



Celebrate our own TechTrek!

- Meet the campers AAUW/PVP & our friends sponsored in 2015
- Greet campers' families
- Witness the excitement of the girls as they talk about their experiences
- Find out how you can get involved
- Enjoy delicious ice cream sundaes

Sunday, September 20
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Hesse Park

Member/Guest cost \$10 at the door
No cost for campers and their families

Psst..... remember to bring your checkbook; this is our premier program designed to encourage Middle School girls to pursue STEM careers.

Tech Trek Open House at UC Irvine

By Denise DeVenuto

After a visit to the Open House on July 14 at UCI, branch member Kathy Ford was “more impressed than ever with the Tech Trek program.” She observed that the girls seemed to be very engaged and hard at work in their core classes which included Robotics, Biology, Video Production, Computer Coding and Environmental Science. Most significant to Kathy was the contribution made by doctoral students who helped with the program by having the girls visit their labs on campus to see some of their work involving cellular biology and to get a look at the advanced equipment that they use.

One of the highlights of the visit for me was the introduction of the Junior Counselors (JC). One of the girls our branch sent to UCI in 2011 as a camper was among them. Former Dana Middle School student Alexandra Ferguson has served as a JC at UCI three times, and stated that, “Being around such creative girls opens up a whole new world for the campers and the JC’s.” Alexandra will be joining us at Celebrate Tech Trek on September 20, where she will share with us how the Tech Trek program has made a difference in her life.”

Another camper from 2011, Rosio Garcia, will be attending Celebrate Tech Trek as a guest of Carolyn Ayers. Carolyn has stayed in touch with her and her sister Alva who attended camp in 2010 and is now in college. We look forward to hearing from Rosio about the importance of Tech Trek in shaping her interest in STEM.

For more information about the Tech Trek program or to volunteer to help with Celebrate Tech Trek, please phone Trek Chair, Denise DeVenuto at (310) 428-8957 or email dendev88@gmail.com



PV branch Tech Trek Coordinator Denise DeVenuto with Wilmington Middle School students Susan D. and Jade L.



Dana Middle School student Grace C. constructing a tower in Robotics class



Dana Middle School student Riley C. in campus dining hall

We thank Denise DeVenuto and Dale Richards, 2014-15 Tech Trek Chairs, and their committee for their dedication and work.

It takes a lot of effort and work to make Tech Trek happen!

THANK YOU 2015 Camp Season TECH TREK DONORS

Our Tech Trek program has been generously supported by members. This year sixteen scholarships were possible because of the following

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Sex Trafficking Seminar

This Seminar is co-sponsored by AAUW-PVP, the PVP Chamber of Commerce, PVP League of Women Voters, and the PV Library District.

The program will focus on the issue of sex trafficking in children up to, and including, college age. It will include a discussion of the problem globally, nationally, and locally, describe a profile of the abuser as well as the victim and provide education on what we can do if we suspect this is occurring in our community.

Thursday October 15, 9:00-11:00 am
Peninsula Center Library, Community Room

Ralph's SCRIP an easy way to support AAUW Education Funds!

If you are already participating, you must re-enroll on September 1. It is easy and cost-free. Log in to www.ralphs.com, review your information and re-enroll. Our account number is 83150 American Assoc of Univ Woman PVP BR

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR REWARDS CARD ONLINE

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Highlights

State of the Branch Report

Annual Meeting, May 12, 2015, Council Chair Connie Davenport

Full report is posted on our website. <http://www.palosverdes-ca.aauw.net> under the tab "What We Do" "Branch Report"

Membership

Our membership is stable. We welcomed 10 new members and investigated ways to engage and maximize the experience of all members.

We have acted upon membership opportunities such as Give a Grad a Gift and Shape the Future.

Our vibrant Interest Groups continue to attract new members and to enrich the experience of all participants.

Four new groups are in the process of forming.

