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Celebrate Tech Trek

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Wilmington Middle School



Dana Middle School

Our 2016 Tech Trekkers have returned from camp and are anxious to share their experiences with you. Please join us at our annual ice cream and lemonade social, hear all about their week at Tech Trek, and be inspired.

Sunday, September 18th, 2-4 pm

Hesse Park

Members \$10

(No charge for campers and their families)

Reserve your place or pay at the door

Call or e-mail Denise DeVenuto

310-428-8957

dendev88@gmail.com

Tech-Trek Campers Return with Stories of Success and Confidence

Each fall, we look forward to getting together with our Tech Trek campers and their families at our annual event, **Celebrate Tech Trek**. This is our opportunity to hear from the girls who have spent an exciting week at UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara or UC San Diego.

Through the generous contributions of our branch members, we have sent 157 girls to Tech Trek camp since 1998. The program's goals are threefold:

1. To encourage a diverse group of young women entering eighth grade to take math and science courses each year throughout high school
2. To motivate students to attend college
3. To inspire young women to consider careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM)

Many Tech Trek campers have gone on to attend college at the campuses at which they spent their formative week at camp. Others are at Harvard and George Washington University. Our Tech Trek committee members and branch members continue to receive updates from alumnae campers such as these.

Our branch has received some truly wonderful thank you cards from the 16 girls who have returned from the 2016 Tech Trek camps. Had it not been for our branch member's donations, these girls would not have had such life changing experiences.



Jowi Herrera, a student at Wilmington Middle School who attended camp at UCSD, expresses her appreciation as follows:

"Dear Palos Verdes Branch, No words can explain how grateful I am that you raised enough money for me to be able to attend Tech Trek. Coming to this camp, I have been able to experience many new things. For example, in my core class, Math, I learned about how Math is applied to basically everything in life. (Here she made reference to Fibonacci numbers.) Also, on Wednesday, we listened to two female motivational speakers. They talked about how hard they have worked to be as successful as they are today. This opened my eyes to how important it is to work hard in school and to never give up. Attending Tech Trek has given me even more motivation and determination to pursue my dream of one day becoming a veterinarian."



Mia DeCostanzo, from Dana Middle School, also attended camp at UCSD. Her thank you card mentioned how much she enjoyed the field trip to ViaSat arranged by the camp director, "because it was interesting to see all the women scientists who could do just as good a job or better than the men." She also noted that "this has really been an eye opener for me because I was able to see what I might want to be when I grow up. It has also shown me that you can do anything if you set your mind to it. So thank you so much for this generous and amazing opportunity to go to Tech Trek."

Please plan to attend Celebrate Tech Trek on September 18 to hear more inspiring stories from these and other girls about their life-changing camp experiences.

In preparation for this year's selection activities, volunteer opportunities such as essay reading and interviewing applicants are available. Please contact Tech Trek chair Denise DeVenuto at dendev88@gmail.com or (310) 428-8957. For further information about the Tech Trek national program, please see <http://aauw-techtrek.org>.

Donation checks of any amount are tax deductible. Please make checks out to AAUW, 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@me.com for further info.

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR



I was lucky enough to look at articles, pictures and overall information about Tech Trek and Exploring Science (previously called Tech Time) prior to this information going to the Peninsula Library archives. What a wonderful travel through time to see how they started and their progression. Tech Trek sent their first student in 1998. This year we sent 16. It has moved from strictly local and State level to now being part of National's operational structure. Exploring Science was started by Deedee Rehtin in 1997 and continues to teach Girl Scouts in the 4th and 5th grades about STEM skills. Wonderful work by many of our long-time AAUW members over the years. We just had our Fall Fiesta on August 20th and it was a wonderful success. Story and pictures of the event will be in the next Coastlines. AAUW National just sent out a memo informing us that any branch working on revising their by-laws needs to stop until new model by-laws can be formulated, probably in early September. The reasons are complicated but are due to the need to be in compliance with D.C. law and the Internal Revenue Code as well as ensuring a more accurate reflection of the structure and practices of the organization. I will provide more information about this prior to or at our September Council Meeting on September 13th. See you there!

NEW MEMBER

Kay and Leann are pleased to introduce...Linda Bonini, who grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her mother, a life-long member of AAUW, was a teacher. Linda came south and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received a Master of Science from Pepperdine university. She fulfilled her calling, teaching 33 years in the Los Angeles unified school district with an affinity for younger students, loving grades K-2.

She has a true appreciation for art, and wants to combine that with travel.



PV VILLAGE CELEBRATION

A conversation with Paul Irving and Helen Dennis

"The Upside of Aging"

Thursday, October 13, 2-4 p.m.

Palos Verdes Golf Club

Free, RSVP 310-991-3324

AAUW-PVP co-sponsor

NEXT BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2016
2-4 p.m.

Hesse Park

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MARYMOUNT PROJECT UPDATE

In 2012, Trish Dilligan proposed a relationship between the branch and the local Marymount California University where she was a trustee. In 2013 the branch designated a limited amount of non-operating funds to sponsor the first Marymount student to attend the Washington D.C. National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCSWL). Sadly Trish became ill and left us in 2014. Gifts in her memory enriched the Marymount Project fund and Judy Purvis assumed the leadership.

