21. Box lunches are only available by reservation. If you bring your own lunch, no reservation is required.

November Program: El Segundo Museum of Art Outing

Are you interested in visiting a very unique and unusual art museum? If so, we have an outing for you. Coming up on November 14 at 1:00 pm we have a date with the El Segundo Museum of Art or ESMoA, 208 Main Street, El Segundo.

Opened January, 2013, ESMoA is the creation of Brian and Eva Sweeney, art collectors from Santa Monica, with exhibits curated by Eva's brother. They see ESMoA as more of an "art experience" than a traditional museum. Each experience has a theme or a central question and viewers are encouraged to create their own interpretations of the objects on display and their relationships to the theme.

The current experience is called "Fame" and brings together items from the Sweeney collection and the Wende Museum in Culver City which has gathered material from the Cold War era. Fame asks the viewer to explore the various foundations of what makes things famous, how fame is gained or lost and what might be the connections between the various items. This is a very non-traditional art space and should prove to be a very provocative outing. There is no charge for visiting ESMoA.

There will be an optional lunch for those interested at Farm Stand Restaurant, 422 Main Street, which opens at 11:00 am. Menu includes salads, sandwiches, soups, etc. **Judy Purvis** is taking reservations for the tour and lunch at 310-375-8578 or by e-mail to BJPurvis@cox.net. Please let Judy know if you would be willing to drive a group or if you want or need to be driven.

Membership

This has been a banner year for recruitment of new members. Recognition goes to **Sherry May, Patty Dilks, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Nancy Leonard, Dale Richards, Fran Wielin, Denise DeVenuto, Susan Wallace** and others for spreading the word about all that AAUW-PVP has to offer. That personal invitation makes all the difference. If you know of other perspective members, please contact **Trish Dilligan** or **Cordelia Hwang** at cordeliahwang@yahoo.com.

Nineteen women have joined the Branch this year. Our newest member joined at "Celebrate Tech Trek". She is **Sandy Alvarenga**, the mother of Rebecca, one of our 2013 Tech Trek campers. The Membership Committee is hosting all new members at an informal "welcome" gathering on October 26, 2013 from 10:00 am to noon at the home of **Cordelia Hwang**.

Submitted by Cordelia Hwang, Membership Co-chair

Member Updates

Please make the following e-mail corrections to your membership directories:

Cindy Miller - molliesgirl1@gmail.com

Jan Gardner - srendrag@verizon.net

Berta Bilezikjian - berta.b@verizon.net

Betty Ettington - ettdick@gmail.com

And add our newest member: **Sandy Alvarenga** - roburrito@aol.com

AAUW Education Opportunities Fund

You can support educational and learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success by funding AAUW graduate fellowships, career development grants and community action grants.

Donate painlessly and at no cost to you through Ralph's and/or Bristol Farms grocery stores scrip programs. Ralph's will donate up to 4% and Bristol 8% of your grocery receipt amount to AAUW EF Funds (no charge to you). Enroll with Ralph's (Kroger) program online or in your neighborhood store with a copy of the scanable letter available from Cordelia. Contact **Cordelia Hwang** 310-541-3261 for Bristol Farms paper scrip, the Ralph's scanable letter or for any questions regarding these programs.

Memorial Held for Lila Finlay-Gutierrez

A memorial service was held at St. John Fisher Church on August 31st for long time branch member **Lila Finlay-Gutierrez**. Lila served on the board and helped with the branch's 25th Anniversary Celebration. She was an expert in textiles and volunteered at the Banning House Museum, PV Art Center and other museums in that field. Lila was also active in animal rescue. She and her family have lived in Palos Verdes since 1963.

Personal Reflections about Iran

On October 29 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, **Sherry May** will talk about her recent travels to Iran. **Susan Wallace** will host this informal meeting at her home. Please call Susan at 310-378-0721 if you are planning on attending.

Celebrate Tech Trek

On Sunday, September 22, nine of our fourteen 2013 campers and their families came to celebrate and share their Tech Trek experiences with branch members and guests. They smiled for photographs, excitedly answered questions about their week at camp, took the lead in a science experiment to extract iron from breakfast cereal and piled the M&M, gummy bears, sprinkles and nuts high on their ice cream sundaes. All in all, everyone had a great time.

