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Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, March/April 2022

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PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR MARCH BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 2:00-3:30 pm



Rainbow Services presentation by **Andrea Barahona,**
Community Engagement Coordinator

Andrea will speak on the effect of Covid-19 on clients and services.

Other Topics Include:

- Announcement of Branch Named Gift Honoree
- Tech Trek Update
- Marymount/NCWSSL Update
- Public Policy
- Status of Women Award Nominations
- Election of Officers Procedure for 2022-2023
- Recognition Luncheon

ZOOM LINK INFORMATION WILL BE SENT BY EBLAST PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

January Meeting: Learning About DEI

Nancy Mahr gave a presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

AAUW has adopted DEI as part of its mission and strategic goals.

The DEI mission statement reads: AAUW seeks to promote inclusion and awareness for all members to create an equitable, sustainable, and inclusive membership reflective of today's world. AAUW encourages branches to have ongoing dialogue and create goals and strategies.

DEI is increasingly supported by many businesses, organizations and non-profits.

There are many facets of diversity. DEI promotes awareness of all facets and the way in which embracing DEI impacts all aspects of life. DEI is about understanding, accepting, and valuing our many differences.

Equity includes welcoming. The basis of equity is access. It is not the same as equality. A sustained practice of creating inclusive environments is necessary for organizational success.

Unconscious bias works against DEI. It is important to recognize unconscious bias in oneself and make the effort to reduce such bias.

"Do the best you can until you know better, then, when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

AAUW CA Lobby Week – Coming Up in April

AAUW California **Lobby Week is April 11-15th**. Add the dates to your calendars. Members across the state will be meeting with their state legislators during this week. Watch for information on registering to participate.

The Status of Women Award

The Palos Verdes AAUW Status of Women Award is presented once a year by the branch to the woman who is visible in the community and works to better society. She shows leadership and exhibits professional conduct. She is a role model for other women and girls.

The Branch Leadership team is asking for your suggestions for our 2022 Status of Women Award. A nominee may be a branch member or not; there is no requirement that the award recipient is a member of AAUW.

The Award is usually presented at the June Recognition Luncheon. Due to the Covid virus, the luncheon was not held for the past two years. We are hopeful that we can meet in person for our branch gathering in 2022.

Please submit your suggestions to Nancy Mahr at nlmahr@verizon.net or leave a phone message at 310-377-0735. Deadline to submit is March 31, 2022.



March Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Judy Milestone | 3/04 |
| Rowie Wolf | 3/05 |
| Dana Gorman | 3/06 |
| Shirley Collins | 3/11 |
| Karlen Schepak | 3/16 |
| Lynne Jones | 3/23 |
| Louise Chao | 3/26 |
| Marlin More | 3/30 |

April Birthdays

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|-------------------|------|
| Nell Mirels | 4/04 |
| Barbara Aranguren | 4/06 |
| Maria Ashla | 4/10 |
| Karen Gottlieb | 4/10 |
| Dayla Sims | 4/12 |
| 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.



HEADS UP!



National Dues Rate Change

Beginning July 1 AAUW national dues will increase \$5 to \$67 for 2022-2023. That means our total membership dues will be \$109. \$64 of the national dues will be tax deductible. Branch and state dues are not tax-deductible.

....About our Speaker March 8, 2022 Branch Meeting

Andrea Barahona is the community engagement coordinator at Rainbow Services. Andrea engages and educates people on Domestic Violence and the effects it has on survivors and their families. Andrea and her team have been working on a prevention education program (Building Healthy Boundaries) where they seek to accomplish two goals: to help youth establish healthy relationships through prevention education, and to provide youth with meaningful resources and tools so they are equipped to independently address unhealthy relationship behaviors. Andrea also oversees the volunteer program at Rainbow, which includes leading the 40 hour training program required by the state to become a volunteer at any Domestic Violence agency.

Submitted by Lynne Jones



Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, June 4
In-person (Red Onion) or Virtual



Donations for Rainbow Services

This year Rainbow services is requesting gift cards since many survivors arrive at the shelter without anything. Please send or deliver your gift cards to:

Lynne Jones at 31 Seaview Drive S, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275 by March 31.