Results

- **22** students plus **3** faculty members have attended the conference since 2013. Branch contribution: \$8,000 Marymount and self-funding: Approx. \$ 17,000.
- Over time, the selection process has gone from pre-and-post conference questionnaires to adding interviews by branch members.
- The number of students nominated by faculty members increased every year. Some faculty members started to advocate for specific students so they could attend “the AAUW Conference” demonstrating the perceived AAUW presence.

Other Activities

- Branch members have participated in campus voter registration and in proctoring student body elections.
- Every year conference attendees have addressed the Council and/or Fall Fiesta to express their gratitude and to share their experiences.
- Annie McBride made a presentation to the Council on the Title IX mandates regarding sexual assault on campus and how the requirements are being implemented at Marymount.
- Three of the students who attended the Conference joined the branch through the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program. One attended the 2016 Mount Saint Mary’s Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California Conference.

Where we are today

Project leadership has been transferred to Susan Negrete who will be the branch College/University chair for 2016/17. She and Elayne Nahman, branch chair, plan to expand the project to include initiatives featured at the 2016 AAUW CA convention. In addition, Susan will investigate a possible affiliation with Harbor College. We want to thank Judy Purvis for the time and dedication she put into this program.

LACIC Presents: NANCY MAHR

The California Propositions; A Non-Partisan Review

Nancy Mahr, Director off AAUW CA and Co-Chair of AAUW CA’s Public Policy Committee; Past-President of the Los Angeles County League of Women Voters, and PVP Policies & Procedures/Bylaws Chair, will review the 16 propositions that will appear on California’s November ballot..

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 2-4 p.m.
- PIH (Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)
- 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA
- Lower Level, Conference Room F
- Free parking
- Information: Marion Smith, mariondsmith@gmail.com or Susan Negrete, LACIC Chair, susan.e.negrete@gmail.com

INTEREST GROUPS—SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016

AAUW— WHO ARE WE ANYWAY

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

Contact Persons, Eileen Edelson, 310-541-1969, Judy Purvis 310-375-8578

Next meeting October 4: Location TBA

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606

Sept. 20: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
18th Century Colonial Art

Oct. 18: *The Genius of Copley and C.W.*

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BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980

September 20: home of Ruth Bloland

October 18: home of Jan Cofer

CONTEMPORARY Literature

2nd Monday 9:30am

Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044

September 12: home of Barbara Todd
At the Edge of the Orchard by Tracy Chevalier

October 10: home June Kagdis

A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337

3rd Thursday 2pm

September 15: home of Margery Norris
All the Single Ladies by Rebecca Traister

October 20: home of Faith Morrow

The Nest by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

GREAT DECISIONS

Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald - 310-373-0946

October 17: home of Susan Wallace

Topic: The UN's post-2015 development

agenda and leadership.

ART APPRECIATION

3rd Wednesday 2-4pm

Chair Nancy Rayner
(nrayner777@gmail.com)}

September 21, *Space, Shape, Shade and Shadow, The Devotion of Bellini, Geertgen, Dürer*

October 19, *Seeing the Big Picture - Composition, and Masterworks by*

Leonardo, Raphael, Correggio.

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

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Sharon Andrade
310-541-2417

PV Shores 3rd Monday 9:30am

September 19: PV Shores Club House
Topic: The UN's post-2015 development agenda and leadership.

October 17 *Topic: Climate Geopolitics*

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

September 8: home of Nell Mirels

October 13: home of Judy Purvis

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970

September 12: home of Judy Purvis

West of Eden: An American Place by Jean Stein

October 10 : home of Fran Wielin

The Sympathizer by Viet Thanh Nguyen



WALKERS Every Thursday

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.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION-WIT

Chair Susan Negrete
310-377-0642
susimone@aol.com

September 7, 7:00-8:30 pm
Topic: Sex Trafficking: Starting with a brief overview by Billie Lee Susan's home

October 5, 7:00-8:30
TBA
RSVP by October 3 to Susan

PINOCHLE

3rd and 4th Tuesday

Chair Elayne Nahman
310-541-6839

Location -TBA - September 13 ,September 20, October 18 and October 25

LUNCH BUNCH

Last Wednesday of the month

Chair Jann Segal
(jannsegal@earthlink.net)
12 noon at Fu Yuan Low

THE VICTORIAN AGE

Video, lectures, discussion and movie

The group will start again in October

Contact persons, Jacky Mason 310-377-3896

and Maria Ashla 310-541-5234

READER'S THEATER

2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason
310-377-3896

September 12 and October 10
Jacky Mason's home
Call Jacky if you plan to attend



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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

Tue, September 13, 2016 Branch meeting—Hesse Park 2-4pm

Sun, September 18, 2016 Celebrate Tech Trek Hesse Park 2pm-4pm

Sun, October 9, 2016 League of Women Voters Palos Verdes November Ballot Proposition Pros and Cons Peninsula Library 2pm-4pm AAUW-PVP co-sponsor

Thurs, October 13, 2016 PVP Village Celebration: The Up Side of Aging—Palos Verdes Golf Club, 2pm-4pm AAUW-PVP co-sponsor