

# AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September, October 2021



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## PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**



### Program



- Marymount students report on NCCWSL Conference
- Our Branch's 5 Star Achievement - Nancy Mahr

These presentations will be followed by a short business meeting which will include approval of the 2021-2022 budget for our Branch and a report on the Branch Planning Meeting We look forward to seeing you there. Watch for an e-mail with a ZOOM link to the meeting.



**THANK YOU!**

Kudos and thank you to Dale Richards and Nancy Mahr! These Co-leadership chairs did a marvelous job for the past three years leading our branch through some troubling times.

Our branch is emerging as strong as ever thanks to these two dedicated individuals.

## OUR BRANCH RECEIVED 5-STAR AWARD

by Nancy Mahr

Our branch has received an AAUW national 5-Star Award. This award highlights the good work that our branch has done over the past two years, which included the pandemic year. The program is based on a set of specific requirements established by national. Our early goal was one star, but as we reviewed our year we found our work matched more requirements than we had originally anticipated so we applied for 5 stars. Our stars are in Advancement (financial support for AAUW), Communications & External Relations, Programs (that align with the AAUW mission and strategic plan), Public Policy, and Governance & Sustainability. Many members contributed to these areas.

Special thanks to Leann Roque who helped with requirements that involved our website and with tracking membership requirements.

Thanks also to our new Publicity Chair, Kathy Berg, an outreach expert. She stepped in and publicized the 5-Star Award through local media outlets. This is the kind of work that gives AAUW more community awareness.

## DEI

AAUW is working to promote a focus on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) in the branches.

*Diversity* refers to individual characteristics, the dimensions that make each of us unique.

*Equity* is about everyone having equal access to what they need to be successful, and those needs can be quite different. It is fairness in the distribution of resources.

*Inclusion* entails behaviors and actions that make us feel welcomed or not. An environment where everyone feels welcomed and included is essential for the success of diverse efforts. Belonging is part of inclusion—feeling like you are a part of something, feeling that you actually matter and are needed.

AAUW needs all of these things together, diversity, inclusion and equity for our branches to continue to grow and thrive.



## RECALL ELECTION – September 14



All registered voters will receive mail-in ballots. You can mail it, drop it in a drop box, turn it in at a Vote Center. Or you can vote in person. There are 2 questions on the ballot – you can vote on one or on both. If you have questions, go to [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net) for answers. Be sure to VOTE.



## September/October Birthdays

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

If we missed your birthday or a correction needs to be made, please inform Nancy Rayner at [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com).

## AAUW PVP IS ON FACEBOOK

Our branch now has a Facebook page. If you are a Facebook subscriber, visit our page. Share our posts on your page. We hope our presence on Facebook will boost our outreach.

Thanks to Connie Leach for her help with this.

## Member Outreach

Thanks to Helen Vakil for continuing to be our Member Outreach person. She will continue to 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](mailto:helenvakil@yahoo.com)

## HALLOWEEN BINGO



Friday, October 29th, 7:00

No Ghosts! No Tricks! Only the treat of playing Bingo and ZOOMING together with friends.

You may choose to wear Halloween costumes or other interesting outfits of your choice, if you so desire.

Please RSVP to [compprin@hotmail.com](mailto:compprin@hotmail.com) before October 28th to receive your Bingo card and ZOOM link.

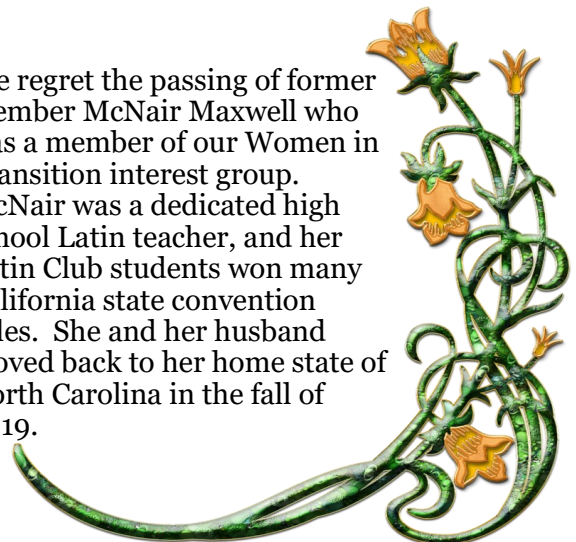


Please Welcome our Newest Members

Connie Leach

Alice Matthews

We regret the passing of former member McNair Maxwell who was a member of our Women in Transition interest group. McNair was a dedicated high school Latin teacher, and her Latin Club students won many California state convention titles. She and her husband moved back to her home state of North Carolina in the fall of 2019.





