



# CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch  
January – February 2016

Happy New Year  
2016



Welcome in the New Year  
with your AAUW friends  
at our annual holiday social gathering

**Saturday January 16 2pm to 4pm**  
At the home of Eileen Edelson

If your last name begins A – N, please bring an appetizer to serve 8  
O – Z, please bring a finger dessert to serve 8

No reservation is required but would be appreciated  
[eilenedelson@cox.net](mailto:eilenedelson@cox.net) or 310-541-1969

## *A Message from the Branch Chair*

As we move towards 2016, I want to wish all of our AAUW members and their families a fantastic and safe holiday. This has been a great year for our branch. We have a solid budget, our programs continue to flourish, membership recruitment has been successful, and we have moved towards getting more recognition in the community through our co-sponsoring of events. My request for members to volunteer for needed positions within the branch had a wonderful response and we are in the process of filling them.

I am proud to be a part of an organization that continues to grow, thrive and inspires all of us to support our Mission and each other through our different branch activities.

I look forward to seeing you at the January 12th Council Meeting at Hesse Park

*Elayne*

### **AAUW-PVP COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL HIGHLIGHTS**

**As part the continuing effort to improve our branch, a communications protocol was established. Following are some of the pertinent highlights. More details will be posted on the branch website.**

#### **E-Blasts**

- All E-blasts must be approved by Council Chair prior to submission to E-Blast Coordinator.
- E-Blasts are utilized only for announcements and/or activities directly related to branch activities.
- E-blast must contain a subject line, a short message and attachments when appropriate.

#### **E-Mail Lists**

- There will only be one membership data base and it will be updated by the Membership Co-Chair.
- Sub-groups such Interest Groups and Committee Chairs may maintain their own list.

#### **Coastlines**

- Any member can submit information to the newsletter as long as it is pertinent, in writing and within published deadlines. Coastline editors have discretion to edit or publish any submitted material.
- Coastlines will be published on a bimonthly schedule.
- Council Chair has final approval for Coastlines prior to printing.

#### **Calendars**

- Calendar information is posted in the Coastlines Newsletter.
- A one-page calendar is e-mailed on the month Coastlines is not published.

#### **Webmaster**

- Any changes, additions and deletions must be submitted to the Webmaster and approved by the Council Chair in addition to the Webmaster.
- Periodic review of the website will be done by the Webmaster and Council Chair.

# WELCOME NEWEST MEMBERS

**Ruth Shakin** is a California import from the East Coast. Time did not permit Ruth to join AAUW back East, as she was totally involved in business. Now is the time, and she is enjoying the moments and looking forward to actively engaging with our organization. She recently moved and is settling in our area.

**Bonnie Durling** concluded her work life as a hospice social worker, having previously spent time in the field of child development as a preschool teacher and as a director. Bonnie states that these are the golden years. She and “my best friend and partner” are the proud grandparents of four granddaughters.

**Lilli Tom** was an AAUW- PVP member sometime back. She served as Treasurer for the branch and dropped out when she became involved in real estate. She rejoined recently when she learned the branch had an Arts & Artists discussion group. We are happy to record Lilli’s return.

**Jamie Watson** lives in the historical section of Old Torrance. She became a dual member at our August Fall Fiesta. She is a historical resource on the subject of tea and all that it encompasses. Jamie attended Loyola Marymount, U.S.C. and Mount St. Mary’s University. She is president of the Torrance Historical Society.

**Florence Fenton** prefers to be called Flo. She was a member of the San Pedro branch and is currently a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes. She is enjoying the branch bridge groups and holiday events.

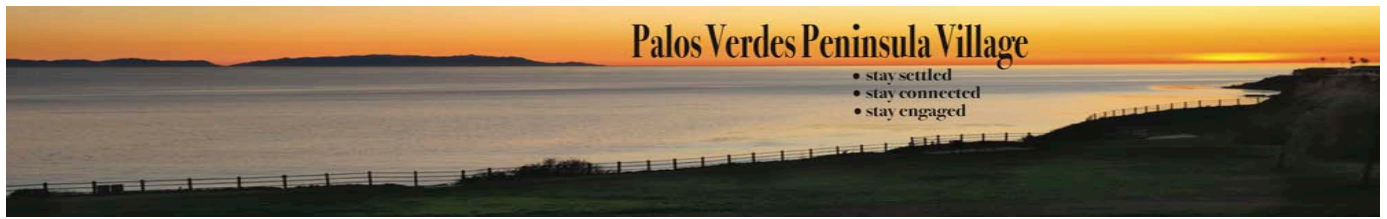
**Marzieh (Marzy) Raza** likes to learn and cannot separate herself from school. Her husband tells us that he notices she needs to be with the kids for her energy and now subs all over Redondo Beach. Marzy was born in Iran. In 1968 she received a scholarship from the government with the obligation to return to Iran to teach. While back in Iran she met her husband, who is from India and was also teaching. Marzy was able to return to the U.S., obtained a degree from Cal. State Northridge and did her masters studies at UCLA. Marzy met Sherry May (our former branch Chair) at a Yoga class. As a result of their friendship Marzy invited branch members to an unforgettable celebration of the Persian New Year in the Spring of last year.

