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Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, March, April 2018



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Palos Verdes AAUW Readers Theater

THREE KATHERINES, TWO ANNES, & JANE

by Jacqueline Mason

Play and Festive Luncheon

An exciting and personal look at the six wives of English King Henry VIII with delicious food in a royal setting

Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m.

Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd, Rancho Palos Verdes

All proceeds benefit AAUW Tech Trek Project

Reservations are required, Seating is limited

RESERVATIONS \$50 PER PERSON

Make checks payable to:
Leslie Criswell
59 Buckskin Lane
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

For more information, call 310-809-4365

Don't miss out!
They're going to
talk about me.



PALOS VERDES BRANCH MEETING

March 13, 2-4pm, Hesse Park

Our speaker will be Kathy Gould, AAUW-PVP branch member and retiring director of the Palos Verdes Library District. Her topic will be Transitions for the Library and for herself



April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott

This year the convention is conveniently located in our own back yard. No need to travel far! Meet state and national VIPs. They want to meet you!

- Participate in revitalizing workshops
- Discover keys to political power
- Learn about women peacebuilders shackles" others have worn
- Hear how we can stand up to sexism
- Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek

Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the [California Perspective](#) and are on AAUW-CA .website.



SAVE THE DATE

60th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting with Election of Officers

After being rained out at our January Branch Meeting, our 60th Anniversary Birthday Party has been rescheduled for our May Branch Meeting on May 8 from 2-4 at Hesse Park.

DO NOT MISS IT!

For those of you who missed donating gift cards or sheet and towel sets for Rainbow Services in January, please bring them to this event.

Membership Dues Update

The national AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018 national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

National dues help to sustain and grow AAUW'S work and programs that advance equity for women and girls.

When it's time to renew our PVP Branch memberships for 2018-2019, the total amount for regular members will be \$101. This includes the \$59 for National, \$20 for CA State AAUW and \$22 for our PVP Branch fees.

Life members will still pay \$42 and dual member fees will remain at \$20.



Save the Date

AAUW-PVP RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 19, 2018

11:30 am to 2pm

Red Onion Restaurant
736 Bart Earl Way, RHE

**PALOS VERDES PENINSULA BRANCH
AAUW FUND 2017 DONORS
THANK YOU**

Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

A huge thank you goes to all the members and friends of Palos Verdes Peninsula AAUW for your donations, individual and group, large and small, to the AAUW Fund. Our total contribution for 2017 was \$11,060. Gifts ranged from those through branch dues (\$3/member) to individual amounts up to \$1800 and represent 63 separate donations. These monies support education (fellowships, workshops, conferences e.g. NCCSWL), community projects and programs (e.g. Tech Trek), public policy, advocacy and research to advance equity for women and girls in our communities, nation and world. Go on-line to <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/> and see what YOU do as part of the national AAUW organization.

Cordelia Hwang

Alkon, Ellen	May, Sherry
Aranguren, Barbara	Mendoza, Oralia
Arevalo, Melissa	Midford, Carol
Ashla, Maria	Motoyasu, Ayako
Bilezikjian, Berta	Nahman, Elayne
Bonini, Linda	Norris, Margery
Butler, Sharon	Ortega, Susana
Destabelle, Anne	Pashky, Vera
DeVenuto, Denise	Purvis, Judith
Dewar, Marianne	Raza, Marziel
Eades, Linnea	Richards, Dale
Edelson, Eileen	Roque, Leann
Ettington, Elizabeth	Roque, Leann
Fenton, Florence	Rosenzweig, Bunny
Fitzgerald, Kathleen	Shaw, Ann
Forbes, Nancy	Silva, William
Ford, Kevin	Sugimori, Carol
Gardner, Jan	Tigerman, Peggy
Gomaa-Mersal, Jennifer	Trutanich, Mike
Gould, Katherine	Ujiki, Reiko
Ingebretsen, Dorothy	Weinstock, Patricia
Kellogg, Nancy	Wolf, Rosalie
Korb, Arline	
Landis, Linda	
Lee, Kathryn	
MacFarlane, Ruth	
Manfredi, Nancy	
Mattar, Lairce	



UCSD Tech Trek camp needs two Dorm Moms for the week of June 23 to June 30.

Please contact camp co-director Pat Bull at patbull@icloud.com for more information.

