

AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September/October 2022

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PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR OUR SEPTEMBER BRANCH MEETING



Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Let's kick off our 65th year by getting an update on Branch activities & hearing your ideas. The following topics are on the agenda:

- 5 Star Branch
- Membership Report
- Tech Trek
- Budget

- Ideas from Planning Meeting
- New Interest Groups
- Public Policy Update

Zoom link information will be sent by Eblast prior to the meeting.

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



Saturday, September 24, 2022

Created by Anne Destabelle and Featuring The Pennyroyal Players Sponsored by AAUW - PVP

> Palos Verdes Peninsula Center Library 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Est. 90274

Doors open 1:30 PM Performance 2:00 PM *note time change

Invite friends and perspective members to enjoy this delightful and informative program and to learn about our branch! Reservations are required as seating is limited.

RSVP to sldolmatz@gmail.com by 9/14/22, Subject: Reservation Suffragette Masks are required

Free program - Donations to our Branch appreciated/suggested amount \$10

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW

submitted by Nancy Mahr

Each spring, our Branch sets up an interview with one of our state or federal legislators or their staff. In July 2022, a group of AAUW members met via Zoom with Latreshia Hamilton, a staff member from Congress member Ted Lieu's Washington Office. We asked about several federal bills and issues of importance to AAUW and our mission.

Women's Health Protection Act (HR 3755)

(Protects right to abortion services)

Congressman Lieu supports this measure and has voiced his support in the House. The bill is held up in the Senate.

Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act (HR 8297)

(Protects right to travel to access reproductive and abortion services)

Lieu also supports this measure.

Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 7; S 205) from 2019

(Expands Equal Pay Act of 2010; non-retaliation protection re. discussion of salaries; employers cannot use salary history in hiring process; creates task force to investigate issues)

Bill passed in the House but did not pass in the Senate.

Lieu signed on as a co-author of this measure.

ERA

Lieu supports this and signed-on to the bill. Current progress is slow as momentum was overcome by other issues – e.g., Covid, Ukraine.

Homelessness

Lieu is working on measures to help the homeless population – especially regarding veterans. He does not think vouchers have been well-managed. There are not enough spaces available.

Paid Leave

Lieu supports paid leave for child and family care, including Covid.

Public Input to Legislators

Notes and calls to legislators are effective ways to share your views. The Two-Minute-Activist/Action Network programs are a good channels to reach your legislators.

We told Latreshia about Tech Trek and asked if the Congressman might be interested in coming to one of the camps on opening day and greeting the campers. She advised to contact the office next spring regarding his participation.

Thanks to our Branch participants in this meeting: Fran Brown, Leann Roque, Jane Harris, Nancy Mahr, Myrna Plost, Nancy Rayner and Rowie Wolf. And thanks to Latreshia Hamilton for meeting with us.



September/October Birthdays

Kay Odgers	9/1
Marílyn Brashear	9/3
Betty Ettington	9/3
Charlene Pickarts	9/6
June Kagdis	9/7
Tamara Kittiver	9/10
Vivian Nemie	9/13
Nancy Mahr	9/14
Аппа Мау Labbe	9/15
Cecília Rogers	9/15
Patricia Dilks	9/16
Paula Bold	9/20
Barbara Todd	9/20
Keíko Yamane	9/24
Mary Watson	9/25
Connie Davenport	9/29
Virginia Whittier	10/7
Patricia Kitching	10/7
Príscilla Wright	10/16
Carol Torelli	10/23
Jan Cofer	10/24
Diana Durham	10/24

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

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

on ZOOM

Tuesday, November 8 @ 2:00 pm

Understanding Dobbs v. Women's Health and Its Aftermath

Kathi Harper, AAUW CA Public Policy Chair

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 a good opportunity to invite potential members.

RSVP requested but not required: bergenlibby@gmail.com

*consider hats and light wraps depending on weather



HALLOWEEN BINGO



Friday, October 28th, 7:00 PM

Witches brew and AAUW crew

The only thing missing is you! 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.



BRANCH REPEATS 5-STAR AWARD

submitted by Nancy Mahr

Our branch has received a second AAUW national 5-Star Award! The award highlights the work that our branch has done in 2021-2022. The program is based on a set of specific requirements established by national. We were so pleased with our 5-start status last year that we determined to try for 5 again.

The areas in which we received stars are:

- Advancement (membership and financial support for AAUW)
- Communications & External Relations (website, social media)
- Programs (that align with the AAUW mission and strategic plan and include DEI)
- Public Policy and Research (legislation, Action Network)
- Governance & Sustainability (Branch strategic plan, succession planning)

Many members contributed to these areas. Special thanks to Leann Roque, Jan Cofer, Ruth Bloland, and Jane Harris who provided specific information to meet the requirements.



