

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, May/June 2022

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PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR MAY BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 2:00 -3:30 p.m.

What Color is Your Personality?

by
Connie Leach, Ed.D

Other Topics Include:

- Public Policy
- Tech Trek Update
- Recognition Luncheon
- Branch Planning Meeting

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

AAUW - PVP RECOGNITION LUNCHEON



Saturday, June 4, 2022

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Red Onion Restaurant, 736 Bart Earl Way, RHE

RSVP to Libby Bergen at bergenlibby@gmail.com to make your reservation. Your confirmation will be the receipt of your check no later than 5/31/22.

Please make your check payable to AAUW - PVP in the amount of \$35.00 and mail to Libby Bergen at [5057 Golden Arrow Drive, RPV 90275](mailto:libby@5057GoldenArrowDrive.com)



PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

by Nancy Mahr

National News

AAUW is putting full support behind Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson. National is encouraging members across the country to contact their Senators in support of this confirmation and to use social media to broadcast your support.

AAUW is holding its national election April 6 through May 16, 2022. The election will include voting for candidates for the Board of Directors and for proposed bylaws changes. You can find the details of the election on the national website under National Election 2022. All AAUW members will receive a ballot in April.

AAUW CA Sponsors California Legislation

Guided by our member-approved Public Policy Priorities for 2021-2023, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee has selected the bills that we will be supporting as they move through the 2022 Session of the California Legislature. Here are the six highest priority bills:

- AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services. Co-sponsor
- AB 1666—enables persons to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. Co-sponsor
- AB 1968—mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.
- AB 2881—Student parents get priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers, enabling them to remain in California colleges.
- SB 523—Expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.

SB 1375—updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

Within our Public Policy Priorities, six bills are related to Economic Security for All Women, seven are related to Equal Access to Public Education, and 18 are related to Social and Racial Justice for all Members of Society. Our selected bills can be accessed on the Public Policy section of the AAUW CA website.

DEI NOTES

In January we talked about some DEI basics. Now I'd like to add some DEI-related terms to your vocabulary.

INTERSECTIONALITY: the complex, cumulative way in which the effects of multiple forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, or intersect especially in the experiences of marginalized individuals or groups. *In looking at DEI, you can't consider just one impactful element – there are always several.*

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS: an inclination of temperament or outlook, especially a personal and sometimes unreasoned judgment or prejudice which is not marked by conscious thought, sensation, or feeling, and is not consciously held or deliberately planned or carried out and of which the person is not aware. *These biases develop over our lifetime, usually without our realization or knowledge.*

ALLYSHIP: the state or condition of being an ally: supportive association with another person or group. *Anyone can be an ally, but it's not a passive role; it means speaking up and taking action, not just claiming the title. Being an ally is consistent work that may not always go perfectly. Mistakes are inevitable, but being open to listening, learning, and doing better is an important part of allyship.*



May Birthdays

Wendy Walker	5/01
Leann Roque	5/04
Sheila Steinberg	5/08
Helen Cannefax	5/17
Martha Feakins	5/26
Fran Wielin	5/28
Jane Harris	5/29

June Birthdays

Willis Binnard	6/02
Connie Leach	6/12
Kathryn Sandow	6/14
Ann Shaw	6/18
Susan Grimshaw	6/19
Kathy Berg	6/20
Sharon Butler	6/21
Gail Ruder	6/26
Susan Wallace	6/26

If we missed your birthday or a correction needs to be made, please inform Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

September 24, 2022, Saturday afternoon

Peninsula Center Library

"The Suffrage Musical: From Battles to Ballots - A Century of Struggle for Our Right to Vote"
Presented by the Pennyroyal Players



Connie Leach

Our May speaker, Connie Leach, is one of our Branch's newest members. Before moving to California, she was president of the Scottsdale Branch of AAUW and president of the Arizona state chapter for three years.

Connie, is an author, speaker and certified professional life and career coach specializing in guiding young adults and teens to achieving their greatest potential and future career. She has a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Master's degrees in elementary education and counseling. She's passionate about improving the status of women. Connie is most proud of her newly published work-book, "Design Your Daring Life." This book was designed for those who want to create their personalized roadmap for success and the confidence and courage to make it happen.



CHOCOLATE CHIP BINGO

Bring your chocolate chip munchies to celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day as you try your luck at Bingo!

Friday, May 20, 2022 at 7 PM

RSPV to Jane Harris at compprin@hotmail.com

ZOOM link to follow



Reimbursements

Please submit invoices for reimbursement to Shera Dolmatz-Finkel before June 30, 2022.