## **PVP Tech Trek Status Update**

By Kathy Ford, AAUW PVP Tech Trek Branch Coordinator & Treasurer

This has been an amazing year for Tech Trek. Instead of letting the state-wide Tech Trek program go dark for a second year, a virtual stem camp was developed to serve 612 girls during three camp weeks. Every process for selecting and registering campers, signing up volunteers for social, build and workshop coaches, logistic coordinators and administrative support, attracting workshop presenters and inspirational speakers and much more had to be developed based on a 40-camper pilot implemented in 2020. Obviously, this was a huge challenge and, as with any major new program development, especially one with a very heavy technical requirement, it sometimes seemed confusing. But there was so much positive effort, energy, and talent led by Mary Isaac, Virtual Camp Director, that it all worked. As someone who participated, it was extremely satisfying to see the 612 campers and 252 volunteers make it happen. Their excitement and enjoyment of this camp experience made it all worth-while. I was especially impressed by the junior and young adult coaches who took on leadership roles in helping the campers learn coding and the engineering process and carry out all the workshop activities. The virtual camps provided a real growth opportunity for our campers and for all the former Tech Trekkers who were coaches, social media coordinators, robotics instructors and technical support.

I want to thank the PVP Tech Trek Committee again for all their efforts in selecting campers and following up with the girls to make sure they completed all the required online forms. And a special thanks to Leslie Criswell for volunteering as a social coach and to TTAG member Margarita Alejandre who volunteered as a junior coach for the morning robotics class and for afternoon/evening workshops.

I hope some of you were able to attend one of the Friday Showcases and see the camper video presentations of their wearable tech projects. If not, there are video links below for four of our campers and for Ellin Y, one of the girls who was in my breakout room for camp #2 when I volunteered as a social coach. We should have more available in a few weeks.

I will call a Tech Trek Committee meeting for early next month to discuss a Zoom Celebrate Tech Trek and helping the girls send thank you letters to donors and branch members. Anyone who wants to join the committee can contact me.

So, what can we expect for Tech Trek 2022? The hope is that we can send girls to residential camps again in 2022. The campuses have indicated interest in doing so, but first they need to deal with having their own students back on campus this fall. It will be several months before we know more about plans to resume residential camps and the cost per camper.

At this point, I do not know how the virtual camp options will be used in the future. But I do know that this program and its success has been recognized by Qualcomm and other organizations interested in supporting the AAUW Tech Trek mission to reach out to a diverse group of young students who are interested in STEM. The ability to implement a state-wide virtual STEM program is a major accomplishment and an asset that can be used in a variety of ways in the future.

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PVP Camper Video Presentations  
(just copy and paste to your browser and enjoy!)

Angelina H: <https://flipgrid.com/+mgw4q9kp/od116640>

Andrea Z: <https://flipgrid.com/+mgw4q9kp/6e8ee20c>

JazylN ML <https://flipgrid.com/+mgw4q9kp/1fb26e90>

Allison P: <https://flipgrid.com/+mgw4q9kp/1417e2af>

Ellin Y: <https://flipgrid.com/+mgw4q9kp/8789579c>



## **THE ZOOM BRANCH PLANNING MEETING WAS A SUCCESS**

By Fran Brown & Leann Roque

Thanks to the 23 members who contributed ideas at this lively planning meeting and to all those who helped to put the meeting together. There was consensus that meetings and events would continue on Zoom for the remainder of 2021 and that we would like to plan in-person events for 2022. Of course, we'll follow local and state guidelines for meetings. Some Interest Groups are remaining on Zoom and some have decided to meet in-person. Libby Bergen reported on meeting rooms for public programs: The Library Community Room and the Red Onion are available. No date has been set for the reopening of Hesse Park.

