

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September/October 2017



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## Fall Fling



Saturday, September 09, 2017 1-3 pm  
Hesse Park

Invite friends and prospective members  
Reservations necessary

Cost: \$15.00 for members, guests and potential members free

Contact: Fran Brown at 310-377-5252  
Checks payable to AAUW PVP



Sunday, October 15, 2017, 2p-4p

Hesse Park



The campers and their families will be joining us for our annual ice cream social. Meeting the girls and hearing their stories has always inspired us to contribute to this wonderful program. This is the only event where we make a formal appeal for donations. For further information, please contact Denise DeVenuto at [dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:dendev88@gmail.com).

Members, \$10 at the door

## MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIRS

Greeting from the Co-Chairs:

The beginning of a new year often moves us to ask questions and make resolutions. September marks a new AAUW year and we challenge each of us to ask, "Am I as involved in AAUW as much as I could be?" "Am I taking advantage of the many activities the branch offers?" "Is there a way I could contribute more to the running of branch operations?"

For the three of us the questions are a bit different. What can we do to make this year a more meaningful one for the branch? What can we do to contribute to the Mission and to the sense of fellowship that binds us together? We have had a good start; the Summer Social at Kathy Fitzgerald's home was a great success. We are excited about the newly established group descendant of WAWA and named Breaking Barriers Committee. Please read the article below by Nancy Rayner explaining the details

And of course, please join us at Fall Fling, bring a guest or guests and take the time to consider a deeper involvement in branch activities.

"Happy New Year"



Our next general Branch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2PM – 4PM. Our speaker will be Christine Lopez, a Counselor at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. Christine served for nine years in the role of Safe School Coordinator/Crisis Counselor for the school. She will present "The Life of Teenage Girls Today: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly".

Please mark your calendar to join us to hear her speak on this important topic.

### LACIC (Los Angeles Interbranch Council)

LACIC's September 10 meeting has special guest speakers--You! The meeting's topic is "Branch Information XChange", and all of us are invited to share ideas about our branches, their shortcomings, their successes, and our plans for the future. This is a great opportunity for us to learn from each other!

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.

From Marion Smith

### Breaking Barriers Committee

A new AAUW-PVP Branch committee kicked off in August. The **Breaking Barriers Committee (BBC)** is a group of members who will meet every other month to discuss AAUW mission related issues and explore ways the Branch can carry out the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls. It will also function as an "incubator" for new ideas and potential projects. The BBC is both a study group and an action group. Many members remember **Who Are We Anyway? (WAWA)**, which was discontinued last year. Going forward, the BBC will emulate WAWA's vision, values and many accomplishments.

If you are interested in participating on the Breaking Barriers Committee or would like more information about it, contact Nancy Rayner at [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com) or Cordelia Hwang at [cordeliahwang@yahoo.com](mailto:cordeliahwang@yahoo.com). The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm. Membership on BBC is limited only by meeting room



Dana Middle School Students at UCSB

## Tech Trek Open House at UC Santa Barbara

By Denise DeVenuto

"I absolutely loved it!" is how Maria Seiple described her week at Tech Trek camp. Maria was one of the 16 girls that our branch sent to camps at UC Irvine, UC San Diego and UC Santa Barbara.

The core classes at UCSB included Aerospace Engineering, Coding, Marine Science, and Math. Each girl is randomly assigned to a core class taught by an expert in their field. Campers from each class also work collaboratively on a group project which they present to their parents the final day of camp.

Campers in the Aerospace Engineering class made hot air balloons, paper airplanes, and bottle rockets to learn the basics of aerodynamics. The teacher, Bev Hill, shared with me that she focuses on making failure a positive experience and guides the girls to see that they can learn from their mistakes. She said that, "It can take three or four tries before something works. The point is to not give up and keep at it until you find the solution. Initially, this can be hard for such bright girls who strive for perfection."

"This was one of the most worthwhile experiences I've ever had," said Maria. Because of Tech Trek, I'm certain that I'd like to work one day as an aerospace engineer."

