

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Jan./Feb., 2017



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## Our Annual January Social

Brunch at the home of

JoAnn DeFlon

2144 Via Pacheco

Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10am to 1pm

RSVP: JoAnn at 310-508-3581 or  
jj.deflon@gmail.com, or "just come".

\$5 collected at door

## AAUW-PVP-Branch Meeting

Hesse Park

Tuesday, January 10

2-4 pm



Topic: "A Fly on the Wall—Unusual Tales from  
the News Front"

Presenter: Judy Milestone, AAUW member

**SEE DETAILS OF TECH TREK FUNDRAISER, PG 5**

# MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR

## AAUW PVP BRANCH HAS REACHED A CRITICAL POINT



Our Branch has reached a critical point and our membership needs to step forward if we are to save this branch. We have four elected positions (possibly five) open for the next fiscal year and no nominees to fill them. Without these positions being filled, the branch cannot sustain itself and will need to be dissolved or merge with another branch. Neither option is one I think any of us wants.

Branch Policies and Procedures state our 2017-18 Nominating Committee must be in place by the end of November 2016 and nominations presented to the membership at least 14 days prior to the May 9, 2017 annual meeting. As of this writing no one has expressed interest in serving on the Nominating Committee or as chair.

### Officers needed for 2017-18

- Branch Chair or two co-chairs - possibly a relatively new member and a member of longer standing. Chair oversees branch business and activities; presides over branch meetings; appoints the Leadership Development Committee; fills appointed positions (with the assistance of the Leadership Development Committee); appoints ad hoc committees; is an ex-officio member of all committees except Leadership Development; writes articles for CoastLines.
- Membership Co-chairs - One chair forms a committee to assist her with membership recruitment, orientation and retention; writes articles for Coast Lines.
- Membership Co-chair - collects dues; retains list of branch members; develops a budget for membership activities; files membership reports with state and national; assists the co-chair as needed. (This is a summary of the chairs' responsibilities.)
- Treasurer — Receives branch monies and pays bills; keeps financial records; provides bi-monthly reports to the membership; serves as Finance Committee chair; develops branch budget. (This is a summary of the treasurer's responsibilities.)

A member may nominate herself or suggest someone to serve on the nominating committee and/or to serve as an officer by contacting Elayne Nahman 310- 541-6839 or Eileen Edelson 310-541-1969.

*If, by the first of January, we lack a nominating committee and members who are interested in holding an office there will be a branch Town Hall meeting to discuss the future of the branch. The meeting will be held Tuesday January 10, 2pm - 4pm in the Fireside Room at Hesse Park.*

Questions, suggestions and referrals are welcome.

Contact Elayne Nahman 310 - 541-6839 or Eileen Edelson 310-541-1969

## TO OUR NEW AND NEWER MEMBERS:

As you can see from the preceding Branch Chair message, no organization functions without people willing to participate and lead it. Our new member survey, which was completed recently, indicated that the majority who joined did so because they wanted to participate in an interest group or be involved in Tech Trek or other special programs. No one indicated an interest in organizational activities such as committees or leadership positions. I did exactly the same thing when I joined after my husband died, but I quickly learned that although I needed the new friendships and stimulation, AAUW-PVP was so much more than that. I learned about its mission and embraced other aspects of the organization I had not anticipated.

Our Branch can only sustain itself if new members come forward and become involved. You bring fresh ideas and innovations that we need to move into the future. Please consider and take the challenge. There are many resources available to help you on the local, state and national level.

I do not expect a new member to be an elected member, but participating on a committee would be a way of being involved and learning more how AAUW-PVP functions. We have an appointed position of Recording Secretary, which would be a good fit for a new member. You do not need to be familiar with the history of the organization to fill this position.

Members who have been with us 2 to 4 years have enough information to consider a leadership role with the knowledge they will be mentored by their predecessor and others. Also, we are looking at the possibility of having two co-chair positions for the Chair Branch. This would be ideal for a newer member to team up with a seasoned member to work together.

You joined AAUW-PVP because you felt it had something to offer you. There is so much talent, skill, and expertise among you. Please consider sharing this with the Branch so we can continue to be a nurturing, viable organization.

*Elayne Nahman*, Branch Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

### **Branch Policy & Procedures**

The Policy and Procedures for our AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch have been up-dated thanks to the hard work of the Policies and Procedures/Bylaws Committee.

