

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, January, February 2019



Jan/Feb 2019

Celebration of Women Empowerment:
The state of women's equity in Los Angeles County today

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Tri-Branch Program Meeting
Torrance - Beach Cities - Palos Verdes Peninsula
Saturday, January 12, 2019
Torrance Airport Meeting Room

Panel discussion focusing on two areas:

- **Highlights of Equity:** Editorial tales from the areas where good progress has been made using successful strategies
- **Spotlight looking forward:** where is inequity is at its worst? Where is the most work is still needed?



Moderator Emily Williams, MPP, EEC: Senior Deputy for Human Services and Child Welfare LA County Supervisor Ridley Scott's office Current Beach Cities Branch member



Speakers: Carmen Estrda-Schaye, PhD: Governing Council Member, 4th District, Women + Girls Initiative, County of Los Angeles; National Vice President of Diversity of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC); President of NWPC South Bay



Elena Fernandez, MSW, LCS: Director at the St John's Well Child and Family Center Senior Adjunct Faculty at Pacific Oaks College - Pasadena, California

Meeting Agenda

9:30am - Social, Coffee, Continental Breakfast
10:00am - Moderated Discussion Panel
11:30am - Questions & Answers
12:00pm - Adjourn

Please note: PVP AAUW will not have a branch meeting in January.



WINTER SOCIAL



Saturday, January 26, 2019

JoAnn DeFlon's home
2128 Via Pacheco, Palos Verdes Estates 90274

2-4 p.m.



\$5/person at the door

Reservations not necessary

HELPING LA COUNTY'S HOMELESS: THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE



Saturday, February 2, 2019

Peninsula Center Library Community Room

10 a.m. to 12 noon

Guest Speaker: PHIL ANSELL

DIRECTOR OF LA COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELESS INITIATIVE

MEASURE H – how funds are being used

THE ACTION PLAN – steps taken and future strategies

COLLABORATION – how city and county work together

Presented by PVP Branch, AAUW

Our annual ice cream social, sponsored by the Tech Trek committee, was held at Hesse Park on Sunday afternoon, October 14th. The campers and their families joined us to celebrate and socialize.

Branch members, campers, and families were greeted warmly by branch members. Everyone enjoyed the poster Willis Binnard made about several of our branch's Tech Trek alumnae campers who are college graduates or are current college students, illustrating how successful the program has been.

Girls and branch members participated in a new icebreaker activity of getting to know one another. The campers participated in a panel discussion, including a question and answer session regarding the personal and individual benefits of the camp experience. There was wide and enthusiastic participation from both campers and audience members, many of whom were their parents.

Joanne Dusseau, of our Readers Theater, presented a check for a full camp scholarship to Dale Richards of our branch leadership team and Denise DeVenuto, our Tech Trek Chair. Joanne portrayed Abigail Adams and offered a very well-received monologue about the importance of educating females!

A Torrance branch camper from the South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) encouraged the campers to join TTAG and gave advice on being successful in high school. The culmination of the program was the awarding of Achievement Certificates with each camper being joined by her family for a photo, and the audience recognizing her with rounds of applause. And then on to another sweet reward: the creating and consuming of the ice cream sundaes.

Photos by Joe DeVenuto



Joanne Dusseau of Readers Theater presents a check for a full camp scholarship to Dale Richards of our branch leadership team and Denise DeVenuto, Tech Trek Chair.



Margery Norris and Leslie Criswell checking in branch members



Dana Gorman and camper engaged in "getting to know you" ice breaker.



Camper Bella and her parents, receiving her Certificate of Achievement.

2019 PVP TECH TREK CAMPERS



Margarita would love to be a math teacher because of the impact she could have in her students' lives. She is taking Honors Science, English, and History, and has a 4.0 GPA. Margarita says she is more comfortable with public speaking since camp.



Esther loves science and math and learning new things. She was selected as a Future Leader of San Pedro. Esther's career goal is to be a marine biologist. Her science teacher says she is an amazing student. Esther notes that she is more social since attending camp.



Kiara's nominating teacher commented that she has very strong aptitude in science, and is highly skilled in a variety of areas. She plans to attend UCSD and major in physics. She wants to make a difference and positively impact society in the STEM field.



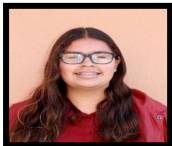
Izabella is a dedicated student who would like to be a veterinarian. She plans to apply to UCLA or the University of Georgia. She notes that she benefited from camp by taking biology and dissecting chickens. In middle school she's been on Master Mariner and Principal Honor Roll.



