

AAUW CoastLines

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March is National Women's History Month. We will celebrate with this special presentation at our **AAUW March branch meeting**:

“Gee’s Bend—The Women and Their Quilts”

*Tuesday March 14, 2017, 2 pm
Hesse Park*

All the quilt makers are African American women who are descended from generations of slaves at the Pettway plantation. The quilting tradition, begun in the 1800's, developed a distinctive style because of the isolation of the small town of 700 on an oxbow of the Alabama River.

Rediscovered and recognized with major exhibits in esteemed museums since 2002, honored with stamps published by the US Post Office, the Quilts of Gee's Bend are considered by many to be an outstanding example of the best of 20th century American art.

Margery Norris and Maria Ashla will present. You are invited to bring a quilt from your own family and identify its (probably) female maker. Invite a friend, also, if you like.



AAUW-CA LEADERSHIP DAY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Saturday, March 25, 2017

PIH (Presbyterian Intercom. Hospital, Whittier)

Workshops on Motivation, Mission, etc.

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR



Since the election, our National AAUW has been busy continuing the fight for women's rights. It is important we continue to support our mission and its goals. At the state level, the final revision of the By-laws is complete; our branch needs to revise our By-laws by June 30, 2017. The By-Laws and Policy and Procedure committee will be meeting in early March to make the necessary revisions.

On the local front, our Annual New Year's Social at JoAnn DeFlon's house was fabulous. For those who couldn't make it, you lost out on mimosas and a wonderful array of egg casseroles, muffins, etc. Unfortunately, the Women's March was the same day. I am pleased to report that several of our members attended either the Redondo Beach or Los Angeles march. Readers Theater put on their presentation "An Interview with Queen Victoria" written by Jacky Mason. I attended and enjoyed it very much. It was held at Hesse Park and the room was packed. I am happy to report that we finally have a slate of nominees for our upcoming elected positions. Thank you to those members who came forward to volunteer for these positions. Their dedication to our Branch cannot be underestimated. We will hold the vote at the May Branch Meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you at the March 14 Branch Meeting where Margery Norris and Maria Ashla present the "Gee's Bend Quilters".

Annual AAUW Meeting Tuesday, May 09, 2017

Election of Officers

Nominees:

Branch co-chairs: Ruth Bloland, Cordelia Hwang, Maria Ashla

Membership co-chairs: Margery Norris, Leann Roque

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

SAVE THE DATE

AAUW-PVP Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, April 1, 2017

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Red Onion Restaurant, 736 Bart Earle Way,
RHE

Call Bonnie Durling at **310-377-0728** to make your reservation. Confirmation is made upon receipt of your check. Cost is \$28.

BRANCH COMMUNICATION

Several people have recently asked about how information is communicated to branch members; this message will serve as clarification. The primary mode of communication for AAUW PVP is via e-mail. Coastlines newsletters, Branch meeting notifications & attachments, and other miscellaneous information are sent out in E-blasts to all members who have provided us with email addresses. Some members have requested to be on a snail-mail list. Please be aware that **only** Coastlines newsletters are routinely mailed out through the postal service.

The branch E-blast Coordinator, Nancy Rayner, maintains the AAUW-PVP e-mail distribution list and sends out all PVP E-blasts. If you feel that you have not been receiving AAUW-PVP e-mails, please check your Spam file. If you still feel you are not receiving messages, contact Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Kay Odgers, Leann Roque

Kay Odgers and Leann Roque are pleased to introduce Geraldine Belleville (Gerry) of Rolling Hills. She has degrees in art history and marriage and family therapy and is currently retired.

We are saddened to share the following news of a former PVP member:::

** IN MEMORIAM **

JAMIE RUTH WATSON

AAUW Torrance & PVP (dual) Member

March 3, 1948 – January 22, 2017



Our branch's Tech Trek Committee has selected 16 girls to attend a week-long camp this summer that focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Ten girls were chosen from Wilmington Middle School and six from Dana Middle School. They have been assigned to camps at UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, and UC San Diego.

Wilmington Middle School's participation this year was outstanding in several ways. Twice the number of parents attended this fall's Tech Trek parent information meeting than any other year. As a result, more students applied than ever. And best of all, Mrs. Rodriguez, our teacher contact at Wilmington MS, encouraged her colleagues to contribute \$1160 to our Tech Trek program this school year. That brings the last three years' total fundraising by these teachers to \$3,155, which shows a remarkable commitment to Tech Trek.

