



# Coast Lines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch  
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## Celebrate Tech Trek

Our 2012 Trekkers have returned from camp and are anxious to share their experiences with you.

Join us at our annual ice cream and lemonade social, hear all about their week at Tech Trek, and be inspired.



**Sunday**  
**September**  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Hesse Park**  
**2 to 4 pm**

**Members \$10**

(No charge for campers and their families)

**Reserve your place,  
pay at the door**

**Call or e-mail  
Ruth**

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*Photos by Denise DeVenuto*

## Our 2012 Dana Middle School Campers

(Mary Palmer, co-chair of the Tech Trek program with Dale Richards, interviewed each of our twelve campers to prepare these brief bios of our 2012 Trekkers. Denise DeVenuto captured these great photos of our campers at Tech Trek Orientation.)

**JANNETH** says her teacher Richard Rueter inspired her to want to learn more about science. She enjoys cooking and she loves Mexican and Chinese food. Her favorite book is *The Hunger Games* and she also said the film based on the book is her favorite movie. She enjoys playing with her pet turtle and hanging out with friends. Janneth attended Tech Trek camp at UC San Diego.

WHERE IS JANNETH ON JUNE 3, 2030? She says she will be living in an underwater house and have a degree in Marine Biology. At her job, she will be communicating with sea animals.



**CAROLINE** attended camp at UCSD. She enjoys swimming in the ocean and her favorite food is fruit. She enjoys time with Gus, her dog, and spends a lot of time reading and listening to music. Her two favorite books are *The Graveyard Book* and *The Book Thief* and her favorite movie is *The Untouchables*. She cites three former teachers, Rhonda Nalisnik, Andrea Boerger and Elise Traylor who all made learning very hands-on and interactive, which made lessons fun. Also, her mother and sister encourage her education.

WHERE IS CAROLINE ON JUNE 3, 2030? She will be living in the south of France in a loft with her English husband and pet ferret, Agave. She has earned a degree in veterinary science with a minor in psychology. She is a practicing animal doctor and also co-owner of a bakery with her best friend.

**SARETA** attended camp at UC San Diego this summer. She lists science as her favorite class and soccer as her favorite game. She also loves orange chicken and dogs and she names *Alphas* as her favorite book and *The Hunger Games* as her favorite movie. Sareta says that Ms. Traylor encouraged her interest in ecology and that Mr. B., another teacher, taught her a great deal of new information.

WHERE IS SARETA ON JUNE 3, 2030? Sareta majored in oncology and now practices as a pediatric oncologist in San Pedro.



## Dana Middle School Campers



**SIDNEY** enjoys science very much as well as sports. She particularly enjoys skating when there is free time. Her favorite food is sushi and her favorite pet is a Labrador. She attended camp at UC Santa Barbara. Sidney listed *The Hunger Games* as her favorite book and *The Outsiders* as her favorite movie.

WHERE IS SIDNEY ON JUNE 3, 2030? She is living in Laguna Nigel and has earned a four year degree in science. She is working as a movie director.

**SHERI (LA SHERICA)** went to the UC Santa Barbara Tech Trek camp. Science is her favorite class. She also enjoys cheerleading, eating pizza, playing with her dog, and dancing. Her favorite book is *Gone With the Wind* and *Matilda* is her favorite movie. Her mom and dad both graduated from college and she wants to do the same.

WHERE IS SHERI ON JUNE 3, 2030? She received a degree in psychology and now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she works as a psychologist.



**JAELENE** went to the UC Santa Barbara Tech Trek camp. Her two favorite classes are science and health. She enjoys acting as a hobby, loves pizza, and likes to play with her Australian Budgie. Jaelene is really interested in *The Hunger Games*, both as a book and as a movie. In her spare time she enjoys bike riding. Her health and science teacher, Ms. Traylor, encouraged Jaelene to pursue those fields.

WHERE IS JAELENE ON JUNE 3, 2030? She lives in Long Beach and majored in science. However, she is currently starring in a play on Broadway.

Don't miss the opportunity to meet and speak with all our 2012 Tech Trekkers and their families at

**Celebrate Tech Trek  
Hesse Park  
Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 pm to 4 pm**

There will be ice cream and lemonade for everyone and the Campers will report on their experiences at Tech Trek Science and Math Camp over the summer.