Leadership

The Leadership Development committee has been very successful in encouraging new members to join committees and to assume positions of leadership.

Our Branch provides leadership at the State and County levels; two members are AAUW State Board Directors, one the Co-Chair of LACIC and another one is a member of the State Membership Committee.

Programs

We had several AAUW Mission based programs, International Women's Issues programs and an AAUW International Fellow speaker.

Twelve members participated in the Mount Saint Mary's College "Status of Women and Girls in California" field trip.

Council meetings have included presentations on Public policy, AAUW Research overview, and Pay Equity.

Our social programs have had excellent attendance. The July Read My Pins event attracted an impressive number of guests.

Philanthropy.

Sixteen Trek scholarships were funded by Branch members.

Six Marymount students, partially sponsored by the branch, attended the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Conference (NCCWSL) in Washington D.C.

Member contributions to AAUW Funds (\$2280.00). Scrip sales (over \$600).

Planning

The Branch restructure, begun 5 years ago, continues to thrive. Other branches are considering it as a possible model.

Enhancing AAUW visibility within the community is one of the main goals for 2015-16

We thank Connie Davenport, our outgoing Chair, for her leadership and dedication during the past year and warmly welcome Elayne Nahman as our new leader for 2015-2016.

Welcome

Eunice McConaughy is rejoining the branch. Eunice is a graduate of UCLA. She enjoys, reading, traveling and playing bridge. She is an active mahjong teacher.

We thank
Bristol Farms
for the donation of
\$500.00
in gift cards to support AAUW
Educational Funds

Branch to Approve 2015-2016 Operating Budget

The 2015- 2016 branch operating budget was approved by Leadership Council members in August and is presented below for general membership review. At the September 20, 2015 general meeting at Hesse Park, members in attendance will be asked to 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, Elayne Nahman, Rowie Wolf or Kathy Ford) prior to the September meeting.

	2014 -15 Actual	2015-2016 Proposed
Income		
Branch Dues	2,351.00	2,500.00
Coastline Donations	83.00	70.00
Misc.	50.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	107.00	302.00
Events net	293.44	0.00
Reserve withdraw	121.96	1,823.00
Total	3,006.40	4,695.00
Expenses		
*General Operating	755.53	800.00
CoastLines	328.17	400.00
Directory	109.82	150.00
** Membership	119.30	400.00
** Programs/Hospitality	100.00	600.00
*** Convention/Seminars	955.00	1,500.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	125.00	200.00
CA assessments	101.00	125.00
Donation to EF/LAF	292.70	400.00
Branch Website	119.88	120.00
Total	3,006.40	4,695.00

Notes:

* The primary item in General Operating is insurance which we are required to take through AAUW-CA. It is close to \$500.

** Increased for more membership activities and programs

*** Funds will be divided among those attending AAUW-CA convention to encourage participation.

AAUW Funds Luncheon

Luncheon honoring the 2015-2016 AAUW Fund Fellows and Grant Recipients studying in California.
Sunday October 18 ~ 12:00-3:00pm ~ Irvine Marriott Hotel \$40

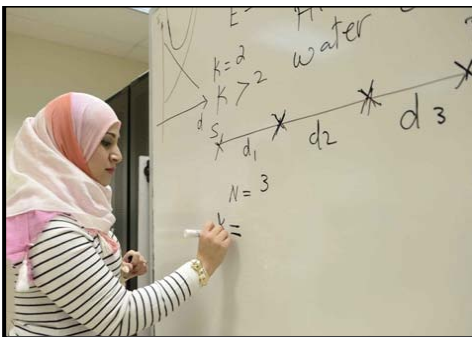
For information go to <http://aauw-ca.org>

Or e-mail: Sharon Westafer

swestafer@aauw-ca.org

Interested in the stories of some of the 2015-16 AAUW Fellows and Grantees?