The topics covered in Breakout Sessions: Ideas for Branch Meetings, Social Activities and for other Branch activities. How do we want to get the word out about our Branch, its mission and activities? How can we interest new members in joining AAUW?

The Leadership Team is using the input generated as we plan future branch activities. We're always open to hearing new ideas from members as the year progresses. If you have an idea or would like to get involved in planning future activities, please email [franbrown5@cox.net](mailto:franbrown5@cox.net) or [leannr@cox.net](mailto:leannr@cox.net)



## **NCCSWL PROJECT IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN!**

The campus is open for fall semester with the requirement that all students and staff be fully vaccinated. This will allow the NCCWSL Project Committee to restart some of the activities we were just beginning to develop such as the AAUW/MCU Student Group and Start Smart. We are in the process of contacting students who showed an interest prior to the pandemic. Additionally, the Committee is interested in following up on our Conference attendees from previous years to see their progress. It is so thrilling to be able to re-engage with the University and fulfill our mutual goals.

We are planning on having some of the MCU attendees speak at our Zoom meeting on September 14, 2021 which our members always enjoy tremendously.

The NCCSWL Virtual Conference was held May 25-26 this year and the response was very positive with the following students attending: Jocelyn Arevalo-Ralios, Silvia Jauregui, Melissa Olson, Payton Sprouse, and Hannah White. One of the students, Melissa Olsen, spoke about the conference this way:



**Melissa Olsen**

**“Having had the privilege to attend the 2021 NCCWSL Conference, it was one of the most impactful leadership events that I’ve personally experienced. This year’s keynote speaker, Dr. Brittney Cooper, along with the many other gifted women that shared during the conference, made strong and valid points. They helped us by speaking of, and relating to, many important topics and situations that most women in leadership roles experienced, as well as given us an array of tools to use in our everyday lives. I could not write fast enough in my notebook as every word I heard was liquid gold. I will forever keep my notes from this conference and reference them often when I need to refuel my passion and help lift other women around me.”**

Other exciting news is that Marymount California University is in the process of merging with another University. Florida-based Saint Leo University is a Catholic college that was founded in 1899 and offers 50 undergraduate degrees and programs. The merger is expected to benefit both institutions by offering more degree program options, online and in-person courses and more campus locations. Under the agreement, MCU will need to change their name to Saint Leo University but it is not certain yet if the MCU moniker will go away entirely. We will keep you posted on this new development.



Taken at Pennyroyal Players performance, June 26th at UCC sponsored by The League of Women Voters. Maria Ashla, Fran Wielin and Margery Norris, picture taken by Myrna Plost.

## INTEREST GROUP MEMBERS

Now that interest groups are starting to meet in person, please take pictures at your meeting and e-mail them to me so we can share some of them in CoastLines.

Along with the pictures add a little text—if it's a book club, share what book you're reading, the cooking group share what you're cooking, the discussion group what you're discussing, etc.

I look forward to getting an avalanche of pictures so I can pick and choose the best.

Eunice McConaughy, editor  
eunicemc771@gmail.com

## BRIDGETTES IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

It was a celebration for eight good AAUW friends to get together late in July after many months. Some of us were a little rusty on rules and conventions, but smiles, conversation and berry shortcake made it a wonderful time for all! Margery, not pictured, was busy taking pictures, being hostess and making the shortcake.



## INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

### ART APPRECIATION

Chair: Nancy Rayner

[Nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:Nrayner777@gmail.com)

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

September 1 – Shadow & Light  
from Rome to the Lowlands

September 15 – Northern  
Landscapes & Life Sweeps

October 6 – The Counter  
Reformation from Italy Outward

October 20 – Revolutions in  
Spanish & English Painting

### READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

310-293-7071 or

[fafnyr@mac.com](mailto:fafnyr@mac.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Contact Cecilia for information

September 13

October 11

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

(310)791-8337

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday – 10am

September 25 – Recent Travel &  
Future Travel Plans

October 23 - tbd

### COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto

[Dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:Dendev88@gmail.com)

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

310-428-8957

September 18 – tbd

October 16 – Recipes for  
Thanksgiving

### DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen

[bergenlibby@gmail.com](mailto:bergenlibby@gmail.com)

