



Fall Fiesta



-  Reconnect with friends after the summer
-  Hear about the variety of activities planned for the coming year
-  Enjoy tea and refreshments

This annual kick-off event is the one time when all of the projects and interest groups are gathered in one room, and the full scope of the Branch activity is on view

**Saturday, August 29, 2015, 2- 4 pm
Gallery Room of the Malaga Cove Library
2400 Via Campesina, PVE**

Cost for members is \$15.00; prospective members and guests are free.

Reservations are necessary. It is not too early to make yours.

Contact Mary at 310-541-4630 or pmsackle@verizon.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH CHAIR

As your new branch chair, I am looking forward to an exciting, dynamic year. We have set some goals that will be both challenging and worthwhile. Our first goal, of course, is to follow the AAUW Mission. Additionally, we are looking at increasing our community outreach through better awareness of our organization and increased membership with an eye on diversity. A third goal is to improve membership participation in the branch. We have many talented people in our group and their help is needed. As I am a relatively new member, many of you don't know me. Briefly, I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who retired in 2011 after selling my hospice consulting business. For the past 33 years, I've worked in a variety of healthcare settings and have been an AAUW-PVP member since 2013. I am hoping to meet many of you in the weeks and months to come. Onward to a great 2015-2016 year!

Elayne

Welcome New Members

Barbara Aranguren of Palos Verdes Estates joins us with a Sociology BA from Michigan State and a Public Administration Masters from Cal State Dominguez Hills. She is retired from City of Torrance Human Resources and is involved with Peppermint Ridge, a residential home for adults with developmental disabilities.

Pamela Elliott has lived on the Peninsula since 1955 and went through San Pedro schools. She received a BA from UCLA in 1964. She retired from Los Angeles County as a Supervising Case Worker after 27 years and loves classical music and antiques.

Barbara Gerber is a University of Illinois grad in Education, has a UCLA Accounting Certificate and passed the CA CPA exam. She had her own practice and became CFO of Gerber Ambulance Co. Barbara is a Certified Hypnotherapist and is now retired.

Claudia Dallas Gomez, designer, teacher and fiber artist, has a Design BFA from CSULB and has been in commercial interior design 25 years. She loves sharing her passion for fabric dyeing, color and Modern Quilting.

Rainee Handley has an Accounting degree and a BFA from Long Beach State in drawing and painting. She is an Associate at Ashland Investment Advisers and is training to be a Financial Life Planner. She enjoys arts and public speaking and is a Sunday Lector at Mary Star of the Sea Church.

Nancy Manfredi is a returning member from 1976 when she participated in an AAUW Speakers Bureau dealing with violence against women. She has a BA from Brown University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills. Recently retired from the City of Torrance Human Resources, she enjoys reading and gardening.

Diane Robinson recently served as a PV Library Trustee and now uses her time in AAUW and other groups to make a difference in our community. Diane has a book coming out August, 2015, "The Unique Triple A Safety Handbook: How To Defend Yourself Without a Fight."

Jann Segal, world traveler, joins as a dual member, loving book clubs, discussion groups, travel and is recently retired from a career in information technology. She has a BA and MA in English and a BS in accounting from Cal State Northridge. She would like to start a travel group and revive the Lunch Bunch.

Submitted by Kay Odgers and Leann Roque – Membership Co-Chairs



Remembering Marion Reda Martelli

Marion was born in Brooklyn in 1943 and passed away on Memorial Day, 2015, from pancreatic cancer, with which she had been diagnosed fully nineteen months previously. As with everything in her life, she fought the good fight and we will miss that spirit and her other qualities of loyalty, integrity, honesty, persistence, generosity and humor.

She was happily married to Vince for 45 years, raised two sons, and shattered many a ceiling in her business and professional life. Volunteerism gave her joy and satisfaction and she served in many ways, with her sleeves rolled up and as a leader on non-profit boards such as at Harbor Interfaith Services and the Friends of the Palos Verdes Library.

She was a powerful and dedicated member of AAUW-PVP for over a dozen years. From 2002 – 2006 she served two terms as our President, then again, with a team in 2008. For many years she was the incomparable editor of CoastLines, and a valuable member of the Tech Trek team. Marion participated in many Readers' Theatre plays, was a co-founder of Eclectic Readers and played with Bridge-ettes since the group's formation.

The branch awarded her the Status of Women Award in 2007 in recognition of a lifetime of exactly that, improving by accomplishment and example the status of women. We miss her and fondly remember her exuberant presence.

Planning Meeting Report

Under the guidance of Elayne Nahman, our new chair, we set the course for 2015-16. Connie Davenport whose dedication made 2014-15 such a successful year, was warmly recognized and thanked. There were 28 members present including four new members.

Community outreach will continue to be emphasized as well as enhanced member participation and involvement.

We will hold traditional events such as Fall Fling (now called Fall Fiesta,) Celebrate Tech Trek, and end of the year Awards Luncheon. Mission oriented programs open to the public will be explored for the second part of the year. New Interest Groups are in the process of being formed (see page 4) and fun outings will be scheduled.

The accomplishments of 2014-15 were impressive. We will have a full report in the next issue.

WAWA (Who Are We Anyway?) further explained

Don't be put off by our crazy name.

Are you interested in knowing more about AAUW? Our name may sound weird, but if you want to know "What is AAUW Anyway?" then join us. It's a great way for new as well as long-term members to know what's really going on nationally, at the state level and in the branch.

