

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, November, December 2020



Nov, Dec 2020

Inside this issue

Public Policy 2
Coffee with Friends

Ugly Sweater Soiree 3
Halloween Game Night
Birthdays

Tech Trek Status Update 4

Virtual Technology 5

AAUW/Marymount
NCCWSL Update

September Branch Meeting 6
October Branch Meeting

Interest Groups 7

Branch Calendar 8



TRI-BRANCH MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 SOCIAL ADVOCACY

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.

The Creation of a Social Advocate and Q & A

Speaker: Sgt. Cheryl Dorsey, author and retired officer of the LAPD

Torrance Branch is hosting the meeting to which Palos Verdes and Beach Cities branches are invited. The featured speaker is Sgt Cheryl Dorsey (retired LAPD) who will be talking about race, police, empowerment and women in uniform. Sgt. Dorsey is the author of *Black and Blue: The Creation of a Social Advocate* and is a featured expert on CNN. Members are encouraged to read her book before the program.

This will be a zoom meeting. Save the date on your calendars. Closer to the event, we will send out an eblast with the link to enter the meeting.

★ SAVE THE DATE FOR READERS THEATER ★



The Ladies Remember: Eleanor Roosevelt Uncovers the Road to the 19th Amendment

by Cecilia Rogers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

★ 2 P.M. ★



★ PRESENTED ONLINE ★

SB 973 Signed by the Governor!

By Kathi Harper, AAUW California Public Policy Co-Chair

In 2018, AAUW co-sponsored a bill requiring companies with more than 100 employees to collect and report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing data on:

- The number of employees by race, ethnicity, and sex for 10 job categories;
- The number of employees by race, ethnicity, and sex, whose annual earnings fall within certain pay bands;
- The total number of hours worked by each employee counted in each pay band during the reporting year.

The purpose of the bill is “to allow for designated state agencies to collect wage data to more efficiently identify wage patterns and allow for targeted enforcement of equal pay or discrimination laws.” The bill failed in 2019, and was re-introduced last year by the same author, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara), and was signed by Governor Newsom on September 30th – the last day in the last hour!

Fifteen other AAUW California-supported bills were also signed by the Governor, including: improved medical care for incarcerated pregnant women (**AB732**); protection for women testifying in sexual assault cases from having their testimony of alcohol or drug use at the time of the assault used against them in a separate prosecution (**AB1927**); addition of “sexual harassment” as a form of prohibited sex discrimination in higher education (**SB493**); and expansion of the California Family Rights Act to require any employer with 5 or more employees to grant a request by an employee to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any 12-month period to bond with a new child or to care for themselves or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner (**SB1383**).

Finally, as part of our “white allyship” posture, we are proud to have supported six bills that were enacted to address racial injustice and/or to enhance opportunities for Black women: **AB979**, requiring corporations to include a specified number of members from underrepresented communities on their boards of directors; **AB1196** and **AB1506**, regulating police use of force; **AB1460**, requiring ethnic studies as a graduation requirement in CSU schools; **AB3070**, addressing discriminatory use of peremptory challenges in jury selection; and **AB3121**, establishing a task force to study and develop reparation proposals.

You can find additional information on these and all our 2019-20 bills on “Capitol Track” on our website.



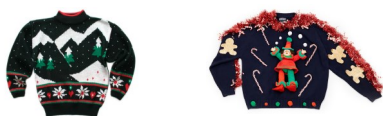
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE “WHY PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS” WEBINAR ON OCTOBER 28TH AT 7:00pm!



Coffee with Friends
Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

It's good to see each other, catch up on coping skills, hobbies, food experiments, family, and newly discovered opportunities. If you would like to join us, just contact Leann or Fran and bring your own coffee!

franbrown5@cox.net
leannr@cox.net



Ugly Sweater Soiree

Celebrate the holidays on ZOOM with a social hour and holiday music by Anne Destabelle

Saturday, December 19
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wear your ugly sweater or holiday gear .

Questions? franbrown5@cox.net



HALLOWEEN GAME NIGHT

No Tricks, only the Treat of Playing Bingo & ZOOMING together



Friday, October, 30
7:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.



If you have Halloween costumes, silly hats or jewelry, please wear them.

Please RSVP leannrr@cox.net before Oct. 28 to receive the ZOOM link.



