

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, May/June 2019



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READERS THEATER PRESENTS

"In Her Own Words"



**Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 pm
Hesse Park**

It's also our annual meeting and the election of officers.



AAUW - PVP Recognition Luncheon

**Saturday, June 08
11:30-2:00 pm**

**Red Onion Restaurant, 736 Bart Earl Way, RHE
Fran Brown will take reservations, details to follow.**

Women in STEM Careers Forum



On March 23 the Redondo Beach Library hosted a forum co-sponsored by our South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG). The audience of 70 for the Women in STEM Careers forum consisted of middle school and high school students, their families, and local residents including AAUW members from Palos Verdes, Beach Cities, and Torrance. TTAG members planned the event with input from adult advisors from each of the three South Bay AAUW branches.

The speakers included a gynecological surgeon who uses a robotic surgical tool, an aerospace engineer, an architect, and the sales representative for the surgical tool company. The speakers provided details about how they chose their career fields, the education required, and some fascinating accounts of personal challenges they faced on their way to career success. They spoke from the heart and were generous with their advice for the young people present to persevere in striving for their goals.

South Bay TTAG's next forum will be held at a local library this fall. College Prep 101 will feature admissions officers and representatives from several colleges. If you have suggestions for speakers, or would like to help out with this event, or be a TTAG advisor, please contact Denise DeVenuto at dendev88@gmail.com.

Picture by Denise DeVenuto

Books & Authors Luncheon



The Beach Cities Branch invites you to attend the 21st annual Authors & Book Signing event benefiting Tech Trek.

Saturday, May 18
11am-3:30pm
Torrance Doubletree Hotel
(reservation deadline May 10)

This year's author and books: **Amy Mererson**, *The Bookshop of Yesterdays*, **Julia Arce**, *My (UNDERGROUND) American Dream*, **Stephen Markley**, *OHIO*, **Susan and Douglas Segal**, *STRUCK*.

Reservations: \$83.50 on website: <https://beachcities-ca.aauw.net/authors-luncheon-2019/>

\$80.00 by check: AAUW Beach Cities
P.O. Box 1136
Manhattan Beach, CA 90267

"Celebrating Art in the South Bay"



Shirley Starke-Wallace recently received a Torrance Performing Arts Consortium's "Making a Difference" Award for 2018-2019.

Links, Inc. is a public service organization of women of African descent who reside in the South Bay. As Arts Chairperson for the PV chapter, Shirley established an award winning program at the Watts Learning Center, an elementary school, including student experiences with L.A. Opera, Palos Verdes Art Center and other allied arts associations.

Shirley and other Links members believe that art education enables students to develop critical thinking skills, and enhance imagination and creativity. Congratulations and thank you, Shirley, for your years of teaching career and your meaningful work as a community volunteer.

ANNUAL AAUW MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Election of Officers

Branch Co-Chairs: Nancy Mahr, Dale Richards
and Leslie Criswell

Membership: Fran Brown, Leann Roque

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

Recording Secretary: Joanie Gale

Tech Trek Chair: Kathy Ford



Dues are Due!

It's time to renew your membership for 2019-2020! Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 and annual dues are \$101. The \$101 includes National AAUW dues of \$59, AAUW CA dues of \$20 and our Palos Verdes Branch dues of \$22.

Please use the Renewal Form on the last page of this newsletter and send it together with your check payable to AAUW-PVP to:

AAUW-PVP

P.O. Box 2443

Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

READERS THEATER

Tuesday, May 14, 2-4pm
Hesse Park

"IN HER OWN WORDS"



An all-new play by Readers Theater, "In Her Own Words," by Cecilia Rogers, will be featured at the meeting. This new presentation was developed in consultation with Jacky Mason before she died, as the newest in our series of plays highlighting interesting facets of women's history. "In Her Own Words" is a presentation of distinguished American women writers - how they lived, what they felt, and most of all, what they wrote "in their own words." The play will feature both well-known figures, such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Louise May Alcott, women whose names are best known to American literary scholars, such as Hannah Mather Crocker, women telling unknown parts of American history, such as Elizabeth Custer, and a surprise guest or two! We all hope you will all join us to hear their stories and "their own words."

Save the Date!

July 09
Hesse Park



The Branch Planning Meeting on July 9th is a critical date for the branch! It is the time when we not only outline the coming year's activities, but when we take a stock of what is working, what can we do better and what we need to concentrate on. We need a broad representation! New or newer members are especially welcome!



2019 NCCWSL PROJECT ON THE MOVE!

Four final candidates have been selected to attend the AAUW Leadership Conference on May 29 through June 1, 2019. All of these young women have wonderful leadership qualities, and we look forward to hearing about their conference experience at Fall Fling.

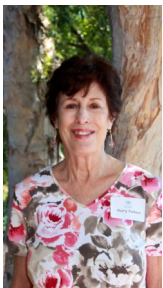
Additionally, the NCCWSL Project Committee has added three new members-- Nancy Bell, Ruth Bloland and Lynne Jones--to help the Committee in fulfilling the goals we have set for 2019-2020. These goals are to increase our presence at Marymount California University, promote more publicity for AAUW/MCU and begin fundraising in order to provide future students the ability to attend the Conference.

In regards to fundraising, our first request resulted in Harris Financial Advisors, Inc., Torrance, California donating \$2000 to our Marymount Fund. Their specialty of financially helping women in transition met AAUW's mission toward equality, rights and enhancement of women.

