

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September, October 2020



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JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING



Tuesday, September 8, 2-3:30pm



Our speaker will be Jennifer Addington

Director of Palos Verdes Library District

“Your Library from Home: Exploring PVLD’s Digital Services”

This timely presentation will be followed by a short business meeting which will include approval of the 2020-2021 budget for our Branch

Meeting Agenda and ZOOM link information will be sent by Eblast prior to the meeting



BRANCH MEETING IN OCTOBER BALLOT MEASURE UPDATE

Tuesday, October 13, 2pm

At the October 13 virtual branch meeting, Nancy Mahr will present information on the propositions, including the AAUW/CA positions. Bring your questions.

PUBLIC POLICY: ELECTION 2020

VOTE!

The official day of the coming General Election is November 3. However, there are opportunities for you to vote earlier. Vote Centers (previously called polling places) will be open from Oct 28 on. There may be a few that open 10 days in advance, but that has not been finalized. If you plan to vote in person, go on one of the early days to avoid crowds. Also, you can vote early using a Vote-By-Mail ((VBM) ballot (previously called absentee ballot)

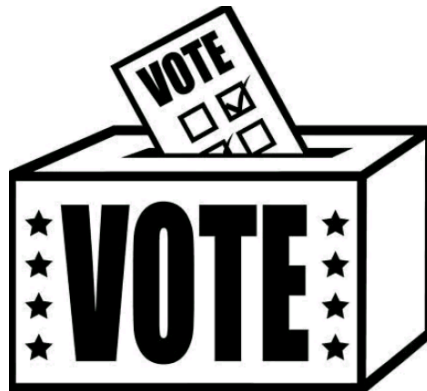
In early October, all registered voters in California will receive a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot. You have choices for using that ballot:

- Complete it and mail it in – if you do this, mail early. Ballots must be postmarked by Nov 3. They have 17 days after that date to reach the Registrar's office, but the postmark must be by Nov 3. If you put it in a mailbox on Nov 3 it will not be postmarked in time. Be early!
- Complete the ballot and drop it in an official drop box. The Registrar will post locations of drop boxes. The Registrar regularly collects the ballots from the boxes.
- Complete the ballot and take it to a Vote Center and hand it in.

You don't have to use the VBM ballot. You can vote in person and just hand in your unused ballot at the Vote Center.

RACES

This ballot will have a number of races on it. In addition to federal, state and county items, local elections are on the ballot – the cities, the school district, the library district, and the water districts (RPV will not hold an election as only 2 candidates filed for the 2 open seats).



BRANCH POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Policies & Procedures document has been updated. The revised document is available on the AAUW PVP website.

AAUW PVP membership directory will be mailed in September.



September/October Birthdays

<i>Kay Odgers</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>Marifyn Brashear</i>	<i>9/3</i>
<i>Charlene Pickarts</i>	<i>9/6</i>
<i>June Kagdis</i>	<i>9/7</i>
<i>Tamara Kittiver</i>	<i>9/10</i>
<i>Nancy Mahr</i>	<i>9/14</i>
<i>Anna May Labbe</i>	<i>9/15</i>
<i>Cecilia Rogers</i>	<i>9/15</i>
<i>Patricia Dilks</i>	<i>9/16</i>
<i>Paula Bold</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Barbara Todd</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Keiko Yamane</i>	<i>9/24</i>
<i>Connie Davenport</i>	<i>9/29</i>
<i>Virginia Whittier</i>	<i>10/7</i>
<i>Patricia Kitching</i>	<i>10/7</i>
<i>Priscilla Wright</i>	<i>10/16</i>
<i>Ellen Jenkins</i>	<i>10/17</i>
<i>Carol Torelli</i>	<i>10/23</i>
<i>Jan Cofer</i>	<i>10/24</i>
<i>Diana Durham</i>	<i>10/24</i>

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

*Need help with
ZOOM?
See page 5.*



HALLOWEEN GAME NIGHT

No Tricks, only the Treat of Playing
Bingo & ZOOMING together.

Friday, October, 30
7:00- 8:00 pm

If you have Halloween costumes, silly
hats, or jewelry, please wear them.

RSVP to get the required ZOOM link:
leannr@cox.net



COOK'S CORNER

September 12 , 12 noon

Our new interest group, Cooks' Corner, meets the third Saturday of the month at noon. However, the next meeting, because of Rosh Hashanah, will be September 12. The past two meetings have featured cooking demonstrations for making lasagna and chicken enchiladas. A recipe is provided before the Zoom meeting so the participants can have the ingredients on hand and follow along to prepare the dish during the demonstration. Our next meeting will feature techniques to make a tender, yet crispy, chicken parmesan. Contact Denise DeVenuto for the Zoom link, and join us on September 12.

