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Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2022

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BRANCH PLANNING MEETING



Tuesday, July 12, 2:00—3:30 pm
(Zoom link will be sent out via eblast prior to the meeting)

Share your ideas for branch activities!

It is the time of year that we meet to discuss ideas and directions for our Branch in the coming year. It's important to hear what you would like to accomplish as we move forward.

Below are some items that we'll be discussing at the planning meeting—please start thinking about these items and activities and then share your thoughts with us on July 12.

Our goals for 2022-2023 are:

To maintain our 5-star status

To increase and retain membership through
mission-related programming &
interesting activities

We need you ideas for:

Branch programs
Social activities
Membership

SUMMER SOCIAL



Saturday, August 20, 2022
3 - 5 PM

Joanie Gale's lovely outdoor courtyard
2405 Via Sobrante, PVE 90274

Join us for a relaxed afternoon with refreshments and fun!
Let's use this as an opportunity to invite potential members.

RSVP requested but not required - bergenlibby@gmail.com





NCCWSL PROJECT UPDATE

By Elayne Nahman



So much has happened since our last newsletter. At that time, we reported that in late July, 2021 Marymount signed an agreement to merge with Saint Leo University located in St. Leo, Florida. The merger faced an impediment in December, 2021 when it didn't receive regulatory approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, so both parties dissolved the partnership. On April 22, 2022 it was announced Marymount California University would permanently close later this year due to financial difficulties. The last day for the school's 500 students and 140 employees will be August 31, 2022. Marymount officials have begun transitioning students to other colleges and universities for the fall semester.

A great development occurred when it was announced on May 6, 2022 that Marymount California University would be partnering with the University of La Verne to help Marymount California students complete their degree programs. Under an approved agreement, Marymount California undergraduate and MBA students will be able to smoothly transfer into the University of La Verne and be guaranteed specific benefits related to admission, financial aid, and housing including:

- **Guaranteed admission and expedited application process:** Marymount California students in good academic standing will be guaranteed admission subject to the policies in the University of La Verne Catalog. Students will submit an application and transcripts and the University of La Verne will waive the application fee, the personal statement, and the letter of recommendation.
- **Matched Marymount California scholarship:** University of La Verne will honor Marymount students' current scholarship packages, ensuring they do not face a cost burden to transfer.
- **Guaranteed housing in University of La Verne residence halls:** Any Marymount California student who applies to live in the residence halls will be guaranteed a placement through June 15, and after that will be offered housing on a space-available.

Transfer credit and a path to graduate on time: In addition to having more than 50 majors to choose from, the University of La Verne offers students the ability to create their own degree path and will offer 1:1 advising support.

In addition to supporting current Marymount California students, the agreement also includes guaranteed admission and other benefits for regularly admitted incoming freshmen, MBA, and transfer students who had not yet had a chance to begin their studies at Marymount California.

As sad as the closure of Marymount California University is for so many, University of La Verne's generous offer brings so much relief that the students will be able to continue their education as envisioned.

MAY BRANCH MEETING

Twenty-seven Branch members enjoyed the program "What Color is Your Personality" which was presented by our member Connie Leach. Connie shared the True Colors program, a personality test designed for people to get a sense of their own personality and that of others. There are four colors: Blue, Green, Gold, and Orange, each with respective attributes. Blue is nurturing; Green is non-conformist/visionary; Gold is organized and rule-following; Orange is active and spontaneous. We each identified our own color. Each color brings something to an organization. If everyone were the same color, the organization wouldn't be effective.

Kathy Ford shared the latest Tech Trek information. This year we have 18 girls attending residential camp and three attending virtual camp.

Nancy Mahr announced that Kathy Ford is this year's Status of Women honoree.



July Birthdays

<i>Jan Gardner</i>	7/07
<i>Helen Vakil</i>	7/07
<i>Grace Leonard</i>	7/10
<i>Denise De Venuto</i>	7/12
<i>Cordelia Hwang</i>	7/14
<i>Judy Purvis</i>	7/14
<i>JoAnn DeFlon</i>	7/23
<i>Nancy Kellogg</i>	7/26
<i>Peggy Tigerman</i>	7/26
<i>Myrna Plost</i>	7/30

August Birthdays

<i>Elayne Nahman</i>	8/03
<i>Scotty Wuerker</i>	8/07
<i>Muriel Blatt</i>	8/10
<i>Anne Destabelle</i>	8/13
<i>Alice Matthews</i>	8/14
<i>Geri Chaudhri</i>	8/15
<i>Fran Brown</i>	8/27
<i>Pilar Hale</i>	8/28
<i>Jeanne Wilson</i>	8/29
<i>Leslie Criswell</i>	8/29

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



The Suffragette Musical: From Battles to Ballots **A Century of Struggle for the Right to Vote**

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Created by Anne Destabelle
Featuring The Pennyroyal Players

Sponsored by AAUW - PVP

Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Doors open 2:00 PM, Performance 2:30 PM
Invite friends and prospective members to enjoy this delightful and informative program and to learn about our branch! Reservations required as seating is limited

RSVP to sldolmatz@gmail.com
Subject: Reservation Suffragette

Masks are required

Celebration of Life for Faith Morrow

June 24, 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Palos Verdes Country Club

3301 Via Campesina, PVE

E-mail Lori Pearson with questions:
Loripearson@earthlink.net

MEMBERSHIP

Jane Harris and Libby Bergen are delighted to introduce our newest members.