**Marie-Laure Ilie** is a native of Paris and a Sorbonne graduate with a MA in English Studies. Thanks to a Fulbright Grant, she came to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she met her American husband and where she obtained another degree in Fine Arts. Marie-Laure has been a visual artist for the past thirty-five years, exhibiting nationally and internationally and dividing her time between the Hollywood Riviera and Paris.

**Peggy Hurley**, a retired Los Angeles teacher, lives in Torrance and grew up in this area. The historic Post Avenue in Torrance is named after Peggy’s great grandfather, who came here from Nebraska with Jarred Sidney Torrance to found the city. Peggy travels, enjoys hiking, reading and cooking. She also likes animals and is a great friend to neighboring doggies.

**Eileen Hupp** is President and CEO of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. In addition to her business career, Eileen has always been involved in the community. She has served in numerous leadership positions for nonprofits, ranging from Junior League to PTA and Booster Clubs, college alumni groups, National Charity League, Palos Verdes Assembly and Rotary. She has recently moved and is enjoying her new surroundings. She is looking forward to getting to know all of us.

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



Thanks to the initial leadership of our branch, after a couple of years of hard work by over 50 volunteers, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village is about to open. How did it all happen? On Saturday morning, March 30, 2013, AAUW PVP presented a well-attended meeting in the Community Room of the Peninsula Center Library with Helen Dennis speaking on “Building Blocks for Resilience in Later Life.” The eight building blocks discussed were “Community, Physical Activity, Mental Activity, Personality, Attitude, Relationships, Nutrition and Purpose.”

Following the talk, several members of the branch took Helen to lunch. Someone asked “what is this Village thing we have been hearing about?” Helen wrote her next weekly column in the Daily Breeze about the Village Concept, citing the Beacon Hill Village in Boston, founded in 2002 as a new way to age with independence, dignity, purpose and engagement. Many other Villages were being formed across the country as communities learned of this concept.

The initial steering group was chaired by AAUW members Connie Davenport and Susan Wallace. They interviewed leaders of the Pasadena and Westchester villages, and searched the website of the “Village to Village Network”, an association of Villages already operating, and those in process of formation.

On Saturday May 14, 2014 AAUW presented a community meeting “The Village Concept: Living Independently As We Age,” again at the Library. The response was overwhelming – over 100 filled the Community room, with dozens turned away. We quickly organized two more meetings, including the speakers from Pasadena and Westchester.

We decided that perhaps Palos Verdes was an ideal place to start a Village of our own. Meetings were held inviting people to join teams for Financials and Fundraising, Governance/Administration and Operations, Needs and Resources, and Communications/Marketing and Outreach/Generate Membership. An e-mail list was developed with 400 names of those who said they were interested in the village, many in volunteering and receiving services.

A board of directors was formed with Sherry May, Helen Dennis, Britt Huff, Ann Shaw, Susan Wallace and Connie Davenport; Fran Wielin has also joined the board. Incorporation as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit followed. Sherry and Fran attended the National Gathering of the Village to Village Network in Washington DC in September 2014 and were inspired by the stories of the many diverse communities who created Villages, all different, to fit their communities’ needs. PVP Village is partnering with Peninsula Seniors and using their office space. Other sponsors are HELP, Marymount CA University, and AAUW PVP.

A logo was created and a website established, bank accounts set up, liability insurance arranged, charter Members and Donors enrolled, and work has continued to the point where Palos Verdes Peninsula Village has hired an Executive Director and will open the doors to members needing services and volunteers to fill them in late January of 2016. Generous donations have made this possible.