Members can see the revised Policy and Procedures on the branch website [palosverdes-ca.aauw.net](http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net) listed under Branch Links.

Leann Roque, Membership

### **New Members**

Kay Odgers and Leann Roque are delighted to introduce 2 new members to the 2016 class:

Elissa Hoxie, University of North Carolina and LA Trade Tech with degrees in math/economics and fashion design.

Melissa Garibay, UCLA, a Tech Trekker alum and data specialist.



SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**JANUARY 8TH, 2017**



MEETING AND MEAL

**AILEEN RIZO**

LAF Litigant

Rizo filed suit against the Fresno County of Education under equal pay and gender discrimination laws after discovering she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority.

Sponsored by LACIC  
Los Angeles Interbranch Council

Lunch  
\$35.00

Kellogg West  
Conference Center  
3801 West Temple Ave.  
Pomona CA 91768

Sunday  
January 8  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Reservations due December 20th  
Make your check to LACIC and mail to:  
Rozanne Child 200 S. Winchester Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91801.

Pay equity is a matter of simple fairness!

#### MARYMOUNT CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY HIRES NEW STUDENT LIFE STAFFER

In November, Marymount CA University (MCU) confirmed that Kimberly Hernandez, a former PVP-selected National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) attendee, has been hired to staff the Student Life office. Her office is located on the Oceanview Campus on PV Drive East and during the MCU's 2016-2018 budget years, Kim will be managing a variety of Student Life clubs and activities. In that capacity, she will also serve as the designated campus contact for the Marymount CA/AAUW-PVP College/University partnership.

During a recent meeting in her MCU office, Kim expressed excitement about her new role and the 2017 AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which is held in Washington, D.C.

"I'm so excited to be MCU's staff advisor and to help organize the wonderful NCCWSL opportunity – especially since I personally know how enriching it is for women students," she remarked. "AAUW will be a welcome organization on campus! The upcoming January Involvement Fair, spring women's history month, and our Take Back the Night event in April will give us lots of opportunities to engage and educate our students on AAUW's mission and history."

## Tech Trek Fund Raiser

### Pennyroyal Players perform Stephen Foster Music



Sunday, January 29, 3:00pm

Seaview Villas Club House  
29830 Highridge Road, Rolling Hills Estates  
(near the corner of Crest Road)

Look for the balloons marking the gate in the fence which allows entry to the Seaview Club House where the event will be held. There is guest parking on Seaview Drive South near Number 35 with a path down to the Clubhouse, but parking on Highridge is easier.

**\$15.00 donation suggested. This will help cover the increased costs of sending girls to camp.**

## Tech Trek Needs Your Help!

The Tech Trek Committee wants to send as many girls to camp in 2017 as we did in 2016. The girls who attended camp last summer learned and benefited so much from their experience and the teachers at the participating schools are very supportive of the program. The teachers at Wilmington Middle School donated \$1160 to the program when they learned we might not be able to send as many girls next summer. So we are hoping that the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch can make sure that another 16 girls can experience Tech Trek in 2017.

So far, we have raised enough funds to send 13+ girls in 2017, depending on how much the camp fees are raised at each camp. Tech Trek Coordinators were informed last week that camp costs are going up and we should know in January which camps will be charging \$1000 per girl.

Assuming we need to raise \$950 per scholarship (families pay \$50), an additional \$2500 is required to fund 16 girls.

Anne Destable and the Pennyroyal Players have offered to donate the proceeds from a benefit performance of "Songs and Stories of the Life of Stephen Foster" on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Seaview Club House, 29830 Highridge Road, RHE. Admission cost is a donation of \$15-20. The Pennyroyal Players' generosity is much appreciated and we hope you will all attend and enjoy this wonderful event.

So how can you help? Can you make Tech Trek part of your holiday cheer? I made it part of my birthday celebration by asking for donations to Tech Trek instead of a gift and, along with my own donation, my family funded almost 2 scholarships!

I'm sure you have many other ideas to help achieve this very worthy goal – a key mission of the Branch and one I hope you can include in your holiday giving.

Donations are tax deductible and checks should be made out to AAUW, with "Tech Trek – PVP Branch" written on the memo line. Checks should be mailed to me so I can record your donation and send it on to a Tech Trek camp.