Unfortunately, there were fewer teacher recommendations from Dana MS teachers this year than we usually receive, which resulted in fewer applications. The Tech Trek Committee chair Denise DeVenuto and the Dana MS teacher contact will expand their outreach next year to the science and math teachers to encourage more recommendations at this school.

The applicants who were selected this year wrote inspiring essays about their aspirations to STEM careers in which women are underrepresented. Their enthusiasm and passion for learning more about these careers were clearly conveyed during the interview process. We will have the opportunity at Celebrate Tech Trek on October 15 to hear about their camp experience and how it increases their determination to attend college and take challenging STEM classes that will lead to these careers.

We had an outstanding level of participation this year from our Tech Trek committee members who spent many hours reading essays, interviewing, and helping with meetings and workshops. Many thanks to all our dedicated committee members who make the selection process possible, and to our generous branch members who contributed to our 16 camp scholarships. Denise DeVenuto

Would you have predicted that our branch's projects, which fulfill AAUW's mission, could give us such immediate, concrete and rewarding dividends?

- Seven years ago Aimee **Chao** was a 4th grader at our local Soleado Elementary School. She attended Tech Time (a branch project now called Exploring Science) and valued her experience so much that her mother, **Louise Chao**, joined the branch and vowed to help us carry the project forward. Today, Exploring Science is in its 21st year, and thanks to Louise and Aimee, who is now an 11th grader, the project is thriving and spreading the message that girls can do STEM!
- Ten years ago, **Melissa Garibay's** Tech Trek application and essay were misplaced during the selection process. Fortunately we managed to make it right by arranging for her to be interviewed before campers were finally selected. Melissa attended Tech Trek camp, excelled in high school, graduated from UCLA and is now a valuable member of our branch and the Tech Trek Committee. She has participated in every aspect of the camper selection process this year at Wilmington MS, including essay reading and interviewing.
- Five years ago, we created the Marymount Project which allows students from Marymount to attend the National Conference of College Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington D.C. One of the first students chosen was **Judith Jacques**. Upon her return, Judith joined the branch and became an active member of WAWA. We have witnessed Judith actively promoting the AAUW Mission wherever she goes. Another Marymount student, **Kim Hernandez**, a 2015 NCCWSL scholarship recipient, now is on staff at Marymount and works with our Project Chair, Susan Negrete, to promote the AAUW mission at the University.



We rejoice seeing our "graduates" carrying on the AAUW Mission! Maria Ashla

LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S MARCH



I am so pleased to report on our local and LACIC branch members' ACTION as part of the 750,000 people participating in the LA Women's March on Saturday, January 21, 2017! IT WAS HISTORIC & FANTASTIC!

True to the spirit of WIT - all 3 South Bay branches were represented, and 5 of us hooked up and marched together: Alice H. & Ann P., Beach Cities; Judy M., BC & PVP; Rowie W., PVP and myself, Torrance & PVP. How great was that?! We also saw Judith Jacques (Branch and WIT member), Kathy Gould and on the bus, on the way home we saw Arlene Korb—she is an amazing women.

In addition, I know that other members from Palos Verdes Peninsula, Beach Cities, Torrance, Long Beach, San Fernando and San Gabriel Valley branches were represented. While many of us were unable to locate one another in the dense LA March body-pack, it was truly an exhilarating experience – with no rain!

Since there's photos everywhere of the streets, I've attached 2 photos of the WIT team and our AAUW sign - - sorry

Ann P., you got stuck as the photographer for both shots 😊

In addition, Beach Cities' Co-President Dayla S. attended the Washington, D.C. event, and many AAUW South Bay branch members opted to support the Redondo Beach event. I have heard from AAUW Council Chairs throughout California, and it was so gratifying to see our many AAUW members engaged in their local marches.

WHAT A CALL TO ACTION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS – AND WHAT A RESPONSE!

The AAUW CA Board was meeting in the San Diego area, and while they couldn't participate in marching due to their schedule/hotel meeting room commitments – they were with us in spirit!



