

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2021



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BRANCH PLANNING MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2 – 3:30 P.M.

(ZOOM link will be sent out via e-blast prior to the meeting)

Share your ideas for branch activities!

It is the time of year we meet to discuss ideas and directions for our Branch in the coming year. It's important to hear what you would like to accomplish as we move forward.

Below are some items we'll be discussing at the planning meeting – start thinking about these items and activities and then share your thoughts with us on August 10.

- Branch programs and/or activities that have worked this past year: What should we continue? What needs to be improved or done differently?

- Program topics for Branch and community meetings: What topics are you interested in knowing more about and/or discussing?



- Social activities via ZOOM: Do you want to continue online social activities such as Bingo, Trivia, etc.? When we resume in-person activities what social events would you like to see? The Winter Social? Any new ideas?



- How would you like to see Branch activities conducted in the coming year? Virtual, in person, hybrid? For in-person meetings: social distancing? outdoors? inside? shared food? no shared food?

- How can we interest new members in AAUW? Ideas for recruitment.

AAUW ELECTION SUMMARY

by Nancy Mahr

National

Julia Brown was re-elected as board chair for three more years. Also elected were Malinda Gaul, Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino.

AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters. The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change. However, the item did receive a 63% vote.

State

Sandi Gabe was elected as President Elect. Roli Wendorf was voted in as CFO and Carol Holzgrafe as Director.

The state public policy priorities were approved. The amendments to the bylaws were approved.

Thank you all who voted.

The Suffragette Musical **Live Performance**

The League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes presents the Penny Royal Players in "The Suffragette Musical: From Battles to Ballots; A Century of Struggle for the Right to Vote" by Anne Destabelle. The performance is live at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at the Pacific Unitarian Church. Masks and social distancing will be followed. The performance is open to the public and free of charge. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Reply to cynthiakondon@icloud.com.



Letter from the editor

Thank you to this year's proof readers Marlin More, Dale Richards and Nancy Mahr, and a belated thank you to Ruth Bloland who served in that capacity before them. You made me look better than I really am and I appreciate that. And thank you to those of you who write and submit articles. Without you we wouldn't have a newsletter.

Eunice McConaughy



DUES ARE DUE

Your membership ends on June 30, 2021, and the renewal process is different this year. Check your email for a message from membershipinfo@aauw.org.

You can pay with a credit or debit card or send a check for \$104 made out to AAUW-PVP to:

AAUW-PVP
P.O. Box 2443
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274



DONATIONS TO OUR BRANCH

Donations to our Branch are always appreciated. Unfortunately, this isn't possible through the new electronic renewal process. Thanks to the generosity of Branch members, there's been no need to have fund raising events. Let's keep it that way! Please consider sending a check payable to AAUW-PVP to :

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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
Scotty Wuerker	07
Muriel Blatt	10
Anne Destabelle	13
Geri Chaudhri	15
Fran Brown	27
Pilar Hale	28
Leslie Criswell	29
Jeanne Wilson	29



Highlights of the May 11, 2021 AAUW PVP Branch Meeting by Dale Richards

Branch Elections: Eileen Edelson announced the nominations:

Co-chairs: Fran Brown and Leann Roque

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

Co-Treasurer: Shera Dolmatz-Finkel

Membership Co-Chairs: Libby Bergen and Jane Harris

All were voted in unanimously. Eileen thanked them for “stepping forward and leading the branch”.

Feature Program:

Anne Destabelle introduced Ray Busmann. Originally from Germany, he trained and worked as an actor, radio announcer, and presented classical music. He was introduced to opera when he was 5 years old. After moving to CA in 1992, he trained in massage therapy and healing arts, earned an associate degree and translated movies for dubbing. Currently he is a community volunteer with LA Opera. The title of his presentation was “If it weren’t for Opera..I would not know a thing about Akhnaten!”