Some types of gift cards that support survivors are:

- Gas Gift cards (Arco, 76, Chevron) : Gas gift cards help survivors go to and from work, go to court appointments and perform other daily activities.
- Grocery Gift Cards (Vons, Ralphs, Sprouts, Trader Joe's, Albertsons, Smart and Final) : Grocery gift cards support survivors and help them to save money.
- Gift cards (Target, Ross, Marshall's, Kohl's, T.J. Maxx): Gift cards from these locations help survivors purchase needed clothing and necessities that they might have left behind.

What's New on the AAUW Palos Verdes Peninsula Website

By Jan Cofer

There are frequent additions to the Branch website at <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net>, and it is a great site to find the information you need in one place. You can navigate to different pages by clicking the tabs under the header at the top of any page and the links on the right side of any page. Take some time to explore the content. You can click on words in red, which are usually underlined, to navigate to pages with more information about a given topic. The pages below are some of the pages that have had recent additions.

The **Home** page will always have information about upcoming events for our branch and sometimes for our neighbor branches as well.

Under the **Interest Groups** tab there is always a current calendar.

Clicking on **DEI** on the right side of any page will take you to the DEI page which has a wealth of information about **DEI**, including the PowerPoint presentation from the January 2022 Branch meeting.

Clicking on **Public Policy** on the right side of any page will take you to the **Public Policy** page where there is information about state and national public policy.

Clicking on **Community Events** on the right side of any page will take you to a list of events in our community that are relevant to the Branch's mission and interests.



PVP Tech Trek Status Update

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

Tech Trek 2022

A clearer picture of Tech Trek 2022 is emerging. The current plan is to have both residential and virtual camps. Not all residential camps will be available - UCSD is not and probably not Stanford. However, we expect to have space available for our campers:

Whittier - June 19-25,
UCSB - July 10-16,
UCSB - July 17-23,
Virtual - June 19-24,
Virtual - July 24-29.

All campers and volunteers for the residential camps must provide proof of immunizations, have a negative COVID test prior to arriving at camp, and follow other guidelines as stipulated by AAUW National. The college campuses that are currently planning to have Tech Trek camps can always reverse their decisions depending on circumstances closer to the camp dates. The virtual camp option will remain an option in future years as well, giving AAUW California a way to reach more girls. We are currently well-funded to send girls to residential and virtual camps in 2022.

Tech Trek applicants will have several options when applying:

- Virtual only,
- Residential only,
- Residential with virtual as a back-up if the residential camp is not held.

Many parents may remain hesitant to send their girls to a residential camp, regardless of vaccinations status, and some girls may not be vaccinated and therefore cannot attend a residential camp. Without UCSD available as a residential camp this summer, we will have fewer residential camp slots available in Southern California. The virtual camps will give girls an option to attend a STEM camp if they cannot attend a residential camp for any of these reasons. The Tech Trek Committee met February 7 and we have volunteers for essay reading and zoom interviews as well as for mentoring girls through the process of applying and registering for camp, and signing up for residential camp orientation, and Celebrate Tech Trek. Our teacher contacts for Wilmington and Dana Middle Schools now have the nomination materials and instructions, with nominations due back by February 18. Girls will complete their applications online and the selection process will continue into March. Final selections are due no later than April 15. While orientation is included in the virtual camp program, we will hold a virtual orientation for campers selected for residential camps on May 21. We have only three volunteers for this program and need more. The Celebrate Tech Trek program is tentatively set for Oct 1 or 2, but the decision for an in-person or virtual event will be made later.

Volunteers Needed for Tech Trek 2022 and Beyond

To secure the PVP Tech Trek program for the future, we need more PVP members who are interested in joining the Tech Trek Committee, especially those who are interested in taking on a leadership role.

Tech Trek continued...

Tech Trek is the largest AAUW California mission program and has supported thousands of girls who are interested in STEM. Many have become the first in their family to go to college. All our committees and branch positions need succession planning and Tech Trek does as well. To continue this impactful program, we need one or more members to commit to becoming the PVP Branch Coordinator-in-Training. This position can be shared. I am committed to helping the volunteer(s) learn the ropes and continue to support them when they assume the role in 2023. Anyone who is interested, please contact me to discuss this great opportunity to lead a strong and supportive Tech Trek Committee, keep PVP Tech Trek active into the future and continue to provide opportunities for girls who might not have them without PVP Tech Trek.

