

# AAUW CoastLines

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## AAUW 60th Anniversary Celebration

**1957...** The year AAUW PVP was born! We will honor the women who founded our branch AND we will have fun with the music, the food, the fashion and the culture of the times.



Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm  
Fireside Room Hesse Park



## Winter Social

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 11am-1pm

Brunch at Home of JoAnn DeFlon

2128 Via Pacheco, PVE

\$5.00 at door

RSVP: [jj.deflon@gmail.com](mailto:jj.deflon@gmail.com)



## Conversations Across the Generations

Join us for a conversation about how women's lives have changed

Judy Milestone and Hanna Meghi Chandoo

Peninsula Center Library, Community Room

Saturday, February 17

1 to 3 PM



This program is open to the public. Come and bring your friends.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

### Branch Leadership Revisited

Dear members,

Our branch like many others is facing leadership challenges. Long gone are the days of contested elections or clearly defined "heirs." The task of the Nominating Committee has become more difficult each year forcing us to seek new ways to keep the branch healthy and vibrant.

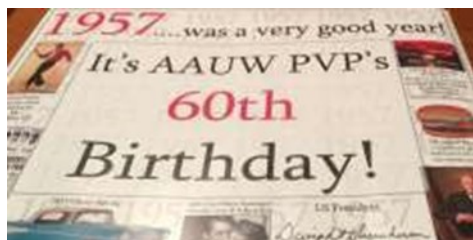
On November 28<sup>th</sup> we held a well-attended brainstorming meeting to address these issues. We discussed different ways to make leadership roles more attractive and ways to improve what we are already doing. We talked about improved communications with Interest Groups, continued efforts to engage new and newer members and most importantly ways to enhance the current team style of leadership.

In early 2018 we will meet to make more concrete plans. A few members have already come forward agreeing to be part of a team yet to be defined, **but we are extending the call to anyone interested in this effort.**

We are especially hoping to attract new or newer members. Being new to the branch is a plus since we need "new blood" with fresh ideas and renewed energy. We will have seasoned members to balance the group.

Interested? Have questions? Please contact any of us or e-mail [MariaAshla@cox.net](mailto:MariaAshla@cox.net)

Ruth Bloland, Cordelia Hwang, Maria Ashla  
Branch Co-Chairs



You are invited to the Party! We will celebrate the women who founded the branch AND have fun remembering 1967!

How old were you? What do you remember?

We will have music of the times....Show you unbelievable ads... Display what you might have worn AND much, much more

Can you add to the fun by wearing or bringing something of the time? January 9th 2-4 pm Hesse Park, Fireside Room



### RAINBOW SERVICES COLLECTION

At our January 9th branch meeting we will collect your donations of new twin size sheet sets, new towel sets or gift cards for groceries, Target or Walmart. These will be distributed to the women and children victims of domestic violence who are served by Rainbow Services in San Pedro. The agency provides emergency shelter and transitional housing and counseling while clients rebuild their lives free from fear.

Many years ago AAUW-PVP participated in the formation of Rainbow Services. Recently, as part of our Freedom From Fear Project, we have renewed a mutually supportive relationship with the agency.

# CONVERSATIONS ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

**Peninsula Center Library, Community Room**  
**Saturday, February 17, 2017**  
**1 to 3 PM**

Branch member, **Judy Milestone**, Smith College alumna, UCLA Lecturer, and former Senior Vice President, CNN will lead the conversation about how women's lives have changed across the generations and will introduce us to **Hanna Meghi Chandoo**.

Hanna is an associate with the law firm Stris & Maher LLP and is also a graduate of Smith College. Hanna emigrated to the United States with her family when she was seven years old and grew up in Houston. After receiving a B.A. from Smith College, where she met Judy, Hanna attended Whittier Law School and was Editor-in-Chief of the *Whittier Law Review*. In her current position she works on complex business litigation matters. Previously she had extensive experience in employment law.

Like so many women of her generation, Hanna wears many hats and fills many roles. In addition to being an attorney, she is a daughter, a wife, an activist and the eldest of three sisters.

Join us for this discussion about how women's lives have changed over time in higher education, business opportunity, marriage and family life, diversity in our communities and social activism. Hanna will share the many aspects of her journey in these areas. She looks forward to a conversation with the group exploring and sharing our struggles, our passions and our love for education – expect some laughter as well.

This program is free and open to the public. Come and bring your friends.

## LACIC

### “Vision for Success”

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2-4 pm

LACIC's January 14 meeting will feature a panel discussion about California's Community College System.

### Tech Trek Coordinators Meeting

Same day, same place, 1pm

The meetings will be held at PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Lower Level Conference Room F, Whittier.

## Alhambra/San Gabriel AAUW Lunch With CRAIG CARLSON

**12:30 pm, Saturday, January 20, 2018**

Craig Carlson, an American from humble beginnings, had never worked in a restaurant and didn't know anything about starting a new business. He fell in love with Paris and opened a restaurant there, **Breakfast in America**, that has become a tourist destination.



Come meet and enjoy the camaraderie of Craig Carlson.

