


Election of Officers

At the Branch Council meeting held March 14, 2015, the Council unanimously approved the candidates for elected office for 2015-2016 as proposed by the Leadership Development Committee.

-  Branch Chair Elayne Nahman
-  Membership Co-chairs Kay Odgers and Leann Roque
-  Treasurer Faith Morrow

The election will take place at the **Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, May 12 at Hesse Park, 2pm.

We appreciate the commitment made by the candidates and look forward to a very successful year under their leadership. We also appreciate the work of the Leadership Development Committee composed of Eileen Edelson –chair, Dale Richards and Rowie Wolf.



Dues are due!

Time to renew your membership for 2015-16!

Please use the separately attached renewal form

From the Council Chair...

The last issue of *AAUW California Perspective* has an article titled: *Time for your Semi-Annual Branch Check-Up*, which I found very interesting and perceptive. The article made me realize how much our new Branch structure, and the enthusiasm it has generated, has invigorated and grown our Branch in so many areas.

The areas suggested for ‘diagnostic tests’ are Membership, Leadership, Programs, Communications, Outreach, Philanthropy, Youth, Public Policy and Strategic Planning. Due to the outstanding leadership of our Branch members in each of these areas, **our Branch is in excellent health!**

As we look forward to our Annual Meeting on May 12th, we must celebrate our Branch for all that has been accomplished. And also, we must celebrate the tremendous amount of benefit to our community that has resulted from our ‘Collaboration and Camaraderie’.

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 12th,

Connie

2015 Status of Women in California Report

Twelve of our members attended the Mount Saint Mary’s Conference on the 2015 Status of Women in California. There was a sold-out crowd of 1,000-plus attending. A summary of the report was followed by relevant talks about women in government, business and entertainment.

The full report is on line at <http://www.msnc.la.edu/status-of-women-and-girls/> It makes for very interesting reading.

Six Marymount students to attend AAUW Conference

Six outstanding students from Marymount California University will be traveling to Washington D.C. to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in May 2015.

Several of our branch members were involved in the selection process. Twenty-three students, recommended by their professors, submitted lengthy applications which were reviewed by branch members and Marymount staff. Ten students were selected for interviews and of those six were chosen. Our branch is providing partial support for the students.

The selected students are enthusiastic, competent young women with diverse backgrounds and proven leadership skills.

Judy Purvis, Judy Willis, Nancy Rayner and Maria Ashla conducted the interviews and came back convinced more than ever of the value of this project.



Front: Rowie Wolf, Susan Grimshaw, Ruth Bloland, Maria Ashla, Cordelia Hwang, Eileen Edelson, Sherry May. **Back:** Nancy Rayner, Carol Torelli, Elayne Nahman Connie Davenport and Judy Purvis

AAUW PVP Entertains Exploring Science Girl Scouts

As a culminating activity for Exploring Science this year, Readers Theater is inviting the participating Girl Scouts and a parent to a Lemonade/ Tea on Sunday, May 17 from 2:00 to 4:00pm at Hesse Park.

After enjoying a variety of tasty refreshments, our guests will be treated to a presentation by Readers Theater of Jacky Mason's new play *Encounter of the Best Kind*. This play features three famous women scientists, Rachel Carson, Julia Morgan and Commander Grace Hopper, who find themselves sharing a train compartment with a young Stanford student named Sally. Sally quickly takes advantage of her good fortune and interviews each of the ladies for the Stanford Daily. The ensuing conversation is entertaining, enlightening, and surprising.

Thirty-three girls are enrolled in the Exploring Science program (previously called Tech Time), which was started 17 years ago by Deedee Rehtin and chaired over the years by several AAUW members. Current chairs are Louise Chao and Maria Ashla. The Lemonade/Tea is a celebration of that cooperative operation between our branch and the Girl Scouts.

PLEASE NOTE:

Readers Theater is chairing this project, but any member who would like to volunteer is invited and encouraged to let RT Director, Jacky Mason, know how you can help with serving, set up, and/or break down. They need you! Call Jacky at 310-377-3896.



Did you read the Letters to the Editor published in the Peninsula News and Daily Breeze regarding Equal Pay Day?

The letters addressed an important issue affecting women in the U.S. They also enhanced our branch visibility in the community

Kudos to our current chair, Connie Davenport and our future chair Elayne Nahaman who authored them.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Give A Grad A Gift!!

Join National AND California AAUW and give any grad in the last 2 years, including upcoming grads a gift of 1 year membership!

There is no limit to how many you can give and the grad can be from any state in the country. See aauw.org/give a grad a gift.

Questions?

Call Kay Odgers 310 367-0621. Do renew your membership before June and save \$.



Leadership Day facilitators group. Susan Negrete left and Kay Odgers, second from right.

