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Welcome to 2021



Please join us on ZOOM for our first branch meeting of the New Year

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 2-3:30pm

The following topics are on the agenda:

Updated Plans for 2020-2021

Tech Trek Plans for the coming summer

How you can help support our branch

Leadership opportunities for 2021-2022 and beyond



"Think left and think right
and think low and think high.
Oh, the thinks you can think up
if only you try!"

- Dr. Seuss

Join this meeting! Hear about branch planning and add your ideas. We want participation and ideas from all our members. Put this on your calendars now!

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

TITLE IX - BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS 2021

On Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7 pm AAUW California will present an important educational webinar on Title IX/Gender Equity to increase our members' awareness of equity issues for our students. Members will learn all about Title IX and how to exercise their voices to "see something and say something" so that they will become more effective as advocates for protecting our students. Click the state web site www.aauw-ca.org to register for the webinar.

AAUW LOBBY DAY – BE PART OF THE ACTION!

On March 24, 2021, AAUW California in conjunction with our new advocacy firm, MVM Strategy Group, will be conducting a virtual Lobby Day with our legislators in Sacramento. This is a terrific opportunity for branch members to get involved in the public policy process by helping the State Public Policy (PP) Committee advance our legislative goals for 2021-22. It's also a great way to meet your local legislators and let them know how you through AAUW are helping their constituents in your communities.

Branch members who want to participate need to register on the state website by January 8, 2021.

All participants will be given full training in a Zoom webinar on March 22, 2021, at 7:00pm. Click on the state website to register for "How to Talk to Your Legislators".

- January 8, 2021 – Last day to register to participate in Lobby Day
- March 22, 2021 – Lobby Day training webinar
- March 24, 2021 – Lobby Day

Questions?? Contact Nancy Mahr, nlmahr@verizon.net.

Human Trafficking

By Kit Hein, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. AAUW California supports efforts to combat Human Trafficking, as noted in our Public Policy Priorities: "Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including ...human trafficking...in homes, schools, workplaces and communities..."

Human Trafficking is the third largest organized criminal activity in the world. Human Trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, with an estimated number of victims in the millions. Whether for labor or sex, men, women, and children are manipulated through force, fraud and coercion.

Research shows that people of color, especially the Black community, are more likely to experience some form of sex trafficking. Racial and economic biases drive both social and legal presumptions of "victims" having chosen their situation.

Law enforcement efforts against human trafficking are stronger today than in 2017, but still inadequate. Globally, definitions of human trafficking vary from country to country. Even using the term "slavery" is met with opposition in cases of forced marriages and cross border smuggling.

In California, legislation in the past few years includes support for victims, updating school health curriculum and addressing hospitality industry training. But legislation is not the key unless the public is educated as to the enormity of the issues, both locally and globally. Local branches of AAUW continue to provide community awareness events to educate the public. Please join Santa Cruz County Branch on January 11, 2021 at 1pm for a Zoom webinar to learn more. Access the branch website <https://santacruz-ca.aauw.net/> for more information and an invitation to this event.



January & February Birthdays

<i>Ruth Bloland</i>	1/03
<i>Audrey Asher</i>	1/10
<i>Ginny Nagy</i>	1/12
<i>Donna Day</i>	1/14
<i>Judy Alexandre</i>	1/15
<i>Sharon Andrade</i>	1/24
<i>Libby Bergen</i>	1/30
<i>Carol Hook</i>	1/30
<i>Kathryn Lee</i>	1/31
<i>Jacki Bacharach</i>	2/08
<i>Faith Morrow</i>	2/12
<i>Nancy Rayner</i>	2/12
<i>Elissa Hosie</i>	2/14
<i>Terri Plunkett</i>	2/18

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

HEADS UP! Membership Matters

As if there hasn't been enough change, we need to be aware that our AAUW membership renewal process will be different in 2021.