Akhnaten is an opera by Philip Glass, who has composed 25 operas, counting all the smaller works. He is recognized for his minimalistic, repetitive and meditative style. Mr. Glass is best known for his trilogy Portrait Operas...each portraying a historic figure: “Einstein on the Beach”, “Satyagraha”, and “Akhnaten”. For Akhnaten, the libretto was taken from original source material.

Akhnaten, an ancient Egyptian pharaoh, introduced the world to monotheism. During his reign, he replaced the multiple gods with Aten, the sun god, typically portrayed by a disc in Egyptian art. Mr. Busmann relayed the history of his family and the attempt to erase Akhnaten’s reign from history. The opera was performed by the LA Opera in 2016.

Over 30 people attended this branch meeting and feedback on this presentation was outstanding!

AAUW PVP Remembers Carol K. Hammitt



Carol K. Hammitt passed away on March 19, 2021 in Redondo Beach.

Mrs. Hammitt was a longtime member of the Palos Verdes Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), serving as chapter treasurer and president.

Perhaps Mrs. Hammitt's most substantial contribution to the community was her role, with fellow AAUW members Dorian Dunlavey, Margaret DeChristafaro and Jackie Mason, as co-founder of the Palos Verdes Recycling Center in 1970. After demonstrating successful and profitable operation over several years, the center was taken over by Los Angeles County.

Later in life, Mrs. Hammitt delighted in being interviewed by the Palos Verdes News as one of the "four trashy women" who pioneered local recycling.



Interest Groups by Nancy Rayner



Most of our branch Interest Groups have continued to meet on Zoom throughout the past 'stay at home' year. Zoom actually worked quite well for some of the groups, Great Decisions and Art Appreciation in particular. Others, such as the Bridge and Scrabble groups, didn't find Zoom to be a good alternative and chose not to meet. Even though we have all become quite proficient at using Zoom, we really miss seeing each other and sharing an occasional hug!

With loosened restrictions, Interest Groups are now thinking about meeting in person again. Those decisions will be made on an individual basis and depend on group consensus, group size, meeting location with enough space, member vaccination status, etc.

The Bridgettes Interest Group will start to meet in person again in July and hopefully, the other Bridge and Scrabble groups will follow soon.

Our AAUW Palos Verdes Branch has one of the most robust offerings of Interest Groups in California and well over 85% of our members participate in at least one group. However, there is always room for more! If you have an idea for a new Interest Group that you would like to explore, please contact Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com to get help on getting it started.



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

Thanks to the Tech Trek Committee members for all their efforts in selecting and contacting our Tech Trek nominees and to those of you who volunteered to be coaches. Twenty-three girls are now fully registered for one of the three 2021 Virtual Tech Trek camps and have selected their optional workshops. A total of 640 girls are registered for the 2021 California Virtual Tech Trek camps with many branches statewide volunteering to keep Tech Trek active during the pandemic. It's been a challenging project, but much has been learned that can be applied to future residential Tech Trek camps.

The camp dates are Camp 1 – June 21-25; Camp 2 – July 12-16; Camp 3 – July 26-30.

Along with the core robotics class held each morning, there are 12 workshops scheduled – 4 mandatory and 8 optional. Each girl must attend the core class and the 4 mandatory workshops plus 2 optional workshops. There are also 5 inspirational speakers to tell their stories about how they became interested in and were able to succeed in their chosen STEM career.

Beach Cities Tech Trek Coordinator Ann Paour volunteered to be our regional logistics coordinator and is receiving all the necessary materials for the Tech Trek camp classes and workshops. Volunteers will be assembling kits for the girls. I'm in the process of selecting a location for camper parents to pick up kits the week before our girls' assigned camp week. Tech Trek Committee volunteers will be asked to staff the pick-up location for 2 hours for each pre-camp week. Ideas for a pick-up location are welcome.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

INTEREST GROUPS – JULY/AUGUST 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.**