AAUW CA Leadership Day: Developing the Leader in You

This was the title of the two conferences presented by AAUW CA in Hayward, Northern California March 21, and on Sunday, April 19 at the Manhattan Beach Marriott following the AAUW CA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18.

Two of our members had prominent roles. Susan Negrete, co-chair of the Leadership Development Committee, was responsible for organizing the events. In addition, Susan facilitated the workshop *Managing Change, Being a Change Agent*. Kay Odgers, our Membership co-chair, facilitated the workshop titled *Mentoring and Supporting Leaders*.

At the Marriott Conference, opening remarks were made by Kathleen Doty, AAUW CA President. The presentation given by Deepi Gudapati, VP Leadership Programs, gave a detailed account of what the National organization is doing in terms of Leadership Programs.

Other workshops included *Strategic Planning, Facilitating Effective Meetings, Alternate Governance/Leadership Structures, Team Up for Success, and Conflict to Collaboration*.

Nancy Mahr, Policy & Procedure/By-Laws Chair, and Elayne J. Nahman, our Branch Chair-Elect, attended the event. They will be sharing information which may be incorporated into next year's planning meeting.

It's AAUW-CA Election Time!

If you have not cast your vote yet, there is still time.

You should have received an e-mail with directions and your identification code. Just follow the directions.

Remember our Nancy Mahr is running for Director!

Branch Planning Meeting

Tuesday June 30, 2015

This is the time we plan activities for the coming year and to review what is working well and we would like to change.

All members are invited, new members are especially welcomed.

Save the date!

July 13 2-4pm, Hesse Park



READ MY PINS, a lighthearted illustrated talk about Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's use of brooches and pins to send diplomatic messages. Bring a pin or piece of jewelry that has special meaning to you.

Margery Norris will lead this AAUW/PVP social event and guests are welcome. There is no cost to you. Cookies and lemonade will be served.



The Pinochle interest group is forming

If you never played or are an expert please join!

This is a learning group and is in need of someone with expertise to teach the rest of us.

Call Elayne Nahman(310)541-6839

INTEREST GROUPS

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

3rd Tuesday 10am-12 pm

Chair: Sherry May 310-378-4122

Annual Retreat – June 16 10:00-2:00

Home of Judy Purvis

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606

May 19: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *Louis XIV and Versailles*

June 16: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald *French Art in the 18th Century*

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980

May 19: home of Jan Cofer

June 16: home of Margery Norris

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE 2nd Mon. 9:30am

Chair Barbara Prassas 310-519-8044

May 11: home of Louise Loether

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

June 8: home of Barbara Todd

The People in the Trees by Hanya Yanagihara

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337

May 21: home of Mary Shackle ; *Deep Down Dark* by Hétor Tobar

June 18: home of Margery Norris; *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946

May 18: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: India Changes Course*

June 15: Home of Susan Wallace *Topic: The U.S. and Africa*

GREAT DECISIONS PV Shores 3rd Mon. 10 a.m.

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417

May 18: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: India Changes Course* Facilitator – Peggy Tigerman

June 15: South Shores Clubhouse : *Topic: The U.S. and Africa* Facilitator – Scotty Wuerker

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767

May 7: Home of Judy Purvis

June 11: Home of Carol Torelli

PINOCHLE

This group is currently forming. Those interested please contact Elayne Nahman 310- 541-6839

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie Wolf, 310-373-5970

May 11: home of Ruth Bloland

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

June 8: Dinner: Giorgio's

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896

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WALKERS Every Thursday 7:30am

Chairs Kathleen 310-373-0946, Cordelia 310-541-3261 Call Kathleen to confirm walk is on.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) 1st Wed 7pm

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642

May 6: *Lessons Learned from Below-Par Mentors or Teachers*

June 3: Topic *TBA*

COFFEE & CONVERSATION 1st Tues. 2 p.m.

Host: Marlin More (310-791-2849)

Please respond if planning to attend

Branch Calendar

Sunday, May 17 2-4pm, Reader's Theatre performance for Girl Scouts and their mothers Hesse Park.

Saturday, May 30 8:45am-Noon AAUW LACIC Leadership Day. PIH (Presbyterian Hospital) Whittier. Contact Marion Smith.

Thursday thru Sunday, June 18-21 AAUW National Convention. Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina

Tuesday, June 30 11 am-2pm Branch Planning Meeting. Seaview Clubhouse.

Monday, July 13 Read My Pins, Hesse Park

Saturday, August 29 12-3pm End of Summer Celebration [Fall Fling]. The Gallery, Malaga Cove Library

Tuesday, September 8 2-4pm Branch Council Meeting. Fireside Room, Hesse Park

Sunday, September 20 2-4pm Celebrate Tech Trek. Hesse Park. Contact Denise DeVenuto



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

CoastLines

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