Jaylin's goal is to attend UCLA and to be a pediatrician. She made the final round in a Math Olympiad. She's a member of Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council. Jaylin is on Dana's Master Mariner list.



Leahla's career choice is environmental engineer because she really wants to make a difference in the world. She was part of a group that won first place in a robotics contest. She has been on Honor Roll since fifth grade.



Yasmin plans to obtain a master's degree in coding or software engineering. Her favorite classes in school are math and science. She enjoys synchronized swimming, and is curious and always up for an educational challenge.



Mia has been on honor roll since first grade. She would like to pursue a career as a pediatrician. In sixth grade Mia earned the second highest math score on the state test out of 450 students.



Yasmin's career goal is to be a pediatrician. Her favorite classes are math and science. From first through fifth grade, Yasmin was on Honor Roll, and she has had a 4.0 GPA for 6th & 7th grade. She is taking Accelerated Math and likes to draw.

2019 PVP TECH TREK CAMPERS, cont'd.



Aytana has a 4.0 GPA and has participated in many of her school's science fairs. She tutors math four times a week. Aytana enjoys horseback riding and would like to be an equine veterinarian. She's passionate about learning new things.



Jasmine's nominating teacher says she is an intelligent, inquisitive, and motivated student with an eagerness to learn. Jasmine would like to be a psychiatrist. She has received all A's since starting middle school. She plans to apply to CAMS and then later Yale.



Emily's career choice is medical engineer because they create, problem solve, and use math and science. She plans to apply to CAMS or HTPA. She earned High Honors in 7th grade. Emily is taking Accelerated Math, and Honors classes in Science, History, and English.



Aliya would like to be an anthropologist or a neurologist. She is a member of a group that feeds and clothes the homeless. Her nominating teacher says she has excellent leadership skills, and is highly motivated and ambitious. Aliya plans to apply to HTPA.



Victoria would like to be a nurse practitioner, specializing in sports medicine. In her soccer league, she has won MVP two years in a row while being the only girl on her team. She was on the Honor Roll in 6th and 7th grade, and is taking Honors classes in math and science.



Sindy's nominating teacher says that she is determined, conscientious, curious, very intelligent, and perseverant. She would like to become a pediatrician. Sindy is taking Advanced Math and is in High Honor Roll. She plans to apply to UCSB.



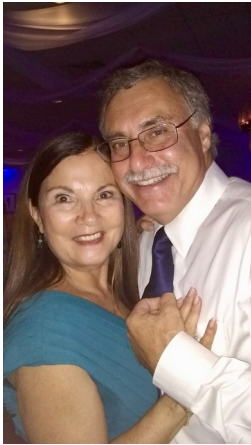
Bella's career goal is to be an astronaut, and she plans to double major in astronomy and music at a prestigious university. She volunteers as a docent at Cabrillo Maine Aquarium over the summer. Bella has played clarinet in the school band since sixth grade, and has been on Honor Roll every year since first grade.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

If you have not yet contributed to this wonderful, inspiring program, you can mail donation checks (tax deductible in any amount) to treasurer Kathy Ford at 6429 Parklynn Dr., Ranch Palos Verdes, 90275. Please make checks payable to AAUW CA SPF, with Tech Trek PVP in the memo line.

A RECOGNITION

by Margery Norris



.Having been a part of the Tech Trek committee for nine years, and chair since 2014, Denise DeVenuto has decided to pass on the leadership of the team at the end of camp season in August. She will continue to participate with the committee in the selection process, including the parent information meetings and essay writing workshops at both the middle schools. The transition process is already in the works, and new leaders are becoming acquainted with the tasks involved.

Her passion for this project and her motives are expressed in this quotation: "I believe Tech Trek is the most effective way our branch can meet the mission goals of AAUW. Through exposure to STEM majors and careers on college campuses, the program makes the campers more future-oriented and increases the likelihood of equal representation in STEM careers and pay equity. This endeavor has been close to my heart because many of the girls come from low-income families, who otherwise would never have this opportunity. It's the most gratifying project I've ever worked on. It

hasn't been work; it's been a joy."

Joe DeVenuto has been the committee's Supporter-in-Chief over these past several years. He sets up for Celebrate Tech Trek and camper Orientation, takes photographs at these events, travels with Denise to college campuses, and helps prepare materials for the essay writing workshop as well as camper certificates. Most importantly he has provided to Denise the encouragement and support without which she could not have spent the countless hours and offered the extraordinary leadership we have all enjoyed and appreciated.

Public Policy Notes by Nancy Mahr

November Election

In October, our branch collaborated with LWV on the Candidate Forum for Assembly and State Senate and on speaking on the ballot measures.

