

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, November, December 2021

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November Branch Meeting

Please Join Us On ZOOM

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Program: Homelessness in the South Bay

Nancy Wilcox, our 2020 Status of Women Awardee, will present an update on the County's Homelessness Initiative and address concerns in the South Bay area.

Branch Announcements.

We look forward to seeing you there. Watch for an eblast with a ZOOM link to the meeting or find the ZOOM link in the Members Only section of our website at <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net/membersonly/meetings-and-activities-zoom-links/>



Celebrate Tech Trek on Zoom

Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

See eblast or contact Kathy Ford at kjsford@me.com.
Information is also available in the members only section on the AAUW-PVP website.

Updates from AAUW California Public Policy Committee

by Kathi Harper, Co-Chair

Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally-guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As AAUW National recently noted, "Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma." With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives, and sign-up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven't already done so by clicking here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

Be sure to let us know if members from your branch participated in the Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2nd along with Beach Cities, Palos Verdes, San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Alameda, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, Los Altos-Mt. View, San Jose and Morgan Hill, and send pictures if you have them to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Legislative Updates

Our last five priority bills that were awaiting the Governor's signature have been acted on; here are the results:

SB 62 (requires fair pay, instead of "by the piece" payment, for garment workers) **SIGNED**

AB 367 (free menstrual products must be provided in girls/women's bathrooms in schools) **SIGNED**

AB 887 (allows domestic violence restraining orders to be filed electronically) **SIGNED**

AB 123 (increases paid family leave benefits to 65 – 75% of regular pay) **VETOED**

AB 1074 (requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen) **VETOED**

Economic Equity

October 21st is Latina Equal Pay Day – the day Latina women, who are paid just 57 cents to every white male's dollar, finally catch up from the previous year. To help raise awareness, our coalition partner Stronger California is hosting a Latina Equal Pay Day & Essential Women Workers Virtual Summit. If you are interested in joining to learn more and hear from iconic civil rights leader Dolores Huerta as well as from California's First Partner Jennifer Newsome, click here [register](#) to register.

New National AAUW Leader

AAUW has named Gloria Blackwell as the new Chief Executive Officer of the organization effective October 18, 2021.

Blackwell has worked with AAUW for 27 years and currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer. She has been a leader in the fellowships and grants program and the salary negotiation workshops. She has experience interfacing with funders, local governments and institutes of higher education.



NOVEMBER

<i>Kathleen Fitzgerald</i>	11/05
<i>Kathy Ford</i>	11/05
<i>Bonnie Durling</i>	11/08
<i>Berta Bilezikjian</i>	11/14
<i>Eileen Edelson</i>	11/28
<i>Marilyn Morton</i>	11/28

DECEMBER

<i>Jann Segal</i>	12/03
<i>Carol Sugimore</i>	12/06
<i>Margery Norris</i>	12/09
<i>Dale Richards</i>	12/23
<i>Shera Dolmartz-Finkel</i>	12/23
<i>Linda Ann Bonini</i>	12/27
<i>Joanie Gale</i>	12/28
<i>Lucielle Dzwonczyk</i>	12/29

Thank You to Generous Members Who Who Made Branch Donations this Year

Judy Alexandre
 Kathy Bartow
 Muriel Blatt
 Fran Brown
 Anne Destabelle
 Eileen Edelson
 Kathleen Fitzgerald
 Susan Grimshaw
 Elisa Hoxie
 Eunice McConaughy
 Carol Midford
 Nell Mirels
 Leann Roque
 Carol Sugimori

HALLOWEEN BINGO

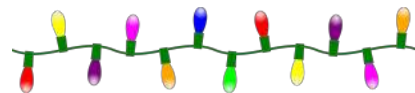
Friday, October 29, 7:00pm



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 before October 28th to receive your Bingo card and ZOOM link.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

HOLIDAY FUN AND GAME PARTY

Friday, December 10th at 7 pm

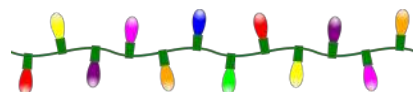


Sweater Parade
 Holiday Trivia
 Scattergories



TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

RSVP by December 7th to Jane
 Harris at compprin@hotmail.com



NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

November 9 on Zoom

Nancy Wilcox Presenting on Homelessness

We are pleased to have Nancy Wilcox as the featured speaker for our November Branch meeting. Nancy is our 2020 Status of Women Awardee and, due to Covid, didn't have the chance to be introduced in person to our members. We are still not in person, but we welcome Nancy who will share information on homelessness. Two years ago, the Branch hosted a community meeting on LA County's Homeless Initiative. The coming meeting will provide an update to that information.

Nancy Wilcox has a B.A. from U.C. Santa Cruz in Information Systems and worked at TRW. Later, she left the corporate world and joined the ranks of volunteers. After working with a variety of service organizations - Scouts, PTA, a school library, service projects through her church – Nancy switched her focus to people experiencing homelessness.

First, she joined the informal Coalition to End Homelessness, a community oriented, grass roots, not a formal non-profit organization.

