

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September, October 2018



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## Fall Fling

Saturday, September 08, 2018 1-3 pm  
Hesse Park

Invite friends and prospective members  
Reservations necessary

Cost: \$15.00 for members, guests and  
potential members free

Contact: Margery Norris, 310-514-3980  
or mnorris@ca.rr.com

Checks payable to AAUW PVP, mail to Margery..



## CELEBRATE TECH TREK

Sunday, October 14, 2-4 pm  
Hesse Park

The campers and their families will be joining us for our annual ice cream social. Meeting the girls and hearing their stories has always inspired us to contribute to this wonderful program. Reservations required. For further information, or to make reservations, please contact Denise DeVenuto: dende88@gmail.com. There is no charge for this event.

# AAUW PVP- REPORT ON PLANNING MEETING

By Nancy Mahr

## MEMBERS PLAN FOR THE COMING YEAR

The PVP Branch of AAUW held a planning meeting on Tuesday, July 10. A group of 23 members gathered on a very warm day at the Seaview Club House to share ideas and discuss directions for the 2018-2019 year. The meeting was organized by the Branch Leadership Team – Maria Ashla, Ruth Bloland, Nancy Mahr, Charlene Pickarts and Dale Richards.

Maria kicked off the meeting with a review of last year's activities. Members commented on various activities, reflecting general appreciation for a successful branch year. It was very clear that the members like Readers Theater presentations. They'd welcome seeing some of the past plays presented again.

The Membership Team, Margery Norris and Leann Roque, gave an oral report. This is a hard-working team, which is reflected in the addition of 19 new branch members over the year. An important element in their work is keeping in touch with new members and helping them find the branch activities they enjoy. They advised that the best way to recruit new members is bring in friends.

We looked at a proposed calendar for the coming year, which delineated the schedule of meetings and events. There was general agreement with the calendar, although changes may be made as the year unfolds.

Group discussions were a key activity in the meeting. Members were grouped 5 or 6 per table. Each table discussed the same set items and summarized the discussion in a report out. Groups could add extra items to the list if they wished. The discussion items were:

- Ideas for branch meeting topics

Suggested program topics included a #Me Too panel, the Land Conservancy, women in art, PVHS tech program, election information, education, Omniflore presentation.

- Balance of business and program at branch meetings

They advised keeping business short and allowing an hour for program.

- Possible alternate time or day for one meeting to accommodate working members

The alternate day/time could be done as a one-time trial meeting.

- Refreshments at branch meetings

Water at the meetings, with cookies if someone feels like bringing them.

Additional event ideas were an annual Readers Theater luncheon and a "One Book, One Branch" program.

Following the group discussion, Dale Richards reviewed some of the interest groups, on-going discussion-based groups, and special projects. Maria Ashla commented on the closing of the Exploring Science project. It was started 24 years ago to acquaint girls with STEM studies and now the schools have incorporated STEM in the curriculum. Nancy Mahr commented on internal and external outreach and publicity.

Evaluation sheets for the day were mostly positive. A few noted the importance of being with other branch members. Some liked the organization of the day. Several would have liked a cooler environment. Only one person really didn't like the meeting but didn't specify why.

The Leadership Team feels that the day provided a lot of good ideas that can be used in the year to come. Special thanks to all who attended and shared their thoughts.



## BREAKING BARRIERS COMMITTEE

**Breaking Barriers** is an AAUW/PVP branch committee which engages in the study of issues related to the AAUW mission, explores ways the branch can become more knowledgeable about and active in carrying out the AAUW mission, and functions as an incubator for ideas and projects that further the AAUW mission.

The **Breaking Barriers Committee (BBC)** is both a discussion and action group which meets every other month on the second Tuesday, from 2PM – 4PM. Members take turns presenting a topic and facilitating group discussion. Over the past year, the group has received regular legislative updates and reviewed research on women's progress over four generations, helping young people better transition to college & the working world, gender diversity in the workplace, etc.

There are currently 3 positions open on the BBC and we would like to invite you to consider participating in this dynamic group. Members must attend at least 3 meetings/year and actively participate in group discussions and activities. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to learn more about the AAUW mission and become more involved in the branch direction. If you are interested in joining the **Breaking Barriers Committee**, please contact Nancy Rayner at [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com).

**LACIC's** September 9 meeting features a non-partisan overview of the state initiatives that will be coming up on the November ballot. The presenter is Nancy Mahr, an AAUW-CA director and public policy co-chair and member of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch of AAUW. Her talk will be followed by an open discussion on AAUW's perspective.

The meeting will be held at PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier, from 2-4 p.m.