## Our 2012 Wilmington Middle School Campers



**EMILY** attended the UCSD camp. Her favorite class is algebra and she enjoys playing sports. She says that her dad really encouraged her to do her best on her schoolwork. He told her to never give up and to keep on trying to achieve the best in life. She loves pasta and likes to play with her dog and spend time with video games. Her favorite book is *The Devil's Arithmetic* and her favorite movie is *The Last Song*.

WHERE IS EMILY ON JUNE 3, 2030? She lives in Palos Verdes and has a degree in biology. She is working as a marine biologist.

**ANDREA** went to the UC Santa Barbara camp. Her favorite class is math, her favorite book is *Burned* and her favorite movie is *Drive*. She enjoys reading and dancing as hobbies as well as playing with her dog. Andrea's parents have always taught her to follow her dreams even though the work might be hard.

WHERE IS ANDREA ON JUNE 3, 2030? She majored in science and then she trained as a research doctor and hopes to find a cure for cancer. She now lives in Palos Verdes Estates.



**CRISTAL** enjoys her math class. Three of her other personal likes are: going outside to have fun, eating burritos, and playing with her dog. Cristal says her favorite book is *Thirteen* and her favorite movie is *The Wizard of Oz*. Last but not least, she enjoys planning events with family members. Her teachers and parents have encouraged her to keep going and to never give up. She attended Tech Trek Camp at UCSD.

WHERE IS CRISTAL ON JUNE 3, 2030? She majored in mathematics and science and now lives in Palos Verdes. She works as an engineer.

In June, AAUW/PVP campers and their mentors joined campers from Torrance and Manhattan Beach at the Torrance AAUW sponsored Tech Trek Orientation. This annual event allows campers to interact with other girls their age in preparation for being away from home and on their own, some of them, for the first time in their young lives.

Our branch has participated in this event for several years and it is always a great success with our campers. The girls socialize with ice breaker activities, learn team work and co-operation, have the opportunity to get to know other girls who are going to the same camp, design T-shirts and write thank you letters to their sponsors.

## Wilmington Middle School Campers

**AMERICA** attended the Tech Trek camp at UC Santa Barbara. America's favorite class is math and reading is her favorite hobby. Her favorite food is tacos and she loves her pet fish. America cites *The Hunger Games* as both her favorite book and movie. America says her parents and teachers encourage her and direct her attention to her future.

WHERE IS AMERICA ON JUNE 3, 2030? America had double majors (mathematics and science) and received a four year degree. She now lives in Palos Verdes and works as an engineer with NASA.



**KIMBERLY** went to the Santa Barbara Tech Trek Camp. Her favorite class so far is forensic science. Her number one hobby is cooking and she particularly likes Italian food. She enjoys her pet dog and spends time with friends. Her favorite book is *The Lightning Thief* and her favorite film is *Deep Impact*. Two older cousins have set good examples for Kimberly: Cindy has received scholarships and Orlando is serving in the US Military in order to earn money for college.

WHERE IS KIMBERLY ON JUNE 3, 2030? She earned a degree as a forensic scientist and now works in Georgia.

**YESENIA** attended Tech Trek at the UC Santa Barbara Camp. Her favorite class is math and she enjoys robotics as a hobby. Her favorite food is ice cream and she enjoys playing with her dog. Her favorite book is *The Thief Lord* and her favorite movie is *The Hunger Games*. Her family members have always told her that all the years of school will pay off with a job she loves.

WHERE IS YESENIA ON JUNE 3, 2030? Yesenia earned her degree in math and is now working in architecture. She lives in Santa Monica.



Article by *Mary Palmer*, Photos by *Denise DeVenuto*

Thank you to this year's Tech Trek mentors:

**Ellen Alkon ~ Carolyn Ayers ~ Ruth Bloland ~ Denise DeVenuto  
Kathleen Fitzgerald ~ Cordelia Hwang ~ Karen Marcus  
Sherry May ~ Myrna Plost ~ Jeanne Wilson**

## THANK YOU TO OUR TECH TREK DONORS

This year twelve scholarships were possible because of the generosity of the following donors.