July 14th ZOOM Branch Planning Meeting Was a Success!

By Dale Richards

Thank you to the 32 people who contributed ideas at this very lively planning meeting and to all those that helped to put the meeting together!

The topics covered were:

Of the things that we are doing now what works and what doesn't?

What would you like to see us do in the future – considering both branch activities and social activities using ZOOM and later whenever we are able to meet in person.

What topics would you suggest for a community meeting hosted by our branch in the spring?

What activity/project/program would you like to lead for the branch or suggest that the branch consider?

How do we reach members who are not usual participants?

The Leadership Team is using the input generated as we plan future branch activities. Three programs are already in progress:

September 8th presentation by Jennifer Addington

October 13th program on the CA Propositions – by Nancy Mahr

Potential tri-branch meeting on the morning of Saturday, November 14th – stay tuned for further details

There were also suggestions for new interest groups and social activities. You will be hearing more about those as well.

We are always open to hearing new ideas from you as the year progresses.

If you have an idea or would like to get involved in planning future activities, send an email to dalerichards@gmail.com

TECH TREK 2020

Kathy Ford, Tech Trek Coordinator and Treasurer

The Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) of the South Bay did a wonderful job providing all the 2020 Tech Trek girls selected by the Palos Verdes, Beach Cities and Torrance Branches the opportunity to attend a virtual Tech Trek camp. Denise DeVenuto and Terry Hays Horner were instrumental in making this happen. Ten girls selected by the PV Branch participated in the virtual camp and I enjoyed “visiting” during a Forensic Science presentation, seeing the girls engaged in the topic and asking questions. Congratulations to TTAG and their AAUW mentors who were able to quickly adjust to the cancellation of all in-person camps and still provide a valuable STEM experience.

Our Tech Trek Committee recommended and approved sending the Smithsonian Book of Knowledge and certificates to all our 2020 girls to recognize their achievement in being accepted to attend Tech Trek camp. AAUW-California also provided special t-shirts for all the girls to recognize their achievement. These have now been mailed to our Tech Trek class of 2020.

We now turn to 2021 with all the challenges involved. I am on the State Tech Trek Strategic Planning Committee to evaluate and plan for 2021 and will keep you posted as more information becomes available.



AAUW PVP EMBRACES ZOOM TECHNOLOGY

VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

By Jan Cofer

The Virtual Technologies Committee members are actively involved in most of our branch activities, both facilitating activities and providing support to members. Many of our AAUW members have become adept at using ZOOM and have adapted well to participating in online group meetings. While we miss the physical contact with each other, the ZOOM gatherings have enabled us to add additional dimensions to our activities through such features as on-screen sharing and breakout rooms. Participation in Scrabble and Bridge has not appealed to most members thus far, but we are able to host online bridge and scrabble games with a social component using a combination of ZOOM and an online game platform.

At our planning meeting in July some participants suggested that we have ZOOM meetings to allow members to get help on Zoom and learn some tips and tricks for using it. I have scheduled two ZOOM Users Group meetings on September 9 and October 14 at 2:00 pm. At these meetings participants will be able to ask questions about ZOOM and will learn about settings and features in ZOOM. We will address issues related to participating in a meeting and hosting a meeting. Several of our Virtual Technologies Committee members will be in attendance to answer questions and help experiment with different features of ZOOM.

Please RSVP to me at jancofer@gmail.com if you wish to attend either or both of these meetings. If you have any specific issues to be addressed, you may wish to let me know when you respond.

ZOOM USER GROUP

Wednesday, September 09

Wednesday, October 14

2:00pm

If you are interested in attending either or both of these sessions, RSVP

jancofer@gmail.com



A good time was had by all at the National Girlfriends Day Bingo game on August 1st. Another Halloween themed Bingo game is being planned for October. Prize winners were Maria Ashla, Kathy Berg, Libby Bergen, Ruth Bloland, Margery Norris, Mary Watson, and Jeanne Wilson. Many thanks to Martha Feakins for donating the official Bingo equipment.

TECH TREK ALUMNAE GROUP OF THE SOUTH BAY HOLDS SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL STEM CAMP

by Denise DeVenuto, TTAG Advisor/Coordinator PVP Branch

“I would like to share my thanks with everyone who made this camp possible. I was very sad when I heard Tech Trek camp was canceled due to COVID but having this virtual camp was amazing. I’m very grateful for all the knowledge I received from this experience. Thank you again.” - A Virtual TTAG Camper

A virtual camp was held via Zoom from July 27-31 by the Tech Trek Alumnae Group of the South Bay (TTAG). The virtual camp co-directors were Terry Hays Horner (Beach Cities TTAG Advisor), me, and Khushi Kumra, our student co-director. This camp was organized because the Tech Trek camps had been cancelled due to COVID-19. Fifty-two rising eighth grade girls from Palos Verdes, Beach Cities, and Torrance Branches participated in the week-long virtual camp planned and organized by TTAG to model resident Tech Trek camps as much as possible. All three branches shared in the costs of honorariums for the teachers and presenters. A truly amazing aspect of this event was that it went from conception in early June to execution by July 27, and by all accounts from campers, teachers, TTAG members and Advisors, a Tech Trek AAUW state representative, and several branch members – “It was a SUCCESS!”