First, the AAUW National Board of Directors voted to increase individual member dues by \$3. That means an increase from \$101 to \$104 to renew our membership for next year. The \$104 includes membership in National AAUW, California State AAUW and our local PVP Branch. Current life members will not be affected by this change.

Second, we will be able to renew our membership online next year. Sometime in May or June you will receive an email from National AAUW containing a link for paying renewal fees with a credit card. Of course, we will continue to accept checks for renewal if you are uncomfortable with the online process.

During these extraordinary times, our branch has remained active and vibrant. We look forward to your continuing branch support and commitment to the AAUW mission.

Fran Brown & Leann Roque
Membership Co-Chairs



Coffee with Friends

Every Wednesday, 10am-11am

If you would like to join us on ZOOM, just contact Leann or Fran and bring your own coffee!

franbrown5@cox.net
leannr@cox.net

Celebrate Galentine's Day



**Fun & Games
with your
AAUW Friends**

Saturday, February 13, 2021 7pm

What is Galentine's Day? Galentine's Day celebrates female friendship. It started during an episode of the TV show Parks And Rec when Leslie Knope (Amy Poehler) invited her closest gal pals to a waffle brunch to celebrate the love that they have for each other as friends.



PVP Tech Trek Status Update

By Kathy Ford, AAUW PVP Tech Trek Branch Coordinator & Treasurer and
Member of State Tech Trek and 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Committees

AAUW California Tech Trek Committee and the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Committee, headed by Mary Issac, continue to work on creating a dynamic virtual Tech Trek camp for 2021. While one of our 2020 Tech Trek girls was able to attend the summer 2020 pilot created by Mary, we should be able to send at least 16 girls from our two middle schools in 2021 as long as there are enough volunteers to be virtual coaches and to distribute the robotics kits and other materials to our selected campers. Denise DeVenuto presented the volunteer opportunities at the December South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) event and many of the girls expressed an interest in becoming a Peer Coach. The camp fee is estimated at \$400 for which we have already received donations. I have completed a Branch Survey and our teacher contacts Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Traylor have completed the School Participation Survey. So, we're on our way.

The following is a description provided by the state of what is being planned. I will be sharing more information as I receive it.

Overview: 2021 Virtual Camp Model & Core Education Components

Morning project-based robotics Core Class led by trained AAUW members.

After-lunch Inspiration Hour featuring speakers chosen for excellence.

Interactive afternoon hands-on or interactive Workshops chosen for excellence.

Additional resources and nighttime events for social activities, college/financial aid information, STEM speakers, etc.

Camp Delivery Program

Three to four 2021 Virtual Camps scheduled between mid-June and early August based on camper enrollment (likely dates 6/21-25, 7/12-16, 7/26-30, and/or 8/2-6).

Robotics kits to be distributed from several California locations.

Zoom platform with registration, passwords, and breakout rooms.

No girl will be denied a camp opportunity because she does not have a computer or internet access. Part of the virtual camp planning process includes how to provide the required technology to those girls who need it.

Camp Staff & Volunteer Opportunities

A combination of interested branch members, camp directors and teachers, dorm moms, counselors, and other volunteers, including TTAG girls.

High staff to camper ratio – 1:3.

Several roles will be available – both in the virtual environment and on the ground; members can serve in one or more camps and training will be provided.

If you are interested in participating in the selection of the 2021 Tech Trek girls or volunteering for the virtual camp, please contact me at kjsford@me.com. I have volunteered to be a virtual Assistant Camp Director. This is new to me, but Mary Isaac is an incredible trainer!

Updates from State Co-Coordinator, Susan Negrete and Alice Hill:

California's Goal: Return to the residential camp model when the time is right.

While this pandemic continues to indicate major health risks throughout our country and state – the California residential model is on hiatus until 2022. Future pandemic status and local area health mandates will drive 2022 camp decisions.

