

AAUW CoastLines

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PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 2-3:30pm

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Announcement of Branch Named Gift Honoree

Nominations for Elected Officers for 2021-2022

**Presentation by Nancy Rayner – “Domestic Violence
in the Time of Covid”**

Rainbow Services – Lynne Jones

Updates on Branch Activities

**MEETING AGENDA AND ZOOM LINK INFORMATION
WILL BE SENT BY EBLAST PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

PUBLIC POLICY NEWS FROM NATIONAL

by Kathi Harper, Public Policy Co-Chair AAUW California

On February 2, 2021, my co-chair Sue Miller and I met via Zoom with AAUW Public Policy Director Kate Nielsen and her assistant Robin Lucas, along with state public policy chairs across the nation, to get updates on changes to the public policy landscape with the new administration and Congress. Here is a summary of what we thought members would like to know:

AAUW Public Policy team sends notice of our priorities for the new year

- A letter to the President, focused on Women's Economic Security and Access to Education at all levels.
- Letters to 117th Congress were on passing the Paycheck Fairness Act and passing the Equity in Education Act.

Both letters can be found at aauw.org/resources/policy/documents

Overview of Administration and Congressional Priorities

- Biden-Harris in the 1st 2 weeks – 41 Exec orders
 - i. Covid, including student-debt relief and opening of schools
 - ii. Anti-discrimination, including removing barriers, DACA relief and a Task Force to reunite families
 - iii. Protecting women's health at home and abroad, including access to abortions
 - Coming legislation from Congress
 - i. Covid relief – 1.9 Trillion package
 - 1. Paid sick & family leave extended thru Sept (14 weeks)
 - 2. Increase min wage to \$15
 - 3. Assistance to those at risk of losing jobs &/or their homes
 - 4. \$3B to help women with food relief for their families
 - ii. Raise the Wage Act (\$15 by 2025) – reintroduced Thursday
 - iii. FAMILY Act (emphasis on access to paid leave) – end of this week
 - iv. Paycheck Fairness Act – HR7
 - 1. Prohibits retaliation for discussing pay
 - 2. Closes loopholes in Equal Pay Act
 - 3. Can't use prior salary HX in hiring decisions
- Members can help: Toolkit at aauw.org/resources/policy/pfa-toolkit/

MORE NATIONAL NEWS - A TOWN HALL MEETING

Nancy Mahr, Public Policy

National AAUW held a virtual Town Hall meeting in January. 400 members attended.

In April, AAUW members will vote on the adoption of national Public Policy Priorities for the 2021-2023 biennium. We will also vote on proposed bylaw changes.

One change is to eliminate the educational requirement in order for the organization to more accurately reflect the mission. There is a toolkit on open membership available on the national website.

Another change impacts student members. There would no longer be student affiliates; students would be full members. Branches would be allowed to lower or require no dues based on "objective criteria."

A Racial and Justice working group is exploring ways to address related issues.

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit has been revised by the Inclusion and Equity Committee.



March/April Birthdays

Judy Milestone	3/04
Rowie Wolf	3/05
Dana Gorman	3/06
Shirley Collins	3/11
Lanna Pian	3/16
Karlen Schepak	3/16
Lynne Jones	3/23
Louise Chao	3/26
Marlin More	3/30
Patricia Weinstock	3/30
Holly Cain	4/02
Nell Mirels	4/04
Barbara Arenguren	4/06
Maria Ashla	4/10
Karen Gottlieb	4/10
Shirley Kay	4/13
Kathy Bartow	4/21
Nancy Bell	4/21
Keri Gilbert	4/29
Eunice McConaughy	4/30

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

At our recent Branch Planning Meeting, a wide variety of potential topics for programs in 2021 were suggested. Members expressed interest in topics ranging from Flower Arranging to a session with a politician! Now we need your help. We are looking for a few people who would be willing to roll up their sleeves and make these programs happen. If you are interested in working directly with the Leadership Team to coordinate a branch presentation/program, please contact Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

VIRTUAL CRAFT AND CHAT

On Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom link to come via Eblast



Bring your own current project or start a new one; coloring, needlework, jewelry making, paper crafts, etc. Try origami with our simple demonstration (6" by 6" color paper needed).

Time too for Show and Tell of other creations made by you. Share happy moments with friends! All are welcome.

Hosted by Margery Norris



PAJAMA PARTY BINGO

Friday, April 16, 2021, 7pm

Be Comfortable---



Wear your "jammies" and have fun playing Bingo with your AAUW friends.