November Birthdays

<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>Barbara Prassas</i>	11/14
<i>Vickie McCorkendale</i>	11/21
<i>Eileen Edelson</i>	11/28
<i>Marilyn Morton</i>	11/28

December Birthdays

<i>Jann Segal</i>	12/03
<i>Carol Sugimore</i>	12/06
<i>Margery Norris</i>	12/09
<i>Wendy Louttit</i>	12/22
<i>Dale Richards</i>	12/23
<i>Shera Dolmatz-Finkel</i>	12/23
<i>Linda Ann Bonini</i>	12/27
<i>Diana Cahill</i>	12/28
<i>Joanie Gale</i>	12/28
<i>Lucielle Dzwonczyk</i>	12/29
<i>Shirley Starke-Wallace</i>	12/30



PVP Tech Trek Status Update

by Kathy Ford, AAUW PVP Tech Trek Branch Coordinator & Treasurer,
Member of State Tech Trek Committee

Based on AAUW National's recommendations, AAUW California decided that the 2021 Tech Trek camps will be delivered on a virtual platform. With so many unknowns and changes in state and local regulations, it was considered inadvisable to assume now that in-person camps would be possible months into the future. All branches were advised to delay student recruitment until 2021 to allow National and State to create policies and documents for a safe virtual selection process and camp experience.

This timely decision gives us far more time to plan a very rewarding and robust virtual STEM experience for 2021. The STEMinists Making Change robotics camp, successfully piloted by San Diego Camp Director Mary Isaac this past summer, provides a solid and exciting platform and infrastructure from which to deliver a state-wide five day Tech Trek camp. The camp includes a core class with a hands-on kit for each girl, inspirational speakers, multiple interactive and hands-on workshops, and small breakout groups with two coaches to provide support. The girls will have the opportunity to present their projects on the last day of camp. See 2020 camper Marileen's presentation at the link [\(example\)](#).

Furthermore, a virtual camp does not have the same capacity constraints as an in-person camp, so we have the opportunity to select more girls for the virtual camp at approximately a third of the cost for each girl. And there will be opportunities for our Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) girls to participate as camp coaches.

The ultimate goal is to go back to providing girls the experience of a campus-based residential camp as soon as it is safe to do so. But I am glad to report that our two teacher Tech Trek contacts, Mrs. Rodriguez and Mrs. Traylor, are enthusiastic supporters of the program and committed to working with us to select girls for Tech Trek 2021.

Our Tech Trek Committee was able to provide each of our 2020 girls a science encyclopedia book (thank you Denise DeVenuto for sending these) along with a special t-shirt provided by State and a certificate. All were invited to join TTAG.

I've reached out to our Tech Trek Committee and received very positive responses from over half of the 2020 Committee. If you haven't responded yet, please do so. And if you are new to AAUW PVP or are interested in joining us, please contact me. This is a very rewarding program where you meet other dedicated and fun AAUW PVP members and a lot of wonderful girls.

Kathy Ford, kjsford@me.com

310-541-3981; 310-753-6468 (cell)

Virtual Technologies Committee

by Jan Cofer



The Virtual Technologies Committee and ZOOM Users group are being combined and will meet on the second Wednesday of each month while there is a need to meet. At these meetings members will have the opportunity to receive training on using ZOOM and they will be able to ask questions and receive support on using technology.

The topic for the November meeting is “Basics of Hosting a ZOOM Meeting.” In December we will review topics covered in previous meetings. Please contact jancofer@gmail.com for a ZOOM invitation to a meeting. The same ZOOM link will now work for all ZOOM Users meetings.

When you receive a ZOOM invitation, I suggest that you write the meeting Id and Passcode on your calendar. Then, if you can't find the link in your email, you have a backup. If you are hosting meetings, I recommend that you always provide the Id and Passcode along with the link for the meeting in your invitation. Please contact me or attend a ZOOM Users meeting if you don't know how to sign on to a meeting with the Id and Passcode.

ZOOM Users and Virtual Technologies Committee Classes

November 11: Basics of Hosting ZOOM meeting 2 p.m.

December 9: Review of ZOOM topics 2 p.m.

AAUW/MARYMOUNT NCCWSL UPDATE

Elayne Nahman, Chair

AAUW/MCU NCCWSL Project Committee

Needless to say, the COVID-19 virus has caused several changes in our program with Marymount California University. Our plans to send four outstanding candidates to the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held in Washington, DC was cancelled this year and has been tentatively moved to May 26-29, 2021. It is our hope that our finalists, Jocelyn Arevalo-Ralios, Susana Jimenez, Payton Sprouse and April Tamayo will be able to attend at that time and experience the benefits of this leadership conference. Due to the uncertainty of the Conference, however, it was decided by the AAUW/MCU Leadership Committees and Marymount California University that we would not do a selection process this year. It was felt that it would be disappointing for future candidates to be selected and not be able to attend. It is our fervent hope that we will soon be able to move past this pandemic and again return to our commitment of introducing young students to leadership experiences.

