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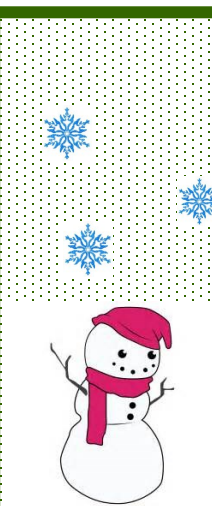
Branch Meeting

*"The Life of Teen-age Girls today,
the 'Good, the Bad and the Ugly.."*

Christine Lopez, Counselor Peninsula High School

We will have a short business meeting after the speaker.

Tuesday, November 14 2-4 pm
Fireside Room
Hesse Park, RPV



Winter Social

(Save the Date)

Saturday, January 20, 2018
2-4 pm
Home of JoAnn DeFlon
Details to follow.....Stay tuned!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

How did Fall Fling, our first event of the year, convey the perfect image of the branch?

- It was a classy affair put together by many hands
- It highlighted the important work that AAUW does
- It featured our Mission oriented projects
- It described the many interest groups
- It was welcoming, lighthearted and fun
- It attracted 11 new members !!!

Our thanks to Margery Norris and her team who put it together, to all the members who invited their friends, to all who attended, and to Anne Destabelle and Ruth Bloland who provided the perfect grand finale with original lyrics (written by Ruth) of a Beatles song.

This year we are celebrating AAUW-PVP's 60th birthday and we are looking forward to a productive, joyful year.

Cordelia, Ruth and Maria

(Ruth did not write the part about the grand finale)



LACIC (Los Angeles Interbranch Council)

LACIC'S November 12 meeting will feature a talk by Nancy Mahr, AAUW CA Director, Public Policy Chair, and member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch. Her topic is "Branch Advocacy", and she will provide ideas about getting our members involved in every level of the political process—local, state and national.

The meeting will be held at PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Lower Level Conference Room F, Whittier, from 2-4 pm.



Rowie Wolf has once again produced our 2017-17 Directory. Rowie has been the directory editor for many years. She is currently carrying her boxes of new directories for hand distribution to whomever she meets. Thanks Rowie, not only do you do a beautiful job putting the directory together but you also save branch dollars with your method of distribution!



BREAKING BARRIERS COMMITTEE

The recently created Breaking Barriers Committee met on October 10th. Twelve AAUW members participated in an active discussion of pending legislation at both the Federal and State level. Denise DeVenuto presented and facilitated discussion about education and resilience in young people. Nancy Rayner reviewed a recently published report that compared women's well-being across four generations. There was some good news and some bad news for women, but lots of great group feedback and interaction. The next meeting will take place in December and combine a holiday luncheon and legislative update from the AAUW perspective.



Coming up in March

**THREE KATHERINES, TWO ANNES,
AND JANE**

The six wives of Henry VIII

*A new and exciting play by our AAUW
Readers Theater*

**Save The Date and Ask a
Friend to Join You**

Saturday, March 24

A Renaissance Luncheon and Play

12:30 to 3:30

Hesse Park



Celebrate Tech Trek

by Denise DeNuto

Our annual Celebrate Tech Trek event was held October 15 at Hesse Park. This was our opportunity to hear from the girls who have spent an exciting week at UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, or UC San Diego. All 16 of the campers attended the event along with many family members. During the panel discussion, several of the campers said that their self-confidence has increased as a result of their camp experience. Some girls have decided on other STEM careers because of their exposure to science, technology, engineering, and math careers at camp. And many parents expressed their appreciation to our branch for the scholarships that made their daughters' week-long camp at a University of California campus possible.

Four alumnae campers spoke briefly and specifically about how they benefited from their camp experience. An alumnae camper from 2011 thanked our branch for giving her the opportunity to participate in the Tech Trek program that empowered her and helped her realize that she was "capable of attending a good university." She noted that before camp, it had seemed like an "unattainable dream." She is now attending UC San Diego on a full scholarship.

Kathy received donation checks at the event, including a half scholarship from Readers Theatre presented by Jacky Mason, as well as a personal donation. Mrs. Rodriguez, our teacher contact at Wilmington MS, gave Kathy donation checks from teachers. This is in addition to the four checks from teachers that we have already received.

At this point, we have enough funds for nine camp scholarships, even taking into consideration that camp fees are increasing. Our goal is to again raise enough funds to send 16 deserving girls to Tech Trek camp in 2018. That will mark the 20th year of our branch's participation, which has resulted in making a difference in the lives of 189 girls since 1998.

Special thanks to branch members and Tech Trek committee members who made Celebrate Tech Trek possible: Carolyn Ayers for providing the delightful goodie bags that each camper received; Dale Richards and Melissa Garibay for checking in campers and their families; Rowie Wolf and Ruth Bloland for checking in branch members; Elayne Nahman for helping me introduce the campers, and Kathy Ford for making the donor appeal and helping Joe, me and Melissa Garibay set up. Faith Morrow and Melissa scooped ice cream and the ice cream sundae bar was kept supplied by Linda Bonini, Melissa, and Mrs. Rodriguez and her daughters. Judy Purvis ensured that the beverage pitchers were kept full. We couldn't have done it without you!

Donation checks of any amount are tax deductible. Please make checks out to AAUW CA SPF, with Tech Trek-PVP in the memo line. You can mail your check to our Tech Trek treasurer Kathy Ford: 6429 Parklynn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275. Email Kathy at kjsford@e.com for further info.

Photos of campers by Denise DeVenuto.

2017 PVP Tech Trek Campers



Francesca is in Honors classes with a high GPA and participates in Robotics and Drill Team. She has benefited from camp by increasing her self-confidence and leadership skills. Francesca would like to attend Cal State LB and go on to be an engineer.