To hear from our 16 campers and how their week at camp has cemented their determination to pursue a STEM major and STEM career, please save the date of **October 15** for **Celebrate Tech Trek at Hesse Park**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The campers' families will be joining us for an ice cream social. This is our only fund raising event for Tech Trek. For further information, please contact Denise DeVenuto at [dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:dendev88@gmail.com).

## Thank you to 2017 Tech Trek Donors

This year sixteen scholarships were possible because of the following:

### Full Scholarship Donors

Kathy Ford  
Linda Bonini  
PVP Reader's Theater  
Anne & Ray Destable  
William Ailor  
Barbara Ailor  
Becky Cool  
Willmington Middle School Staff

### Half Scholarship Donors

Eileen & Bruce Edelson  
Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Muriel Blatt  
Ruth Bloland  
Ellen Alkon  
Leann Roque  
Joe & Denise DeVenuto

### Partial Scholarship Donors

Maria Ashla  
Nancy Kellogg  
Barbara Aranguren  
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Sherry May  
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Judy Purvis  
Jacky Mason  
Rowie Wolf  
Dale Richards  
Nancy Leonard  
Cordelia Hwang  
Roger & Issy Ford  
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Greg & Kim Ford  
Kevin Ford  
Marianne DeWar  
Jan Cover  
Florence Fenton

# Beginning the Year-long Celebration of Our 60<sup>th</sup> Year

1957 This is how it was....

In 1957, when our branch was founded, we played basketball on half a court! There was no Title IX to open up athletic opportunities for girls. 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 oral contraception was not known. The FDA approved the first birth control in 1960 and five years later, the Supreme Court said that states could not 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.

Much has changed but much has yet to be accomplished. As a branch we will continue to support and celebrate AAUW's accomplishments, its ground breaking research, educational funding, public policy advocacy, and legal support for sex discrimination cases. We will continue to support the Mission with our membership, our donations, and very importantly with our local projects: Tech Trek, Exploring Science and the Campus Initiative at the Marymount California University. We will continue to explore ways we can expand.

During the year we will highlight important branch accomplishments and fun facts about our history. Stay tuned...

## CRITICAL UPCOMING EVERY MEMBER VOTE

AAUW California has a critical governance issue that must be addressed through an every member vote.

**It is important that every member of AAUW CA cast a vote in favor of changing the non-profit status from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit.**

On September 10, 2017 the polls will open for AAUW California members to vote on a change to AAUW California's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through SurveyMonkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those members for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone.

A sample ballot and more detailed information is available on the [AAUW CA website](#).

**QUESTIONS?** Any questions should be directed to [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org). The period for questions/discussion will be open until midnight September 9<sup>th</sup>, prior to the commencement of voting of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW MEMBER

Margery Norris and Leann Roque are pleased to introduce and welcome new member Shirley Earlise Starke-Wallace. Shirley lives in San Pedro and wants us to know that she is a "living miracle." She has recovered from a serious illness and is now ready to volunteer and participate in her community. Her passions are education and the arts. Shirley has a B.A. and an M.A. from Cal State Los Angeles and retired after 41 ½ years with L.A. Unified.

# INTEREST GROUPS—SEPT/OCT 2017

## ARTS & ARTISTS

**Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7pm**

September 19: *Contrasts of Light and Dark*

October 17: *Ex-patriot Paintings*

## ART APPRECIATION

**Chair Nancy Rayner**  
**(nrayner777@gmail.com)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2-4pm**

September 20: *In Contrast - Chardin Tiepolo, Gainsborough*

October 18: *Dark Images of David Goya, Friedrich*

Anyone interested in attending should contact Nancy. New members welcome.