Although many donations are received throughout the year, Celebrate Tech Trek is the major fundraising event for the Tech Trek program. Since work begins with the schools in November and paid reservations are due to the camps in February, it is important to get the major portion of the funding early so the committee can determine how many girls our branch will be able to send to camp the following summer.

Our goal is to send 14 girls to Tech Trek camp again in 2014. We are well on our way. This year's Celebrate event raised \$5,995 including full camper donations from Readers Theater and Penny Royal Players. We also had received donations totaling \$1,650 prior to the event and another \$1,370 since the event. Year to date, we have received \$9,015. That covers 10 girls and we are still hoping many of our prior year contributors will donate again this year. If you'd like to make a fully tax deductible donation to our Tech Trek program, please write your checks to "AAUW-CA SPF" (this is a 501(c)(3) fund). Please indicate "AAUW-PVP Tech Trek" in the reference line and forward your check to **Dale Richards**. For more information, call Dale at 310-375-3369.

If you think you might want to become part of an eager group of Tech Trek committee members, the first organizational meeting for the 2014 program will be on November 6 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Let Dale know that you are interested and she will add you to her committee list and e-mail meeting details when confirmed. Meanwhile, enjoy the photos from this year's Celebrate Tech Trek thanks to our great photographers **Nicolle Merrihew** (granddaughter of **Patty Dilks**) and **Myrna Plost**.

Top Left to Right:

DeeDee Rehtin, the flower lady

Greeting guests are Ruth Bloland, Mary Shackle and Cordelia Hwang

Program Chair Marion Martelli with Don Richards



Bottom Left to Right:

Patty Dilks, aka Vanna White, demonstrates science experiment

Sundae Workers are Mary Shackle, DeeDee Rehtin and Jan Hurlbut

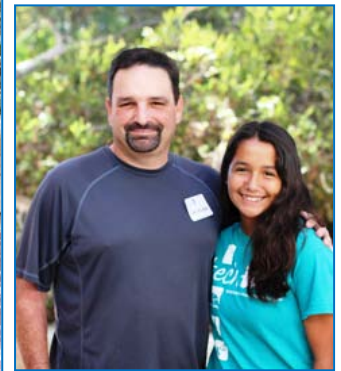
Dale Richards, TT co-chair accepts Readers Theater check from Carol Torelli



Our Tech Trek Families

Nine of our fourteen 2013 campers and their families attended the Celebrate Tech Trek event on Sunday, September 22

Pictured below from left to right are . . .
Back Row: Angelica, Dayana, Emily, Rebecca and Nicolle
Front Row: Juana, Mia, Gabriela and Cristal



Above Top: Camper Nicolle and her sister, Mickela

Above: Camper Rebecca and Mom, Sandy, who spoke eloquently about the value of Tech Trek and is our newest branch member

Above Top: Angelica, Mom and little sister

Above: Mia and her Dad



Left: Dayana and her family including little brother Adrian

Right: Cristal and her Mom and Dad

Below Left: Emily with her Mom and Grandmother

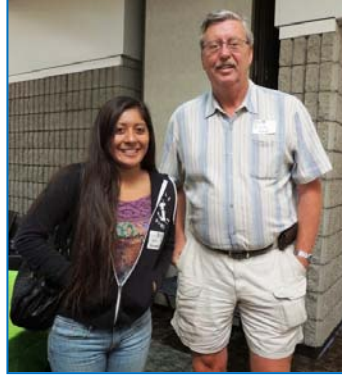
Below Center: Juana and her family

Below Right: Gabriela and her Dad, Mom and brother





Above Left and Right: Campers eagerly line up to answer questions and talk about their favorite foods, events and experiences while at Tech Trek, what they learned, how it was living in a college dorm and how they think the Tech Trek week has changed them



Below: Anne Destabelle presents a check for a camper scholarship and displays a notebook she has kept of photos and letters from sponsored campers



Above Left: Mrs. Rodriguez, teacher and Tech Trek coordinator at Wilmington Middle School brought two 2012 TT alums: daughter Cristal Esqueda (TT UCSD) and Kimberly Solorio (TT UCSB Blackwell Camp)

