

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2018



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SEE YOU AT THE PLANNING MEETING!



It's the time we devote exclusively to our Branch—where we are and where we want to go. What do we do well? Want to improve? Need to do differently? We will set the year's calendar, talk about the kind of programs we wish to have and who is willing to make it all happen.

Success depends on wide participation. All of us have something to contribute! New and newer members are especially needed. Refreshments and coffee will be served.

Tuesday, July 10: 1-4 pm
Seaview Villas Clubhouse
29830 Highridge Rd. Rolling Hills Estates (close to Crest Rd)
Parking on Highridge, there will be signs



SUMMER SOCIAL

A relaxed afternoon at the beautiful patio of Denise DeVenuto's home. The Membership team and Denise will treat us to light summer refreshments and the opportunity to be with friends.

Sunday August 5, 2-4 pm

Mark your calendar for now. Details will follow by e-mail.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO FOR 2018-2019?

Yes, it's time to plan! We have had an invigorating year. A few highlights with numbers:

- 16 girls attending the wonderful Tech Trek camps
- 2 young women sponsored by us to attend the National Leadership Conference in D.C.
- 20 4th and 5th girl scouts enrolled in Exploring Science our STEM oriented program
- 9 Events/Programs with record attendance
- 1 Superb performance/fundraiser by our own Readers Theater
- 1 Laughter filled 60th Birthday celebration
- 136 Total membership
- 19 New members since July 2017



These are impressive numbers, but we cannot rest; we need to shape what will happen next year and beyond.

Everyone is invited. New or newer members are especially welcomed and needed. Please be there!

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Margery Norris with Stephanie at Rainbow Services

Fresh new sheets and fluffy towels (to keep), and a safe confidential place to stay. These are first steps in breaking the cycle of domestic violence, which is the mission and action of Rainbow Services.

Thank you PVP branch members for these in-kind contributions, including gifts cards for practical stores. It took three trips over four months, due to our meeting getting rained out, but here is Stephanie receiving the final eight twin sheet sets and towels and cards in the agency's cheerful, hopeful lobby the day after our 60th anniversary celebration. We'll collect again next year!

Survivors can thrive!

SCRABBLE, ANYONE?



If you'd be interested in playing Scrabble, informally and occasionally, on a weekday evening or on a weekend afternoon, please contact Margery Norris at mnorris@ca.rr.com or by phone at (310) 514-3980. This would be a new Interest Group, suggested by a new member (who works full time).

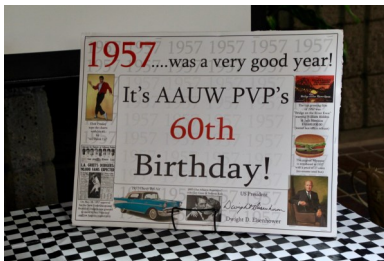
Branch Annual Meeting and 60th Birthday Celebration May 8, 2018

It was a great 60th party with birthday cake and all. We entered to the music of Elvis Presley and were greeted by a "girl" in a blue poodle skirt and bobby socks. We celebrated our founding mothers and reminisced about life in 1957. An etiquette lesson was given by our "Amy Vanderbilt". Magazine ads for clothing, food and new products tested our memories and made us laugh. A good time was had by all and we've been invited to take the show on the road.



Maria Ashla, MC, Ruth Bloland and Cornelia Hwang (not pictured) organized this fun event.

Our own Amy Vanderbilt, Marge Norris



The occasion



Artifacts of the era



Members enjoying the day

ANNUAL ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS

Before the party began, the annual election of branch officers was conducted. A single slate of candidates was presented and no nominations were made from the floor. By voice vote the following were elected for the July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 term: Branch co-chairs: Maria Ashla, Ruth Bloland, Cordelia Hwang, Nancy Mahr, Charlene Pickarts, Dale Richards, Membership co-chairs: Margery Norris, Leann Roque, and Treasurer: Faith Morrow.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Co-Chairs, Leann Roque & Margery Norris, introduce three new branch members, Libby Bergen, Diana Durham and Vickie McCorkendale, who is a dual member with Beach Cities branch also. They were brought to branch events as guests of current members Fran Brown and Joanie Gale. Look for their brief autobiographies coming soon in an e-blast. Welcome all!