Please RSVP to leannr@cox.net before April 15 to receive Bingo card and ZOOM link

Nominees and Volunteers for 2021-2022 Leadership Positions

Typically the Nominating Chair and committee looks for candidates to take on responsibilities at AAUW. Without a Chair or committee this year, the leadership committee took on the task to ensure succession planning. The members who have agreed to be nominees are:

For elected offices

Co-chairs	Fran Brown and Leann Roque
Treasurer	Faith Morrow
Co-Treasurer	Shera Dolmatz-Finkel
Membership Co-Chairs	Libby Bergen and Jane Harris
Past President(s)	Dale Richards and Nancy Mahr

Appointed Positions

Continuing:

Fund Chair	Ruth Bloland
Interest Group Coordinator	Nancy Rayner
<i>Coastlines</i> Editor	Eunice McConaughy
Recording Secretary	Joanie Gale
Records Coordinator	Eileen Edelson
Virtual Technologies Chair	Jan Cofer
Marymount Project	Elayne Nahman, Libby Bergman

Public Policy Nancy Mahr

Policies & Procedures/Bylaws Nancy Mahr

Tech Trek Kathy Ford

TTAG
(Tech Trek Alumnae Group) Denise DeVenuto

New nominees:

Publicity Coordinator	Kathy Berg
Hesse Park Coordinator	Judy Purvis
E-Blast Coordinator	Anne Destabelle
Leadership Meeting Recorder	Eileen Edelson
AAUW Fund Co-Chair	Marlin More
Webmaster	Jan Cofer

Rowie Wolf will continue to produce the membership directory and Lynne Jones will continue as our liaison to Rainbow Services.

Formal nominations will be made at the March Branch meeting.

Elections will take place at the May Branch meeting.

Thank you to all who those that will be taking an active role in supporting the activities of our branch!





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

Work continues on the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek camp. Since we are able to offer this camp to the girls selected in 2020, our Tech Trek Committee school coordinators reached out to our 2020 girls to let them know about the opportunity to attend. So far, most are interested in participating.

The process of selecting 2021 girls who are currently in 7th grade will now begin under a very automated process. The links for nominating girls and completing applications are all online.

We hope to set up Zoom for our interviews.

I want to thank those who have applied for camp volunteer positions. Marlin More, one of our new Tech Trek Committee members, is working on a parent meeting workshop that will provide valuable information about preparing for and attending college. Thank you, Marlin!

The 2021 Virtual Tech Trek camp requires a lot of volunteers to provide the personal attention in small groups that make the camp such a positive experience for the girls. I do hope many of you will consider the coach positions – we do need more adult volunteers. And remember, the work is all performed virtually. To learn more, check out the California AAUW website. The links listed below will provide more information about being a volunteer.

The first link provides information on volunteer requirements, the volunteer application as well as the Conduct Agreement. The second link includes the volunteer position descriptions, applications and training videos.

Volunteer Requirements and Applications

Position Descriptions and Training Videos

**If you are unable to open these sites by clicking on them, hold down the control key and then click.*

Check it out and, as always, let me know if you have any questions.

Donations for Rainbow Services

Rainbow Services has served the South Bay and Harbor area of Los Angeles for 37 years and has developed partnerships with many local advocates. They continue their operations with the support of local publications, neighborhoods, local high school clubs, artists and community and local volunteers.

Rainbow Services provides shelter and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence empowering them to move beyond trauma towards safety and stability. They value nurturing safe and welcoming environments and recognize that safety is the foundation of their work.

Rainbow Services provides training and education to hospitals, first responders, schools, businesses and fellow service providers to help them better respond to domestic violence situations and promote community awareness.

Donations can include gift cards and/or checks payable to Rainbow Services. If you choose to buy items for Rainbow Services, they have requested food and diapers size six products. Please deliver donations to me prior to March 18. They will be delivered to Rainbow Services March 19.

Lynne Jones



PV AAUW ZOOMS

www.pennyroyalplayers.org



Dawn Curry, Diana Brownson, Anne Destabelle

Galentine's Day

Submitted by Margery Norris



Fourteen ladies in red celebrated Galentine's Day with a party! We played AAUW trivial pursuit and shared favorite AAUW memories, all of which resulted in fun and warm feelings. Final trivia question, (no one knew the answer) was this: In an AAUW research report published in 1885, what prevailing myth was disproved? Answer: Myth that college impairs a woman's fertility!



VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

By Jan Cofer

In the March and April meetings I will demonstrate creating online presentations. I will create very simple PowerPoint presentations and then show how to share the presentations on ZOOM. I will demonstrate how to create a slide show with photos and/or illustrations almost instantly, assuming you have already gathered the content. These meetings should be especially useful for those who are in AAUW interest groups such as the Art group, Armchair Travelers, and Great Decisions, or for those who wish to share photos and other materials.

ZOOM Users meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. In March I will use a Mac for demonstration, and in April I will use a PC. You might want to attend both meetings to reinforce what you learn, as most concepts will be the same for any computer.

Wednesday, March 10, 2pm , demonstration on a MAC

Wednesday, April 14, 2pm, demonstration on a PC

GOOD NEWS!

AAUW/Marymount NCCWSL Project Update

The NCCWSL Conference is going virtual this year and will be held on May 25-26, 2021. Because there isn't any travel or lodging expenses, the cost of the conference is \$95 for early bird registration, \$125 thereafter. Since the cost is so reasonable, MCU and AAUW decided to open it up to more students in addition to our four finalists from last year. We are still in the process of finalizing applicants but are looking at offering the conference to 8 students. This conference is always a fantastic educational opportunity for these women and although they can't attend personally and experience that wonderful setting, they will still glean the benefits of hearing from great speakers and valuable workshops.