Stay Tuned for Branch Packets

Given this pandemic has raised issues never considered before in our residential model, the tasks for developing the oversight, guidelines, forms, and training materials for a Virtual Tech Trek Program are time and resource-intensive.

While waiting for National's governance material, California's Virtual Tech Trek team is engaged with developing a 2021 Virtual Project Implementation Plan, preliminary budget, and participation forecasts. We will be prepared to adjust National's documentation for our branch packets as soon as they are received.

2021 Virtual Memo of Understanding (MOU) and Code of Conduct

These key branch leadership documents for Tech Trek participation will be required for the virtual camp in 2021.

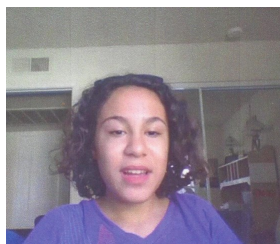
A branch-signed Virtual MOU will remain the primary indicator for planning how many branches will interact with the program and how many campers will be selected to attend in 2021. **Liability Insurance During COVID**

Due to this pandemic's high risk, always plan for safety and wellness first! Please be aware that AAUW California liability insurance will NOT cover the coronavirus. AAUW does not sanction in-person meetings at this time nor for the foreseeable future.

PVP Tech Trek Committee

We have a dedicated Tech Trek Committee and I hope all will be able to participate in the virtual selection process for the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek Camp. It will start later than usual due to the changes required to the Branch Tech Trek documentation and processes, but converting to virtual processes will keep our volunteers and girls safe. January 2021 is the targeted period to receive the 2021 Virtual Branch Packet so we can begin our selection process.

I want to welcome new Tech Trek Committee member Shera Dolmatz. Tech Trek is a wonderful part of the AAUW mission and gives us an opportunity to reach out to girls who are interested in STEM but might not have the opportunity to attend a STEM camp without Tech Trek. If you are interested in joining the Tech Trek Committee, please contact me at kjsford@me.com.



If I hadn't participated in this AMAZING camp, I would have done nothing. I would probably been laying around bored out of my mind with no one to hang out with since, you know, CORONA! I am so happy I got to do this so I wouldn't have been bored at home."

Marileen (La Mesa-El Cajon)

PV AAUW ZOOMS

READERS THEATER



To celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, Readers Theater had prepared a new play, "The Ladies Remember: Eleanor Roosevelt Uncovers the Road to the 19th Amendment," for last March. Like many other things, that in-person performance was cancelled, but in the spirit of the show must go on and our quarantine zeitgeist (or, perhaps, "zoomgeist"), the group agreed that the play should be adapted for online performance. We presented it live and in-person-on-Zoom from our own homes on December 6 to an audience of more than 180. Among the accolades sent in were "I quickly forgot I was on Zoom," "I was riveted," "I watched with my daughter and we both learned so much," and (my favorite) "Congratulations...you didn't pull any punches, which I liked and respected." The play was presented without charge in order to raise awareness of AAUW in general, and our mission for women's education in particular, which it did! Our actors are all taking a deep breath and enjoying the holidays before we meet in January to plan our next adventure.

Cecilia Rogers, director (and producer, and playwright, and generally tired but elated person).

OCTOBER HALLOWEEN PARTY 2020





Bridgettes Holiday Tea



First we found a date and time, then we recruited Santa's helpers, finally on December 15th we eight Bridgettes had a ZOOM tea party. Jan was our host, Ruth our tea provider, Eunice baked Christmas cookies, Margery provided her tea sandwiches, and Fran was our delivery elf for places further from the North Pole (North San Pedro, that is).

So, at long last, we dressed up and saw the friendly faces of our bridge ladies, shared some holiday traditions and hopes for 2021, and left with smiles and gratitude for delicious treats and all things AAUW! Happy Holidays!



Virtual Technologies Committee

By Jan Cofer

Many of our branch members are doing so well, having found it necessary to embrace new technologies in various meetings, interest groups, social events, and, of course, the brilliant Readers Theater performance. Our committee members have assisted with many of these events.