MEMBERSHIP

Margery Norris, Chair

Margery Norris introduces four new members to PVP AAUW:

Leslie Criswell
Lynne Jones
Hana Kkopecka
Priscilla Wright



AAUW PVP Holiday Bridge Party

Grand-Slammer's hosted the December holiday party at the Seaview Villas Clubhouse. They served a delicious Greek buffet and awarded prizes to the winners.



Eclectic Readers Holiday Party



AAUW Branches Attend the South Bay Women's March in Redondo Beach on January 20th, 2018

AAUW members from the Beach Cities, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Torrance branches came together and marched to support equity for women and girls at the second annual, family-friendly South Bay Women's March. AAUW members rallied behind our large, white banner in the meeting space in front of Ruby's Diner.

Women, men, children and dogs formed a congenial line from the Harbor Blvd. parking lot and proceeded east on Beryl Avenue. The variety of signs were great fun to read along the way, and there was lots of support for the march from local drivers - horns were tooted and cheers were returned by the crowd.

The March concluded at Veteran's Park on Torrance Blvd. and Pier, where they heard short speeches from the March organizers and local Redondo Beach council members.

There were AAUW local members who did attend the LA Women's March, but many people commented that it was great to 'go local' and support the same causes without braving a long day with 500,000+ other people!



Attn: New Social Group

A new social group (still un-named) has been organized with 8 people participating. This is your chance to be part of an interactional, fun group that can share interests and talk about interesting topics. Space is limited, so if you have a desire to join, do so now. The first meeting will be in March. For more information, contact Elayne Nahman. at



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Highlighting an Exceptional Branch Member – Anne Destabelle

Congratulations to Anne Destabelle and her Pennyroyal Players for being awarded the City of Torrance's Cultural Arts Commission 2017 Excellence in Arts Award for Music. This award recognizes individuals, groups, and corporations who make outstanding contributions to the arts. The Award was presented at a ceremony held at the Torrance Civic Center in October.

Our AAUW/PVP Branch has many interesting and accomplished members and Anne is certainly one of them! Since retiring from two long careers, first in Children's Dependency Services and then in Contract Negotiation at Hughes Electronics, Anne has had more time to dedicate to her lifelong love of the Arts.

Anne created and leads the Pennyroyal Players. The Players donate all proceeds of their performances and to date, they have performed over 1,000 times since inception in 2003 and have given away over \$130,000 to charities, including AAUW's Tech Trek scholarships, Los Cancioneros music scholarships, PTA Costume Closet, PVPUSD elementary school music, Little Fish Theatre, Warner Grand Theatre, Wayfarers Chapel and Liz Cantine's Ready, Willing and Able dance troupe for disabled students.

Anne sings first soprano with Los Cancioneros Master Chorale. She organizes and directs the LC Master Chorale Ensembles, which sing throughout the year at various events to raise major funds for their annual music scholarship competition. She also sang with the prestigious LA Vocal Core, an elite choral group which won awards throughout the South Bay during its existence. Anne can be found giving a piano concert every Thursday afternoon at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She was honored as Legend of the Year for the Volunteer Center's Affinity Group in 2011.

A member of the Peninsula Committee for the LA Philharmonic, Anne helped produce the Music Fair during its existence. She is a member of the Norris Jazz Fanatics, and the support groups of the Norris theatre, BRAVO and ACT II. Anne serves as a fundraiser on the board of Angels of Hope, the local chapter for City of Hope, educating the local community about the research and resources available at City of Hope that go beyond what is available locally for our community.

Anne and husband Ray have 3 adult children. She loves music, theatre, tennis, bridge, mahjong, great books, traveling, and long walks with her daughter, Dawn.

A longtime member of AAUW, Anne supports Tech Trek and is active in several Branch interest groups. Active in Readers Theater for several years prior to creating Pennyroyal Players, she is very grateful to AAUW for allowing her to develop the skills to create, produce and direct the theatrical productions she has developed with the Pennyroyal Players. Per Anne, "AAUW has been for me an organization for which I am most grateful. It has helped to shape me through the years. I hope it does that for other women as well." What a dynamo!



Photo by Charlice Lin

LACIC
Los Angeles County Inter-Branch Council

March 11, 2018
2-4 pm

The March meeting will feature "Friends in Deed", an innovative organization that provides supportive services to meet basic human needs, so our homeless and at-risk neighbors can rebuild their lives. The meeting will be held at :

PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)

12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier



INTEREST GROUPS—MAR, APR 2018

ARTS & ARTISTS

Many thanks to Nancy Leonard for all the years you organized the group and produced such stimulating material. Your knowledge and presentation of information was truly appreciated.