An LA County program called the Coordinated Entry Program (CES) was created to help homeless people find housing and receive services. Nancy led this effort for the South Bay team. This program was eventually funded by Measure H. Nancy now leads the South Bay Services Planning Area (SP8) of the eight planning areas of L.A. County under Measure H.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21 BRANCH MEETING

Thirty members attended this informative meeting.

Elayne Nahman introduced the speaker, Donna Lilly, the Chair of AAUW California College University Relations Committee.

Donna spoke about the 2021 National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held virtually in May. Donna stated that of the 119 AAUW California branches, 25% are awarding NCCWSL scholarships. This year, about 800 young women attended the virtual conference from 300 colleges in 48 states. Topics covered included STEM, business, political science, and communications. The AAUW/Marymount Project has continued to work despite the restrictions of the pandemic.

Nancy Mahr spoke about our 5 Star Award from National AAUW. Thanks to Katy Berg's publicity for this award, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is going to recognize our branch with the Mayor's Honoree Award at the City Council Meeting on October 19, 2021.

The City Council meeting is at Hesse Park at 7 p.m. and will also be shown live on RPV TV. A recording will be available afterward on RPV TV and on the City's website.

The budget for 2021-2022 was presented and approved.

Please go to the Members Only section of our website to see complete notes from the Branch meeting.

with <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net/membersonly/minutes/> If you need the password, contact Jan Cofer.



PVP Tech Trek Status Update

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

Celebrate Tech Trek – October 24, 2021, 7-8:30 pm.



Yes, there will be a Celebrate Tech Trek in 2021 – virtual, of course! PVP sent 18 girls to the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek camps, so we have a lot to celebrate. The girls will share what was most important to them about their camp experience and their families will be on-hand to let us know what this experience meant to their daughters.

The dedicated lead math and science teachers who do so much to support the Tech Trek program at Wilmington and Dana Middle Schools are also invited. One of the big pleasures of being part of PVP Tech Trek is working with Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Traylor.

As members of the PVP branch, you are all part of the Tech Trek mission, so please join us at Celebrate Tech Trek on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 7 to 8:30 pm. It's an opportunity to meet our campers, learn more about Tech Trek and show your support for the largest mission project run by PVP and AAUW California.

The zoom meeting link is on the AAUW-PVP website in the members only section and a blast email with the link will also be sent.

As always, contact me if you have any questions, need more information or want to join the PVP Tech Trek Committee. We will begin planning for the 21/22 Tech Trek year soon and you can be a part of it. The Tech Trek Committee works closely with the lead middle school coordinators at each school to select girls to apply and interview for camp, helps girls prepare for camp with an orientation and celebrates their success after camp. This is a program that changes lives – and gives you an opportunity to make a difference.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to Tech Trek, make your check in any amount *payable to AAUW-CA-SPF* and *write Tech Trek PVP on the memo line*. Checks should be sent to Kathy Ford at 6429 Parklynn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

See you at Celebrate Tech Trek!

Kathy Ford
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310-541-3981
310-753-6468 (cell)



Tech Trek Alumnae Group of the South Bay (TTAG)

by Denise DeVenuto

TTAG is a group of middle school and high school girls who have attended a Tech Trek camp. A board made up of alumnae campers runs the group with the assistance of one or two adult advisors from each of the three AAUW branches in the South Bay. The group meets monthly via Zoom on the second Saturday morning of each month and discusses opportunities to learn more about STEM majors, college scholarships, internships and field trips to local STEM workplaces and colleges. We also plan educational events for the community, such as College Prep 101 and Women in STEM careers forums.

How do I become involved as an adult TTAG branch advisor or mentor?

Branch members are encouraged to become involved as a mentor to one or more TTAG members to help guide them through their eighth grade course selection process, as well as following through for at least the first year of high school to ensure that they have a successful start on their path to a STEM major in college. There are also opportunities to help plan events.

Currently, Denise DeVenuto is the TTAG Advisor for the Palos Verdes branch, and has been participating in this role since 2014. She invites you to contact her if you'd like to help out as an additional TTAG Advisor for our branch. The next TTAG of the South Bay event is **College Prep 101**, which will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, November 13** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact Denise.

Marymount/Saint Leo Merger

by Elayne Nahman

Marymount California University, due to the pandemic, remotely signed an official agreement with Saint Leo University to merge the two Universities in late July. Recently, officials met in front of staff, students, and teachers on Marymount's campus to sign the documents in person. The merger will result in a name change to Saint Leo University of Los Angeles, Marymount Campus. MCU has about 650 students and offers an associate degree, nine bachelor degrees and a Master of Business Administration. St. Leo educates about 2400 students and offers more than 50 undergraduate degrees, programs and endorsements. It is felt both campuses will benefit from access to more career paths. MCU will officially become part of Saint Leo in January, 2023, pending all required regulatory and accreditation approvals.