## BREAKING BARRIERS: Hospitality Proposed Measures

In April, 2018 Leadership received a request from an organization called CLUE which stands for Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice about a current local issue they felt AAUW might be interested in. This information was passed on to the Breaking Barriers Committee. Elayne Nahman and Fran Brown agreed to research this further. CLUE is a reputable organization founded in 1996 whose mission is to join low-wage workers to provide justice.

The cause they are promoting involves a proposed measure initiated by United Here Local 11 on behalf of hospitality workers that work for the Terranea Resort and Trump National Golf Club to provide hand-held panic buttons and wage increases. The goal was to have the measure on the Rancho Palos Verdes ballot this coming November. During its July 17 Council meeting, The RPV Council unanimously voted to put it on the 2019 ballot instead.

The Breaking Barrier Committee felt that AAUW had no need for involvement as the proposal had well progressed at this point and further intervention was not needed.

Submitted by Elayne Nahman

## MEMBERSHIP

### Margery Norris & Leann Roque, co-chairs

These interesting women have recently joined our branch. Brief highlights about each of them were distributed in an e-blast.

Please welcome our new members at meetings and Interest Groups and share the good news about AAUW.

Libby Bergen  
Diana Durham  
Rieko Mendez

## TECH TREK SUMMER 2018 UPDATE

by Denise DeVenuto

Several of our branch members have visited Tech Trek camps this summer or have participated as staff. Fran Brown, Dana Gorman, and Libby Bergen visited UCI and observed campers in their core classes. Fran said she was impressed with the students in an App Inventor class. "It seemed that nothing could distract them because they were so engaged with making gaming applications." At the Aerospace Engineering class, Dana noticed a group of four girls working on paper airplanes, "one of whom was guiding and directing the three other girls, just the way a Program Manager would."

At UCSB Leslie Criswell and Susan Negrete each volunteered at UCSB as a Dorm Mom. Leslie describes the week at camp as follows: "Campers were divided among several core classes, including marine science, the physics of golf, math, aeronautical engineering and coding, which they alternated during the week with planning, researching and rehearsing small group projects involving current ocean sustainability, food sustainability and energy sustainability issues. These projects were presented to an audience of parents and families on Friday morning, August 3, and were very impressive!

Interspersed throughout the week were other activities, including a boat trip, surfing lessons, exploring the campus marine biology lab touch tanks and opportunities to meet with a variety of professional women in STEM careers. The girls made entries in their journals every evening, had lots of time to make new friends and learn more about prospective careers, and the food was delicious!" Leslie also noted that a special highlight for the campers was meeting Marie Wolbach who started Tech Trek 20 years ago with the first camp at Stanford. She said the girls were delighted to meet her.

At UCSD's camp, I led an evening workshop called Life Lessons, that included wide-ranging topics such as writing effective emails, dining etiquette, recommended high school STEM classes, and tips for preparing for college. The core classes at this camp included coding, forensics, chemistry, robotics, math, and anatomy. All the campers enjoyed a field trip to the campus of Viasat where they made a gaming app, learned some basic robotics, and got to hear a panel of female Viasat employees discuss some of the challenges of working in a majority male environment. A visit to Scripps Institute included a guided tour of the tide pools and the beach. It made for very full days for the girls, yet there was time for Zumba class as well as a visit to the campus Olympic pool.

Camper Kiara Castro's thank you card to our branch reflects the sentiments of many of our 16 campers. She first detailed the many topics she learned about in her Chemistry class at UCSD, and went on to express her gratitude. "Attending this camp has been a dream come true for me and so many other girls. This was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget! Experiencing Tech Trek was so important to me since I had been unsure if I could make a difference in this world, but Tech Trek showed me I can. You have positively impacted so many lives!"

Our branch members and their guests can hear more about our campers' experiences by joining them and their families for an ice cream social at **Celebrate Tech Trek** on **Sunday, October 14** at Hesse Park, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

You can help plan next year's camper selection process by attending our next **Tech Trek Committee meeting** on **Thursday, September 13** at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Denise DeVenuto. There will be opportunities to volunteer to read application essays and interview applicants, or lead an essay writing workshop. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Denise at [dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:dendev88@gmail.com).







Branch members at Tech Trek Orientation on June 3 at Hesse Park: Muriel Blatt, Ellen Alkon, Leslie Criswell Margery Norris, Tech Trek Chair Denise DeVenuto, Fran Brown, Cordelia Hwang and Dana Gorman.



Our branch's 16 campers at Tech Orientation.



Laura Kranzler, engineer, lecturing at UCSB Tech Trek. Laura is the daughter of Myrna Plost.

