

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September, October 2019



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Fall Fling



• **Saturday, September 21, 2019 2-4 p.m.**

Hesse Park

Reservations necessary

Welcome to AAUW's Annual Fall Event where prospective members are welcome. Come and enjoy the camaraderie and social interaction we provide. Refreshments will be served. Learn about our plans for the coming year:

- -Our mission
- -Our committees
- -Our special programs
- -Our interest groups
- No charge for guest, but please make a reservation.
- For PVP members your \$15 check payable to AAUW/PVP is your reservation.
- Please mail to Fran Brown, franbrown5@cox.net



Summer Gathering



Join us for a relaxed summer afternoon at Joanie Gale's home .

No program—just refreshments and fun!

Saturday, August 17, 2019...2 to 4 p.m.
2405 Via Sobrante, P.V.E 90275

RSVP: mnorris@carr.com

AAUW PVP REPORT ON PLANNING MEETING

By Dale Richards

The PVP Branch of AAUW held a planning meeting on Tuesday, July 9th. A group of 23 enthusiastic members gathered from 2-4pm in the Fireside Room at Hesse Park to discuss events for the upcoming year.

Dale Richards welcomed the attendees and stated the objectives.

- Hear Member Input
- Fill in the Branch Calendar
- Develop program and project ideas for the year
- Suggest Ideas for Outreach to the community

Attendees received updates on Membership (Fran Brown and Leann Roque), Financials (Faith Morrow), Readers Theater (Cecilia Rogers) and the Marymount Project (Elayne Nahman).

After reviewing a chart of activities that occurred in the 2018-2019 year, members received a handout of the planned calendar for 2019-2020.

The individual tables of members then participated in small group discussion of four questions that were prepared in advance to help facilitate the objectives of the meeting. The ideas generated were later shared with the entire group of attendees.

The first question involved Fall Fling format and the many ideas generated will be incorporated in our Fall Fling Event on Saturday, September 21 from 2-4 in Hesse Park.

The second question asked for program suggestions. There were many excellent suggestions which will be followed up on. Expect some outstanding speakers at our upcoming Branch Meetings. There was interest in having another Tri-Branch Meeting (PV, Beach Cities, Torrance). After the planning meeting, we determined that there will be one held on January 11, 2020.

The third question was on Community outreach. There were many ideas offered, but no conclusion has been reached at this time.

The fourth question dealt with ideas around additional informal social times. Look for announcements on these in this and upcoming editions of Coastlines.

Next was a description of KBUG (Know Before You Go) an opportunity related to working directly with our Tech Trek alumnae. If interested, contact Fran Brown, Kathy Ford or Denise DeVenuto.

The meeting concluded with a short discussion of Interest Groups, including a handout developed by Nancy Rayner, which lists the many interest groups in other CA AAUW Branches.

Thanks to all who attended! If you missed this meeting but have ideas that you would like to have considered, please contact Dale Richards or Nancy Mahr.



AAUW/MARYMOUNT NCCWSL PROJECT UPDATE

By Elayne Nahman

Our Marymount California University liaison, Kim Hernandez, has moved on to a new opportunity. However, she has agreed to continue to work on the NCCSWL Project for us. Her replacement, Jeremy Booker, who started July 1st, will be the current Assistant Director of Student Life and we will be working with him on various campus activities. We also look forward to meeting the young women who attended the AAUW Conference this year at our Fall Fling event.



September/October Birthdays

<i>Charlene Pickarts</i>	9/6
<i>June Kagdis</i>	9/7
<i>Tamara Kittiver</i>	9/10
<i>Nancy Mahr</i>	9/14
<i>Anna May Labbe</i>	9/15
<i>Cecilia Rogers</i>	9/15
<i>Patricia Dilks</i>	9/16
<i>Barbara Todd</i>	9/20
<i>Keiko Yamane</i>	9/24
<i>Connie Davenport</i>	9/29
<i>Virginia Whittier</i>	10/7
<i>Carol Torelli</i>	10/23
<i>Jan Cofer</i>	10/24
<i>Diana Durham</i>	10/24

If we missed your birthday or a correction needs to be made, please inform Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

LIFE EVENTS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS?

Margery Norris, Corresponding Secretary

If you would like to have a get well message, sympathy card, congratulations, thank you or other group message sent to one of our branch members, please request one from our Corresponding Secretary, Margery Norris, at mnorris@ca.rr.com, or at (310) 514-3980.