ART APPRECIATION

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

March 21: *Unlike Any Other— Sargent, Manet, Seurat*

April 18: *The Human Condition - Munch, Matisse, Schiele*

Anyone interested in attending should contact Nancy. New members welcome.

READERS THEATER

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

April 9: home of Jacky Mason

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

March 12: home of Kathleen Fitzgerald
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

April 9: home of Sharon Andrade
Orhan's Inheritance by Aline Ohanesian

ECLECTIC READERS

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

March 15: home of Elissa Hoxie
The Fifties by David Halberstam

April 19: home of Elayne Naham
The Women in the Castle, by Jessica Shattuck

NIGHT BOOKS

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

March 12: home of Fran Wielin
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

April 9: home of Leann Roque
The Fortunes by Peter Ho Davies

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

March 20: home of Margery Norris

April 17: home of JoAnn DeFlon

GRAND SLAMMERS

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

March 08: home of Flo Fenton

April 12: home of Nell Mirels

PINOCHLE

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

March 6 and 20
April 3 and 17

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

March 19: *Russia's Foreign Policy*

April 16: *China and America: the new political equation*

GREAT DECISIONS

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

March 19: *Russia's Foreign Policy*

April 15: *China and America: the new geopolitical equation*

Home of Susan Wallace

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

WIT: Celebrating our 8th anniversary

March 07: Back to Our Roots-Women in Transition
Pls. RSVP by Mon. March 05

April 04: TBA at March meeting



VOTING MADE EASIER - UPDATE ON LA COUNTY'S NEW VOTING PLANS

Los Angeles County is developing a new voting system for all registered voters. The focus is to create a voting experience that is easy to use and is accessible to all voters. The project is called Voting Solutions for All People – VSAP. It addresses issues related to age, language, disability, and location, to give voters an independent voting experience that is easy and convenient.

The new system will comply with a new state law, the California Voting Rights Act (SB 450). This law incorporates some practices that have been used successfully in Oregon and Colorado. Under this law every registered voter would receive a ballot by mail. They could mail in their ballot or take it to a secure drop box. Or they could go to a vote center to either submit the completed ballot or surrender the unused ballot and vote at the vote center. A system of accessible vote centers would replace the current local polling places. A voter could vote at any vote center in the County. The law also requires an extended 11-day voting period – not just one day. The conversion to this new voting system is to be completed statewide by 2024.

Five counties in California will be using the new system in 2018 – Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo. Other counties may choose to use parts of the system as they approach full conversion in 2024.

Los Angeles County will not convert to the new system until 2024. Ramping up to that time, throughout 2018, LA County will conduct information sessions to educate voters on the system that will be coming. The Registrar will also be researching locations for vote centers and will be seeking public input on possible locations. During 2019, the Registrar Recorder will conduct a mock election to test elements of the new system. In 2020, some parts of the new system will be in place for the primary and November elections – vote centers, drop boxes, extended voting period.

In addition to its work to revise the voting experience, Los Angeles County has worked for several years on the development of a voting mechanism to replace Ink-A-Vote. The new ballot marking device incorporates a touch screen and issues a paper ballot printed with the choices the voter makes on the touch screen. There are many adjustments that can be made to the ballot marking device to meet the needs of the voter. The device is being tested by the Registrar Recorder. It will not be ready for use in the 2018 election.

You can keep up with the progress of this project online at VSAP.lavote.net.

Nancy Mahr, Public Policy

It Was More than a Conversation...

AAUW's Conversation Across the Generations Program on February 17th.

We are thankful to Judy Milestone and Hanna Meghi Chandoo who provided us with a very special experience. The talk was more than a conversation regarding career experiences; it was a demonstration of the importance of mentor-mentee relationships and an intimate glimpse of Hanna's life as a young immigrant, as a lawyer and as a Muslim woman deeply affected by recent events.

Our gratitude also goes to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library, co-sponsor of the program, and to Kathy Gould, the director and to Leticia Polizzi who took over the details.



Judy Milestone
Hanna Meghi Chandoo



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<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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BRANCH CALENDAR MAR/APR 2018

Mar. 11, Sun. 2 -4pm	LACIC meeting: Friends in Deed PIH, Whittier
Mar. 13 Tue. 2-4pm	Branch Meeting , topic: : Kathy Gould on Transitions
Mar. 24 Sat. 1 pm	Readers Theater, Three Katherines, Two Annes & Jane Hesse Park
Apr. 27-29	AAUW Convention, Irvine Marriott