

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2020



## Summer 2020

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## Join us on ZOOM for our Branch Planning Meeting



Tuesday, July 14, 2-3:30pm



In these unusual times, it is especially important to get ideas from as many members as possible.

Let us know what type of activities you would like to have for the near future and for when we are able to meet in person.

Give us feedback on what has been working for you and what needs to be improved.

We welcome help – How would you like to be involved?

Meeting agenda and log in information will be sent by E-Blast a week before the meeting.

Meeting agenda and ZOOM link information will be sent by E-Blast a week before the meeting.



Celebrate National Girl Friends Day  
with your AAUW friends

via ZOOM on Saturday, August 1

Join us for BINGO GAME NIGHT

at 7:00pm

Please rsvp to receive the Zoom link  
franbrown5@cox.net

## Interview with Assembly member Muratsuchi

Legislative Interviews 2020

In April, a team of AAUW members interviewed Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (66<sup>th</sup> District) via conference call. Our interview team: Denise DeVenuto, Nancy Mahr, Elayne Nahman, Nancy Rayner.

Nancy Mahr spoke about AAUW and our mission and described our advocacy work.

Assembly member Muratsuchi shared his observations and concerns relating to the coronavirus pandemic, including increased testing capacity and more protective equipment. He commended Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcetti for their leadership in addressing the crisis. He also stated that measures related to the virus would take priority over other bills when the Legislature returns for duty. He noted that his Torrance office is overwhelmed with people who have lost businesses or are unable to pay their rent or mortgages. He noted that this is not just a health crisis, but an economic crisis which is the worst since the Great Depression. This crisis has resulted in a tremendous downturn in our state budget.

Denise DeVenuto commented on the need for testing on college campuses as students return to school in the fall.

Nancy Rayner asked about domestic violence and the pandemic. Muratsuchi noted that this has increased around the world during this time. His office is aware of the issue.

Nancy then asked about AB 2762, a cosmetics safety bill authored by Muratsuchi. He explained that the bill has strong opposition from the cosmetic industry. The industry argues that they can't keep out trace amounts of asbestos. He said he is planning to push (this bill) forward.

Elayne Nahman raised AB 973 which would require private employers of 100 or more employees to file an annual pay data report which would highlight any differences between employees – for example men and women. He said that he supports this bill.

Denise DeVenuto spoke about Tech Trek and the Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG). Assemblyman Muratsuchi said he is well-acquainted with Tech Trek. Denise explained that the girls who were selected for this summer's camps will not be able to attend camp, but they will be welcome to participate in TTAG activities.

Assembly member Muratsuchi's office is always available to help with any concerns residents may have.

### Branch Vote by Survey - Results

The proposed slate of Branch Officers for 2020-21 was unanimously elected by members who voted on the survey vote sent out June 6. Survey invitations were sent to 123 members. 54 voted on the survey and all voted in favor of the slate. This vote met all election requirements in our Bylaws. Congratulations to the current officers who will serve for another year.

**Co-Chairs:** Dale Richards  
Nancy Mahr

**Treasurer:** Faith Morrow

**Co-Membership Chairs:**  
Fran Brown,  
Leann Roque

### Social Events

by Fran Brown

Our Branch members have been enjoying virtual socialization.

Coffee with Friends continues every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. To join please contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for an invitation.

Summer Solstice Happy Hour via ZOOM, Saturday, June 20th, 5-6pm.

We're very excited to celebrate National Girl Friends Day with our first virtual **GAME NIGHT** on Saturday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m.



## July/August Birthdays

	July
Jan Gardener	07
Helen Vakil	07
Grace Leonard	10
Denise De Venuto	12
Cordelia Hwang	14
Judy Purvis	14
Mary Shackle	16
JoAnn DeFlon	23
Peggy Tigerman	26
Myrna Plost	30
	August
Elayne Nahman	03
Jody Wiggins	03
Scotty Wuerker	07
Sue Reese	09
Muriel Blatt	10
Anne Destabelle	13
Geri Chaudhri	15
Fran Brown	27
Pilar Hale	28
Leslie Criswell	29
Jeanne Wilson	29

## New Members

Fran Brown and Leann Roque are delighted to introduce our newest members. After very successful careers, they are both retired and are already participating in several of our groups.

Please welcome: Shera Dolmatz-Finkel and Jane Harris

Although we will not be able to have our usual Fall Fling, our annual membership recruitment event, you are encouraged to invite prospective members to any of our virtual events.



