

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, November, December 2018



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## NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, November 13 from 2-4pm  
Hesse Park



Our speaker will be Lorraine Loh-Norris, a teacher at Palos Verdes High School, who has started Pink PVIT (Palos Verdes Institute of Technology) at the school

An engineer for 15 years prior to teaching, Lorraine was aware of the gender imbalance in STEM related fields and the need to encourage girls and women to pursue careers in these areas. Pink PVIT allows girls to be in the engineering lab together and to work and learn in a supportive and collaborative setting.



## 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. There is no charge for this event.

Donation checks of any amount are tax deductible. Please make checks out to AAUW CA SPF, with Tech Trek PVP in the memo line. You can mail your check to treasurer Kathy Ford: 6429 Parklynn Dr. Rancho, Palos Verdes 90275. Email Kathy at [ksford@e.com](mailto:ksford@e.com) for further information.

## FALL FLING 2018

A good time was had by all, I have been hearing. Our members certainly “suited up and showed up” with enthusiasm for being with each other and welcoming our guests.

The program was just right, in my opinion. You were very warm and well prepared, a combination everyone appreciated. I liked the balance of information about the higher levels of AAUW and our efforts through advocacy and stewardship to advance our mission, and then the personal focus on the Marymount leaders and on our Tech Trek project.

As you are aware, many women participated in the planning for the event and on the day itself. That is a beautiful thing about our branch, the spirit of community and helping hands.

Thanks to you and to all who serve in particular ways.

Sincerely, Margery Norris



Susan Negrete



Kathy Ford



Guests and hosts enjoying the day



Entertainment

Ruth Boland and Anne Destabelle

## LACIC

LACIC's November 11 meeting features *US!* This discussion-focused meeting has the title: **Branch Brainstorming Session: What's Working and What's Not?** Bring your brags, concerns, and ideas to share with your friends at neighboring branches--and be prepared to participate in the discussion!

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



## Need a Ride to Vote?



The 2018 gubernatorial election will be held on November 6th to elect the next governor of California. We will also vote on candidates for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House, as well as numerous propositions, including one to establish permanent daylight saving time (DST) in California and one that would repeal fuel tax increases and vehicle fees that were enacted in 2017.

Regardless of your political affiliation and beliefs, it is especially important to vote in November. Many of us use vote-by-mail ballots. If you choose to vote at the polls and are having difficulty getting there, several members of the AAUW Breaking Barriers Committee have volunteered to provide transportation for AAUW/PVP members. You will simply need to know the location of your polling place – we will get you there! If you will require transportation, please contact Nancy Rayner at [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com) to make arrangements.



January 09, 2019, Tri-branch meeting at Hesse Park

January 2019, winter social at JoAnn DeFlon's home, date to be determined

February 02, 2019, 10am to 12pm, community meeting at Palos Verdes Central Library. The speaker is Phil Ansell, Director of the LA County Homeless Initiative.

## MEMBERSHIP

Chairs: Margery Norris and Leann Roque

Welcome New Members, and then invite someone else to join our wonderful organization!

During late summer and early fall, the following people have joined our branch. You'll be seeing them at some of our Interest Groups and our branch meetings and special events. Please remember that all our meetings are open to guests and reduced membership fees are applicable at those meetings.

Ginny Nagy  
Robert Bacinski,  
Vickie McCorkendale  
Willis Binnard  
Nancy Bell

## Sad News

Nancy Leonard, a longtime member of our AAUW branch, passed away recently in Idaho. She had moved there, following surgery, to be near a daughter. Nancy was born and grew up on Long Island, in New York, and came to Los Angeles in the early 1960's to teach. She taught for LAUSD for many years. On retirement she again took up her long-time interest in art, going through training and becoming a docent for LACMA.

In recent years Nancy continued in her art interest by starting an art appreciation group for our branch. She found and purchased a number of DVD series on art, located additional material on artists, and chaired the evening Art Group for a number of years.

