

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, May, June 2017



ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING
MAY 9, 2017 2-4 PM
HESSE PARK



March, May/June 2017

Please plan to attend this special meeting. Election of the new officers will take place and the revised By-Laws will also be voted on. Annual reports from each of the Project Chairs will be made and Elayne Nahman, Chair, will give her State of the Branch Address.

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Moving Forward! Branch Planning Meeting for 2017-18 and Beyond



2016-17 has been a very positive year for the branch: Steady membership, new interest groups, sound finances and a continued effort to support the AAUW mission through our very successful local projects.

On May 30, we will have a lively discussion on how to approach the challenges that we, like most branches, are facing such as the filling leadership positions, integration of newer members, relevant programming, renewed commitment to what AAUW stands for.

Let's brainstorm together! Let's make it fun! We need many voices, especially those of newer members.

Tuesday, May 30 1-4 pm
Hesse Park, Fireside Room

Need a ride? Let us know!

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR



This is my last message to you as Branch Chair as my term ends on June 30th. It has been an amazing two years for me. I came into this position with little experience of the organization as I had only been a member for one year, and it was a mixed blessing. My learning curve was pretty big in the beginning, but I also feel I brought fresh ideas since I had little history to fall back on. I will do everything to make the transition to the new leadership a seamless and productive one.

Onto other matters--our Recognition Luncheon that was held April 1st was wonderful as expected. It is a great time to see old friends and be together on a social rather than work-related occasion. A reminder that our Branch elections will be held at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 9th along with approval of our new By-Laws. Please plan to attend. Our National elections are also being held and you should all have gotten information on how to vote. They couldn't make it any easier as it is all on-line. There is also a vote again on whether to allow non-University persons to join the organization. It was defeated the last time it was voted on. We also have a new AAUW CEO, Kimberly Churches. It will be interesting to see what directions she will take AAUW. Another reminder--our annual Branch Planning Meeting will be held on May 30th. This is the one time you have an opportunity to provide ideas and recommendations on how we should proceed at the Branch for the next year. Lastly, I want to thank all the members who are part of this wonderful organization for their involvement and particularly those who have supported and guided me during my tenure. I couldn't have done it without you.

GOLD RUSH

LACIC

Sunday, May 21, 2017 2-4 p.m.
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital
12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90062

JOIN THE AAUW GOLD RUSH

Join LACIC on Sunday, May 21, 2017 as Susan Negrete presents her new one-hour training program "Join the AAUW Gold Rush - Discover & Mine Your Branch Legacy". Learn about AAUW programs that will increase your memberships interest in the value of branch participation. Sharpen focus and engage members in your branch's Past, Present and Future. This is a program for branch leaders and members. Join LACIC on May 21st as we discuss how to discover new ways to preserve the hidden treasures in your branch.

The LACIC refreshment plan: Bring your own drink. Individuals are invited to bring snacks to share.



BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Tuesday, January 09, 2018
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Tuesday, May 08, 2018



Thank you to Monica Mortenson for donating plates to be used at our AAUW functions.

PVP's 2017 NCCWSL PROJECT: AN UPDATE

PVP's Selection Committee which is comprised of Judith Jacques Hind, Elayne Nahman, Susan Negrete and Nancy Rayner is pleased to announce that this year's project to select two Marymount California University (MCU) students to attend AAUW's prestigious National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was successfully completed in March.

When their budget allows, MCU contributes funds to send additional students to the Conference. This year two additional students, plus Kim Hernandez (Student Life Advisor and PVP branch member), will attend on behalf of MCU.

In a joint meeting along with MCU advisors, Susan Garman and Kim Hernandez, the PVP Selection Committee interviewed the 10 MCU application finalists on March 22, 2017 in which four finalists were selected. In addition, one graduating MCU senior will join the group, using her own funds to pay registration fees and travel costs. *Both funding groups are pleased that a total of 6 MCU women will participate in the 3 days of NCCWSL speakers, workshops, and activities.*

On April 10th, MCU hosted a luncheon for the 2017 NCCWSL attendees, their parents, the PVP Selection Committee and several young women who have previously attended NCCWSL to meet and discuss the upcoming Conference. There was lively conversation and excitement – for many of these young women it will be the first time they have traveled alone; have flown on an airplane, or have been involved in large campus dormitory life. The past attendees reported life-changing experiences and emotionally charged moments of gratitude for their support. Like the Tech Trek Project, the NCCWSL scholarships that PVP provides help lift and change young women's lives.

The 5-year NCCWSL endowment was established by PVP member Patricia (Trish) Dilligan, and is a legacy to her dedication and service as a Trustee on MCU's board. The PVP branch contributes funds to ensure that 2 young women per year attend NCCWSL.

By: Susan Negrete PVP College/University Rep &
NCCWSL Project Manager: 4/24/2017

Thank You!

Donations to the AAUW FUND sustain our mission-based projects providing education, equity and advocacy for women and girls. We are especially grateful to our major donors for their generosity. They are:

William Ailor

Ellen Alkon

Muriel Blatt

Ruth Bloland

Linda Bonini: In memory of her mother, Donabelle Wedding, a life-long AAUW member.

Betsy Cool and RM Cool Company

Anne Destabelle

Denise DeVenuto

Eileen Edelson

Kathleen Fitzgerald

Kathy Ford and Family

Nancy Mahr



IN REMEMBRANCE SHERRY MAY 1937 - 2017

It is with great sadness that we said our final good bye to Sherry at a Memorial dedicated to her honor on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Palos Verdes Country Club. It was a lovely and wonderful tribute to a woman who touched so many lives. AAUW was well represented as many of us came to give our respect and share our memories of her amongst ourselves. Her contribution to our Branch cannot be underestimated. She will remain in our hearts forever.