The ZOOM Users Group will continue to meet for at least the next two months on January 13 and February 10 at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend whether or not you have attended previous meetings. If you are new to ZOOM and need help, this is a group for you. In addition to any presentation I make, we share our problems and solutions. The topic for January is "Ask Anything About ZOOM," and the topic for February is "Tips and Tricks for Using ZOOM". If you have attended previous meetings, the same link will still work. Please contact me at jancofer@gmail.com for a ZOOM link or look for a link in an eblast if you need one.

THANK YOU TO OUR AAUW DONORS

By Ruth Bloland

We have just received the information on our members' donations to the AAUW Fund. Thirty three branch members have donated \$2481 in 2020 through October. There are also eleven members who have donated \$1086 directly to our branch. We thank you all for your generous contributions.

Tax-deductible donations to the AAUW Fund are used to advance our mission of gender equity for women and girls and the priorities of our organization: Removing Bias from Education, Fighting for Fair Pay and Economic Equity, and Advancing Women in Leadership.



PV Branch member Kathryn Sandow has had a painting selected for the juried Winter Show 2020 at the Palos Verdes Art Center. Kathryn began painting in college, and though her art was somewhat sidelined during her “sandwich generation” years, she resumed painting daily when she moved to PVE three years ago. She has always been drawn most strongly to the expressiveness of abstract art, and currently works in acrylics. As with PVAC’s other major show last spring, Winter 2020 is of necessity a virtual show. It opened December 4 and can be viewed through January 17, 2021 at pvartcenter.org



INTEREST GROUPS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

*** 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

January 6 – *Christian Medieval Art and Architecture*

January 20 – *The Language of Romanesque & Gothic Art*

February 3 – *Islamic Art from Abstract to Figurative*

February 17 – *Jewish Medieval Art and Architecture*

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

310-293-7071 or

fafnyr@mac.com

January 11 – contact Cecilia

February 8 – for details

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

310-508-3581

2nd Monday 9:30AM

January 11 – *Yellow House*

February 8 – *Southland*

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

310-791-8337

3rd Thursday 2pm

January 21 – *Black and Blue: The Creation of a Social Advocate*

February 18 – *Angle of Repose*

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

2nd Monday 7pm

January 11 – *Transcendent Kingdom*

February 8 – *The Lying Life of Adults*

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown

310-377-5254

4th Monday 2 – 4pm

January 25 – *The Henna Artist*

February 22 – *Akin*



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

(310)791-8337

4th Saturday – 10am

January 23 – *Favorite Travel in the United States*

February 27 – *Friends you have met while traveling*

COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto

Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

January 16 – *Soups & Stews*

February 20 – *Bread Baking Tips*

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

310-541-2417

3rd Monday 10am

January – No meeting will be held

February 15 – *Global Supply Chains and National Security*

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

310-373-0946

3rd Monday 10am

January 18 – *General Planning Discussion*

February 15 – *Global Supply Chains and National Security*

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

310-377-0642

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

1st Wednesday 7 – 9pm

January 6 – *Annual Business Mtg.*

February 3 – *Topic TBD*

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

reinventing@me.com

1st Friday 2 – 4pm

January 1 – *Topic TBD*

February 5 – *Topic TBD*



First
Class
Postage

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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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**Deadline for Mar/Apr
CoastLines articles,
Feb. 15. 2021**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
January, February 2021**

MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM

January 11 Mon. 11am-1pm	Webinair on Title X, Gender Equity
January 11 Mon. 1pm	Webinair on Human Trafficking
January 12 Tue. 2-3:30pm	Branch meeting
January 13 Wed. 2pm	ZOOM Users Group
February 10 Wed. 2pm	ZOOM Users Group
February 13 Sat. 7pm	Galentine's Day
March 24 Wed (see pg. 2 for details)	Lobby Day
Wednesdays, on-going, Coffee with Friends, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	