The idea for a Virtual STEM camp sprang from a TTAG meeting in which previous campers and the TTAG advisors lamented that they wanted to “do something for the girls who didn’t get to go to Tech Trek camp.” That was how we decided to invite these girls to join TTAG and attend a virtual camp we would design. We discussed trying to incorporate as many features and objectives of a Tech Trek camp as possible given the limitations of holding an online camp.

I designed the initial version of the camp schedule to include a team building activity, two core classes, two presentations, and two webinars which were dropped. The final schedule included Forensic Science and Marine Science classes, a Chemistry professor’s presentation on Water, Sustainability and Equity, a Team Building Activity, a presentation on preparing for high school and college, a presentation by a graphic designer on her career, and the same Life Skills presentation that I gave in 2018 when I spent a week at the Tech Trek camp held at UC San Diego. All the teachers and presenters had participated at a Tech Trek camp or at a TTAG Women in STEM Careers Forum.

The class schedule also included post class break-out sessions. This enabled the high school- aged TTAG members to act as Group Discussion Leaders and interact with the campers to discuss the class curriculum, vocabulary and other related material. The Discussion Group Leaders met the week before the camp to formulate questions to discuss after each class session of the core classes. They each were assigned to a group of virtual campers. Their initiative and leadership exemplify the attributes that TTAG seeks to foster.

By the end of the week, the campers had become less reticent about speaking with each other and their Group Discussion Leader. Like Junior Counselors, the Group Discussion Leaders can be thought of by the campers as role models and friends. On Friday the campers were eagerly sharing their contact information so that they could stay in touch with other campers and their Group Discussion Leaders.



Although this virtual camp could not duplicate all of the experiences that Tech Trek campers normally have, the Marine Science teacher, Scott Simon (see photo), did an amazing job of making us all feel like we were on the campus of UC Santa Barbara. He started his presentation giving a tour of the REEF facility via his iPad, as well as the beach right outside the facility, and a visit with the marine life ambling about the tanks inside it. Scott also provided a view of some of the buildings nearby, noting a large building that houses a dorm that a camper might reside in someday as a UCSB student.

Scott Simon, director of UCSB’s
Research and Experience and
Education Facility (REEF)

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Like a regular Tech Trek camp, we planned a Visitors' Day on Thursday and invited branch members from all three branches who sent virtual campers. The comments were uniformly positive.

The last day of camp on Friday wrapped up with a discussion of how the camp went and a slide show about TTAG that I put together incorporating photos I've taken at TTAG events since 2015, as well as a large number of photos shared by Terry Hays Horner and Libby Bergen. We then informed the campers about the post-camp opinion survey that was to be provided to the campers, Group Discussion Leaders, and camp visitors. This had an overwhelming positive response with 53 individuals submitting their opinions.

Follow on TTAG activities include our annual TTAG Summer Movie Night in August which will be held online, enabling all the TTAG members to attend.

Thanks to the efforts of TTAG members, the support of the branches, and the dedicated teachers and presenters, this virtual camp was a resounding success. We hear that because of this our virtual camp is considered a model for potential future STEM camps.

"Having been a dorm mom last year for Tech Trek I was so impressed with the quality and content of the Virtual Camp that Denise and Terry put together this summer. We were able to bring together 52 girls who are now excited about the possibility of a STEM career in the future." Alice Matthews, Torrance Branch President

"This was such a rewarding learning experience for all of us, not only for the 2020 campers, but for the older TTAG members and we adult advisors. I especially appreciate how these young women took responsibility of many aspects of camp activities, such as being our Zoom Host and leading discussion groups. We couldn't have had this camp without them!" Terry Hays Horner, Beach Cities TTAG Advisor/Coordinator

"It (Monday) was a great kickoff, and no tech glitches! Dr. Brydges' Chemistry presentation was excellent and her ability to bring the subject into (everyone's) personal world was fabulous! Kudos to everyone; I am so impressed with the TTAG organization and their professional presentations. Their slides (the HighSchool/College Prep presentation) were great! Clearly, they have GREAT MENTORS!" **Susan Negrete, AAUW-California State Co-Coordinator: Tech Trek Program, CA Online & Torrance Branch**

New Membership Committee Position - Member Outreach

Helen Vakil has volunteered to be our **Member Outreach** person. She'll acknowledge significant life events such as milestone anniversaries, illness, and bereavement by reaching out on behalf of our entire Branch. Please notify her of such occasions at helenvakil@yahoo.com

A shout out to the wonderful Membership Committee who have been busy acknowledging birthdays and checking to see if Branch members need technical assistance during this unusual time.