### FULL SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

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**If you would like to donate to next year's Tech Trek program, make your check in any amount payable to AAUW-CA SPF and write AAUW PVP in the memo line.**

You can bring your check to Celebrate Tech Trek at Hesse Park on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
or you can drop it in the mail to:

**Dale Richards** at 3124 Palos Verdes Drive N, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN PALOS VERDES PENINSULA BRANCH

Financial Review of Branch Accounts - July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

I have reviewed the financial records of the Palos Verdes Peninsula branch of AAUW for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. I reviewed the bank statements, including the on-line version, monthly requests for payment with appropriate documentation of expenditures, monthly treasurer's reports and spread sheets. I also reviewed the Tech Trek, Tech Time, Dottie Williams Fund, Benefactor's Fund, and Ed Fund bank statements and reports.

I am happy to report that I found everything to be in good order, all accounts in balance, and all expenditures properly authorized and verified. All reports are well organized and easy to follow. All records are complete and in readiness to be passed on to next year's treasurer. The treasurer is to be complimented on a very thorough job.

**Nell Mirels**

August 2, 2012

## A Message from the Council Chair

Later this month we'll all be gathering at Hesse Park to celebrate the girls from Wilmington and Dana Middle Schools who attended Tech Trek camps this summer. The girls spent a week away from their families, living on a college campus, exposed to the possibility of a career in marine science or forensics or robotics. Their excitement inspires all of us.

Since this year is our branch's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, I started thinking about how these girls' lives differ from those of the women who founded our branch in 1957.

In 1957 some of us remember that we played basketball on half a court! There was no Title IX to open up athletic opportunities for girls at my junior high school in Indiana. Women were beginning to go to college in larger numbers, but few were thinking of careers. By 1960 only 3.5 percent of lawyers and 2 percent of business executives were women. We were a few years away from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (1964) that would bar employment discrimination. In some states women could not make contracts, including wills, or sell property, control their own money, or even get credit cards in their own names. Reproduction rights or access to contraception was not known. The FDA approved the first birth control in 1960 and five years later, the Supreme Court said that states cannot prohibit married women from buying contraceptives. Domestic violence was not something one acknowledged, let alone openly dealt with. Since 1881 AAUW has been in the battlefields in Washington and Sacramento fighting for all these rights and many more.

As we celebrate our branch's birthday this fall, we also celebrate the opportunities available for the young Tech Trek women. And, as we celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, we also must celebrate the right to vote that early AAUW members (and many of our grandmothers) fought so hard to achieve. We'll be working with the League of Women Voters to offer non-partisan presentations about the statewide ballot measures on October 3 at the Peninsula Center Library and October 13 at the San Pedro Library. On October 10 we will be at Hesse Park for a Candidate Forum. Be sure to mark your calendar and bring your friends. Be an educated voter!

*Sherry*

## The November 6<sup>th</sup> Election Ballot

Joint meetings of the League of Women Voters Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro and AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch will be held to hear non-partisan presentations about the statewide ballot measures and a forum presenting the candidates for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District and 66<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District:

- **Wednesday, October 3, 7pm – State Ballot Propositions**  
Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates
- **Wednesday, October 10, 6:45pm – Candidate Forum**  
Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd, Rancho Palos Verdes
- **Wednesday, October 13, 1pm – State Ballot Propositions**  
San Pedro Branch Regional Library, 931 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro

## Branch to Approve 2012-2013 Operating Budget

The 2012-2013 branch operating budget was approved by Leadership Council members in August and is presented below for general membership review. At the September 23<sup>rd</sup> general meeting at Hesse Park, members in attendance will be asked to vote their approval of this budget. Any questions regarding the budgeting process or any line item on the budget should be addressed to a member of the finance committee (**Fleur Yano, Maria Ashla or Sherry May**) prior to the September meeting.

### American Association of University Women Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch

#### Proposed Operating Budget FY 2012-2013

	<b>2011-2012 Actual</b>	<b>2012-2013 Proposed</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Branch Dues	\$2,246	\$2,200
Donations to Branch	62	100
Events net	298	0
Reserve withdraw	305	680
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,911</b>	<b>\$2,980</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
*General Operating	726	725
CoastLines	462	600
Directory	208	210
Membership	0	100
Programs	75	75
**Convention/Seminars	1,000	500
Member Recognition/ Memorials	240	200
Donation to EF/LAF	200	200
LWV program	0	250
Branch Website	0	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,911</b>	<b>\$2,980</b>

**Notes:**

\* The primary item in General Operating is insurance which we are required to take through the state AAUW. It is over \$400.