Please welcome:
Kaaren Lee
Vivian Nemie

Kathy Ford Named 2022 Status of Women Award Winner

By Kathy Berg

From beginning to end, smiles and hugs were the order of the day as forty AAUW members from Palos Verdes, South Bay and Torrance Branches came together to honor Kathy Ford, the Branch's 2022 Status of Women Award winner, and Nancy Mahr, Branch Named Gift Honoree (who unfortunately was unable to attend) at the Annual Recognition Luncheon held outdoors, June 4, at The Original Red Onion Restaurant.

Co-Chair, Fran Brown, welcomed attendees and acknowledged how wonderful it was to be together in person after two long years. Next, guests enjoyed a delectable luncheon and lots of good conversation.

Co-Chair, Leann Roque, announced that long-time member Nancy Mahr, had been granted a Named Gift Award for her outstanding service to the branch and to upholding the principles of AAUW. Nancy currently serves as the Branch's Public Policy Chair and she coordinates the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program.

Member, Rowie Wolf, introduced Kathy Ford, and presented the 2022 Status of Women Award to her as well as a beautiful plant. An active nine-year member, Kathy was lauded for her work as the Branch's Tech Trek Coordinator and Treasurer. Further, utilizing her leadership and financial expertise, she expanded AAUW outreach at the branch and state levels.

Luncheon committee members included Libby Bergen, Chair; Co-Chairs Fran Brown and Leann Roque, payment and printing; Margery Norris, check-in; Nancy Rayner, name tags; Kathy Berg, publicity and Kathy Berg and Denise De Venuto, photography.



Rowie Wolf introduced Kathy Ford and presented the 2022 Status of Women Award.



2022 Status of Women Award winner, Kathy Ford, center, shows off her award Certificate as Co-Chairs Leann Roque and Fran Brown smile with approval.



Kathy Ford and her proud husband, Bob.



L to r, Donna Day, Karen Gottlieb, Rowie Wolf, Judy Milestone and Kay Odgers



Libby Bergen, Leann Roque, Fran Brown and Jane Harris



At the check-in table: Back row, Libby Bergen, Leann Roque, Jane Harris, and front, Nancy Rayner and Margery Norris.

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 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

Time to renew your AAUW-PVP Membership 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 \$ _____

Please make check payable to AAUW-PVP
Mail to: AAUW-PVP, P.O. Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Office Use Only: ML _____ CC _____ Dep. C _____ Dep. Hist. _____ MPP _____ Postcard _____

REMEMBERING



Mary Shackle

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and many friends of Mary Shackle, who passed away on May 8th. Her death was quick and unexpected.

After graduating from the university, Mary worked in airport terminal management. She started a new career when she and her husband Peter emigrated to the USA in 1970, qualifying as a licensed insurance broker in the state of New Jersey. Her promising career was interrupted when she decided to become a full time Mom looking after her children, Philip and Helen. When they were old enough, she became a teacher's aide in a school for deaf children.

After she and Peter moved to California, 20 years ago, her main interests were supporting the American Association of University Women, gardening and book clubs. Mary served as the PVP Branch Interest Group Coordinator for many years and many of you worked closely with her. She will be greatly missed.



Faith Morrow

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and many friends of Faith Morrow, who passed away on May 10th after suffering a severe stroke in March.

Faith did an outstanding job as our branch Treasurer for the past 10 years. She was a charter member of "Eclectic Readers" and "Coffee and Conversation" and a long-term member of the Tech Trek Committee. An excellent bridge player, she was known for her particular love of and skill in playing "no trump" contracts. She was an extremely talented knitter, enjoyed trying out all the new restaurants and she loved to read. Both Faith and her husband Jim graduated from Cornell University and have been active alumni.

Faith and Jim have 3 married children and 5 grandchildren. They are a close family and enjoyed spending time together on holidays and family occasions. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial service information on page 3.

Interest Groups

Many of our Interest Groups are meeting in person again, some indoors and some outdoors, and it is so good to see each other again. Many hugs are taking place! Some groups have chosen to limit their size, based on meeting room space, but there is always an opportunity for new groups to form.

