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ABOUT OUR AQUARIUM AND OCEAN Long Beach Aquarium Presentation



PV AAUW Branch Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2:00pm
Hesse Park



Val Hoffman and Leah Young, long time employees of the Long Beach Aquarium, will do a PowerPoint presentation and bring us up to date on changes that have taken place at the Aquarium and in our ocean environment.

See page 2 for more information.



CELEBRATE TECH TREK
Sunday, October 13, 2-4 pm
Hesse Park

*Bring
a
Friend!*

Please join us at Celebrate Tech Trek with the girls and their families.

Hear about their camp experiences on a college campus and how this program is impacting their lives. See for yourself, up-close and personal, how we are inspiring and motivating a generation of young women to build toward professional STEM careers. And bring your friends to share this rewarding experience.

There is no charge for this event but reservations are required. To make a reservation or get further information, please contact Libby Bergen at bergenlibby@gmail.com.

PRESENTATION: LONG BEACH AQUARIUM

By Myrna Plost

OK. So you've visited the Long Beach Aquarium. But have you been there recently as this world-class exhibit has never been more important. Today, the Pacific Ocean and sea life have become increasingly vital to our survival. And in Palos Verdes, the planet's largest and most diverse ocean is our next door neighbor. Many of us see it from our homes.

The Aquarium has more than 100 exhibits and is home to 12,000 ocean fish and animals representing 500 species. Some are outdoors, including the shark exhibit (don't get too close) which reinforces how important sharks are to the ecological survival of sea life. There's also an exhibit on our Water Future. And guess what—there's a brand new wing called Pacific Visions. This starts with an impressive art gallery and engages visitors in sensory audio visual experiences.

So you'd like to learn more. We have two speakers on November 12 who have been with the Aquarium over 20 years. They've been witness to the changes that have taken place at the Aquarium and to our ocean environment. Val Hoffman and Leah Young will present a power point presentation. If there is interest, we will plan a field trip and attendees can sign up after the presentation. Hope you can join us.

THE ROLE OF AAUW PVP IN THE FORMATION OF THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA VILLAGE

We can be proud of the fact that the PVP Village originated in our branch. In 2013, we sponsored a program featuring Helen Dennis, the nationally recognized leader on issues of aging and a widely read syndicated columnist. A study group was formed with the objective of learning more about the Village Concept discussed in her column. Sherry May, who was branch chair at the time, was the leader. A Library presentation to introduce the Village Concept to the community-at-large was organized and the response was so overwhelming that two more meetings were necessary to accommodate those interested.

Under Sherry's guidance and grand vision, the effort expanded to other organizations and individuals who shared social values and the needed expertise. In September 2015 the PVP Village was incorporated as a non-profit organization, officially becoming part of the National Village movement. At the end of the same year the Village enrolled its first members, several of whom were from AAUW.

Today the PVP Village is thriving. Its one hundred members continue independent living in the comfort and security of their homes and do so with dignity and a sense of community. Members, volunteers and staff deliver educational outreach, social events and needed services. The Events Calendar, available at the website, is a testimonial to the available activities. On September 4, 2019, the PVP Village presented its 4th Annual Upside of Aging Event at the Palos Verdes Golf Club, a conversation with Marc Freedman, author of *How to Live Forever: The Enduring Power of Connecting the Generations* and Helen Dennis who is now a Village and Board Member. Close to 400 guests came away with minds full of ideas and an understanding of their role as seniors: It is "elders [who] plant seeds for trees that will grow and shade future generations."

We deeply regret that Sherry is no longer with us to rejoice in the success of her efforts.

To learn more about the Village visit www.peninsulavillage.net or call (310)-991-3324



Happy Hour Wine & Hors d'oeuvres Potluck

October 18th, from 5PM - 7PM

At Leann Roque's home
27551 Longhill Drive RPV

If your last name starts with 'A' through 'M', bring wine
If your name begins with 'N' through 'Z', bring an appetizer/Hors d'oeuvre

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available

Please RSVP by October 15th to Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November/December Birthdays

Kathleen Fitzgerald	11/05
Kathy Ford	11/05
Bonnie Durling	11/08
Geraldine Belleville	11/10
Berta Bilezikjian	11/14
Barbara Prassas	11/14
Vickie McCorkendale	11/21
Eileen Edelson	11/28
Marilyn Morton	11/28
Joanne Fallon Finnegan	12/01
Margery Norris	12/09
Dale Richards	12/23
Florence Fenton	12/24
Linda Ann Bonini	12/27
Diana Cahill	12/28
Joanie Gale	12/28
Lucielle Dzwonczyk	12/29
Shirley Starke-Wallace	12/30

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

MEMBERSHIP

Chairs: Fran Brown and Leann Roque

Please welcome eleven new members to our branch, and watch for the next "Getting To Know You" e-blast with brief bios of each.