We did it again! Five Star Branch for 22-23



NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. All registered voters will receive mail-in ballots. You can mail it, drop it in a drop box, turn it in at a Vote Center. Or you can vote in person at a Vote Center.

On the ballot: Federal representatives – House and Senate; California state offices; County offices; local city, school board, library board, and special district offices; 7 State ballot measures and 1 (one) County ballot measure.

Nancy Mahr will review the pros and cons for the ballot measurers at the Branch meeting on October 11.

Be sure you are registered to vote. You can check your registration on the Registrar/Recorder's website: www.lavote.gov

A good site for election information is www.votersedge.org/ca

WHEN WOMEN VOTE WE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

submitted by Nancy Mahr

Since 1881, AAUW has been a leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives.

The recent US Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the nation, including California. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666 which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW CA! A further step protecting a woman's right to make personal medical decisions is a Constitutional Amendment, Proposition 1, which will be on the November 8 ballot. It would amend the California Constitution to prohibit the state from denying or interfering with an individual's reproductive freedom in her most intimate decisions, which includes the fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. AAUW CA supports this Constitutional Amendment.

Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. In the current partisan climate, we need to be aware of what is at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. Your current member of Congress may no longer represent you – be sure to become informed soon on the candidates for Congress in your district. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters, and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues.

Here are resources to get helpful, non-partisan information: AAUW CA website: <u>aauw-ca.org</u> Public Policy section will soon have more detail on priority issues and questions to ask of candidates.

AAUW website: <u>aauw.org/policy/advocacy/tool-kit</u> Ideas for branch activities, C/U partners, and specifics for 501 c 3 and 501 c 4 branches.

CA Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov voter info, Ballot Initiatives. State and County Voter guides – mailed to all registered voters in October.

www.wedrawthelinesca.org – maps of newly re-drawn congressional districts

Register to vote, if you haven't already! And if you have recently moved you need to update your information with your County Registrar of Voters! Voting is a powerful tool to bring about change!



DEI

Remember, DEI is not just a group of letters. It is the personal attitude that each of us has regarding acceptance of differences, welcoming interaction with a variety of people, taking action to see that everyone has equal access, including others in our thinking and activities.



PVP Tech Trek Status Update

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

Save the date! We plan to have an in-person Celebrate Tech Trek at Hesse Park on October 2, 2022, in the afternoon – our first in-person Tech Trek event since 2019. We're very excited to finally see our campers and their families in person and hope many of our AAUW PVP members will join us. We will take precautions, such as masking indoors and eating outside on the patio. 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.

More information will follow, so stay tuned...



Celebrate Tech Trek - October 2, 2022, at Hesse Park

New Members! I am also very excited to announce that we have 2 new members joining our very dedicated Tech Trek Committee. **Helen Cannefax** has extensive experience in consulting, executive recruiting, career mentoring and early childhood education. She will be the Branch Coordinator-in-Training this year and brings a great deal of experience, expertise, and enthusiasm to the Tech Trek mission. **Kaaren Lee** has a strong STEM background with a BS in nursing and MS in Biomimicry which will contribute greatly to our program.

Be sure to welcome our new members!

So, how did we do in 2022? 16 of the girls we selected attended Tech Trek camps this summer – 15 to residential camps and 1 to virtual camp. The girls wrote heart-felt thank-you letters to our branch about their wonderful camp experiences which is why we all support this program. Thanks to the 2021-22 Tech Trek Committee for all their work in accomplishing this – all virtually.

Sending 16 girls to camp is a solid accomplishment, but at the same time, it was disappointing that 7 of the 23 girls selected cancelled, with 6 of the 7 cancellations coming from Wilmington Middle School. I spoke to Mrs. Rodriguez, who is a very dedicated supporter of the Tech Trek program at Wilmington MS. She's not sure why there were so many cancellations, but we will be working to see what can be done during the selection process to improve the attendance ratio for this very important school partner. Covid continued to be a challenge and several residential camps ran below capacity as a result, but we want to make sure our processes encourage attendance.

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 22/23 Tech Trek year in the fall 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.

See you at Celebrate Tech Trek!

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

STATUS OF WOMEN AWARDEE

now the Financial Liaison for the state Tech Trek Committee.