2017 RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



Ann Shaw

AAUW Annual Recognition Luncheon was held on April 1, 2017 at the Red Onion Restaurant. This year's Status of Women's Award was given to Ann Shaw, local businesswoman, philanthropist, AAUW member and former Mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes. The branch recognized Shaw's leadership and commitment to a variety of community affiliations on the Peninsula; she has served as president of Peninsula Seniors since 2009 and as the Treasurer of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village since its inception in 2014. She is also engaged with the League of Women Voters and serves as a local AARP Tax Aide coordinator.

Also recognized were four of our AAUW Members as Named Gift Honorees in appreciation for their significant contributions to the AAUW mission and the success of our branch. This year's honorees are Elayne Nahman, Louise Chao, JoAnn DeFlon, and Nancy Rayner. They joined the Branch in 2013-14 and jumped right in.



Louise Chao

Has chaired or co-chaired the branch Exploring Science project for 3rd-5th grade girls scouts for the last four years. Louise saved the program from extinction in 2013 with the help of her daughter, Aimee, who is a program alumnae and now in high school. They revitalized the program demonstrating to new groups of young girls that STEM careers are exciting options for women and that science related activities can be fun.



JoAnn DeFlon

Within a year of joining, JoAnn accepted the position of branch Records Keeper (recording secretary) and served in that position for two years. During the past year she has chaired two major branch events that provided bonding opportunities and nurturing our organization. This past fall she coordinated the fabulous Fall Fiesta, which was expanded to include lunch and the Status of Women Award. In January, she hosted the warm and welcoming New Year social in her beautiful home.



Nancy Rayner

Nancy's talents and interests reach in many directions. She started an Art Appreciation interest group, was on the public policy committee and is the branch E-blast Coordinator. Nancy worked to bring about the very successful community presentation on Human Trafficking and then the branch presentation by Rainbow Services and our contributions to them. She continues to look for ways to help the abused and exploited and carry forward the AAUW mission.



Elayne Nahman

Early on Elayne demonstrated her skill in group facilitation assisting when asked and then when asked to serve as Branch Chair she again said yes! She was unanimously elected and will complete her two year term on June 30, 2017. Elayne has given her all. She has been the public face of the branch, filling many roles and bringing new ideas. Partnering with other groups such as League of Women Voters, Chamber of Commerce, and PV Library District, Elayne has brought timely, meaningful and mission oriented programs to the community. Under her leadership, the branch continues to attract new members and maintain its membership. In the midst of all her work as chair, she even started the new Pinochle interest group!

INTEREST GROUPS—MAY/JUNE 2017

ARTS & ARTISTS

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

May 16: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
The Civil War in Art

June 20: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
The Glow of Peace

ART APPRECIATION

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

May 17: Life Stories by Ter Brugghen,
Rubens and Steen

June 21: Inside Vermeer, Velasquez
and Rembrandt

Anyone interested in attending should
contact Nancy at
nrayner777@gmail.com
New members welcome.

READER'S THEATER

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

Please note the changes in dates.

May 8: home of Jacky Mason

June 5: home of Pilar Hale-pot luck
dinner at 6:30 pm.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

May 8: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

June 12: home of June Kagdis
Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

ECLECTIC READERS

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

May 18: home of Elayne Nahman
Small Great Things by Jodi Piccoult

June 15: home of Ann Destabelle
A Gentleman in Moscow by
Amor Towles

NIGHT BOOKS

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

May 08: home of Ruth Bloland
Fate and Furies by Lauren Groff

June-Dinner get together— details to
be determined.

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

May 16: home of JoAnn DeFlon

June 20: home Ruth Bloland

GRAND SLAMMERS

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

May 11: home of Betty Ettington

June 08: home of Flo Fenton

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.

May 02 and 16

June 06 and 20

Palos Verdes Shores Club House
New members are welcome.
Instruction available.

GREAT DECISIONS

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

May 15: Topic: Saudi Arabia in transi-
tion

June 19: U.S. Foreign Policy and
Petroleum

GREAT DECISIONS

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

Home of Susan Wallace

May 15: Topic: Saudi Arabia in transi-
tion.

June 19: Topic: U.S. Foreign Policy
and Petroleum.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION-WIT

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

May 03: Topic: Transition to Living Ar-
rangements with Other Adults
Please RSVP by Monday, May 01.

June 07: Topic: Thoughts and Tips on
Understanding the Millennial Genera-
tion.
Please RSVP by Monday, June 05.

WIT does not meet in July. Our sum-
mer social will be Wednesday, August
02, 2017.

WALKERS

Chair Kathleen, 310-373-0946

Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on.

Location: cliffs at the south end of
Hawthorne Blvd.





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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 MAY/JUNE 2017	
May 09, Tues. 2-4 pm	Branch General Meeting, Hesse Park. Election of officers.
May 20, Sat. 11:30 am-2:30 pm	AAUW Beach Cities 19th Annual Authors Luncheon and book signing.
May 21,, Sun. 2-4 pm	LACIC Meeting– PIH 112401 Washington Blvd, Whittier
May 30, Tues. 2-5 pm	Branch planning retreat, Hesse Park
June 04, Sun.	Tech Trek Camper Orientation, Hesse Park