Membership Committee Members are: Libby Bergen, Ruth Bloland, Fran Brown, Leslie Criswell, JoAnn DeFlon, Denise DeVenuto, Eileen Edelson, Martha Feakins, Lynne Jones, Elayne Nahman, Margery Norris, Nancy Rayner, Leann Roque, Helen Vakil

Branch to Approve 2020-2021 Operating Budget

The 2020-2021 branch operating budget has been approved by Branch Council members and is presented below for the general membership. At the September 8th 2020 ZOOM meeting 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 Actual	2019-2020 Proposed	2019-2020 actual	2020-2021 proposed
Income				
Branch Dues	2,600.00	2,300.00	2,618.00	2,354.00
Coastline Donations	50.00	40.00	40.00	60.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	165.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	780.00	700.00	700.00	1,086.00
Events net	0.00	0.00	-141.99	0.00
*Reserve withdraw	390.00	1,110.00	0.00	817.00
Total	3,820.00	4,150.00	3,040.01	4,317.00
Expenses				
Hesse Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Operating	400.00	300.00	143.00	300.00
** Insurance	600.00	600.00	473.00	456.00
CoastLines	225.00	225.00	52.35	150.00
Directory	175.00	175.00	141.24	250.00
Membership	250.00	300.00	184.35	300.00
Programs	500.00	500.00	100.00	300.00
Hospitality	250.00	250.00	75.46	200.00
Games/event expenses				200.00
Leadership seminars	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
***Convention/Annual Meeting	200.00	500.00	0.00	200.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	300.00	200.00	25.00	200.00
CA assessment AAUW Fund			65.00	65.00
LACIC assessment	125.00	125.00	41.00	41.00
\$3.00/per member Donation to Nat'l	420.00	350.00	388.00	330.00
Branch website	125.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
Potential activities	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Tech Trek Virtual Camp Experience				650.00
**** TTAG	150.00	150.00	92.77	200.00
Total	3,820.00	4,150.00	1,781.17	4,317.00

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

*** Registration only

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

INTEREST GROUPS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

* During the COVID-19 stay-at-home period, the Bridge and Scrabble Groups will not hold meetings. All other Interest Groups will continue to meet via ZOOM.

ART APPRECIATION

Chair: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st & 3rd Wednesday 2 – 3PM

September 2 – Classical Athenian Moment

October 7 – Classical Greek Art

October 21 – Hellenistic Art

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers
310-293-7071 or
fafnyr@mac.com

September 14 – 7:30PM

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

September 14 – *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

October 12 – *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

ECLECTIC READERS

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

September 17 – *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

October 15 – *Redhead by the Side of the Road* by Anne Tyler

NIGHT BOOKS

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

September 14 – *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell

October 12 – *Southland* by Nina Revoyr

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown
310-377-5254
4th Monday 2 – 4PM

September - *No Meeting*

October 26 – *Last Train to London* by Meg Waite Clayton

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer
(310)791-8337
4th Saturday - 10AM

September 26 - tbd

October 24 - tbd

COOK'S CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto
Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

September 12

October 17



GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade
310-541-2417
3rd Monday 10AM

September 21 – *China's Road into Latin America*

October 19 – *The Philippines and the U.S.*

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald
310-373-0946
3rd Monday 10AM

September 21 - *Artificial Intelligence and Data*

October 19 – *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking*

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

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

September 2 – Topic tbd

October 7 – Topic tbd

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow
reinventing@me.com

1st Friday 2 – 4PM

September 4

October 2



First
Class
Postage

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Palos Verdes Branch
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Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274**

**<http://aauw.org>
<http://aauw-ca.org>
<http://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>**

AAUW Mission Statement

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

**Council Co-chairs: Nancy Mahr
and Dale Richards**

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Fran Brown**

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**Deadline for Nov/Dec
CoastLines articles, Sept. 30,
2020**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020**

September 08, Tues., 2-3:30pm	Branch meeting (ZOOM) Your library from home
September 09, Wed., 2pm	ZOOM User Group (see page 5)
September 12, Sat., 12pm	Cook's Corner (see page 3)
October 13, Tues., 2pm	Branch meeting (ZOOM) Ballot measure update
October 14, Wed., 2pm	ZOOM lesson (see page 5)
October 30, Fri., 7-8pm	Halloween Game Night Bingo (ZOOM) (see page 3)