Jennifer Addington
Kathy Berg
Paula Bold
Martha Feakins
Sue Gates
Deborah Hawkins
Ellen Jenkins
Patti Kitching
Wendy Louttit
Terri Plunkett

New Book Group Fourth Monday Book Group



Please join us on
Monday, Oct. 28, 2-4pm
at

Fran Brown's home
for an organizational meeting
where we'll pick books for our meetings
starting in January 2020

please rsvp: franbrown5@cox.net

A Second Art Appreciation Interest Group is being formed



We are in the process of trying to form a second art appreciation group. The current interest group is space impacted and cannot accept additional members at this time. We need a leader, a venue and interested participants. If you want to be involved and would like further details, contact dalerichards@gmail.com

AAUW/MARYMOUNT NCCWSL PROJECT ON THE MOVE AGAIN!

by Elayne Nahman

AAUW Committee members, Lynne Jones and Elayne Nahman, attended an Involvement Fair held at the Marymount campus on September 5th. It was an opportunity to tell students about our organization and about our mission. AAUW has plans to start a new Campus Group; 42 students signed up to learn more. Not that many will participate, but it was wonderful publicity for our organization. Look for more about our Campus Group in future Coastlines.

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

On August 29th, the Art Appreciation Group went on a docent-led tour of artwork at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach. What an informative and fun day!



OUR ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL

What a Delightful Afternoon!!



Our annual Summer Social was at Joanie Gale's lovely patio and home. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing, eating, and enjoying a summer afternoon on the patio. Even the weather was perfect.



FALL FLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Our Fall Fling event held at Hesse Park on Saturday September 21st was a great success. Thirty-four members and 17 guests attended. Eight guests joined our organization--Kathy Berg, Paula Bold, Sue Gates, Deborah Hawkins, Ellen Jenkins, Wendy Loutitt, Terri Plunkett and Gail Ruder. Among the guests invited were three of our Marymount Conference attendees-- Jocylene Gonzales, Cecilia Lucas and Eddina Robinson. They each spoke eloquently about their experience at NCCWSL and what they brought back from the conference. The audience was entranced by their words and passion. A special guest was Mary Harris, founder and President of Harris Financial Advisors who was one of the first persons who donated to the AAUW/Marymount NCCWSL Project when approached by AAUW this year.

There was much socializing among members and guests , but the highlight was when three of our own formed a trio to become the "AAUW-PVP Singers". Cecilia Rogers, Margery Norris, and Diana Durham sang two songs during the program with the audience singing along. These songs were envisioned by Ruth Bloland in the middle of the night and she awoke to write them the next morning. One was about the AAUW Mission and the other about our various Interest Groups.

Dale Richards served as emcee and gave us a wonderful history of AAUW, our mission and the story of our local branch accomplishments. We learned about Tech Trek from Kathy Ford and AAUW/Marymount NCWWSL Project from Elayne Nahman. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a fantastic social event that was both fun and informative.



Mary Harris, President of Harris Financial Advusors, Nanci Bell, Elayne Nahman and Jocelyn Gonzalez-Marymount student



Elayne Nahman and Fran Brown-Fall Fling Co-chairs and Dale Richards, PV AAUW Co-chair



Kathy Ford, Tech Trek Chair



Margery Norris, Cecilia Rogers and Diana Durham , AAUW-PVP singers



AAUW co-chair Dale Richards and Eddina Robinson-Marymount NCCWSL student



Cecilia Lucan, NCCWSL student

TTAG Members Enjoy 5th Annual Reunion Picnic at Hesse Park by Charlotte Maguy, co-president of South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group



On Sunday, August 11th, our South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) held their fifth annual picnic reunion for all of the alumnae campers from the three local AAUW branches. We had a great turnout at Hesse Park, with over 30 girls attending. We provided lunch and plenty of activities for the girls. Beginning with an icebreaker game, the girls had a lot of fun getting to know each other, participating in a scavenger hunt and playing games in the park. The 2019 former campers were able to bond with the older high schoolers to get advice and learn from them. After lunch on the patio, the girls came back inside to make their very own ice cream sundaes - delicious!