Special thanks to Elayne Nahman who joined the team to speak to many community groups. Thanks also to those who helped out at the forum and ballot presentations: Ellen Alkon, Ruth Boland, Jasminka Criley, Elayne Nahman.

Public Policy Priorities Survey

Every AAUW member in California received an email asking for participation in an online survey to review and comment on the Public Policy Priorities for the state for 2019 – 2021. If you haven't yet completed that survey, please try to do so. The deadline for your input is December 10. Thank you.



Anyone interested in a bicycling group?
If so, contact Wendy Walker 612-209-4767.



We will be collecting linens for Rainbow Services at the March meeting. Lynne Jones will be the liaison with Rainbow Services.

NEW MEMBER TEA

By Margery Norris

Sixteen of us, new members and long-timers, met for a New Members Tea at Leann Roque's home on November 17th. The pictures tell some of the story, such as women getting to know one another and delicious, special tea party refreshments. Following a warm welcome from Dale Richards and introductions around the room, our new members had the wonderful opportunity to hear brief remarks from Nancy Mahr, about AAUW Public Policy on a national level, from Susan Negrete, who provided a clear orientation to the work of AAUW at the state, and county levels and spoke also about the Marymount U. Project and WIT.

Fran Brown gave an overview of the Tech Trek Program and Mary Shackle reviewed our Interest Groups and encouraged members to "try them on for size", or to begin a new IG focused on a subject of personal interest that might be intriguing to others also.

Once again, we're thankful for the enthusiastic, cheerful work of the women of our branch Membership Team, who provide leadership for many of the social events that allow us to enjoy the company of interesting women who share the mission of opportunity and equity for all girls and women. Those who worked on this particular event were Leann and Margery, Fran Brown, Eileen Edelson, Lynne Jones and Susan Negrete. Our thanks to them.



Lynn Jones and Nancy Bell, new members.



PVP AAUW women enjoying the day



Dale Richards, Branch chair in purple, and some of the ladies of the Membership Team, Fran Brown, Leann Roque and Eileen Edelson



Sara Bowlus visiting with Dale Richards



Nancy Mahr, Joanne Fallon Finnegan, Eileen Edelson and Shirley Starke-Wallace

Next LACIC meeting: Sunday, January 13
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Presbyterian Community Hospital, Whittier, California

PROMOTING WORK SMART

INTEREST GROUPS—JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

ART APPRECIATION

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

January 16: *The Painters of Modern life*

February 20: *Pierre – Auguste Renoir*

ECLECTIC READERS

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

January 17: home of Myrna Plost
The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

February 21: home of Elissa Hoxie
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

January 15: home of Margery Norris

February 19: home of Eunice McConaughy

READERS THEATER

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

For information contact
Cecilia Rogers 310-293-7071

Location-TBD

NIGHT BOOKS

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

January 14: home of Leann Roque
Wish You Well by David Baldacci

February 11: home of Joanie Gale
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver

GRAND SLAMMERS

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

January 10: home of Flo Fenton

February 14: home of Nell Mirels

CONTEMPORARY LITERAURE

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

January 7-home of JoAnn DeFlon
Lilac Girls by March Hall Kelley

February 11: home of Donna Day
Clock Dance by Anne Taylor



PINOCHLE

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

January 1-group cancelled
January 25 and 29
February 5 and 19

Palos Verdes Shores Club House

INTEREST GROUPS—JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

GREAT DECISIONS

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

February 18: The Refugees
and Global Migration

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

January 21: Global Health:
Progress and Challenges

February 18: The Refugees
and Global Migration

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

January 02:
WIT Business Meeting
(RSVP by noon Jan. 03}

February 06: TBA

FIRST FRIDAY TEA and CONVERSA- TION

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
1st Friday 2-4pm

RSVP: JoAnn Deflon
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jj.deflon@gmail.com

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

SCRABBLE

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

January 7: home of
Kathleen Fitzgerald
February 4: location TBD





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Class
Postage

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Palos Verdes Branch
P.O. Box 2443
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274**

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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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**Deadline for Mar/Apr Coast-
Lines articles, Jan.. 30, 2019**

BRANCH CALENDAR JAN/FEB 2019

January 12,	Tri-Branch Program, 9:30a-12p, Torrance Airport Room
January 13, Sun.	LACIC, 2-4 pm, PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier
January 26, Sat.	Winter Social, 2-4 pm, at JoAnn DeFlon's home
February 02, Sat.	Community Meeting, Palos Verdes Central Library, Phil Ansell, Director of the LA County Homeless Initiative