## Dues are Due!

It's time to renew your membership for 2020-2021! 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

## New Interest Group – Armchair Travelers



By Jan Cofer

Many of us are frustrated travelers who have had to cancel upcoming travel plans, some of us may feel that most of their travel days are behind them, and others may just be interested in talking about travel. No matter which category you are in, this may be the group for you. Some of the topics we might discuss are means of travel, destinations, and travel tips and ideas. The group might choose to read books about travel for a travel book discussion. Those who have photos of past trips may wish to share them on ZOOM. Polished presentations will not be expected. Each month a volunteer leader can choose a topic for discussion.

There will be an organizational meeting on Saturday, July 25 at 11:00 am on ZOOM and a future meeting time will be determined. Please call me at (310) 791-8337 or email me at [jan-cofer@gmail.com](mailto:jan-cofer@gmail.com) if you wish to be included on the invitation for the ZOOM meeting.

## **TTAG Update**

by Denise DeVenuto, TTAG Advisor PVP

Our South Bay group of high school Tech Trek Alumnae (TTAG) will hold a virtual Tech Trek experience for the 2020 Tech Trek candidates from Palos Verdes, Beach Cities and Torrance branches. South Bay TTAG has been holding Zoom meetings to plan the virtual camp which will be held one week in July.

So far, our plans include a Marine Science class taught by Scott Simon, UCSB professor and director of the REEF program, and a long-time teacher at UCSB Tech Trek camp. We have also invited a chemistry teacher to teach a class. Recorded webinars which will be pre-screened for appropriateness, will also be utilized. Possible topics include speakers regarding careers as engineers, doctors, space exploration with NASA, as well as gender bias in certain careers such as engineering, and a virtual tour of two STEM companies.

### **Alumnae Camper Followup**

I've been busy catching up with our alumnae campers and I'm excited to share a sampling of the news about their recent successes. Mia D. (attended UCSD camp in 2016) is a rising senior at Port of Los Angeles Academy (POLA). She called to let me know that she has accepted an internship at Boeing this summer. Sabrina A. (UCSD 2015) just graduated from the California Academy of Math and Science. She will be attending a prestigious engineering college, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York, with a generous merit scholarship. Megan V. (UCSB 2015) graduated from POLA and will be attending UCLA. Her sister, Emily V. (UCSB 2010) earned a B.A. degree from George Washington University, and will be taking the LSAT exam in August. Jada N. (UCSD 2015) graduated from POLA and will be starting Army boot camp this summer. She sends her appreciation for her Tech Trek camp experience because, "it really helped me with math and science and put me on the path to be a medic."

### **Status of Women Award 2020**



An article in the May/June 2020 issue of Coastlines announced Nancy Wilcox as the recipient of the Status of Women Award 2020. At that time we didn't have a picture of Nancy. We do have one for this issue so please meet Nancy Wilcox.

Nancy Wilcox



## PVP Tech Trek Status Update

by Kathy Ford, AAUW PVP Tech Trek Branch Coordinator

I'm happy to provide a bit of good news for our 2020 Tech Trek girls. UC San Diego camp partner Qualcomm offered to work with AAUW to pilot a smaller virtual robotics camp for 40 girls to be held this August 3-7. UC San Diego Camp Director Mary Isaac worked with Qualcomm to offer **STEMinists Making Change** to the 2020 girls selected to attend the San Diego camp, including the 4 girls selected by PVP. Two of our girls applied for the opportunity to participate in the random drawing and Buenalee J. was selected. Mary also provided a list of other virtual opportunities that can be explored for free this summer by the other girls selected to attend UC San Diego. I will provide this same information to all our 2020 girls selected for the other camps. Our thanks to Mary for working to provide a STEM camp experience to our girls.

We still have the reservation at Hesse Park for October 4, 2020 as originally planned for Celebrate Tech Trek. If it is possible to honor our girls in person, we will have a place and time to do so. We want to recognize and present each girl a certificate for being selected in a competitive process. However, it may not be feasible to have such a large group gathering so I will advise you of the final plans by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

This has been a challenging year for Tech Trek and there are still many challenges ahead. More information about the program for 2020/2021 is expected by early September so we will have a better idea of what to plan for. I look forward to connecting with our dedicated Tech Trek Committee for the upcoming year.

Stay safe and well!