New Interest Group

Coffee with Friends

2nd Wednesday of the month 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 11

Wednesday, October 9

Starbucks at The Promenade

Let's meet outside

Fran Brown and Leann Roque

Sara Bowlus



Longtime AAUW member, Sara Bowlus, passed away June 13. She was at home cared for by Hospice and her family. Sara was a founding member of Grandslammers bridge group more than 15 years ago. We looked forward to dessert at her house with her wonderful Southern recipes. She was the generous hostess for several Fall Fling events in her backyard and audited AAUW/PVP books for several years. Sara was a long-time member of St. John Fisher. Until very recently she was an important member of the choir. We remember that many years ago she drove to Santa Barbara for voice lessons. Sara was a dedicated volunteer at PV Resale - every Tuesday for many years. We'll remember her with her email name: Grandmasara@..... That says it all.

Thank you from AAUW PVP to Sara's husband, Bo, for the donation to AAUW given in her memory.



Denise DeVenuto & Maria Ashla



Margery Norris



Dale Richards



Nancy Mahr

Branch Awards Outstanding Service at Annual Luncheon

By Nancy Mahr

Greetings and conversation filled the room at the Red Onion when 34 AAUW PV members gathered for the annual Branch Recognition Luncheon on June 8. The gathering was in honor of branch members Margery Norris, Denise DeVenuto and Leann Roque. Leadership Co-Chair Dale Richards opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. Dale recognized and thanked the outgoing Leadership Team Chairs Maria Ashla and Ruth Bloland and outgoing Membership Chair Margery Norris.

Margery Norris was named the 2019 Status of Women awardee. This award honors a woman who has served the community and is an exemplary role model for women. Margery's life has been filled with volunteer service to many community-based groups, including Harbor Interfaith Services and Rainbow House. She has given her support to people in need and to those who have not had full community recognition and support. She is warm and gracious to all.

In our branch, we recall Margery's informative presentations and her dedicated work as Membership Chair. Leadership Co-Chair Nancy Mahr presented the award.

Our Named Gift Honorees, Denise DeVenuto and Leann Roque, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the branch. Denise's leadership and promotion of Tech Trek was highlighted. Leann was commended for her work with membership activities, finance and the website. Maria Ashla presented the awards.

Event attendees responded to the awards with hearty applause. All were impressed with the dedication of these outstanding women and are proud that they are branch members.



Our branch's 2019 campers at Tech Trek Orientation on June 9.

Photos by Willis Binnard



Dana Gorman, Dale Richards, Fran Brown, and Muriel Blatt assisting campers with their thank you cards.

Tech Trek Summer 2019 Update

By Kathy Ford

PVP and the Tech Trek Committee had another terrific year. We sent 17 girls to four camps this summer: UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, and Whittier College. Thanks to all of you who supported our Tech Trek program by donating your time and money to make this possible. Your efforts made a big impact on 17 wonderful girls! And a special thanks to Denise DeVenuto for leading our branch's Tech Trek program for the past five years! She has made such a difference in the lives of so many girls.

At camp, the girls had one core class such as forensics, physics, robotics, marine biology, anatomy, chemistry, environmental science, coding, aerospace engineering, videography, or math. They also worked on small group projects which they planned, researched and then presented at the end of the week. Tech Trek camp includes field trips, the chance to meet with a variety of professional women in STEM careers, make new friends and experience life on a college campus. The girls who attend camp develop a concrete vision of going to college and studying STEM. I spoke to Sierra Spanjol who attended camp at UC Santa Barbara. Her core class was math, but what she really enjoyed were the hands-on projects that enabled her to build things. She learned more about civil engineering at Professional Women's Night where several engineers and other STEM professionals spoke. She also learned about marine biology and oceanography. Sierra felt that her experience at camp opened up new opportunities for her and she recommends the experience for other girls.

Branch members and their guests can hear more about our campers' experiences by joining them and their families at **Celebrate Tech Trek on Sunday,**

October 13th at Hesse Park from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. This is a very special event and we hope you all take this opportunity to see and hear the campers and their parents talk about how Tech Trek has impacted their lives and expectations for the future.

Another opportunity to meet and talk with campers, will be the Tech Trek Alumnae Group (**TTAG reunion picnic at Hesse Park on Sunday, August 11th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Alumnae campers, KBUG mentors and mentees, and PVP branch members are welcome. Please RSVP to Charlotte Maguy, techtrekalum@yahoo.com or to Denise DeVenuto, dendev88@gmail.com to allow for planning food and refreshments. Denise will continue in her role as our branch's representative with the South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group as TTAG Advisor.