Nancy was also an avid bridge player. We will miss this kind and elegant lady.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AAUW CA

We began the year with 31 bills on our legislative priority list. All the selected bills addressed some aspect of the current state Public Policy Priorities. Our advocate in Sacramento, Shannon Smith Crowley, organized the advocacy work on the bills. She developed letters to various committees stating AAUW's position and policies. The Public Policy Committee reviewed and approved the letters. Shannon also testified before committees on behalf of AAUW and spoke with the various authors' offices.

We sent out several Action Alerts, asking individual AAUW members to contact legislators. The last Alert involved contacting the governor. 431 messages from California AAUW members were sent to the governor on SB 1300, which expands sexual harassment training by employers. The messages helped – the governor signed SB 1300.

Now we are in the last stage of the 2-year legislative session. All the bills proposed in January and February are either dead or have been sent to the governor for review and action. September 30 is the deadline for his action.

As of September, 17 of our priority bills were sent to the governor for his action. He signed nine (9) into law - on salary history, pupil instruction regarding sexual health, a University of California study of high tech companies hiring records, sexual harassment, whistleblower protection, employee settlement agreements, sexual harassment training, and inclusion of women on corporate boards. He vetoed a bill on reproductive health. The fate of the remaining bills was not available before *Coastlines* went to print. The bills address various aspects of sexual harassment and employment discrimination.

You can track the outcome of our bills on the AAUW CA website – [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org) – under Advocacy, Bill Tracking.

Thanks to all of you who joined in the Action Alerts. *Sign up if you haven't done that yet!*

Nancy Mahr, Public Policy

## AAUW's Younger Women's Task Force - LA.



At the UNA Southern California Luncheon on August 29, 2018, LACIC Co-Chair Susan Negrete announced the launch of the first chapter of AAUW's Younger Women's Task Force - LA.

YWTF-LA CEO Camille Veneracion was present to meet AAUW CEO Kim Churches at the UNA event. Kim and Susan had mentored Camille as she learned her leadership role, developed functional procedures, designed the YWTF organization, its website, and recruited her Board of Directors.

Camille is also the Program VP and member of the Glendale branch. She's very excited to work with the LACIC community and looks forward to meeting the branch leaders.

## NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES

There are 11 measures on the November ballot. They cover a variety of issues. The state Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures and determined that most do not address issues in our Public Policy Priorities. We have classified those as “No Position.” Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on our principles, but they include elements that undermine some of our priorities along with elements that support our priorities. The Committee adopted a “Neutral” position on Propositions 1, 4 and 5.

### **Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond – NEUTRAL**

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to build and preserve affordable homes for veterans and others and aid in purchasing a farm, home or mobile home.

### **Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond – SUPPORT**

No Place Like Home Act of 2018

Allows the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

### **Prop 4: Children’s Hospital Bond – NEUTRAL**

Uses \$1.5 billion in general obligation bond money to support 5 children’s hospitals in the University of California system and other public and private hospitals that serve children.

### **Prop 5: Property Tax – NEUTRAL**

Amends Proposition 13 (1978) in the State Constitution to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer the tax-assessed value from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home’s market value; (b) the new home’s location in the state; or (c) the number of moves.

NO POSITION on the following measures:

**Prop 3: Water Bond** – \$8.8 billion in general obligation bonds for managing and developing water resources in ways that benefit the environment.

**Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal** – Repeals the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, removing \$4.7 billion in annual funding earmarked for transportation.

**Prop 7: Daylight Saving Time** – Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government changes the law.

**Prop 8: Dialysis** – A complex measure that would regulate the cost of dialysis treatment by establishing a cap on certain costs.

**Prop 10: Repeal Costa Hawkins/Rent Control** – Gives local communities the authority to make decisions on rent control based on the housing needs of their communities.

**Prop 11: Ambulance Drivers** – Allows ambulance providers to require their workers to remain on call during breaks paid at their regular rate.