Kathy Ford

kjsford@me.com 310-541-3981 310-753-6468 (cell)



NCWSSL PROJECT UPDATE

On August 5, 2021 Marymount California University signed an agreement to merge with St. Leo University based in Florida. This merger is considered to be a mutual benefit for both colleges as each will bring different advantages. While waiting for final regulatory approval, both are working together to make it a smooth transition. Our liaison with MCU will not be affected and the NCCWSL Project will continue as always.

Unfortunately, however, this year AAUW and MCU have decided not to send students to the NCCWSL Conference which will be held on May 24-26, 2022. Because it is being held as a virtual conference, it was felt that it could not provide the overall experience our students have gotten from past conferences that include a selection of many workshops, hearing key note speakers, meeting others from throughout the country, networking and having the Washington, DC experience. We are hopeful that next year the Conference will again be in person.



AAUW San Francisco Branch is hosting a Virtual showing of the documentary “LFG” and we are invited.

Movie Night

February 25, 2022

7:00 PM PST

LFG is a no-holds-barred, inside account of the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team’s ongoing fight for equal pay as told by Megan Rapinoe and her teammates. The documentary grants viewers unprecedented access to these game-changers as they meet the physical demands and pressures of being some of the world’s top athletes while showcasing their courage, unflinching spirit, and resiliency in an effort to create long-lasting social change.

For your free ticket click <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-lfg-equal-play-equal-pay-tickets-258344504367> to register.

FANTastic Presentation!

Hosted by Joanie Gale & Co-hosted by Margery Norris



Friday, April 8, 7 PM

Explore the fascinating history of handheld fans as they have been used in fashion, advertising and entertainment. The presentation will include some unique examples of craftsmanship.

Bring a fan and join the fun on Zoom!

Zoom link to follow.



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS MARCH/APRIL 2022

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

March 2-*Revolutions in Early 20th Century Paintings*

March 16-*Figuration & Abstraction -The Struggle*

April 06-*Developments in Sculpture-Rodin to Judd*

April 20-*New Worlds of Architecture Wright to Hadid*

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

fafnyr@mac.com

2nd Monday 7 pm

Contact Cecilia for information

March 14

April 11

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

4th Saturday — 10 am

March 26-Ocean Cruises

April-River Cruises

COOK'S CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVeneto

Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12pm

March 19-Sourdough and Yeast Breads

April 16-Vegetarian Entrees

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen

bergenlibby@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Wednesday 2 pm

March 9 & 23

April 13 & 27

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

2nd Monday 7 pm

March 14-*The Lincoln Highway*
by Amor Towles

April 11-*Slouching to Bethlehem*
by Joan Didion

4th MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown

franbrown5@cox.net

4th Monday 2 — 4 pm

March 28-*The Mountains Sing*
by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

April 25-*The Thursday Murder*
by Richard Osman

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

jj.deflon@gmail.com

2nd Monday 9:30 am

March 14-*Bewilderment*
by Richard Powers

April 11-tbd

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

3rd Thursday 2 pm

March 17-*Midnight Library*
by Matt Haig

April 21-*The Lincoln Highway*
by Amor Towles

BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris

mnorris@ca.rr.com

3rd Tuesday 1 pm

March 15-tbd

April 19-tbd

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

sharonandrade@cox.net

3rd Monday 10 am

March 21-Climate Change
April 18-Russia and the U.S.

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

KMLFitz@earthlink.net

3rd Monday 10 am

March 21-Climate Change
April 18 Russia and the U.S.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

susimone@aol.com

PV liaison: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

1st Wednesday 3 pm

Meetings held outdoors

March 2-tbd

April 6-tbd

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

reinventingme@me.com

1st Friday 2 — 4 pm

March 4-Topic tbd

April 1-Topic tbd

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown

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Leann Roque

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Each Wednesday 10 am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link.

BRANCH CALENDAR March, April 2022

MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM

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| February 25, Friday | Movie Night, 7:00 pm |
| March 08, Tuesday | Branch Meeting, 2 pm t o 3:30 pm |
| March 31, Thursday | Deadline for submissions to Status of Women Award |
| March 31, Thursday | Deadline for donations to Rainbow Services |
| April 08, Friday | FANTastic presentation, 7:00 pm |

Council Co-Chairs: Fran Brown
and Leann Roque

Treasurer: Faith Morrow,
Co-Treasurer:
Shera Dolmatz-Finkel

Membership Chairs:
Libby Bergen and Jane Harris

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Deadline for May/June
CoastLines articles,
Apr. 15, 2022

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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