## READER'S THEATER

**Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm**

September 11

October 09

At Jacky's home

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

**Chair Sharon Andrade**  
**310-541-2417**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30am**

September 11: home of Sharon Andrade  
*The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

October 9: home of Sharon Butler  
*The Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

## ECLECTIC READERS

**Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm**

September: no meeting

October 19: home of Faith Morrow  
*Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

## NIGHT BOOKS

**Chair Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm**

September 11: home of Karen Gottlieb—*Alexander Hamilton* by Rob Chernow

October 9: home of Leann Roque  
*The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskins

## BRIDGE-ETTES

**Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm**

September 19: home of Fran Wielin

October 17: home of Jan Cofer

## GRAND SLAMMERS

**Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1pm**

September 14: home of Judy Purvis

October 12: home of Carol Torelli

## PINOCHLE

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

September 5 and 19

October 3, 17 and 31

Palos Verdes Shores Club House  
New members are welcome

## GREAT DECISIONS

**Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 9:30am, PV Shores Club House**

September 18: *Latin America's political pendulum*

October 16: *Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan*

## GREAT DECISIONS

**Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am, Northside**

September: no meeting

October 16: *Latin America's political pendulum*

## WOMEN IN TRANSITION-WIT

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

September 06: What's a Worldview - and How Was Yours Formed  
RSVP by Monday, Sept.. 4.

October 04  
RSVP by Monday, October 2.







### A Delightful Summer Afternoon

The Summer Social at Kathy Fitzgerald's home was indeed a delightful affair. Close to 30 of us sat together enjoying a beautiful setting and lively conversation. The weather was perfect and the food delicious. We had no set program but got to be with members we only knew by name or saw only rarely.

Occasions like this enhance the sense of fellowship we so value. We want to thank Kathy for her gracious hospitality and to congratulate her for her landscaping abilities!

### Continued Branch 60th Anniversary Celebration



#### **THREE KATHERINES, TWO ANNES, AND A JANE** The six wives of Henry VIII —their stories

**A new play written by Jacky Mason and presented by our own AAUW Readers Theater will be the highlight of our 60th year Celebration.**

**Join the festivities: Saturday, March 24, 2018. SAVE THE DATE!**

# Proposed 2017-18 Budget

## Branch to Approve 2017-2018 Operating Budget

The 2017-2018 branch operating budget has been approved by Branch Council members and is presented below for the general membership. At the September 9, 2017 Fall Fling in Hesse Park members in attendance will be asked to discuss and 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 (Faith Morrow, Maria Ashla, Ruth Bloland, or Cordelia Hwang ) prior to the September meeting.

	2016-17 Proposed	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Proposed
<b>Income</b>			
Branch Dues	2,700.00	2,806.00	2,700.00
Coastline Donations	70.00	71.00	50.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	199.00	249.00	250.00
Events net	0.00	150.46	0.00
**Reserve withdraw	1,526.00		1,895.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,495.00</b>	<b>3,276.46</b>	<b>4,895.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
General Operating	285.00	320.70	400.00
*Insurance	515.00	515.00	600.00
CoastLines	350.00	139.34	200.00
Directory	150.00	146.83	175.00
Membership	350.00	63.51	200.00
Programs	600.00	0.00	500.00
Hospitality			250.00
Leadership seminars	150.00	40.00	100.00
Convention	1,200.00	0.00	1,000.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	250.00	296.74	300.00
CA assessments	125.00	106.00	125.00
Donation to EOF & LAF	400.00	420.00	420.00
Branch website	119.88	119.88	125.00
Permanent equipment/Audio Visual			500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,694.88</b>	<b>1,332.30</b>	<b>4,895.00</b>

### Notes:

- \* We are mandatorily required to take insurance through AAUW-CA.
- \*\*Reserve withdraw will vary based on actual expenses. Total expenses not to exceed the amount budgeted.



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<http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>**

**AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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**BRANCH CALENDAR 2017**

Sept. 09, Sat. 1-3 pm	Fall Fling, Hesse Park
Sept. 10, Sun. 2-4 pm	LACIC - Presbyterian Intercom. Hosp., Whittier
Oct. 15, Sun., 2-4 pm	Celebrate Tech Trek, Hesse Park
Nov. 14, Tues. 2-4 pm	General Branch Council Meeting with speaker, Hesse Park