March Branch Meeting

Twenty-five Branch members enjoyed hearing Andrea Barahona, Community Engagement Coordinator of Rainbow Services.

Rainbow Services, started in 1970 by Harbor YMCA, is a grass root non-profit organization providing safe houses. Currently, the San Pedro Organization has five facilities including an emergency shelter which can house eight families for up to 90 days and transitional housing which can host 10 families for up to one year.

Andrea told us that intimate partner violence is about power and control. It impacts women more frequently, however, it also affects men. There are many type of abuse including physical, emotional, financial and spiritual. Barriers to leaving abusive relationships include economic dependence, fear of isolation, immigration status, children, cultural or social norms, and that one may still love the abusive partner.

How can one support Rainbow Services? Two main ways are volunteering and donations. Volunteers are required to complete 40 hours of state mandated training. Donations may be monetary as well as tangible items like food, diapers, clothing, school supplies, and gift cards.

For more information see <https://rainbowservicesdv.org>

Thanks for your generous donations! Our branch was able to contribute \$585 in gift cards to Rainbow Services after our March 8th branch meeting.

What's New on the AAUW-PVP website

By Jan Cofer

Visit the home page at <https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net> for information about the latest events for our branch, other south bay branches and state activities. This information is updated frequently and has members-only references to Zoom links for events.

Click on the sidebar for the **New Member Application** for 2022–2023. You can print it and share with potential new members.

Click on the sidebar for the **Membership Renewal Application** for 2022–2023. Click on the sidebar for new **Public Policy** information.

Click on the sidebar for new **AAUW Fund** information

Click the **Tech Trek** sub-menu page under the Projects Menu at the top of the page to see the latest information about Tech Trek

Click the **Marymount** sub-menu page under the Projects Menu at the top of the page to read about the history of the AAUW/Marymount California University Partnership, the Saint Leo Merger, and the latest information the partnership.

NAMED GIFT HONOREE

Nancy Mahr Receives the Branch Named Gift Award



Nancy Mahr

This award reflects outstanding service to the branch and to upholding the principles of AAUW. It is thanks to the efforts of Nancy Mahr that our branch was awarded 5-star status, the highest national AAUW recognition award. We were one of only 7 branches in CA that achieved all 5 stars. Nancy not only kept us on track towards this goal, but expertly wrote up the application. Nancy is our DEI Coordinator, our Policies & Procedures/Bylaws Chair, our Public Policy Chair and continues working on the AAUW Public Policy Committee at the state level. For the last three years she and Dale Richards co-chaired as our branch leaders.

Nancy is also a community leader who serves on the Peninsula Friends of the Library Board and is Vice-President/Voter Services of LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro League.

We are so grateful to Nancy for all she has done and continues to do for our branch.

THANK YOU TO OUR AAUW FUND DONORS



The 2021 numbers are in and twenty-seven of our PVP Branch Members donated \$4223 to the AAUW Fund Program. A total of \$494,000 was raised in California and the money will be used to fund scholarships, grants, leadership programs and all the activities which help to ensure equity for women and girls. Thank you to all of you for your generous contributions to this vital part of the AAUW mission. In addition, we thank the branch members who donated \$1177 directly to our branch. This amount goes into our general operating budget and is used to fund our branch programs and activities.

Our PVP Branch website contains a link to the AAUW Fund which displays a graphic showing the four sub-funds with a description of the programs they support. The Greatest Needs Fund is the default if you do not direct your donation to any of the other options. If you wish to choose a different fund, its number can be entered when you make your donation.

South Bay TTAG and San Francisco TTAG to Host Discussions at AAUW Convention

by Denise DeVenuto



TTAG advisors and alumnae campers from three local AAUW branches will join with Rosaura Valle, TTAG coordinator and secretary of the San Francisco branch, to share hosting of two breakout sessions to discuss tips for how branches can start their own Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG). This will be one of many breakout sessions on various topics that will be offered at 10:40 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. The AAUW California Convention will be held April 30 via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a lunch break.

Denise DeVenuto, PV Branch TTAG Advisor, will be hosting along with Terry Hays-Horner and Deborah Thomas, Beach Cities TTAG Advisors, and Alice Matthews, branch president and Torrance TTAG Advisor. Five Tech Trek alumnae campers will also be participating to describe how TTAG started in the South Bay in 2014 and has evolved over the years. All the workshops are informal conversations and convention attendees are free to join and leave a session, and then join another.