## Thank You to 2018 Tech Trek Donors

This year sixteen scholarships were possible because of the following:

### Donors of Two Full Scholarships

Barbara Ailor  
Ruth Macfarland  
The RM Cool Company

### Donors of a Full Scholarship

Linda Bonini  
Wilmington Middle School Staff

### Donors of a Half Scholarship

Maria Ashla  
Kathy and Robert Ford  
Bruce and Eileen Edelson  
Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Ruth Bloland  
Ellen Alkon  
Leann M. Roque  
Muriel R. Blatt  
PVP/AAUW Reader's Theater  
Denise and Joseph DeVenuto  
Anne and Ray Destabelle

### Donors of Partial Scholarships

Fran Brown  
Marianne Dewar  
David and Eunice McConaughy  
Margery Norris  
Roger and Issy Ford  
Greg Ford  
Rowie and Jeffrey Wolf  
Judy and Robert Purvis  
Cordelia and Warren Hwang  
Dale and Donald Richards  
Elizabeth Ettington  
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Richard and Barbara Selby  
Stuart and Tamara Hall  
Jacqueline and William Mason  
Bridgettes  
Kelly Peay  
Kevin Ford  
Greg Ford  
Pilar Hale



## AAUW PVP SOCIAL LIFE



### ART APPRECIATION FIELD TRIP to LACMA

“82 Portraits and One Still Life”, by David Hockney and a dozen AAUW-PVP members plus a great docent. Art unites and “is a nation’s most precious heritage”, words by Lyndon Johnson at creation of NEA.

## 🎵 In the Good Old Summer Time...

PVP AAUW gathered to celebrate summer at Denise DeVenuto’s home on August 8th. There was music on the patio, tables laden with delicious food and members visiting and spending time together.



Hostesses for the event: Fran Brown, Denise DeVenuto and Eileen Edelson.



## INTEREST GROUPS—SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018

### ART APPRECIATION

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

September 19: *Going Baroque-North versus South*

October 16: *Edgar Degas*

### READERS THEATER

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

October 8: home of Jacky Mason

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

Sept. 10: home of Sharon Butler  
*The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfour

October 08: home of Anna May Labbe  
*Henry and Clara* by Thomas Malton

### ECLECTIC READERS

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

September 20: home of Fran Brown  
*Killers of the Flower Moon*

October 18: home of Audrey Asher  
*Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan  
and Norbert Leo Butz

### NIGHT BOOKS

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

Sept. 10: home Wendy Walker  
*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

Oct. 08: home of Mary Shackle  
*White Houses* by Amy Bloom

### BRIDGE-ETTES

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

Sept. 18: home of Dale Richards

October 16: home of Ruth Bloland

### GRAND SLAMMERS

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

Sept. 13: home of Audrey Asher

October 11: home of Sara Bowlus

### PINOCHLE

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

Sept. 4 and 18

October 2, 16, and 30  
Palos Verdes Shores Club House

### SCRABBLE

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald  
310-373-0946

Contact Kathleen for further information.

### GREAT DECISIONS

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

Sept. 17: *US Global engagement  
and the military*

October 15: *South America's fragile  
democracy*

### GREAT DECISIONS

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

October 15: home of Susan Wallace  
*US Global engagement and the military*

Starting in October, Kathleen will be  
taking orders for the new 2019 books.

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

September 05: Potluck  
*What I Did on My Summer Vacation*

Please bring an appetizer, dessert or  
beverage for 6 people.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by  
Tuesday, September 04.

### FIRST FRIDAY TEA and CONVERSATION

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon  
1st Friday 2-4pm

September 07

October 05

JoAnn DeFlon's home

RSVP: JoAnn Deflon 310-508-3581  
jj.deflon@gmail.com

Fran Brown 310-377-5252  
franbrown5@cox.net



## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AAUW is actively involved in supporting public policy issues that particularly impact women at both national and state levels. Wage equity, education, STEM, sexual harassment issues, Title IX, etc. – AAUW has lobbied for change, given testimony at legislative hearings, and provided public education on numerous issues. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee met recently to review proposed legislation in California to identify bills that coincide with the AAUW mission. Nancy Mahr is a member of this important group and represents our priorities. Some of the bills supported by AAUW/CA for 2018 include:

- AB 2282 – proposes that compensation decisions should not be based on an applicant's current salary (this bill is co-sponsored by AAUW)
- AB 2747 – requires that college students are notified of their rights as student athletes, requirements for complaint processes, and allow establishment degree completion funds for student athletes who lose an athletic scholarship
- AB 2785 – requires colleges & universities to provide lactation room/accommodations and not penalize students for lost time for lactation
- SB 691 – prohibits discrimination based on immigration status in post-secondary education institutions
- SB 1284 – provides for collection of pay data by race & gender, including pay by job category (this bill is co-sponsored by AAUW)
- SB 1343 – expands requirement for sexual harassment education for managers/supervisors to companies of 5 or more employees
- SB 1300 – expands sexual harassment training from just managers/supervisors to all employees
- AB 1896 – for confidentiality purposes, expands the definition of "Sexual Assault Counselor" to include campus counselors
- AB 2186 – relates to requirements for and funding of STEM education for teachers

Status updates for pending legislation in California will be included in future issues of *Coastlines*.