Two new Interest Groups are in process of rollout right now:

It is impossible to watch a TV newscast or read a newspaper without realizing that our country is facing multiple issues that impact everyone, but especially women. AAUW has stated positions on many of these issues and is actively engaging in applicable legislation on both national and state levels. A new Interest Group – **Women Supporting Women** – is being created to discuss and take action on issues impacting women and girls today that will support the Mission of AAUW in our community. The group will meet regularly to educate ourselves on the issues and what we can DO about them. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in a rewarding and meaningful way. If you are interested in being part of this effort, contact Jane Harris at compprin@hotmail.com or Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

Interest has been shown for a group to meet monthly for lunch. Group members would take turns in choosing a restaurant to go to. What a great opportunity to try some cuisines you may not have experienced and get to know some other Branch members. Happy Hour would also be an option! Price point and geographical range will be decided by members. If you are interested in this purely fun group, contact Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – JULY/AUGUST 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.

<p><u>ART APPRECIATION</u> Chair: Nancy Rayner Nrayner777@gmail.com 1st & 3rd Wednesday 2pm</p> <p>July 6 – <i>The Explosion of Modernist Media</i> July 20 – <i>Art, Politics and Religion from Era to Era</i> August 3 - NEW COURSE BEGINS - HOW TO LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND GREAT ART</p> <p><u>READERS THEATER</u> Chair: Cecilia Rogers fafnyr@mac.com 2nd Monday 7PM Contact Cecilia for information</p> <p>July 11 August 8</p> <p><u>ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS</u> Chair: Jan Cofer jancofer@gmail.com 4th Saturday – 10am</p> <p>July 23 – Topic tbd August 27 – Topic tbd</p> <p><u>COOKS' CORNER</u> Chair: Denise DeVenuto Dendev88@gmail.com 3rd Saturday 12N</p> <p>This Group will take a Summer Break and not meet in July or August. Meetings will resume in September</p> <p><u>DAYTIME SCRABBLE</u> Chair: Libby Bergen bergenlibby@gmail.com 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2PM</p> <p>July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24</p>	<p><u>NIGHT BOOKS</u> Chair: Rowie Wolf rowiewolf@cox.net 2nd Monday 7pm</p> <p>This Group will take a Summer Break and not meet in July or August. Meetings will resume in September</p> <p><u>4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP</u> Chair: Fran Brown franbrown5@cox.net 4th Monday 2 – 4pm</p> <p>July 25 – <i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig August 22 – <i>Honor</i> by Thrity Umrigar</p> <p><u>CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE</u> Chair: JoAnn DeFlon jideflon@gmail.com 2nd Monday 9:30AM</p> <p>July 11 – <i>The Five Wounds</i> by Kirsten Valdez Quade August 8 – <i>China</i> by Edward Rutherford</p> <p><u>ECLECTIC READERS</u> Chair: Jan Cofer jancofer@gmail.com 3rd Thursday 2pm</p> <p>July 21 - <i>Should We Stay or Should We Go</i> by Lionel Shriver August 18 – <i>Beautiful Country: A Memoir</i> by Julie Wang</p> <p><u>BRIDGETTES</u> Chair: Margery Norris mnorris@ca.rr.com 3rd Tuesday 1PM</p> <p>July 19 – Margery Norris' home August 16 – Fran Wielin's home</p>	<p><u>GREAT DECISIONS</u> Chair: Sharon Andrade sharonandrade@cox.net 3rd Monday 10am</p> <p>This Group will take a Summer Break and not meet in July or August</p> <p><u>GREAT DECISIONS</u> Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald kmlfitz@earthlink.net 3rd Monday 10am</p> <p>This Group will take a Summer Break and not meet in July or August</p> <p><u>WOMEN IN TRANSITION</u> Chair: Susan Negrete susimone@aol.com PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf rowiewolf@cox.net 1st Wednesday 4pm</p> <p>July 6 – no meeting in July August 3 – Outdoor Potluck Dinner at 6:30PM – contact Rowie for details</p> <p><u>FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION</u> Chair: Kathryn Sandow reinventing@me.com 1st Friday 2 – 4pm</p> <p>July 1 – Topic tbd August 5 – Topic tbd</p> <p><u>COFFEE WITH FRIENDS</u> Chairs: Fran Brown – franbrown5@cox.net Leann Roque – leannr@cox.net Each Wednesday 10am</p> <p>Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link</p>
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BRANCH CALENDAR Summer 2022

June 30, Thursday	Membership Renewal Deadline (See pgs. 5 and 6) Expense Reimbursement Deadline
July 12, Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 pm	Branch Planning Meeting (ZOOM, pg. 1)
August 20, Saturday, 3-5 pm	Summer Social
September 24, Saturday, 2:30 pm	The Suffragette Musical

Council Co-Chairs: Fran Brown
and Leann Roque

Treasurer: Shera Dolmatz-Finkel

Membership Chairs:
Libby Bergen and Jane Harris

AAUW Mission Statement

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

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