Kathy has been active in Tech Trek at the camp and state level as branch

AAUW CA has announced that Kathy Ford, our 2022 Status of Women Awardee, is

coordinator, virtual camp treasurer, and member of several Tech Trek committees. She also manages the state investment subcommittee.

Thank you Kathy for your dedication to Tech Trek and the AAUW Mission.

Kathy Ford

NEW TECH TREK BRANCH COORDINATOR-IN-TRAINING



Helen Cannefax

We are pleased to welcome Helen Cannefax as our new Tech Trek Branch Coordinator-in-Training. She will be working closely with the current Chair, Kathy Ford, this coming year as she assumes her new role.

Helen graduated from the University of Toronto and has had an extensive and successful career as a management consultant. Concurrent with her consulting activities, she devoted significant time to career counseling and mentoring business executives and young students. She has always had a special interest in assisting women to develop and enhance their professional capabilities.

Helen retired from McCormack & Farrow in 2019 but continues to career counsel a wide array of people to help them achieve success in their chosen paths. She has been a member of AAUW since 1995 and our Tech Trek program will certainly benefit from her experience.

THE ZOOM BRANCH PLANNING MEETING WAS A SUCCESS

By Fran Brown & Leann Roque

Thanks to all those who attended and contributed ideas at the lively planning meeting and to all who helped to put the meeting together. Nancy Rayner gave an update on our new Interest Groups, Jan Cofer facilitated four breakout groups that discussed the following:

- Attracting new members and retaining current members (including the website and social media)
- · Programs mission related and other
- Social activities

The Leadership Team is using the input generated as we plan future branch activities. We're always open to hearing new ideas from members as the year progresses. It's always great when our own members offer to present at meetings or lead social activities. If you have an idea or would like to get involved in planning future activities, please email:

franbrown5@cox.net leannr@cox.net mplost@verizon.net (our new Program Chair)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! Submitted by Leann Roque

In 1957, when our branch was founded, we played basketball on half a court! There was no Title IX to open athletic opportunities for girls. Women were beginning to go to college in larger numbers, but few were thinking of careers. By 1960 only 3.5 percent of lawyers and 2 percent of business executives were women. We were a few years away from Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (1964) that would bar employment discrimination. In some states, women could not make contracts, including wills, or sell property, control their own money, or even get credit cards in their own names. Reproduction rights or access to oral contraception was not known. The FDA approved the first birth control in 1960 and five years later, the Supreme Court said that states could not prohibit married women from buying contraceptives. Domestic violence was not something one acknowledged, let alone openly dealt with. Since 1881 AAUW has been in the battlefields in Washington and Sacramento fighting for all these rights and many more.

Much has changed but much has yet to be accomplished. As a branch we will continue to support and celebrate AAUW's accomplishments, its groundbreaking research, educational funding, and public policy advocacy. We will continue to support the Mission with our membership, our donations, and very importantly with our local projects: Tech Trek, TTAG and NCCWSL

Exciting News!!!

We have a Program Chair! Myrna Plost has volunteered to be our Program Chair. Please contact her at mplost@verizon.net with your good ideas for future programs.



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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 Wednesday 2pm

NEW COURSE BEGINS - HOW TO LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND GREAT ART

September 7 - The Importance of First Impressions October 5 – Point of View & Focal Point

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer jancofer@gmail.com 4th Saturday – 10am

September 24 – Topic tbd October 22 – Topic tbd

COOKS' CORNER

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

September 17 – topic TBD October 15 – topic TBD

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen bergenlibby@gmail.com 2nd & 4th Wednesday 2PM

September 14 & 28 October 12 & 26

BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris mnorris@ca.rr.com
3rd Tuesday 1PM

September 20 – Jan Cofer's home October 18 - Ruth Bloland's home

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf rowiewolf@cox.net 2nd Monday 7pm

September 12 – Cloud Cuckoo

Land by Anthony Doerr

October 10 – The Great Circle by

Maggie Shipstead

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Chair: Fran Brown franbrown5@cox.net 4th Monday 2-4pm

September 19 – Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles October 24 – Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

THIS GROUP IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon jjdeflon@gmail.com 2nd Monday 9:30AM

September 12 – *China – Part 2* by Edward Rutherford

October 10 – Love Marriage by
Monica Ali
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ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer jancofer@gmail.com 3rd Thursday 2pm

September 15 – Beautiful Country:

A Memoir by Julie Wang
October 20 – The Story of Arthur
Truluv by Elizabeth Berg

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Sharon Andrade sharonandrade@cox.net 3rd Monday 10am

September 19 – Drug Policy in Latin America

October 17 – Industrial Policy

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Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald kmlfitz@earthlink.net 3rd Monday 10am

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October 17 – Drug Policy in Latin America

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete <u>susimone@aol.com</u> PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf <u>rowiewolf@cox.net</u> 1st Wednesday 7PM

September 7 – Feminist Organizations & Internal Struggles over Choice

October 5 – Topic TBD

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

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

September 2 – topic tbd October 7 – topic tbd

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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-Chair: Jane Harris compprin@hotmail.com

CoChair: Nancy Rayner <u>Nrayner777@gmail.com</u> 1st Thursday 2PM

September 1 – Postcarding at Jane Harris' home October 6 – Grassroots Messaging Works!