\$20.00/person

Reservations and payment by January 15 to:

Cheryl Plotkin  
201 S. Golden West. Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91007

## AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon - 2017

On October 28, Cordelia Hwang, Kay Odgers and Marion Smith attended the AAUW Fund Southern California luncheon. It celebrated and honored the recipients of AAUW Fellowships and Grants who are studying or working in Southern California.

For the 2017–18 academic year, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to support 250 graduate women students and community projects. They represent a broad and diverse range of studies and interest and are an excellent example of how our branch- and member- donations are put to work.

At the luncheon six extraordinary women told their stories. The three American Fellows were in the fields of sociology, biology and American Studies. Their research subjects varied from how plants defend themselves against predators to how everyday cultural constructs shape family processes. One researches the criminalization of receivers of gender violence. The Selected Professions Grant went to a woman brought to the US from Mexico when she was a child who is now studying engineering. The Community Action Grant recipient was the YWCA Pasadena-Foothill Valley for its program to provide STEM opportunities to underserved predominantly African-American and Latina girls. The International Fellow is studying city and regional planning focusing on sustainability and transportation. She hopes to improve the quality of life in cities in her native country Brazil.



The luncheon also provided opportunities for personal conversations with these amazing women. Save the date in October 2018 for next year's Fund luncheon.



Upper right Crystale LittleJohn and Kay Odgers., lower left" Cordelia Hwang, Colby Lenz and Marion Smith



### AAUW Readers Theater Production Coming in March!

A New Play      A New Experience

### THREE KATHERINES, TWO ANNES, AND JANE The Six Wives of Henry VIII

To be presented on

Saturday, March 24  
Hesse Park

Renaissance lunch and performance  
1:00 to 4:00

**DON'T MISS IT!**

### New Social Group

There has been an interest in starting another social group such as *The Living Room Group* and *Coffee and Conversation*. Six people have already signed up to join. This is an invitation to other members to let me know if you are interested in participating. The groups meet monthly and usually have a topic to discuss. Because of the holiday, the first meeting to discuss the new group will not happen until sometime in January at the earliest. If you are interested, please contact Elayne Nahman at [elaynej@aol.com](mailto:elaynej@aol.com).

*Readers Theater is looking for help in the presentation of their new play on March 24. Join in the fun. Call Jacky Mason at 310-377-3896 or Carol Torelli at 310-378-1882.*

## California Legislative Summary from the 2017 Session

The California Legislature concluded its work by the September 15 deadline, and sent bills to Governor Brown's desk. Of the 16 bills on which AAUW CA took positions, the following were passed and signed by the governor:

- AB 23 Single Gender Schools in LA (AAUW CA opposed)
- AB 46 Equal Pay Laws cover Public Employees
- AB 168 Employer Cannot Request Prior Salary History from Job Applicant
- AB 273 Low Income Parents who are English learners or GED students eligible for subsidized child care
- AB 643 Provides for Instruction to grades 7-12 on Dealing with Abusive Relationships
- AB 1111 Programs to Remove Barriers to Employment
- AB 1615 Prohibits Gender-Based Pricing for Services
- SB 31 Prohibits Disclosure of Religious Affiliation by state agencies to federal government
- SB 63 Expands Parental Leave Benefits

These bills did not pass out of the Legislature and may be reconsidered in 2018:

- AB 227 Education Incentives for Cal WORKS
- AB 992 Baby Wellness Program for Cal WORKS Families
- SB 224 Personal Rights: Sexual Harassment
- SB 270 Human Trafficking: Recognition and Reporting
- SB 320 Medication Abortion in Campus Health Centers
- SB 436 STEM Professional Teaching Pathway

Governor Brown vetoed SB 169, which would have codified Title IX federal law and regulations into California law. This is of great concern to AAUW CA given the importance of Title IX in our organization, especially since Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has very recently systematically done away with many of the enforcement tools in the federal regulations. In his veto statement, Governor Brown commented, "I am not prepared to codify additional requirements in reaction to a shifting federal landscape." He further stated, "I strongly believe that additional reflection and investment of time in understanding what is happening ...will help us exercise due care in this complex arena, I intend to convene a group of knowledgeable persons who can help us chart the way forward." AAUW CA will be watching!

*Submitted by Cordelia Hwang*

### Tech Trek Update

As of December 9, we have reached our goal of raising the funds to send 16 girls to Tech Trek camp this summer. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, these girls will have a week at a University of California campus immersed in STEM classes and activities. Among the hands-on experiences are chemistry and biology lab experiments, programming computer applications, using engineering skills to build things, and experiments in aerodynamics. Also, these girls will learn firsthand about engaging careers from women employed in STEM fields.

Our branch's Tech Trek Committee meets twice a year to plan and implement our camper selection process. So far, nominations have been received, and a parent information meeting as well as essay writing workshops have been held at both Wilmington Middle School and Dana Middle School. Essay reading and interviews will be completed in January and February, and final camper selection will be February 5.