We then heard from professional and college women who are Tech Trek alumnae campers. We had three speakers: Ruqayya Toorawa- Millennium Space Systems Mechanical Engineer, Brittney Castillo- Environmental Architect and Katelyn Maheia- freshman at California Institute of the Arts. Our TTAG members truly enjoyed learning about this diverse group of women and their career paths. The event turned out to be a huge success for our group and we plan to continue having more events like this in the future.

Ruqayya Toorawa, as well as several other young women, will also be speaking at TTAG's Women in STEM Careers forum at the Lawndale Library on October 19, from 1-3 pm. This event is free and open to the public and is organized and co-sponsored by TTAG.

Submitted by Denise DeVenuto

Picture by Libby Bergen

Branch Public Policy Chair Reaching for a Star ★ by Nancy Mahr

AAUW has launched a Five Star National Recognition Program to reward affiliates (states, branches, other organizations) for aligning their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. The program is designed to promote cohesion between AAUW national and affiliates and increase understanding and implementation of the strategic plan goals. National recognition allows AAUW National to acknowledge and celebrate affiliates that advance AAUW's mission.

Participants can send in information about their work in the areas of Programs, Advancement (funds), Communications & External Relations, Public Policy and Research, and Governance & Sustainability. Each area has specific goals for participants to meet. A star for each area completed is awarded, up to 5 stars.

The public policy discussion group (previously Breaking Barriers) reviewed the program requirements and determined that our branch would be most successful in the Public Policy area. We will be working on activities that align with the national goals in the Public Policy area.

INTEREST GROUPS—NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2019

ART APPRECIATION

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

Nov. 20
 Dec. 18

This group is filled. If you are interested in joining a new art group, please see information on page 3 of newsletter.

READERS THEATER

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

Nov. 11: home of Carol Torelli
 Dec. 09 holiday get-together
 Location-TBD

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

Nov. 11: home of Barbara Todd
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Dec. 09: 11:30am, lunch at Bluewater Grill

ECLECTIC READERS

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

Nov. 21: home of Elayne Nahman
For You Mom, Finally by Ruth Reichl

Dec 19: holiday luncheon



NIGHT BOOKS

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

Nov. 11: home of Rowie Wolf
The Source of Self Regard by Toni Morrison

Dec. 09: holiday potluck dinner
 Location: TBD

BRIDGE-ETTES

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

Nov. 19: home of Jan Cofer

Dec. 12: holiday luncheon 11:30am
 Seaview South Clubhouse
 Contact: Judy Purvis, 310-375-8578

GRAND SLAMMERS

Contact: Nell Mirells
310-377-9468
2nd Thursday 1pm

Nov. 14: home of Joann Finnegan

Dec. 12: holiday luncheon 11:30am
 Seaview South Clubhouse
 Contact: Judy Purvis 310-375-8578

PINOCHLE

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

Nov. 05 and 19
 Dec. 03 and 17
 Location TBD

SCRABBLE

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

Locations: TBD

GREAT DECISIONS

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

Nov. 18: *State of the State Department and Diplomacy*

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald
3rd Monday 10am, Northside

Nov. 18: *The United States and Mexico-Partnership Tested*

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete
310-377-0642
708 Yarmouth Rd, Lunada Bay
PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf
310-373-5970
1st Wednesday 7-9pm

Nov. 06: TBD
 Dec. 04: Holiday Potluck Dinner

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

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown and Leann Roque
2nd Wednesday 10am

Nov. 13
 Dec. 11

Starbucks at the Promenade



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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Fran Brown**

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**Deadline for Jan/Feb
CoastLines articles,
Nov. 30, 2019**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
November, December 2019**

October 13, Sun.	Celebrate Tech Trek, 2-4 pm, Hesse Park
October 18, Fri.	Happy Hour, 5-7 pm at Leann Roque's home
November 12, Tues.	Branch Meeting, Hesse Park, 2-4 pm
November 13, Wed.	Coffee with Friends, Starbucks at Promenade
December 11, Wed.	Coffee with Friends, Starbucks at Promenade