Elayne Nahman, Committee Chair

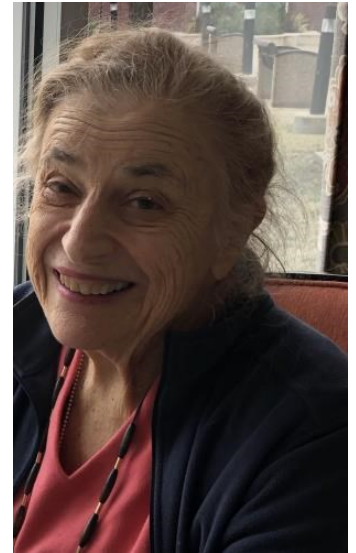
We mourn the death of our member, Dr. Ellen Alkon, who passed away due to kidney failure, on 12/30/2020.

Ellen was a long-time member of Eclectic Readers who always contributed meaningful commentary and shared many of her life experiences.

She was an active member of the Tech Trek Project for many years, volunteering for essay reading, interviewing, Orientation and Tech Trek Celebration activities. Her substantial financial contributions to the scholarship fund enabled many young women to attend Tech Trek Camp and better their futures.

Ellen was also a regular volunteer for our candidate forums at election time.

Prior to joining our branch, Ellen had an illustrious career as a pediatrician with a lifelong passion for public health.



Dr. Ellen Alkon

FROM DIANNE'S DESK...

Dianne Owens, President, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

“AN IMPORTANT QUESTION & VOTE FOR 2021”

Between April 7th at 9 am PDT and May 17th at 2 pm PDT, all AAUW members will have the opportunity to vote on an important bylaws amendment that will eliminate the degree requirement for membership. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the rationale for the proposed bylaws change brought by the [AAUW Board of Directors](#) and the AAUW Governance Committee.

Plan to attend (via Zoom) the AAUW California Annual Meeting on April 17th to hear AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown as she brings us all the news from AAUW National and the latest about the proposed bylaws change. Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Save March 24th for Lobby Day (via Zoom). The registration deadline has been extended. See the Public Policy article below for the opportunity to register. This will be a brand-new experience for AAUW California. Plan to attend the March 22nd webinar to learn how to talk with your legislator before the big day.

Thanks to all the branch leaders who have energized your members and delivered mission-based programs that are innovative and impactful.

You are rock stars! Be bold, brave, and brilliant,
Dianne

INTEREST GROUPS – MARCH/APRIL 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

March 3 – *Early Renaissance*

Painting in Central Italy

March 17 – *15th Century Italian*

Renaissance Painting

April 7 – *Renaissance Painting*

Beyond the Alps

April 21– *Renaissance Sculpture*

-Toward Florence



READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

310-293-7071 or

fafnyr@mac.com

2nd Monday

New Members welcome

March 8 – Contact Cecilia for

April 12 – information.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

310-508-3581

2nd Monday 9:30AM

March 8 – *Vanishing Half*

April 12 – *Searcher*

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

310-791-8337

3rd Thursday 2pm

March 18 – *Eat a Peach*

April 15 – *The Vanishing Half*

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

2nd Monday 7pm

March 8 – *Homeland Elegies*

April 12 - *Sharks in the Time of*

Saviors

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown

310-377-5254

4th Monday 2 – 4pm

March 22 – *In An Instant*

April 26 – *The Book Woman of*

Troublesome Creek

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

(310)791-8337

4th Saturday – 10am

March 27 – Favorite Country

April 24 – Food Adventures &

Misadventures

COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto

Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

310-428-8957

March 20 – Sauces & Dressings

April 17– Smoothies & Ice Cream

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown –

franbrown5@cox.net

Leann Roque – leannr@cox.net

Each Wednesday 10am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann

Roque for ZOOM link.

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

310-541-2417

3rd Monday 10am

March 15 – Persian Gulf Security

Issues

April 19 – Brexit & European

Union

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

310-373-0946

3rd Monday 10am

March 15– The Future of Persian

Gulf Security

April 19 – Brexit: Taking Stock and

Looking Ahead

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

310-377-0642

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

1st Wednesday 7 – 9pm

March 3 – *11th Anniversary*

Celebration

April 7 – *Topic TBD*

FIRST FRIDAY TEA &

CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

reinventing@me.com

1st Friday 2 – 4pm

March 5 – Topic TBD

April 2 - Topic TBD





First
Class
Postage

**American Association of University Women
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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.**

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and Dale Richards**

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Fran Brown**

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**Deadline for May/Jun CoastLines
articles, Apr. 15, 2021**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
March, April 2021**

All Meetings will be on zoom.

March 06, Sat.	Craft and Chat 7pm
March 09, Tue.	Branch Meeting 2-3:30pm
March 10, Wed.	Virtual Technology 2pm (MAC)
March 18, Thurs.	Deadline for Rainbow Services Donations
April 14, Wed.	Virtual Technology 2pm (PC)
April 07-May 17	Open voting (see page 8)
April 16, Fri..	Pajama Party Bingo 7pm