Come hear how AAUW branches are effectively mentoring alumnae campers through TTAG during those important years after camp, and influencing young women to pursue STEM majors and STEM careers.

For more information and to register for the 2022 Annual Event: aauw-ca.org

IN REMEMBRANCE



Lucielle Dzwonczyk

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and many friends of Lucielle Dzwonczyk, who passed away on April 9th.

Lucia was a longtime member of AAUW since her early years on the East Coast.

Lucia enjoyed travelling, spending time with her family and many friends and was an avid reader. She always enjoyed learning new things.

Lucia was a member of the Lompoc branch of AAUW until she and her husband, Luke, moved to the Palos Verdes Shores Community. She then joined our AAUW/PVP branch and was active in the Living Room Group, Great Decisions, and the Pinochle group.

She will be greatly missed.



NCCWSL PROJECT HAPPENINGS

by Elayne Nahman

The NCCWSL Project Committee met this month to continue to work on the tasks we started prior to the pandemic. One of our goals is to meet with the newly formed AAUW/Marymount Campus Club which is currently in the process of being formalized. Since this is the end of the school year, it was decided that it would be best to meet during the summer on a Zoom meeting. It will be exciting to have the Committee members--Nancy Bell, Libby Bergen, Sue Gates and myself meet with the student club members for the first time and plan our club activities.

Our second goal is to follow up on those students who attended the Conference and have since graduated in the years from 2017-2019. Our plan is to send a questionnaire about their Conference experience and how it has affected them in their current career. We are looking forward to their responses and this will help us with future Conference planning.

Additionally, we are looking at ways to stay engaged with our Conference attendees, current and past, such as alumni gatherings, providing Start Smart and Work Smart workshops and mentoring. There is much to do and the Committee is looking forward to making all our goals happen.

2022 STATE OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL EVENT

Join the expedition to AAUWLand at the AAUW Annual Event on Saturday, April 30th 9-3 via Zoom.

On Saturday, April 30, 2022, we will gather on Zoom for a virtual event celebrating our AAUW branches, listening to inspiring speakers, and crowning a 2022 Speech Trek winner! Tour guides (hosts) will lead conversations about a range of topics related to AAUW and our mission in Zoom breakout rooms. Here you will be able to share your opinions with others, learn something new, and connect with AAUW friends across the state.

To register go to aauw-ca.org or click here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N8klc793Rz-L5wCs8XUXww

Membership Renewal Time

Yes, it's that time again! Your current membership expires June 30, 2022. For the second year, you will be able to renew your membership online, but the process has changed. The new system is called the AAUW Community Hub.

You can review and update your information, select a primary branch if you are a dual member and use your credit card to renew and pay all branches at once. If you prefer, you can still renew by check using the Renewal Form found in this newsletter.

To renew online, go to www.aauw.org and click Log In the top right corner. Then click on Forgot Your Password? (Near the bottom of the page). You will receive an e-mail with a link to reset your password.

After you reset your password and log in, scroll down and click the Renew button:

Select Membership Type (Life or National).

Add a branch or state? Yes

Select CA 0078 for Palos Verdes. (If you select more than one, choose a primary branch.)

Online state? Yes, select CA

How much do you pay?

Regular Member (AAUW + AAUW CA + Branch) \$109.00

Life Member (AAUW + BRANCH) \$42.00

Dual Member (Branch Dues Only) \$22.00

Contact Jane Harris for help or questions.

Additional donations to our Branch would be much appreciated but cannot be made through the national renewal process. If you want to donate to the Branch, please mail a separate check made out to AAUW-PVP to AAUW PVP, P.O. Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

It would be helpful if you complete the renewal process as soon as possible to help the Leadership Council in planning the budget for next year.

The past year and current events have emphasized the importance of the AAUW mission. *"To advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy."* We look forward to your continuing support and commitment to AAUW.

Libby Bergen & Jane Harris

Membership Co-Chairs

AAUW-PVP Membership Renewal Form for 2022-23

Current membership expires June 30, 2022

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 \$67 (\$64 tax deductible) AAUW CA \$20 (not deductible) PVP Branch \$22 (not deductible)

TOTAL \$109

How much do you pay?

Regular Member:	(AAUW National + AAUW CA + Branch)	\$109
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 \$ _____

AAUW-PVP GETS SOCIAL

APRIL 8 FANTASTIC PRESENTATION



On April 8, Joannie Gale and Margery Norris hosted an entertaining evening on the history of fans. It was an informative and happy event...