Samantha is a top student who is serious about her studies. Her favorite classes are Math and Art. Samantha says that she is hardworking and not afraid of challenges or trying new things. Working as an architect or civil engineer is her goal.



Angelica enjoys learning outside of school on her own and has participated in science fairs throughout elementary school. She is in gifted classes and had planned to be a patent lawyer before she attended Tech Trek camp. She now is interested in a STEM career.



Claudia's science teacher says that she is a very determined student and is a strong leader in group situations. She was Student of the Month out of all five of her teacher's Science classes and currently has an A+ in Science. Claudia would like to be a Math teacher.



Ryann loves to write and participate in hands-on activities in her classes. She is dedicated and organized. Before camp, she had planned to be an Environmental Engineer, but since taking Marine Science at UCSB's camp, she now plans to be a Marine Biologist.



Naomi has been on Honor Roll since second grade. She would like to volunteer at a hospital when she's older, and start a charity for kids with cancer. Her goal is to attend UCLA or USC and be a pediatrician or oncologist who works with cancer patients.



Natalia is in Honors classes and is one of the top students in her Science class. She is very articulate and responsible. She was in a Robotics competition at USC and won second place. Natalia looks forward to being a pediatrician one day.



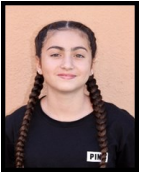
Yoslynn has participated in Science Fairs and is currently in Robotics at school. Her science teacher notes that she is very determined and focused on her work. Yoslynn is interested in either being a NASA engineer or a medical researcher.

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Giselle loves reading and has had straight A's since first grade. Her math teacher says that she is a great student and enjoys working with others. Her career goal is to be a pulmonologist and work with patients who have asthma.



Isabella does a lot of community volunteer work such as feeding the homeless. She loves to learn and share her knowledge with her classmates. Both her sister and her cousin have attended Tech Trek camp. She would like to be a veterinarian.



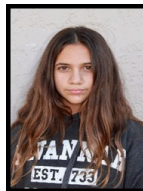
Kelsy is passionate about Robotics. She has received the Golden Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. Kelsy's goal is to earn straight A's, attend USC or Harvard and go on to a career in Automation Robotics or Engineering.



Maria's recommending teacher noted that Maria could be president if she wanted to, and is an inspiration. Maria states that she has infinite curiosity and many interests. Her Tech Trek core class cemented her determination to be an aerospace engineer.



Giovanna earns all A's. She enjoys doing experiments and learning about the planet and everything within it. Her recommending teacher says that she is an excellent student and a true leader. Giovanna would like a career in the engineering field.



Savannah currently earns mostly A's and was on Honor Roll last semester of seventh grade. She enjoys swimming after school and reading mysteries. At Tech Trek camp she most enjoyed the hands-on activities in Robotics. She would like to be a veterinarian.



Celeste earned straight A's in sixth and seventh grades and currently has an A+ in Science. Her science teacher notes that she is a high-achiever and very creative, and that she takes joy in learning and discovering. Celeste would like to be a software developer.



Minerva's science teacher says that she is a very quick and intuitive learner who has a deep interest in math and science. She is in Robotics and on the Drill Team and Principal's Honor Roll. She is interested in a career as a pediatrician or an actor.

INTEREST GROUPS—NOV, DEC 2017

ARTS & ARTISTS

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

November 21: Videos *The Last Years -Eakins and Winslow Homer in New England*

ART APPRECIATION

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

November 15: *The Worlds of Constable, Turner, Delacroix*

December— Holiday Luncheon-no formal meeting-date to TBD

READERS THEATER

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

November 13: at Jacky's home

December 11: at Janey Jone's home-
Holiday potluck party @ 6:30pm

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair Sharon Andrade
310-541-2417
2nd Monday 9:30am

November 13: home of Donna Day
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

December— Lunch to be announced

ECLECTIC READERS

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

November 16: *I Let You Go* by
Clare Mackintosh

December 21— Holiday luncheon

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
2nd Monday 7pm

November 13: home of Rowie Wolf
The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane
by Lisa See

December 11— 6:30 pm, Bottle
Inn— Hermosa Beach

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

November 21: home of Bonnie
Durling

December 19: Holiday Bridge
Luncheon

GRAND SLAMMERS

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

November 09: home of Ginny Whittier

December 19: Holiday Bridge
Luncheon

PINOCHLE

Chair Elayne Nahman 310-541-6839
Please note, the playing times have
changed to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday,
and if there is a fifth Tuesday the
group will play then.

November 7, 21

December 5, Holiday luncheon TBD

Palos Verdes Shores Club House
new members welcome

GREAT DECISIONS

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

November 20: *Nuclear Security: The
enduring challenge of nuclear
weapons.*

Group starts up again in February with
a new book.

GREAT DECISIONS

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

November 20: *Prospects for
Afghanistan and Pakistan*
Home of Susan Wallace

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642
susimone@aol.com
1st Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm
708 Yarmouth Rd, Lunada Bay

November 01: Forgiveness and
Forgiving

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by
Monday, October 30





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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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BRANCH CALENDAR NOV/DEC 2017

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| Nov. 12, Sun. 2 -4 | LACIC meeting: Nancy Mahr speaking on "Branch Advocacy"
Presby. Intercom. Hosp., Whittier |
| Nov. 14, Tues. 2-4 | Branch Meeting. Speaker topic: "The Life of Teenage Girls Today:
The Good the Bad and the Ugly".
Hesse Park, Fireside Room, RPV. |
| Dec. various | Interest Group Holiday activities. |

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| Jan. 9, Tues. 2-4 | Branch Meeting - topic: "Remember 1957", Fireside Room, Hesse
Park, RPV. |
| Jan 20, Sat. 2-4 | Winter Social - JoAnn's home - more information to follow. |