### **United Nations Assn. Southern California Luncheon - AAUW to Receive Global Citizen Award!**

The United Nations Association of the United States of America, (UNA-USA), Southern California Division, hosts its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Global Forum on Wednesday, August 29th, 2018. The Noon to 3:00 PM luncheon at the California Endowment, Los Angeles, CA, offers an opportunity for business leaders, community and civic leaders to come together for a conversation about world issues and recognize those who are making a difference in the lives of people locally and globally.

Every year, the Global Forum recognizes local organizations and individuals for their contributions to effect positive social change based on one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN in 2015. This year's theme is EQUALITY: THE TIME IS NOW! and 3 Global Citizen Awards will be presented, including The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Kim Churches, CEO accepting.

Only 120 seats will be available! AAUW Members can use the 65+ rate of \$45.00. For more information or questions contact SUSAN NEGRETE, LACIC Co-Chair at 310.377.0642 or [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)



## Branch to Approve 2018 - 2019 Operating Budget

The 2018-2019 branch operating budget has been approved by Branch Council members and is presented below for the general membership. At the September 8, 2018 Fall Fling in Hesse Park members in attendance will be asked to discuss and vote their approval of this budget. Any questions regarding the budgeting process or any line item on the budget should be addressed to Faith Morrow, Treasurer, prior to the September meeting.

|                                  | 2017-18 Proposed | 2017-2018 Actual | 2018-2019 Proposed |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                    |                  |                  |                    |
| Branch Dues                      | 2,700.00         | 2,674.00         | 2,600.00           |
| Coastline Donations              | 50.00            | 34.00            | 50.00              |
| Misc.                            | 0.00             | 0.00             |                    |
| Donations to Branch              | 250.00           | 312.00           | 780.00             |
| * Events net                     | 0.00             | 231.17           |                    |
| Reserve withdraw                 | 1,895.00         | 104.84           | 390.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>4,895.00</b>  | <b>3,356.01</b>  | <b>3,820.00</b>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                  |                  |                  |                    |
| General Operating                | 400.00           | 135.56           | 400.00             |
| ** Insurance                     | 600.00           | 544.95           | 600.00             |
| CoastLines                       | 200.00           | 178.74           | 225.00             |
| Directory                        | 175.00           | 150.77           | 175.00             |
| Membership                       | 200.00           | 159.85           | 250.00             |
| Programs                         | 500.00           | 182.11           | 500.00             |
| Hospitality                      | 250.00           | 148.98           | 250.00             |
| Leadership seminars              | 100.00           | 0.00             | 100.00             |
| Convention/Annual Meeting        | 1,000.00         | 540.00           | 200.00             |
| Member Recognition/Memorials     | 300.00           | 193.17           | 300.00             |
| CA assessments                   | 125.00           | 106.00           | 125.00             |
| *** Donation to EOF & LAF        | 420.00           | 396.00           | 420.00             |
| Branch website                   | 125.00           | 119.88           | 125.00             |
| Permanent equipment/Audio Visual | 500.00           | 500.00           | 0.00               |
| **** TTAG                        | 0.00             | 0.00             | 150.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>4,895.00</b>  | <b>3,356.01</b>  | <b>3,820.00</b>    |

### NOTES:

- \* Reserve Withdraw will be based on actual expenses. Total expenses not to exceed budgeted amount
- \*\* We are required to take insurance through AAUW CA
- \*\*\* \$3.00 per Branch member donation to National EOF & LAF Funds
- \*\*\*\* Tech Trek Alumnae Group composed of former campers from PV, Torrance, and Beach Cities



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**AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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**Deadline for Nov., Dec. issue  
of CoastLines: Sept. 30, 2018**

**BRANCH CALENDAR SEPT/OCT 2018**

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|----------------------|---|
| September 08, Sat.   | Fall Fling, 1-3 pm, Hesse Park  |
| September 09, Sun.   | LACIC, 2-4 pm, PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier |
| September 13, Thurs. | Tech Trek Planning Meeting, 4 pm, Denise DeVenuto's home  |
| October 14, Sun.     | Celebrate Tech Trek, 2-4 pm Hesse Park  |