ANNE DESTABELLE RECEIVES THE STATUS AWARD OF WOMEN AT THE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The Recognition Luncheon on May 19th was a very well-attended, festive affair when Anne received the AAUW PVP highest award and two other members, Eunice McConaughy and Margery Norris were recognized as Named Gift Honorees. The food was delicious and the conversation and camaraderie even better.

Jacky Mason, a Life Member and a twice recipient of the Award, recounted Anne's accomplishments and presented her with the certificate and a fitting gift of musical notes book ends. Anne moved us with her acceptance speech going back to the time when, as a college graduate, could only get a job as secretary.

Anne has many talents, but performing and sharing her musical talents in a creative and productive way is her favorite thing to do. She sings, plays the guitar, and is a classical pianist. She joined AAUW in 1988 and immediately became a member of our Readers Theater group. Anne participated in the Readers Theater for years and eventually became the director. Her love for performing led her to Act II, the support group for the Norris Theater and to the LA Philharmonic support group. Her love for singing led her to *Los Concioneros* and their *Master Chorale*, which she now directs. She regularly performs to raise funds for Torrance Memorial Hospital and the City of Hope, and for musical scholarships through *Mu Phi Epsilon*, the music fraternity.

In 2002 Anne established the popular *Pennyroyal Players*, a group of performers who also love to sing and play guitars, banjos, and tambourines. Anne has created frameworks for their performances that highlight the music and stories of pioneer women, the American Revolution, the Steven Foster era, and the Civil War. With boundless energy her group has entertained and enlightened people all over LA County, and has donated the proceeds from their presentations (many thousands of dollars over the years) to numerous worthy causes and local charities. Her generous donations to AAUW Tech Trek program have sent many 8th grade girls to the summer science camps.



Jacky Mason presents Status of Women Award to Anne Destabelle



Marcia Spaid, Anne Destabelle, Dawn Curry, Marti Adler and Charlice Lin



Anne Destabelle, Status Award honoree



Cornelia Hwang presents Gift Honoree award to Margery Niorria



Maria Ashla, Cornelia Wang and Ruth Boland organized the day.



Eunice McConaughy, Gift Honoree

TECH TREK REUNION - 20 YEARS

At the recent AAUW state convention In Irvine, the Sunday luncheon, program and reception celebrated 20 years of Tech Trek alumnae campers, their families & staff members.

Four current & former PVP committee members, plus alumnae campers, Maria Seiple and Sabrina Alvarez and Wilmington Middle School teacher, co-ordinator and fund-raiser Mrs. Rodriguez attended.

The engaging and inspiring panel included four young women who went to camp from about 2004 - 2009 and are now employed In exciting careers in rocket science (yes), medicine, architectural engineering and biochemistry.

Sabrina, from Wilmington Middle School, is now a tenth grader at the California Academy of Math & Science.

Our own Tech Campers will be off to camp very soon, for a great adventure!



Fran Brown and Mrs. Rodriguez, coordinator



Sabrina Alvarez and Maria Ashla

TECH TREK VISITOR DAYS FOR BRANCH MEMBERS

Have you ever wondered what goes on at Tech Trek camp? What are our 16 campers learning and discovering? If you'd like to see these inspiring young scientists and their core class teachers at work, please consider a campus visit this summer!

Camp Directors have invited branch members to visit the UC campuses on the following dates, which includes the arrival times required in order to join the guided tour:

UCSD: June 27 and June 28, 8:30 a.m., RSVP: Pat Bull - patbull@icloud.com

UCI: July 11, 9:30 a.m., RSVP: Jasmin Mendoza—jasmin_6446@yahoo.com

UCSB: July 26 and August 2, 9:00 a.m., RSVP—peasemom@gmail.com

All three camp directors have indicated that branch members are free to stay for lunch in the student dining hall (at their expense). Lunch is approximately \$12. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the appropriate Camp Director:

For assistance with arranging car pooling arrangements, please email Denise DeVenuto, our branch Tech Trek Coordinator.

MORE ON AAUW-CA 2018 CONVENTION, IRVINE, CA

AAUW's state convention always brings the opportunity for a variety of events, programs and activities. Here's a quick view of the events I attended and some of the highlights of my weekend.

Friday, April 27th

Leadership Brunch

The brunch gave the audience a fun-filled, personal and informal 'first peek' at our Co-Presidents Elects Jane Nie-meier and Cathy Foxhoven. This well-attended event was a great way to network with other branches and an easy going kick-off to Convention.