AAUW FUND

AAUW has been helping women pursue higher education since 1888. See the link below for a very interesting history.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/funding-history/>

Current recipients of AAUW fellowships and grants will be speaking about their fascinating work in a series of three virtual Fund Events on October 23rd (10-noon) October 30th (10-noon) and November 7th (1-3 pm). If you are interested in attending any of these events, click the link [here](#) to register or see the short biographies of the speakers. Although the events are free, donations to AAUW Fund are welcomed.



AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Website

By Jan Cofer

Since becoming the webmaster for our branch website I have been adding updates and enhancements to this website. I hope you will visit our website at <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>. You can just click on this web address anywhere you see it in *CoastLines*, or you can copy the address and paste it into your browser. You can also search for “AAUW PVP” or a similar phrase in your browser to find our website.

The branch website will have the latest information about upcoming events since *CoastLines* is only published bimonthly. As I write this article only one of four upcoming events on our HOME page appeared in the last issue of *CoastLines*.

Menu sections are found under the header of our website, and I encourage you to explore these sections. Sub-pages have been added to most menus so that more information is now available. The ABOUT US menu section has a great deal of new information about AAUW and our branch. Elayne Nahman contributed a fascinating article about the history of AAUW. Nancy Rayner, our Interest Group Coordinator, has rewritten the INTEREST GROUPS page with new information, and the Interest Groups Calendars that are found in *CoastLines* have also been added to the INTEREST GROUPS section. The fastest way to find an issue of *CoastLines* in the NEWSLETTERS section. In the PROJECTS section you will find updated descriptions of our branch projects.

A new MEMBERS ONLY menu with password-protected pages has been added for branch members only. The password for these pages can be found in the email that contained the link for this issue of *CoastLines*. There are members only pages with ZOOM links for branch events and ZOOM links for some interest group meetings. If you would like the ZOOM link for your interest group to be added, please contact me. Other pages have information that is only relevant to branch members.

I welcome your suggestions for changes and additions to our website to make it an easy-to-use repository for all AAUW information relevant to our branch. We can also use our website to publicize our branch and potentially attract and support new members. Think about referring others to our website so that they can learn more about us.

AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula on Facebook

By Jan Cofer

Whether you have joined Facebook or not, you can visit our branch Facebook page at <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>. Just click on the Facebook link above, search for “AAUW Palos Verdes Face book” in your browser, or click the Facebook icon on our website to visit . If you are a member of Facebook, please join our AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Facebook group.

Facebook postings are another way to share information about our branch. If you belong to Facebook, please consider sharing posts with your Facebook friends. This is a way to spread the word about our branch and potentially attract new members. If you belong to Facebook and wish to post something about AAUW on our Facebook page, you can add it in the “Write Something....” Box which is near the top of the page. You can also just send information to me to post.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2021

Some groups meet in person: some meet on Zoom.

Space constraints or other factors may result in need for a waitlist for new members.

ART APPRECIATION

CHAIR: Nancy Rayner

Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st and 3rd Wednesday 2-3 pm

November 3—France's Gold and Silver Ages

November 17—Politics and Romanticism

December 1—From Realism to Impressionism

December 15—From Paris to the East

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

fafnyr@mac.com

2nd Monday 7 pm

Contact Cecilia for information

No meeting in November

December 13—Holiday Celebration

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

4th Saturday—10 am

No meetings will be held in November/December

COOK'S CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVeneto

Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12pm

November 20—Christmas,

Hanukkah, New Year recipes

December—no meeting

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen

bergenlibby@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Wednesday 2 pm

November 10

December 8 & 22

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

2nd Monday 7 pm

November 8—*Akin* by Emma Donoghue

December 13—no meeting

4th MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown

franbrown5@cox.net

4th Monday 2—4 pm

November 22—*Night Portrait* by Laura Morelli

December 27—no meeting

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

jj.deflon@gmail.com

2nd Monday 9:30 am

November 8—*Uncanny Valley* by Anna Wiener

December 13—Holiday Luncheon

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

3rd Thursday 2 pm

November 18—*The Great*

Unexpected by Dan Mooney

December—Holiday Luncheon

BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris

mnorris@ca.rr.com

3rd Tuesday 1 pm

Holiday Season Schedule TBD

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

sharonandrade@cox.net

3rd Monday 10 am

November 15—The End of Globalization

December—no meeting

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

KMLFitz@earthlink.net

3rd Monday 10 am

No meeting will be held in November/December

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

susimone@aol.com

PV liaison: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

1st Wednesday 3 pm

Meetings held outdoors

November 5—Still Thankful After All These COVID months!

December 1—Holiday Celebration

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

reinventingme@me.com

1st Friday 2—4 pm

November 5—Topic TBD

December 3—Topic TBD

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown

franbrown5@cox.net

Leann Roque

leannr@cox.net

Each Wednesday 10 am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link.

BRANCH CALENDAR November, December 2021

MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM

October 24, Sun. Celebrate Tech Trek on ZOOM, 7-8:30pm
October 29, Fri. Halloween Game Bingo, 7:00 pm
November 09, Tues. Branch Meeting, 2pm



Council Co-chairs: Fran Brown
and Leann Roque

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Co-Treasurer:
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CoastLines articles,
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AAUW Mission Statement

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

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