\*\*We have no state convention this year. The proposed item is for national convention or state conferences or programs.



# June Awards Luncheon Honors Rowie Wolf



Photos by Shirley Borks



# September Calendar

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
<b>AAUW – Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)</b>	9/20 Thursday	9:30 am	Call Judy for meeting location	Judy 310-375-8578
Monthly discussion group about AAUW mission				
<b>Arts &amp; Artists</b>	9/18 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen 310-373-0946	Nancy 310-519-1606
Monthly meeting for art lovers.				
<b>Bridge-Ettes</b>	9/18 * Tuesday	1:00 pm	Home of Sue 310-265-0879	Margery 310-514-3980
* Please note the new meeting time is now the third Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the afternoon. Contact Margery if interested in subbing.				
<b>Contemporary Literature</b>	9/10 Monday	9:30 am	Home of Mary 310-541-4630	Barbara 310-519-8044
<i>In the Garden of Beasts</i> by Erick Larson				
<b>Eclectic Readers</b>	9/27 Thursday	2:00 pm	Home of Anne 310-541-8469	Jan 310-791-8337
<i>The Soloist</i> by Steve Lopez October Book: <i>King Lear</i> by William Shakespeare				
<b>Great Decisions – Northside Group</b>	No Meeting in September First Meeting will be October			Kathleen 310-373-0946
Contact Kathleen Fitzgerald if you are interested in joining this group. Specific information about the first meeting will be included in the October <i>CoastLines</i> .				
<b>Great Decisions – South Shores Group</b>	No Meeting in September First Meeting will be October			Sharon 310-541-2417
Specific information about the first meeting will be included in the October <i>CoastLines</i> .				

## *Today's Housekeeping Tip:*

*Always keep several get well cards on display around your home. When guests arrive unexpectedly, they will assume you've been ill and unable to clean.*



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<b>Grand Slammers</b>	9/13 Thursday	1:00 pm	Home of Fleur 310-375-7884	Sara 310-541-2767
Contact Sara if interested in subbing.				
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	9/26 Tuesday	12 noon	Palos Verdes Country Club	Nancy 310-377-2427
Call Nancy to reserve if you wish to attend.				
<b>Mah Jongg</b>	Every Friday	1:00 pm	Contact Myrna for dates and locations	Myrna 310-541-6743
Contact Anne at 310-541-8469 if you are interested in lessons				
<b>Night Books</b>	9/17 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Judy 310-375-8578	Rowie 310-373-5970
<i>The River of Doubt</i> by Candice Millard October Book: <i>Radio Shangri-La</i> by Lisa Napoli				
<b>Readers Theater</b>	9/10 Monday	7:00 pm	Home of Kathleen 310-373-0947	Jacky 310-377-3896
All interested members are welcome. Contact Jacky.				
<b>Walkers</b>	Every Thursday	7:00 am	Ocean Front cliffs	Kathleen 310-373-0947 Cordelia 310-541-3261
Weekly 60-90 minute walk along the cliffs at the bottom of Hawthorne Boulevard.				
<b>Women in Transition (WIM)</b>	9/5 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Malaga Bank 2514 Via Tejon, PVE	Susan 310-374-2116
Monthly discussion group for women in all types of transitions.				

*Words to Live by:*

*Be yourself - everyone else is taken!*

If you have words to live by that you would like to share, submit your suggestions to **Marion Martelli** at [vinmar@cox.net](mailto:vinmar@cox.net) for publication consideration. Each month, we'll publish someone's words to live by.



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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 at [morrows@verizon.net](mailto:morrows@verizon.net) of any changes.

### **Branch Message Board**

UNSPOKEN THOUGHTS is an exhibition being shown at the Zask Gallery, #151 Promenade of the Peninsula from August 11<sup>th</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>. The artists are members of three local organizations that provide opportunities for creative expression for people with disabilities and poignantly demonstrate that ideas and feelings may be wonderfully conveyed without using words. "Outsider Art" at its most interesting! The purchase of something you love supports the artists and their organizations. AAUW members **Sally Strehlke** and **Margery Norris** serve on the Harbor View House board of directors.