Above Right: Mr. Rueter, Dana Middle School teacher and Tech Trek coordinator brought 2010 TT alum Leah Hernandez who attended Dana and went to the UC Irvine camp

The girls all shared their studies and experiences after Tech Treh and the impact the camping program had on their choices



Mary Palmer outgoing Tech Trek co-chair



Left: Incoming 2014 Tech Trek co-chair, Denise DeVenuto, introduced each camper with comments from their teacher recommendations and information from their TT applications



Everyone enjoyed the science experiment – using magnets to extract iron from fortified breakfast cereal

Oct - Nov

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
AAUW – Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)	Oct 17	Thursday 10:00 am	Home of Judy Purvis 310-375-8578	Judy Purvis 310-375-8578
	Nov 21		Call for November Location Monthly discussion group about AAUW mission	
Arts & Artists	Oct 15	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946	Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
	Nov 19		Monthly meeting for art lovers	
Bridge-Ettes	Oct 15	Tuesday 1:00 pm	Home of Jan Cofer 310-791-8337	Margery Norris 310-514-3980
	Nov 19		Home of Dale Richards 310-375-3369 Call Margery if interested in being added to sub list	
Contemporary Literature	Oct 14	Monday 9:30 am	Home of Mary Shackle 310-541-4630	Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044
	Nov 11		Home of Donna Day 310-541-7557 October: <i>Life After Life</i> by Kate Atkinson November: <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> by Khalad Hosseini	
Eclectic Readers	Oct 17	Thursday 2:00 pm	Home of Mary Shackle 310-541-4630	Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
	Nov 21		Home of Faith Morrow 310-378-2966 October: <i>And the Mountains Echoed</i> by Khaled Hosseini November: <i>The Astronaut Wives Club</i> by Lily Koppel	
Great Decisions – Northside Group	Oct 21	Monday	#5 Humanitarian Intervention	Kathleen Fitzgerald
	Nov 18	10:00 am	#6 Iran	310-373-0946
Great Decisions – PV Shores Group	Oct 21	Monday	#5 Humanitarian Intervention	Sharon Andrade
	Nov 18	10:00 am	Facilitator: Sharon Andrade #6 Iran Facilitator: Barbara Prassas	310-541-2417

Courage is Fear that has said its prayers!

Oct - Nov

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Grand Slammers	Oct 10 Nov 14	Thursday 1:00 pm	Home of Nell Mirels 310-377-9468 Home of Judy Purvis 310-375-8578	Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
Call Sara if interested in being added to sub list				
Lunch Bunch	Oct 23 Nov 27	Wednesday 12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club	Nancy Kellogg 310-377-2427
Call Nancy to confirm				
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	Oct 14 Nov 11	Monday 7:00 pm	Home of Sheila Steinberg 310-377-8434 Home of Geri Chaudhri 310-798-0725	Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
October: <i>Me Before You</i> by JoJo Moyes November: <i>Maya's Notebook</i> by Isabel Allende				
Readers Theater	Oct 14 Nov 11	Monday 7:00 pm	Home of Cecilia Urwin 310-293-7071 Home of Pilar Hale 310-514-0192	Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
Please call Jacky 310-377-3896 if you want to attend. All AAUW members are welcome.				
Walkers	Every Thursday	7:30 am	Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd Weekly 60-90 minute walk – Four-legged friends welcome Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261
Women in Transition (WIT)	Oct 2 Nov 6	Wednesday 7:00 pm	Note New Meeting Location* Conference Room at 3625 Del Amo Blvd, Suite 360 Torrance	Susan Negrete 310-374-2116
Monthly discussion group for women in all types of transitions. Meeting RSVP to Judy Milestone at judymilestone.atl@gmail.com . Access problems on meeting night, call Athena's cell 310-218-6855.				



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

Funds Luncheon is October 19th

Meet and hear from women who received fellowships from AAUW Funds and hear about their funded projects. [Perspective](#) has details and application form.

Several women are carpooling from Palos Verdes. Call **Judy Purvis** at 310-375-8578 if you would like to carpool.

Branch Members Approve Proposed Budget

In a written ballot at the Celebrate Tech Trek event, members showed support for the Finance committee's budget for the operating year 2013-2014 by voting unanimous approval.