Opening Night Dinner & Business Meeting

Keynote Speaker: Kim Churches, AAUW CEO

My main reason for attending Convention this year was the opportunity to see up close, in person, our new CEO. She is a dynamic speaker and I feel with the right kind of support and mandate - a real game-changer.

Luncheon & Speech Trek Finals:

This year's speakers addressed the topic "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" It's always exciting to hear the high school finalists. It was an added bonus to hear an enlightened young man share his thoughts on the topic and to see a southern California participant take first place!

South Bay Branches were well represented throughout the entire weekend of events:

Saturday, April 28th

Leadership Workshop – How to Mentor Tech Trek Girls After Camp (KBUG Mentoring Program) by Dayla Sims, Beach Cities Co-President

Sunday, April 29th

Advance Equity for All (Diversity) Plenary – Kathi Scott and Selene Ramirez, two of the four presenters, were recruited to participate in the March 2017 Leadership Day Panel at LACIC developed by Susan Negrete. The success of that event led to their invitation to speak at our 2018 Convention. Also included was Elias Berthoud, a transgender man and his wife.

Leadership Workshop – Honor Your Branch Legacy by Susan Negrete, PVP Project Manager & LACIC Chair

Tech Trek 20th Anniversary Celebration & Reunion

Thanks to the PVP, Torrance and Beach Cities branches, the closing Sunday afternoon event was a high-spirited and fun filled success. The panel was truly inspiring, and the young professional women (ex-Tech Trekkers!) reinforced what a the meaningful contribution our program gave to their lives, education and professional choices, and personal ambitions.

At the Reunion itself, the girls had a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Just like the campers, for me it was great to see so many of the campers, parents and staff that I've met while being serving as a Dorm Mom at the UC Irvine, UC San Diego and Whittier College camps.

Our branches were a great help to the Tech Trek State Coordinator's efforts to design and facilitate the program, and especially (our) campers' transportation, complimentary lunches and reunion activities. It was a great day to celebrate AAUW and the 20th year of Tech Trek!

Overall, the AAUW-CA 2018 Convention was a big success.

Submitted by: Susan Negrete

PVP, Torrance and CA Online Branch Member

Chair, Los Angeles Interbranch Council

May 29, 2018

INTEREST GROUPS—JULY AND AUGUST 2018

ART APPRECIATION

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

July 18: *Expressive Abstractions-*
 Pollock & Hoffman

Aug. 15: *The Realist & the Idealist*

Anyone interested in attending should
 contact Nancy.

READERS THEATER

Chair: Jacky Mason 310-377-3896
2nd Monday 7pm

No meeting until September

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair Sharon Andrade
310-541-2417
2nd Monday 9:30am

July 9: : home of JoAnn DeFlon
Eleanor Oliphant is Just Fine
 by Gail Honeyman

August 13:
The Girl Who Played Go by Shan
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ECLECTIC READERS

Chair Jan Cofer 310-791-8337
3rd Thursday 2pm

July 19: home of Ellen Alkon
Daring to Drive by Manal Al Sharif

August 16: home of Margery Norris
The Feminine Mystique by Betty
 Frieden

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970
2nd Monday 7pm

Next meeting September 10

BRIDGE-ETTES

Chair Margery Norris 310-514-3980
3rd Tuesday 1pm

July 17: home of Fran Wielin

August 21: home of Bonnie Durling

GRAND SLAMMERS

Chair Sara Bowlus 310-541-2767
2nd Thursday 1pm

July 12: home of Ginny Whittier

August 9: home of Audrey Asher

PINOCHLE

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

July 3, 17, 31

August 7. 21

Palos Verdes Shores Club House
 new members welcome

GREAT DECISIONS

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

Next meeting in September

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerlad
310-373-0946
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

Next meeting in October

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

July 11: TBA

WIT does not meet in August

September 05: Potluck
 What I Did on My Summer Vacation

FIRST FRIDAY

TEA and CONVERSATION
Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
1st Friday 2-4pm

July 6: AAUW Mission

August 3: TBA

JoAnn DeFlon's home

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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 SUMMER 2018

July 10 Tue.	Branch Planning meeting, SeaView Villas Clubhouse 1-4 pm
August 05, Sun.	Summer Social, Denise DeVenuto's home 2-4 pm
September 08	Fall Fling, Hesse Park
October 14	Celebrate Tech Trek, Hesse Park