At our bi-monthly meeting we focus on our AAUW Mission. We keep informed about what is happening at the State and National levels, and provide information and programs to the branch. We also function as an incubator for new ideas and projects that further the AAUW mission. Our Marymount California University connection, The Living Room, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village and the International Women's Salons were "birthed" at WAWA. We're a sounding board for anything new....all ideas are welcome.

If you want to be informed, and be at the cutting edge, then WAWA is for you. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month that the Council does not meet. Check Coastlines for dates and place.

National Leadership Conference



Six Marymount students sponsored by the branch attended the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Conference (NCCWSL) in Washington D.C. They returned enthusiastic and empowered.... and grateful.

The experience is best described by Kim Hernandez one of the attendees:

“First and foremost THANK YOU again for the opportunity; it exceeded all of my expectations! The sessions, the guest speakers, the environment, etc. were amazing!”

READ MY PINS a great success

Margery Norris’s talk about Secretary of State Madeleine Albright’s use of brooches and pins to send diplomatic messages was simply delightful.

Forty members and guests attended. The “adult show and tell” which followed was a great complement to the program, with members displaying pins that had special meaning in their lives.

Thank you, Margery!

Save the dates

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| September 8 | Branch Council Meeting
2:00 – 4:00 pm Hesse Park |
| September 20 | Celebrate Tech Trek
2: 00 – 4:00 pm Hesse Park |
| October 15 | Human Trafficking Symposium
9:00 – 11:00 am
Peninsula Center Library |

List of Interest Groups growing!

Exploring the Victorian Age

Do you know that on September 15, 2015 Queen Elizabeth II will overtake Victoria as the longest reigning monarch in British history? Do you know that Victoria is Elizabeth’s great-great grandmother, and that she is also the grandmother of the last Tsar of Russia? Find out many intriguing facts about Victoria and the remarkable Victorian Age by joining this new group being formed now. We will explore the Victorian Age and the Industrial Revolution through a series of engaging lectures by renowned historians via DVD, and discover again the importance of this 19th century era and why it bears Victoria's name. The entertaining lectures are the center of this study group, but discussion and individual input will follow each session. The date and time of the meeting will be determined by those wishing to attend. Please call Jacky @ 3109-377-3896. Space may be limited, so call now!

Travel

New member Jann Segal will be starting a Travel Interest Group. If you are interested, please send an email to jannsegal@earthlink.net with your name at the bottom of the email and the word TRAVEL on the subject line. This group will meet every other month rather than monthly. An initial planning session will be held once enough members are interested. Date, time and location to be decided.

Lunch Bunch - rekindled

Jann Segal will be coordinating that as well. If you are interested, e-mail jannsegal@earthlink.net with your name at the bottom of the email and the word LUNCH on the subject line. Then she will send out an email to all and try to determine what is the best day and time for everyone to meet. This will be a group that meets monthly for lunch. The old location, Fu Yuan Low has been recommended, but suggestions are welcome.

Pinochle

The formation of the Pinochle group is progressing. We have identified an experienced player who is willing to help the group members learn or remember. If you never played or are an expert please join. This is a learning group and everyone is welcome. Call Elayne (310)541-6839

Interest Groups

AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? (WAWA)

Bi-monthly, 3rd Tuesday 10am-12 pm
 Aug 18
 Chair: Sherry 310-378-4122
 Location - TBD

ARTS & ARTISTS 3rd Tuesday 7pm

Chair Nancy 310-519-1606
 Sept 15: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Neoclassicism and the Birth of Romanticism

BRIDGE-ETTES 3rd Tuesday 1pm

Chair Margery 310-514-3980
 Aug 18: home of Sue Johnson
 Sept 15: home of Fran Wielin

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 1st Tuesday 2p.m.

Host: Marlin (310-791-2849).
 Please respond if planning to attend

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

2nd Mon. 9:30am
 Chair Barbara 310-519-8044
 Aug 10: home of Mary Shackel
Greyhound by Steffan Piper
 Sept 14: Location TBD
Museum of Extraordinary Things by Alice Hoffman

ECLECTIC READERS 3rd Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan 310-791-8337
 Aug 20: home of Myrna ; *The Circle* by Dave Eggers
 Sept 19: home of Regina ; *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

GREAT DECISIONS Northside 3rd Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen 310-373-0946
 Sept 21: Home of Susan Wallace; *Topic: India Changes Course*

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

GRAND SLAMMERS 2nd Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara 310-541-2767
 Aug 13: Home of Fleur Yano
 Sept 10: Home of Sara

NIGHT BOOKS 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie 310-373-5970
 Sept 14: home of Fran Wielin
The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer

READERS THEATER 2nd Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
 Aug 17: home of Jacky Mason, 4945 Golden Arrow, RVP. Please call Jacky if attending. *New Members Invited*
 Sept 14: home of Jacky Mason, 7pm; please RSVP

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 7-8:30pm

Chair Susan 310-377-0642
 Sept 2: Sharing a Happy Life Memory
 Private home, please RSVP by Monday Aug 31 to Susan or call for questions.

See page 4 for the newly forming Interest Groups: Exploring the Victorian Age; Travel; Lunch Bunch; and Pinochle.



AAUW-CA and the LA Sparks have partnered to celebrate Title IX

September 6th, 12:30 pm

We have been invited to a special event prior to the game in the private Lexus Room at the Staples Center. The team will be providing a guest speaker.

The game will follow at 2:00 pm

Call or e-mail member Leann who has agreed to coordinate the event.

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AAUW Mission Statement

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

CoastLines

CoastLines is the bimonthly newsletter of the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch.

Interim editors are Fran Wielin and Maria Ashla. Deadline for the September/October issue is August 15.

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