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2PM

September 22 – Jane Harris' home

October 27 – Margery Norris' home

### NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

September 13 – *The Code Breaker*  
by Walter Isaacson

October 11 – *Of Women and Salt*  
by Gabriela Garcia

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

Chair: Fran Brown

310-377-5254

4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 – 4pm

September 27 – *The Paris Library*  
by Janet Skeslien Charles

October 25 – *The Exiles* by  
Christina Baker Kline

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

310-508-3581

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30AM

September 13 – *The Stationery*  
*Shop* by Marjon Kamali

October 11 – *Kiara and the Sun* by  
Kazuo Ishiguro

### ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

310-791-8337

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

September 16 – No mtg. in  
September

October 21 – *Hamnet* by  
Maggie O'Farrell

### BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1PM

September 21 – JoAnn DeFlon's  
home

October 19 – Dale Richards' home

### GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

310-541-2417

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am

September 20 – The Korean  
Peninsula

October 18 – Roles of International  
Organizations in a Global Pandemic

### GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

310-373-0946

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 10am

September 20 – The Two Koreas

October 18 – Roles of International  
Organizations in a Global Pandemic

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

310-377-0642

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf

310-373-5970

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7 – 9pm

September 1 – tbd

October 6 – tbd

### FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

[reinventingme.com](mailto:reinventingme.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2 – 4pm

September 3 – tbd

October 1 - tbd

### COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown –

[franbrown5@cox.net](mailto:franbrown5@cox.net)

Leann Roque – [leannr@cox.net](mailto:leannr@cox.net)

Each Wednesday 10am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque  
for ZOOM link.



## Branch to Approve 2021-2022 Operating Budget

The 2021-2022 Branch operating budget has been approved by the Leadership Council members and is presented below for the September Branch 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	2020-2021 Proposed	2020-2021 actual	2021-2022 proposed
<b>Income</b>				
Branch Dues	2,600.00	2,354.00	2,376.00	2,354.00
Coastline Donations	50.00	60.00	60.00	0.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	780.00	1,086.00	1,086.00	1,171.00
Events net	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Reserve withdraw	390.00		0.00	406.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,820.00</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>3,522.00</b>	<b>3,931.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Hesse Park /room rentals	175.00	175.00	175	250.00
General Operating	400.00	300.00	159.00	300.00
*** Insurance	600.00	456.00	456.00	450.00
CoastLines, programs, photocopying	225.00	150.00	98.23	50.00
Directory	175.00	250.00	186.84	250.00
Membership	250.00	300.00	112.35	250.00
Programs	500.00	300.00	240.00	500.00
Hospitality	250.00	200.00	0.00	100.00
Games/event expenses	100.00	200.00	70.00	100.00
*****Leadership seminars	200.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
*****Convention Annual Meeting		200.00	0.00	500.00
Member Recognition/Memorials	300.00	200.00	145.00	200.00
CA assessments AAUW Fund	125.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
LACIC Assessment		41.00	41.00	41.00
**** Donation to EOF & LAF	420.00	330.00	336.00	300.00
Branch website	125.00	125.00	119.88	125.00
Potential activities	0.00	250.00	0.00	200.00
Tech Trek Virtual Camp		650.00	599.63	0.00
***** TTAG	200.00	200.00	68.50	150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,870.00</b>	<b>4,317.00</b>	<b>2,697.43</b>	<b>3,931.00</b>

### NOTES:

\* 2018-2019 was before the covid virus and it's impact on our social events

\*\* Total expenses not to exceed budgeted amount without leadership approval

\*\*\* We are required to take insurance through AAUW CA

\*\*\*\* \$3.00 per Branch member donation to National EOF & LAF Funds

\*\*\*\*\* Registration only

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

## BRANCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

September 14, Tues., 2-3:30pm	Branch meeting (ZOOM)
September 14, Tues.	Recall election, reminder to vote
October 29, Fri., 7-8pm	Halloween Game Night Bingo (ZOOM) (see page 3)

**Council Co-chairs: Fran Brown  
and Leann Roque**

**Treasurer: Faith Morrow,  
Ass't. treasurer:  
Shera Domatz- Finkel**

**Membership Chairs: Libby Bergen  
and Jane Harris**

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eunicemc771@gmail.com**

**Deadline for Nov/Dec  
CoastLines articles, Oct. 15,  
2021**

### AAUW Mission Statement

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

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