Thanks for your support and let me know if you have any questions or ideas you want to share.

Kathy Ford

Tech Trek Treasurer, PVP Branch  
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Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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Pennyroyal  
Players





## Readers Theater Performs in February



**Queen Victoria**, the great-great grandmother of the present queen of England, is coming to **Hesse Park** on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 10:30 am**, for an unprecedented interview. The performance of **An Interview with Queen Victoria** by the **Palos Verdes AAUW Readers Theater** is at the request of the Peninsula Seniors, but all members of the public, and **members of AAUW in particular**, are invited to attend. The play is one of several popular plays written by AAUW member Jacky Mason, director of the Readers Theater. In this presentation, three famous members of the press: **Dorothy Parker, Nellie Bly, and Louella Parsons** pose questions to Her Majesty about her early life, her marriage with Prince Albert and her family, as well as, her many years as a royal widow. The fully costumed, simulated press conference is moderated by **Clare Booth Luce**. **Queen Victoria's** answers to the reporters' engaging questions are candid, informative, and at times "most amusing". **Cecilia Rodgers** stars as the long-reigning British monarch. If you haven't seen this popular play, or you would like to enjoy it again, don't miss this opportunity. **This performance is free of charge.**



Kimberly Park, a founder of WIT and now living in N. California, attended the WIT holiday party.



# INTEREST GROUPS—JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

## ARTS & ARTISTS

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

Jan. 17: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Portrait of Federal America and Early His-  
torical and Landscape Painting

Feb. 14: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Art in the Era of Good Feelings and  
Thomas Cole and the American Land-  
scape.

## ART APPRECIATION

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

Jan. 18

Feb. 15

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

## READER'S THEATER

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

Jan. 09, home of Jacky Mason  
Casting for Queen Victoria

Feb. 13: home of Carol Torelli

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair Barbara Prassas  
310-519-8044  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30am

Jan. 09: home of Barbara Prassas  
*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor  
Towles

Feb. 13: home of Sharon Andrade  
*She Has Come Undone* by Wally Lamb

## ECLECTIC READERS

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

Jan. 19: Meet at Subway (1:00pm)  
and Interpretive Center (2:00pm)  
*California* by Kevin Starr

Feb. 16: home of Elayne Nahman  
*Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett

## NIGHT BOOKS

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

Jan. 09: home of Leann Roque  
*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family  
and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

Feb. 13: home of Karen Gottlieb  
*Queen Sugar* by Natalie Baszile

## BRIDGE-ETTES

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

Jan. 17: home of Jan Cofer

Feb. 21: home of Fran Wielin

## GRAND SLAMMERS

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

Jan. 12: home of Carol Torelli

Feb. 09: home of Ginny Whittier



## PINOCHLE

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Chair Elayne Nahman 310-541-6839

Jan. 17  
Jan. 31  
Palos Verdes Shores Club House

## WOMEN IN TRANSITION-WIT

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

Jan. 04: home of Susan Negrete  
Annual business meeting: Bring  
ideas for topics, outings, new ways  
to do old (meetings) things and let's  
discuss.  
If attending, RSVP by Tues., Jan. 03

## GREAT DECISIONS

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

Feb. 20: Topic, The future of Europe

## GREAT DECISIONS

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

Jan. 16: home of Susan Wallace  
Topic: Cuba and the U.S..

## LUNCH BUNCH

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

## WALKERS

Chairs Kathleen 310-373-0946  
Cordelia 310-541-3261

Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on.  
Location: cliffs at the south end of  
Hawthorne Blvd



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Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

<http://aauw.org>  
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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.

<b>BRANCH CALENDAR JAN/FEB 2017</b>	
<b>Sun, January 8,</b>	<b>LACIC -Kellogg West Conf. Ctr., Pomona, CA 11a-2p</b>
<b>Tue, January 10</b>	<b>Branch meeting—Hesse Park 2-4p</b>
<b>Sat, January 21</b>	<b>Annual January Social JoAnn DeFlon's home 10a-1p</b>
<b>Sun, January 29</b>	<b>Tech Trek Fund Raiser Seaview Villa Club House 3p</b>
<b>Wed, February 15</b>	<b>Reader's Theater Hesse Park, 3 p</b>

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Treasurer: Faith Morrow

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