We are excited that the PVP Village is coming to life! You can visit [www.peninsulavillage.net](http://www.peninsulavillage.net) and [www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org) for more information. If you have questions, email [peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com](mailto:peninsulavillagepvp@gmail.com)

# INTEREST GROUPS

## **AAUW – WHO ARE WE ANYWAY?** (WAWA)

Bi-monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 10am-12 pm  
Chair: Sherry 310-378-4122  
Jan 19: home of Mary Shackle  
Feb 16: Home of Eileen Edelson

## **ARTS & ARTISTS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7pm

Chair: Nancy 310-519-1606  
Jan 19: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
*Monet and Degas*  
Feb 16: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald  
*Renoir, Pissaro, and Cézanne*

## **BRIDGE-ETTES** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

Chair: Margery 310-514-3980  
Jan 19: home of Ruth Bloland  
Feb 16: home Jan Cofer

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 pm

Chair: Dale 310-375-3369  
Jan 5: 29830 Highridge Rd., RHE 90274  
Feb 2: Location TBD  
Currently space limited

## **CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 9:30am

Chair: Barbara 310-519-8044  
Jan 11: home of Anna May Labbe  
*The Dust That Falls from Dreams* by Louis de  
Bernieres  
Feb 8: *Purity* by Jonathan Franzen

## **ECLECTIC READERS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

Chair Jan 310-791-8337  
Jan 21: home of Ellen Alkon - *After You* by Jojo  
Moyes  
Feb 18: home of Jan Cofer - *Dead Wake* by Erik  
Larson

## **GREAT DECISIONS** Northside 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am

Chair Kathleen 310-373-0946  
Jan 18: home of Susan Wallace *Topic: Brazil's  
Metamorphosis*  
Feb 15: Location TBD *Topic: Middle East  
Alliance*

## **GREAT DECISIONS** PV Shores 3rd Monday 10 am

Chair Sharon 310-541-2417  
Jan 18: South Shores Clubhouse *Topic: Middle  
East Alliance*  
Feb 15: *The Rise of ISIS*

## **GRAND SLAMMERS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1pm

Chair Sara 310-541-2767  
Jan 14: Home of Nell Mirels  
Feb 11: Home of Judy Purvis

## **NIGHT BOOKS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Rowie 310-373-5970  
Jan 11: Home of Leanne Roque - *The Martian* by  
Andy Weir  
Feb 8: Home of Rowie Wolf - *The Invention of  
Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

## **READERS THEATER** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

Chair Jacky 310-377-3896  
January 11: Home of Jacky Mason. We will be  
reading some new plays for production in April.  
February 8: Home of Kathleen Fitzgerald.

## **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)** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed 7 pm

Chair: Susan 310-377-0642  
Jan 6: Annual Business Meeting,  
Private Residence, PVE; Questions? RSVP by  
Jan 3, susimone@aol.com

## **New group forming**

### **EXPLORING THE VICTORIAN AGE**

Chair: Jacky 310-541-5234  
Wednesday, January 20: 7 pm  
Wednesday, February 17: 7 pm  
All meetings are held at the home of Maria Ashla.

This IS A FUN NEW group with room for more  
members.

Call Maria Ashla or Jacky Mason if you wish to  
join us in this interesting and enlightening



You should have received your PVP  
Member Directory 2015-2016 by now. Call  
Rowie Wolf if you have not.

Please remember that the directory information is  
for the use of members of the branch only and  
may not be used for any other purpose.



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

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, January 6**      **Tech Trek Committee meeting 2:00 pm**  
Denise DeVenuto's home

**Sunday, January 10,**      **AAUW CA Los Angeles County Interbranch Council (LACIC)**

AAUW LACIC's January speaker is Nicole Simmons, the new director of the Whittier Tech Trek Camp. Currently an 8th grade science teacher, Nicole has provided her expertise to AAUW CA's Tech Trek camps for six years. An engaging speaker, Nicole will share engaging Tech Trek stories and talk about her plans for the Whittier Camp.

LACIC meetings are held bimonthly, 2-4 p.m., at PIH (formerly called Presbyterian Community Hospital), 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier. If you want more information or if you want to talk about carpooling to the meeting, contact Susan at [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com) or [310-377-0642](tel:310-377-0642).

**Tuesday, January 12**      **Council Meeting. 2-4 pm Hesse Park**  
**Open to all members. New members especially invited**

**Saturday, January 16**      **Annual Holiday Social Gathering**  
See front page for details