“I can’t thank you enough for the FANTASTIC presentation.”

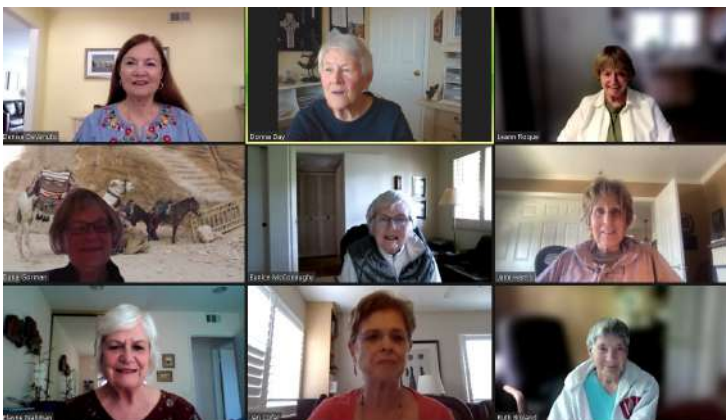
“It was great fun to “interview” you about your fabulous fans.”

SCRABBLE



“Our Scrabble group is all inclusive - grandmothers with Martha’s grandson, Dylan. Guess who won?”

COOK’S CORNER



Led by Denise DeVenuto, AAUW members share recipes and cooking tips. Each month is a different theme, April was vegetarian.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – MAY/JUNE 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 & 3rd Wednesday 2pm

May 4 – *Developments In Sculpture – Rodin to Judd*

May 18 – *Art, Trauma & Politics*

June 1 – *Defining Modern Jewish Art*

June 15 – *The Problem of Categories in Modern Art*

READERS THEATER

Chair: Cecilia Rogers

fafnyr@mac.com

2nd Monday 7PM

Contact Cecilia for information

May 9

June 13

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

4th Saturday – 10am

May 28 – tbd

June 25 – tbd

COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto

Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

May 21 – Favorite Restaurant Recipes

June 18 – Quick Recipes

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen

bergenlibby@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Wednesday 2PM

May 11 & 25

June 8 & 22

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

2nd Monday 7pm

May 9 – *The Book of Two Ways* by Jodi Picoult

June 13 – Dinner at an Outdoor Restaurant

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown

franbrown5@cox.net

4th Monday 2 – 4pm

May 23 – *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian

June 27 – *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon

jjdeflon@gmail.com

2nd Monday 9:30AM

May 9 – *To Paradise - Part 1* by Hanya Yanagihara

June 13 – *To Paradise – Part 2*

ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer

jancofer@gmail.com

3rd Thursday 2pm

May 19 – *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus

June 16 – *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy

BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris

mnorris@ca.rr.com

3rd Tuesday 1PM

May 17 – Eunice McConaughy's home

June 21 – Dale Richards' home

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade

sharonandrade@cox.net

3rd Monday 10am

May 16 – Myanmar & ASEAN

June 20 – Quad Alliance

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald

kmlfitz@earthlink.net

3rd Monday 10am

May 16 – Myanmar & ASEAN

June 20 – Quad Alliance

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete

susimone@aol.com

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf

rowiewolf@cox.net

1st Wednesday 3pm

At De Portola Park

May 4 – this mtg. will be held at 7PM on Zoom;
America's Will (or Will Not?) – Competing Pressures of Politics, Pandemic & War
June 1 – Details tbd

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow

reinventing@me.com

1st Friday 2 – 4pm

May 6 – Topic tbd

June 3 – Topic tbd

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown –

franbrown5@cox.net

Leann Roque – leannr@cox.net

Each Wednesday 10am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link

BRANCH CALENDAR

May, June 2022

May 10, Tuesday, 2-3 pm	Branch Meeting (ZOOM, pg. 1)
May 20, Friday, 7 pm	Chocolate Chip Bingo (ZOOM, pg.3)
April 30, Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm	Expedition to AAUWland (ZOOM pg. 7)
June 04, Saturday, 11:30 am to 2 pm	Recognition Luncheon, Red Onion (reservation deadline 5/31/22)
June 30, Thursday	Deadline for reimbursements (see pg. 3)
June 30, Thursday	Deadline for membership renewal (see pgs. 8 and 9)
September 24, Saturday	The Suffragette Musical

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 Summer CoastLines
articles, June 15, 2022

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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