The next Tech Trek Committee meeting will be held on January 10 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of our Tech Trek Branch Coordinator Denise DeVenuto. If you are interested in joining this committee, contact Denise at [dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:dendev88@gmail.com).



# INTEREST GROUPS—JAN, FEB, 2018

## ARTS & ARTISTS

Chair Nancy Leonard 310-519-1606  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7pm

TBA

## ART APPRECIATION

Chair: Nancy Rayner  
nrayner777@gmail.com  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2-4pm

January 17: *Alone and Together-Whistler, Degas, Renoir*

February 21: *Courbet, Church and Monet*

## READERS THEATER

Chair: Jacky Mason 310-377-3896  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

January 08: home of Jacky Mason

February 12: home of Jacky Mason

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair Sharon Andrade  
310-541-2417  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30am

January 08: home of June Kagdis  
*Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobb

February 12: home of Anna May Labbe  
*A Piece of the World* by Christine Baker Klein

## ECLECTIC READERS

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

January 18: home of Jan Cofer  
*The Bridge Ladies* by Betsy Lerner

February 15: home of Myrna Plost  
*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

## NIGHT BOOKS

Chair Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

January 08: home of Geri Chaudri  
*Daring to Drive-A Saudi Woman's Awakening* by Manal al-Sharif

February 12— *A Gentleman in Moscow*  
by Amor Towles

## BRIDGE-ETTES

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1pm

January 16:: home of Dale Richards

February 20: home of Ruth Bloland

## GRAND SLAMMERS

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1pm

January 11: home of Sara Bowlus

February 8: home of Betty Ettington

## PINOCHLE

Chair Elayne Nahman 310-541-6839  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. If there is a fifth Tuesday, the group plays then.

January 2, 16 and 30  
February 6 and 20

Palos Verdes Shores Club House  
new members welcome

## GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 9:30 am, PV Shores Club House

February 19: The Waning of Pax  
Facilitator: Larry Kittiver

## GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerlad  
310-373-0946  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am, Northside

January 15: Nuclear Security

February 19: The Waning of Pax America

Home of Susan Wallace

## WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair Susan Negrete 310-377-0642  
susimone@aol.com  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00-9:00pm  
708 Yarmouth Rd, Lunada Bay

January 03: WIT's Annual Business Meeting: As we embark on year #8, how can we make WIT Better? Bring 'change for the good of the group' ideas and discussion topics.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, January 2, 2018,



## Equal Pay Makes Cents: States Win Multiple Equal Pay Victories

AAUW has long supported and worked for equal pay for women through awareness raising and advocacy actions. In 2017 a whopping 42 states, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., offered legislative solutions to the gender pay gap. While not all of these bills passed, this growing activity shows that red, blue, and purple states realize that the pay gap is real and that something needs to be done about it.

California, Delaware, Oregon, and Puerto Rico enacted legislation in 2017 designed to close the gender pay gap. They passed bills to prohibit employers from using a job applicant's salary history during the hiring process. Dozens of other states introduced (though did not pass) similar legislation and Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) issued a statewide executive order addressing the issue for state government employees in New York.

Employers asking applicants about past wages can have major repercussions on future pay: Relying on salary history to set future salary assumes that prior pay was fairly established in the first place. But for a worker who was underpaid (and thus lost wages) at her last job, using that salary to determine her next paycheck only sustains that pay gap. The work of states to curtail this practice will go a long way in our fight for pay equity.

Cities are also taking the matter into their own hands. New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and San Francisco have also enacted ordinances that ban use of salary history.

*Submitted by Nancy Mahr and Cordelia Hwang*

From Margery Norris, Membership:

Some interesting and dynamic ladies have recently joined our branch. Brief descriptions of those who joined at or before Fall Fling were distributed in an e-blast, and in this issue we list their names. . Please look for our new members at meetings and welcome them to our membership.

Audrey Asher  
Judith Burke  
Tiffany Chiu  
Leslie Criswell  
Mary Jo Curwin  
Jo Ann Fallon Finnegan  
Joanie Gale  
Dana Gorman  
Jocelyn Ibarra  
Joan Kelly  
Joyce Kochanowski  
Donna Scoular  
Shirley Earlise Starke-Wallace  
Wendy Walker  
June Wisner  
Priscilla Wright





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<http://aauw-ca.org>  
<http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>**

**AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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Ruth Bloland, Cordelia Hwang**

**Treasurer: Faith Morrow**

**Membership Chair: Leann  
Roque, Margery Norris**

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**BRANCH CALENDAR JAN/FEB 2018**

Jan. 9, Tues. 2-4pm	Branch Meeting - topic: "Remember 1957", Fireside Room, Hesse Park, RPV.
Jan. 14, Sun. 2 -4pm	LACIC meeting: Vision for Success Tech Trek meets at 1pm, same room  Presby. Intercom. Hosp., Whittier
Jan. 20, Sat. 11am-1pm	Winter social at JoAnn DeFlon's home
Feb. 17, Sat. 1-3 pm	Conversations Across the Generations Peninsula Library Community Room
Mar. 24, Sat. 1-4pm	Readers Theater Performance Hesse Park