**Prop 12 : Farm Animals** – Bans the sale of meat from animals that are confined in spaces below specific sizes.

**NOTE:** Prop 9 (division of the state into 3 parts) was removed from the ballot by the State Supreme Court.



## TALES FROM 2018 TECH TREK CAMP

by Susan Negrete

For the first time ever, this summer the PVP branch had 2 members serving as Dorm Moms at a Tech Trek Camp. Leslie Criswell and Susan Negrete spent a great week at UC Santa Barbara's second week at "Camp Hypatia", which ran from July 29 – August 4, 2018.

A new AAUW-PVP member, Leslie expressed her interest in Tech Trek at a Women in Transition (WIT) meeting, and when Susan heard from UCSB Camp Director Susan Pease that an extra Dorm Mom was needed, she reached out to Leslie – who immediately said "YES!".

So off to UCSB Camp we went – and experienced the personal transformations, large and small, of eighty-four 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls who live together on a college campus for a week. Soon the girls began to understand what focusing on STEM-related subjects and preparing for a college education can contribute to their future.

Leslie quickly added value to the campers' morning wakeup calls with her enthusiasm for (loudly) playing 1960s tunes from her iPad...no surprise, most of the girls didn't recognize the songs or lyrics, but the Dorm Moms sure did!

Another bonus to the many rewards for being a Dorm Mom was Tech Trek Camp Founder Marie Wolbach's appearance at Camp to take over the 24/7 Camp Nurse duties (when the assigned nurse had to leave suddenly due to a family emergency). Marie started the first Tech Trek Camp at Stanford University in 1998 – and the AAUW national project is anchored by California's eight college/university campuses. To have Marie present for most of the week answering questions, sharing her life's journey, AAUW experiences and continued commitment for the STEM camps, was inspirational.

This was a banner year for Tech Trek Camp support by South Bay AAUW women.

## GLOBAL CITIZENS AWARD



On August 29, 2018 AAUW was recognized as one of three recipients of the prestigious Global Citizen Award presented by the United Nations Association, Southern California Division. Over 30 AAUW members from Southern California branches were present at the luncheon, awards ceremony, and award recipients' panel. AAUW CEO Kim Churches was introduced by Los Angeles Interbranch Council Chair Susan Negrete to accept the award and speak on behalf of the organization. Kim covered the long and continuous history of AAUW working to improve the lives of women and girls through advocacy, access to education, increased job opportunities and pay equity.

## INTEREST GROUPS—NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2018

### ART APPRECIATION

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

November 21: *The Shock of the New*

December 19: holiday luncheon

### READERS THEATER

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

No information at this time

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

November 12: home of Sharon Andrade  
*The Barbarian Nursery* by Hector Tobar

December 10: Lunch at Blue Water Grill

### ECLECTIC READERS

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

November 15: home of Jan Cofer  
*Code Girls* by Lisa Mundy

December 19: holiday luncheon

### NIGHT BOOKS

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

November 12: home of Rowie Wolf  
*Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

December 10: 6:30 pm, dinner at Luna Rossa

### BRIDGE-ETTES

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

November 20: home of Margery Norris

December 18: 11:30 am, holiday-bridge luncheon at Seaview Club-house. Please reserve with Ruth Bloland (310-377-8223)

### GRAND SLAMMERS

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

November 08: home of Betty Ettington

December 18: 11:30 am, holiday-bridge luncheon at Seaview Club-house. Please reserve with Ruth Bloland (310-377-8223)

### PINOCHLE

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

November 6 and 20

Holiday luncheon—TBD  
 Palos Verdes Shores Club House

### SCRABBLE

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald  
 310-373-0946  
 1st Monday 7– 9 pm

Contact Kathleen for further information.

### GREAT DECISIONS

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

November 19: South Africa's fragile democracy

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

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December— no meeting.

### 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

\*Note date change: Oct.10, 2018, 7-9pm

Voices of Women— Who's Inspiring YOU lately?

RSVP by Monday, Oct. 8

### FIRST FRIDAY

### TEA and CONVERSATION

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon  
 1st Friday 2-4pm

November December 07

JoAnn DeFlon's home

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