## Virtual Technologies Committee Update

By Jan Cofer



The Virtual Technologies Committee has been very active since its inception. Leann Roque, Membership Co-Chair has joined the VTC committee. The other committee members are Maria Ashla, Fran Brown, Donna Day, Nancy Rayner, and Dale Richards. We have been active assisting individual members and interest groups with online activities as well as facilitating AAUW social activities and training ourselves. If you or your group needs assistance, please let one of the committee members know.

One of my projects is to assist members with online games such as Scrabble and Bridge by using ZOOM to get together while playing Bridge or Scrabble online at the same time. This combination makes it possible to incorporate the social aspect of our interest group games. For Bridge we are using [www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com), and Scrabble and many other games can be played on [www.pogo.com](http://www.pogo.com). Both of these sites have games you can play with others you know or don't know as well as solitaire versions of the games. You must register at each of these web sites and choose a username, but you don't have to pay.

**Let me know if you would like to participate in a branch online Bridge group, whether or not you are a member of one of our current Bridge groups. We already have players ready to play and can provide individual training to get you started.**



## INTEREST GROUPS – JULY/AUGUST 2020

**\* During the COVID-19 stay-at-home period, Bridgettes, Grand Slammers and Scrabble will not hold meetings. All other Interest Groups will continue to meet via Zoom.**

### ART APPRECIATION

**Chair: Nancy Rayner**  
[Nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:Nrayner777@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**  
**2 – 3PM**

**July 1 & 15**  
**August 5 & 19**

### READERS THEATER

**Chair: Cecilia Rogers**  
**310-293-7071**

Readers Theater will not meet in July/August. They are working on creating an online performance for the Branch!

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

**Chair: JoAnn DeFlon**  
**310-508-3581**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30AM**

July 13 – *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

August 10 – *Ophelia's Fan* by Christine Balint

### ECLECTIC READERS

**Chair: Jan Cofer**  
**310-791-8337**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2PM**

July 16 – *American Dirt* by Jeannine Cummins

August 20 – *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel

### NIGHT BOOKS

**Chair: Rowie Wolf**  
**310-373-5970**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7PM**

July 13 – *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips

August 10 - *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel

### 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY BOOK GROUP

**Chair: Fran Brown**  
**310-377-5254**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 – 4PM**

July 27 – *American Dirt* by Jeannine Cummins

August 24 – *The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding* by Jennifer Robson

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

**Chair: Jan Cofer**  
[jancofer@gmail.com](mailto:jancofer@gmail.com)  
 This group is just starting & is accepting members. Contact Jan Cofer if you are interested.

July 25 11AM  
 August TBD

### COOK'S CORNER

**Chair: Denise DeVenuto**  
[Dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:Dendev88@gmail.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 12N**

July 18  
 August 15  
 This group is just starting & is accepting members. Contact Denise DeVenuto if you are interested.

### GREAT DECISIONS

**Chair: Sharon Andrade**  
**310-541-2417**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10AM**

July 20 – Topic #3 - *Red Sea Security*

August – No meeting scheduled

### GREAT DECISIONS

**Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald**  
**310-373-0946**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10AM**

July 20 – Topic #6 - *China's Road into Latin America*

August 17 – Topic #7 - *The Philippines and the U.S.*

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

**Chair: Susan Negrete**  
**310-377-0642**  
**PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf**  
**310-373-5970**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7 – 9PM**

July 1: TBA

August 5: Topic – *What I Did(n't) do for the Summer.*

### FIRST FRIDAY TEA &

### CONVERSATION

**Chair: Kathryn Sandow**  
[reinventing@me.com](mailto:reinventing@me.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2 – 4PM**

July 3  
 August 7



## Time to renew your AAUW-PVP membership for 2020-21

**Current membership expires June 30, 2020**

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**  
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**AAUW Mission Statement**

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

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Mahr and Dale Richards**

**Treasurer: Faith Morrow**

**Membership Chairs: Leann  
Roque, Fran Brown**

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310-530-5847  
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**Deadline for Aug, Sept.  
CoastLines articles, Aug.  
15, 2020**

**BRANCH CALENDAR SUMMER 2020**

Jun. 20, Sat.	Summer Solstice Happy Hour via ZOOM, 5-6pm
Jun. 30, Tues.	2020-2021 Dues Deadline
July 14, Tues.	ZOOM Branch Meeting, 2-3:30pm
Aug. 01, Sat.	Bingo Game Night 7:00pm
Every Wed.	Coffee with Friends via ZOOM, 10-11am

**Enjoy Summer!**