Go to <http://www.aauw.org/2015/08/01/fellows-grantees-change-the-world/>



2015-16 International Fellow Wafa M. Elmannai

AAUW 2015-16 awardee Wafa M. Elmannai (Libya) will use her AAUW International Fellowship toward pursuing her PhD in computer science and engineering at the University of Bridgeport, where she's working on designing an intelligence framework for individuals who are visually impaired.



2015-16 International Project Grant awardee Valentine Khaminwa

AAUW 2015-16 awardee Valentine Khaminwa will use her AAUW International Project Grant to educate and empower Kenyan women and promote their rights to equality in marriage. Khaminwa was a 2006-07 AAUW International Fellow.



2015-2016 Community Action Grantee Pat Shores

AAUW 2015-16 awardee Pat Shores of Ballwin-Chesterfield (MO) will use her AAUW Community Action Grant to fund an educational project on human trafficking, an issue that disproportionately affects women and girls. The project, called "Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking," will teach residents of St. Charles County, Missouri, what constitutes human trafficking, how to identify victims, how to dispel certain myths, and how to mobilize people from diverse backgrounds to take meaningful action against this criminal activity.

INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

Bi-monthly, 3rd Tuesday 10am-12 pm

Chair: Sherry 310-378-4122

Oct. 20 Location - TBD

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606

Sept 15: home of Kathleen *Neoclassicism and the Birth of Romanticism*

Oct 20: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Romanticism in the 19th Century

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery 310-514-3980

Sept 15: home of Fran Wielin

Oct 20: home of Margery Norris

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 1st Tuesday 2pm.

Host: Marlin (310-791-2849).

Please respond if planning to attend

Currently space limited

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon. 9:30am

Chair Barbara 310-519-8044

Sept 14: home of Barbara: *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman

Oct 12: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan 310-791-8337

Sept 17: home of Regina Wrin; *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

Oct 15: home of Faith Morrow

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen 310-373-0946

Sept 21: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: India Changes Course*

Oct 19: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Syria's Refugee Crisis*

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Monday 10 am

Chair Sharon 310-541-2417

Sept 21: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Syria's Refugee Crisis* Facilitator – Barbara Prassas

Oct 19: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Human Trafficking A Serious Challenge to Humanity* Facilitator – Eileen Edelson

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara 310-541-2767

Sept 10; home of Sara

Oct 8: home of Betty Ettington

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie , 310-373-5970

Sept 14: home of Fran Wielin

The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer

Oct 12: home of Maria Ashla

A Fighting Chance by Elizabeth Warren

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky 310-377-3896

Contact Jacky for details

WALKERS Every Thursday

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

3261 Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on

Cliffs at the south end of Hawthorne Blvd.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) 1st Wed 7pm

Chair Susan 310-377-0642

Sept. 2: *Sharing a Happy Life Memory*

RSVP to Susan by August 31

Oct.7 Topic TBD

RSVP to Susan by Oct. 5

Bridge Subs wanted!

Contact bridge chair

Margery 310-514-3980

Groups currently forming

PINOCHLE

Contact Elayne 310- 541-6839

TRAVEL

Contact Jann Jannsegal@earthlink.net

EXPLORING THE VICTORIAN AGE

Contact Jacky 310-377-3896

LUNCH BUNCH (revisited)

Contact Jann Jannsegal@earthlink.net



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CALENDAR

- Sun. Sept. 6 *LA Sparks Basketball*
AAUW CA night
Contact Leann Roque for details
- Tu. Sept. 8 Branch Council Meeting
Hesse Park
2:00-4:00 pm
- Sun. Sept 13 LACIC Meeting
Speaker: CASA volunteer
Presb. Inter. Community
Hospital
2:00-4:00 pm
Contact Marion Smith
- Thur. Oct. 15 *Human Trafficking Seminar*
Pen. Center Library
9:00-11:00 am
- Sun. Oct. 18 AAUW Funds Luncheon
12:00-3:00 pm
Details: See page 6

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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