Notes from September 8, 2020 PVP Branch Meeting

Thirty-six members attended this informative meeting.

Fran Brown introduced the Speaker, Jennifer Addington, District Director of the Palos Verdes Library District.

Jennifer has worked at the PVLD since 2000 in various capacities, with a brief stint working for the City of Pasadena Library District. She has been the director since 2018. The library district was founded in 1928, prior to any cities on the Peninsula. It is the largest special library district in the state. She spoke of the library's response to Covid-19, including the emphasis on electronic books, streaming services and customer service, cleaning and quarantining materials and the facility, curbside pick-up, re-structuring the Annex for teenagers, and re-opening protocols. Jennifer recommended visiting the online exhibits on the PVLD website, including Foremothers of the Peninsula.

Fran thanked Jennifer for the presentation and presented an honorarium of \$100 for the PVLD.

The 2020-2021 Branch Budget was approved

OCTOBER MEETING REVIEW

At the October 13 branch meeting, Nancy Mahr presented an overview of the 12 state ballot propositions and County measure J. Over 30 branch members attended on Zoom and were joined by 10 members from Torrance branch. Members had good questions on the measures as well as thoughtful comments.

AAUW California has taken support positions on the following propositions:

- 14 Bond for stem cell research
- 15 Property taxes – split roll
- 16 Affirmative action
- 17 Voting for parolees
- 18 Voting for 17 year-olds
- 21 Rent control
- 25 Ending Cash Bail

AAUW has taken NO POSITION on the following propositions:

- P19 Property tax savings for older homeowners; inherited property
- P20 Revisions to sentencing and parole
- P22 App rideshare and delivery drivers
- P23 Dialysis clinics
- P24 Consumer privacy

INTEREST GROUPS – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

*** 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

November 4 – *Hellenistic, Etruscan, and Early Roman Art*

November 18 – *Roman and Judaeon Art*

December 2 – *Early Christian Art & Its Progeny*

December 16 – *The Beginnings of Jewish Art*

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers
310-293-7071 or
fafnyr@mac.com

November 9 7pm

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
310-508-3581
2nd Monday 9:30AM

November 9 – *The Glass Hotel*

December 14 – *A Saint from Texas*

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer
310-791-8337
3rd Thursday 2pm

November 19 – *The Girl with Seven Names*

December 17 – *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows*

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf
310-373-5970
2nd Monday 7pm

November 9 – *The Vanishing Half*

December 14 - ZOOM Holiday Social

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown
310-377-5254
4th Monday 2 – 4pm

November 23 – *Sisters in Law...*

December 28 – *The Last Train to London*

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer
(310)791-8337
4th Saturday – 10am

November 21 – Holiday Travel Stories

December 19 - Educational Travel

COOK'S CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto
Dendev88@gmail.com
3rd Saturday 12N

November 21 – recipe tbd

December 19 – recipe tbd



GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade
310-541-2417
3rd Monday 10am

November 16 – *Artificial Intelligence and Data*

No meetings will be held in December or January.

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald
310-373-0946
3rd Monday 10am

This year's topics have been completed. Contact Kathleen if you are interested in participating in the 2021 program.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete
310-377-0642
PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf
310-373-5970
1st Wednesday 7 – 9pm

November 4 – *Serving Gratitude*

December 2 – ZOOM Holiday Cheer

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow
reinventing@me.com
1st Friday 2 – 4pm

November 6

December 4



First
Class
Postage

**American Association of University Women
Palos Verdes Branch
P.O. Box 2443
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.**

**Council Co-chairs: Nancy Mahr
and Dale Richards**

Treasurer: Faith Morrow

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

**Editor: Eunice McConaughy
310-530-5847
eunicemc@pacbell.net**

**Deadline for Jan/Feb
CoastLines articles,
Dec. 15, 2020**

**BRANCH CALENDAR
November, December 2020**

MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM

October 30, Fri.	Halloween Game Night 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
November 11, Wed.	Basics of Hosting ZOOM meeting 2 p.m.
November 14, Sat.	Tri-Branch Meeting 10 a.m.
December 06, Sun.	Readers Theater, "The Ladies Remember", 2 p.m.
December 09, Wed.	Review of ZOOM topics, 2 p.m.
December 19, Sat.	Ugly Sweater Soiree 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesdays, on-going,	Coffee with Friends, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.