Additionally, we presented our project to Lena Beker, CEO and Founder of Roze Room Hospice who currently has five hospice programs throughout the Southern California area. Lena donated \$4000 to the Marymount Project Fund after hearing our story about how we impact young women interested in leadership development.

What we are learning is that the AAUW/MCU NCCSWL Project speaks to people who believe in our mission. Hopefully, this is the beginning of other organizations contributing to the NCCWSL Project. We encourage all of you to look where you have current involvement and evaluate the possibility they might contribute to make a difference in these young women's lives. If you have someone in mind, please contact me to discuss further. Elayne Nahman, Chair NCCWSL Project

A Tribute to Mary Palmer



Mary Palmer, a longtime and very active member of our branch passed away on Friday, March 15th.

Mary was born and grew up in Texas, but relocated to our Southbay area where she taught English at Wilmington Middle School. Mary joined AAUW and took special interest in the Tech Trek program. It was in part through her efforts that Wilmington Middle School was selected to send 7th grade girls to summer science camp. On retirement, Mary took over as co-chair for the program at our branch. She was also participated in an AAUW Bridge group, Night Books, and Art Appreciation. Mary enjoyed activities involving nature. She was especially fond of hiking and camping. We will miss her friendship, her fine sense of humor, her vibrancy and enthusiasm for life.



The Status of Women and Girls in CA ~ 2019

For the past eight years Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. It is an impressive document and I would encourage members to log on to: www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf and review the findings – they may surprise you.

This year's report entitled, *Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity* “celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety.” It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in CA. The following bills passed during the last legislative session were significant in making strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls; you may recognize some of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California. (SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY: Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION: Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace — excluding bathrooms — for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS. Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)

EXTORTION: Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS: Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' RESTROOMS: Requires public schools serving students in grades six to 12 that meet the 40 percent pupil poverty threshold required to operate a federal Title I school wide program to always stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with no-cost feminine hygiene products. (ASSEMBLY BILL 10, GARCIA)

*Above material referenced from Mt. St. Mary's University annual *The Status of Women and Girls in CA 2019*

Submitted by Nancy Mahr

Attached are two pages of graphic statistics that pretty much summed up the report's findings. The intent this year was to contrast how women of different ethnicities and race, socio-economic status, age, sexual identification and orientation are faring and their ability to respond to different sets of opportunities and challenges.

INTEREST GROUPS—MAY/JUNE 2019

ART APPRECIATION

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

May 15: *The First Exhibition*

June 19: *Monet and Renoir in Argenteuil*

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers
310-293-7071
2nd Monday 7pm

May 13 and June 10
Location-TBD

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
310-508-3581
2nd Monday 9:30am

May 13: home of Sharon Andrade
The Lightkeepers by Abby Geni

June 10: home of Sharon Butler
Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

ECLECTIC READERS

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

May 16: home of Elayne Nahman
The Library Book by Susan Orlean

June 20: *Portrait of an Artist: A biography of Georgia O'Keefe*

NIGHT BOOKS

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

May 13: home of Maria Ashla
There, There by Tommy Orange

June: dinner-restaurant TBD

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

May 21: home of Bonnie Durling

June 18: home of Ruth Bloland

GRAND SLAMMERS

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

May 9: home of Ginny Whittier

June 13: home of Audrey Asher

PINOCHLE

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

May 7 and 21

June 4 and 18

SCRABBLE

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

May 6: location TBD

June 3: location TBD



GREAT DECISIONS

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

May 20: *The Rise of Populism in Europe*

June 17: Decoding U.S.-China Trade

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

May 20: *The Rise of Populism in Europe*

June 17: *Decoding U.S.-China Trade*

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

May 15 (note date change from 1st Wed.

Jun. 06

FIRST FRIDAY

TEA and CONVERSATION

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
1st Friday 2-4pm

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

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

These small groups gather according to special, mutual interests. Some popular activities have more than one group due to limitations of space or require a short waiting list. Formation of new groups is encouraged and anyone interested in starting a group will be given guidance.



Time to renew your AAUW-PVP membership for 2019 -20

Current membership expires June 30, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

OK to list your cell number in branch Directory? _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail: _____ Birthday (Mo & Day Only) _____

Updates or corrections to the Directory?

Branch Newsletter: (Circle One) E-mail U.S Mail (Suggest \$10 donation to cover postage/printing)

Dues Breakdown:

AAUW National \$59 (\$56 tax deductible) AAUW CA \$ 20 PVP Branch \$22 TOTAL \$101

How much do you pay?

Regular Member: (AAUW National + AAUW CA + Branch) \$101

Life Member: (AAUW CA + Branch) \$42

Dual Member: (Branch dues only) \$22

Additional donation would be appreciated

To Branch \$ _____ To AAUW Funds \$ _____ Dues + donation = Total Check \$ _____

Please make check payable to AAUW-PVP

Mail to: AAUW-PVP, P.O. Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

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AAUW Mission Statement

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

**Council Co-chairs: Maria Ashla,
Ruth Bloland, Nancy Mahr and
Dale Richards**

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

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Margery Norris**

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**Deadline for Summer Coast-
Lines articles, May 30, 2019**

BRANCH CALENDAR MAY/JUNE 2019

May 14, Tues	Branch meeting, 2-4 pm, Readers Theater, annual meeting, election of officers. Hesse Park
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June 30, Sun.	2018-2019 membership dues expire
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