Tech Trek is a major part of AAUW's core mission of promoting equity and education for women and girls. You can further this mission by participating in next year's Tech Trek camper selection by joining our **Tech Trek Committee**. **Our first planning meeting will be August 29th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the home of Kathy Ford. There will be volunteer opportunities to read application essays and interview applicants, coordinate with the two middle schools from which we select applicants, help plan this October's Celebrate Tech Trek as well as Orientation in June of 2020, and more. Come to the planning meeting to learn about our program and plans for next year's camps. For further information and to RSVP, please contact Kathy at kjsford@me.com. I hope to hear from you!

Branch to Approve 2019-2020 Operating Budget

The 2019-2020 branch operating budget has been approved by Branch Council members and is presented below for the general membership. At the September 21, 2019 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.

	2018-2019 Proposed	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Proposed
Income			
Branch Dues	2,600.00	2,546.00	2,300.00
Coastline Donations	50.00	50.00	40.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	780.00	832.00	700.00
Events net	0.00	187.89	0.00
* Reserve withdraw	390.00		1,110.00
Total	3,820.00	3,615.89	4,150.00
Expenses			
General Operating	400.00	126.65	300.00
** Insurance	600.00	463.00	600.00
CoastLines	225.00	113.86	225.00
Directory	175.00	134.17	175.00
Membership	250.00	312.72	300.00
Programs	500.00	352.91	500.00
Hospitality	250.00	0.00	250.00
Leadership seminars	100.00	0.00	100.00
*** Convention/Annual Meeting	200.00	0.00	500.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	300.00	50.00	200.00
CA assessments	125.00	90.00	125.00
*** Donation to EOF & LAF	420.00	403.00	350.00
Branch website	125.00	119.88	125.00
Potential activities	0.00	0.00	250.00
**** TTAG	150.00	120.98	150.00
Marymount	0.00	242.44	0.00
Total	3,820.00	2,529.61	4,150.00

NOTES:

* Reserve Withdraw based on actual expenses. Total expenses not to exceed budgeted amount without leadership approval

** We are required to take insurance through AAUW CA

*** \$3.00 per Branch member donation to National EOF & LAF Funds

**** Registration only

**** Tech Trek Alumnae Group composed of former campers from PV, Torrance, and Beach Cities

INTEREST GROUPS—SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2019

ART APPRECIATION

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

Sept. 18

Oct. 16

(This group is filled. If you are interested in joining a new art group, contact Mary Shackle at pmsackle@verizon.net)

READERS THEATER

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

For information contact
 Cecilia Rogers.

Location-TBD

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

Sept. 09: home of JoAnn DeFlon
Educated by Tara Westover

Oct. 14: home of Mary Shackle
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

ECLECTIC READERS

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

Sept. 19: home of Jan Cofer
The Island of Sea Women by
 Lisa See

Oct. 17: home of Fran Brown
Inheritance by Dani Shapiro

NIGHT BOOKS

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

Sept. 09: home of Karen Gottlieb
The Weight of Ink by Karen Gottlieb

Oct. 14: home of Joanie Gale
The House of Broken Angels by
 Luis Alberto Urrea

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

Sept. 17: home of JoAnn DeFlon

Oct. 15: home of Eunice McConaughy

GRAND SLAMMERS

2nd Thursday 1pm

Sept. 12: home of Betty Ettington

Oct. 10; home of Flo Fenton

PINOCHLE

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

Aug. 06 and 20

Sept. 3 and 17

Oct. 1, 15 and 29

Location TBD

SCRABBLE

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

Locations: TBD

GREAT DECISIONS

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

Sept. 16: *Cyber Conflicts and*
Geopolitics

Oct. 21: *The United States and*
Mexico Partnership tested

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair Kathleen Fitzgerald
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

Sept. 16: *Decoding U.S.—China*
Trade

Oct.21: *Cyber Conflicts and*
Geopolitics

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair Rowie Wolf
310-373-5970
1st Wednesday 7-9 pm
708 Yarmouth Rd, Lunada Bay

Aug. 7: *What I Did (or Will Do) on*
my Summer Vacation
 Dinner and Potluck Social
 Bring an appetizer, dessert or
 drinks for 4 to 6 people.

Sept. 04: TBD

Oct. 02: TBD

FIRST FRIDAY

TEA and CONVERSATION
Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
1st Friday 2-4pm

RSVP: JoAnn DeFlon
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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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and Dale Richards**

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

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Fran Brown**

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**Deadline for Nov/Dec
CoastLines articles, Sept. 30,
2019**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019**

August 17, Sat.	Summer Social, 2-4 pm, 2405 Via Sobrante PVI
September 21, Sat.	Fall Fling, 2-4 pm, Hesse Park
October 13, Sun,	Celebrate Tech Trek, 2-4 pm, Hesse Park