Marymount California University - NCCWSL Project Update by Susan Negrete, C/U Representative

On February 22, 2017 the PVP Selection Committee (Judith Jacques-Hinds, Elayne Nahman, Nancy Rayner and Susan Negrete) met with Susan Garman and Kim Hernandez of MCU to interview the top ten candidates for AAUW's 2017 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Washington, D.C.

All candidates applying for the scholarships were nominated by MCU teachers or professional staff.

Twenty-one MCU students applied for the NCCWSL scholarships; 2 scholarships were awarded by the PVP branch and 2 additional scholarships were funded by MCU. Four candidates were selected on 2/22; their names will be announced prior to their departure for the Conference, which will be held May 31 - June 3, 2017. The PVP Selection Committee is scheduled to attend MCU's luncheon on April 10th to honor this year's NCCWSL participants.

INTEREST GROUPS—JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

ARTS & ARTISTS

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606
3rd Tuesday 7pm

Mar. 21: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Thomas Cole

Apr. 18: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Thomas Cole.

ART APPRECIATION

Chair Nancy Rayner
(nrayner777@gmail.com)
3rd Wednesday 2-4pm

Mar. 15: Feeling with Our Eyes -*Texture and Light*

Living and Dying -*Breugel: El Greco, Caravaggio*

Apr. 19: Art that Moves Us— *Giorgione, Titian, Holbein*

Ideal and Real— *Giorgione, Titian, Holbein*

Space is limited. Anyone interested in attending should contact Nancy at nrayner777@gmail.com

READER'S THEATER

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
2nd Monday 7pm

Mar. 13: no meeting

Apr. 10

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair Barbara Prassas
310-519-8044
2nd Monday 9:30am

Mar. 13: home of Anna May Labbe
Expatriates by Janice Lee

Apr. 10: home of Sharon Butler
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
3rd Thursday 2pm

Mar. 16: home of Jan Cofer
The Notorious RBG by Irin Carmon

Apr. 20: home of Anne Destabelle
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
3rd Monday 7pm

Mar. 13: home of Ruth Bloland
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Apr. 17-please note this is the 3rd Monday:
home of Maria Ashla
Swing Time by Zadie Smith

BRIDGE-ETTES

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980
3rd Tuesday 1pm

Mar. 21: home of Bonnie Durling

Apr. 18: home of Dale Richards

GRAND SLAMMERS

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
2nd Thursday 1pm

Mar. 09: home of Fleur Yano

Apr. 13: home of Sara Bowlus

PINOCHLE

Chair Elayne Nahman 310-541-6839

Apr. 11
Apr. 25

Palos Verdes Shores Club House

New members are welcome

WOMEN IN TRANSITION-WIT

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642
susimone@aol.com
1st Wednesday 7:00-8:30pm
708 Yarmouth Rd, Lunada Bay

Mar. 01: home of Susan Negrete
Topic: Reflections on WIT (e.g. why I joined, what I've gained, why I keep coming back, etc.)
If attending, RSVP by Mon., Feb. 27.

Apr. 05: Topic: TBA
If attending, RSVP by Mon., Apr. 03.

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417
3rd Monday 9:30am, PV Shores Club House

Feb. 20: Topic, The future of Europe

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

Mar. 20: home of Susan Wallace
Topic: Trade, jobs and politics

LUNCH BUNCH

Chair Jann Segal
jannsegal@earthlink.net
4th Wednesday of the month
12 noon at Fu Yuan Low





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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Deadline for May/Jun. issue of CoastLines: Apr. 15, 2017

BRANCH CALENDAR MAR/APR 2017

Mar. 14, Tues. 2-4 pm	Branch General Meeting, Hesse Park. "Gee's Bend– The Women and their quilts"
Mar. 23, Thurs. 9 am-4 pm	The Report on the Status of Women & Girls sponsored by Marymount St. Mary's Univ. Skirball Center, \$25.00 fee
Mar. 25, Sat.– TBA	AAUW-CA Leadership Day- Presbyterian Intercom. Hosp., Whittier). Workshops on Motivation Mission, etc.
Apr. 01, Sat. 11:30 –2:30	Recognition Luncheon-Red Onion Rest., RHE. Salute Status of Woman Awardee
Save the dates:	
May 09, Tues, 2-4 pm	Branch Annual Meeting:Election of officers at Hesse Park
May 30, Tues. 12 -4 pm	Branch Planning Retreat, Hesse Park