<p><u>ART APPRECIATION</u> Chair: Nancy Rayner Nrayner777@gmail.com 1st & 3rd Wednesday 2 – 3pm</p> <p>July 7 – <i>16th Century Northern European Painting</i> July 21 – <i>Transformation of People, Objects, Ideas</i> August 4 – <i>The Reformation & the Mannerist Crisis</i> August 18 – <i>Baroque Shadows – Venice to Madrid to Rome</i></p> <p><u>READERS THEATER</u> Chair: Cecilia Rogers 310-293-7071 or fafnyr@mac.com 2nd Monday</p> <p>July 12 August 9</p> <p>New Members welcome Contact Cecilia for information</p> <p><u>ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS</u> Chair: Jan Cofer (310)791-8337 4th Saturday – 10am</p> <p>July 24 – Packing Light Demonstration</p> <p>August 28 - TBD</p> <p><u>COOKS' CORNER</u> Chair: Denise DeVenuto Dendev88@gmail.com 3rd Saturday 12N 310-428-8957</p> <p>July 17 – Favorite Kitchen Items August 21 – One Pan Meals</p>	<p><u>BRIDGETTES</u> Chair: Margery Norris mnorris@ca.rr.com 3rd Tuesday 1 – 4PM</p> <p>July 20 –home of Margery Norris</p> <p>August 17 – Location TBD</p> <p><u>NIGHT BOOKS</u> Chair: Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970 2nd Monday 7pm</p> <p>Summer Break – this group will not meet in July or August</p> <p><u>4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP</u> Chair: Fran Brown 310-377-5254 4th Monday 2 – 4pm</p> <p>July 26 – <i>The Paris Library</i></p> <p>August 23 – <i>The Exiles</i></p> <p><u>CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE</u> Chair: JoAnn DeFlon 310-508-3581 2nd Monday 9:30AM</p> <p>July 12 – <i>The Bluest Eye</i></p> <p>August 9 – <i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i></p> <p><u>ECLECTIC READERS</u> Chair: Jan Cofer 310-791-8337 3rd Thursday 2pm</p> <p>July 15 – <i>The Henna Artist</i></p> <p>August 19 – <i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i></p>	<p><u>GREAT DECISIONS</u> Chair: Sharon Andrade 310-541-2417 3rd Monday 10am</p> <p>Summer Break – this group will not meet in July or August</p> <p><u>GREAT DECISIONS</u> Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald 310-373-0946 3rd Monday 10am</p> <p>Summer Break – this group will not meet in July or August</p> <p><u>WOMEN IN TRANSITION</u> Chair: Susan Negrete 310-377-0642 PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf 310-373-5970 1st Wednesday 7 – 9pm</p> <p>One Summer Event – TBD</p> <p><u>FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION</u> Chair: Kathryn Sandow reinventing@me.com 1st Friday 2 – 4pm</p> <p>July 2 - Topic TBD</p> <p>August 6 - Topic TBD</p> <p><u>COFFEE WITH FRIENDS</u> Chairs: Fran Brown – franbrown5@cox.net Leann Roque – leannr@cox.net Each Wednesday 10am</p> <p>Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link.</p>
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Time to renew your AAUW-PVP Membership for 2021-22

Current membership expires June 30, 2021

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?

Dues Breakdown:

AAUW National \$62 (\$69 tax deductible) AAUW CA \$20 (not deductible) PVP Branch \$22 (not deductible) **TOTAL \$104**

How much do you pay?

Regular Member: (AAUW National + AAUW CA + Branch) \$104

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 \$ _____

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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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Treasurer: Faith Morrow

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

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**Deadline for Aug, Sept.
CoastLines articles,
August 15, 2021**

BRANCH CALENDAR SUMMER 2021

Jun. 26, Sat.	The Suffragette Musical, 3pm, Pacific Unitarian Church
Jun. 30, Tues.	2021-2022 Dues Deadline
Aug. 10, Tues.	Branch Planning Meeting, 2pm (ZOOM)
Every Wed.	Coffee with Friends via ZOOM, 10-11am

Enjoy Summer!