EVENING SCRABBLE

Chair: Joanie Gale joaniekgale@gmail.com 4th Monday 7PM

September 26 October 24

COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Chairs: Fran Brown – <u>franbrown5@cox.net</u> Leann Roque – <u>leannr@cox.net</u> Each Wednesday 10am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link

LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Nancy Rayner Nrayner777@gmail.com 1st Tuesday 1PM

September 06– Bettolino Restaurant October 04- Tony's on the Pier





Our newest Interest Group, the Lunch Bunch, met in August for the first time and enjoyed the food and company at HT Grill.



Chinese mahjong is a challenging and fun game. It is a game for 4 players and can be learned in about 4 lessons, each lesson 2 hours. I enjoy teaching mahjong, so if you would enjoy learning the game please contact me at: eunicemc771@gmail.com or 310-530-5847.

Branch to Approve 2022-2023 Operating Budget

The 2022-2023 Branch operating budget has been approved by the Leadership Council members and is presented below for the September Branch meeting. Members in attendance will be asked to discuss and vote their approval of this budget. Any questions regarding the budgeting process or any line item on the budget should be addressed to Shera Dolmatz, Treasurer, prior to the September meeting.

	2020-2021 actual	2021-2022 proposed	2021-2022 actual	2022-2023 proposed
Income				
Branch Dues	2,376.00	2,354.00	2,266.00	1,980.00
Coastline Donations	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to Branch	1,086.00	1,171.00	1,171.00	1,000.00
Recognition Luncheon	n/a	n/a	1,330.00	1,225.00
Pennyroyals Event	n/a	n/a	n/a	250.00
Reserve withdraw	0.00	406.00	0.00	680.00
Total	3,522.00	3,931.00	4,767.00	5,135.00
Expenses				
Hesse Park /room rentals	0.00	250.00	175.00	0.00
General Operating	159.00	300.00	162.00	250.00
Other room rentals & equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
* Insurance	456.00	450.00	515.00	550.00
Branch website	119.88	125.00	0.00	125.00
Printing	98.23	50.00	n/a	n/a
Directory	186.84	250.00	192.96	250.00
Membership	112.35	250.00	222.86	350.00
Programs	240.00	500.00	300.00	400.00
Pennyroyals Event Expense	n/a	n/a	n/a	330.00
Hospitality	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Games/event expenses	70.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
**Leadership seminars	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
**Convention Annual Meeting	0.00	500.00	0.00	400.00
Recognition Luncheon	n/a	n/a	1,138.58	1,200.00
Memorial/Recognitions	145.00	200.00	75.00	190.00
Technology Expense	n/a	n/a	n/a	100.00
CA assessments AAUW Fund	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Donation GNF	n/a	n/a	100.00	100.00
LACIC Assessment	41.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
***Donation to EOF & LAF	336.00	300.00	306.00	270.00
TTAG	68.50	150.00	75.00	150.00
Potential activities	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
****Tech Trek Virtual Camp	599.63	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	2,697.43	3,931.00	3,327.40	5,130.00

Total expenses not to exceed budgeted amount without leadership approval.

^{*} We are required to take insurance through AAUW CA

^{**}Branch pays registration only

^{***\$3.00} per Branch member donation to National EOF & LAF Funds

BRANCH CALENDAR September/October 2022

August 20, Saturday, 3-5 pm Social at Joanie Gale's home

September 13, Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 pm ZOOM Branch Meeting

September 24, Saturday, 2:00 pm

(door opens at 1:30 pm)

The Suffragette Musical, Peninsula Library

October 02, Sunday, 2-4 pm Celebrate Tech Trek, Hesse Park

October 11, Tuesday, 2 to 3 pm ZOOM Branch Meeting, Nancy Mahr will review pros

and cons for ballot measures

October 28, Friday, 7 pm Halloween Bingo

November 08, Tuesday Election Day

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its Aftermath

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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