

AAUW CoastLines

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, November/December 2022

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Tuesday, November 8, 2 pm



Via Zoom – watch for an email with the meeting information.

A Woman's Right to Choose: How does the Dobbs decision impact women?

Speaker: Kathi Harper, AAUW California Public Policy Director

Join with branch members to hear Kathi Harper speak on the Dobbs decision and how it impacts a woman's right to choose in the U.S. This is an important topic in the coming mid-term elections. There will be time for questions.

**See page 3 for more information about Kathi Harper.*



Join us for a

Holiday Happy Hour

Friday, December 9th

5PM - 7PM

At Ruth Bloland's Home

*Meet New Members and reconnect with Others
you haven't seen for awhile*

Wine & Light Refreshments will be provided

Spouses are invited!

2021-22 LEGISLATIVE SESSION CLOSES WITH BIG WINS FOR AAUW CALIFORNIA

Kathi Harper, Chair
AAUW California Public Policy Committee

At the stroke of midnight on September 30, 2022, the 2021-22 legislative session officially came to a close as it marked the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing bills. The AAUW California Public Policy committee is pleased to announce that we achieved a 70% success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda, and 25 of our 36 bills are now law, including 7 of our 8 top priority bills. The following is a brief synopsis, by each pillar of our Public Policy Priorities:

Economic Security for All Women

8 of our bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, and 1 died in the legislature. The most significant bill under this pillar was AB (Assembly Bill) 92, which we co-sponsored. AB 92 was introduced in 2020, and became a 2-year bill, which is why it remained on this year's agenda. This bill originally sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families, with a request for a sliding scale to be applied thereafter. In his 2021 budget, Governor Newsom included \$120 million for 2-years' worth of waivers. The bill was then amended to request an additional year of waivers through October 2024, with a sliding scale to then be implemented. Unfortunately, the amended bill was vetoed; however, we are still proud of the work we did to get those 2 years of waivers in the budget, so we still consider it a win!

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

6 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was approved by the legislature (no signature required) and 2 died in the legislature. Of particular note under this pillar are 3 of our top priority bills: AB 1968, which requires campuses to develop and post uniform guidelines for reporting sexual assault; AB 2881 which provides additional support for college students with dependent children; and AJR 23 (Assembly Joint Resolution), a Title IX 50th Anniversary Proclamation.

Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society

8 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was incorporated by the Governor into an Executive Order, 1 was approved by and 2 died in the legislature. We saw success on all 4 of our top priority bills in this area: AB 1666, which provides protection for those from other states seeking abortions in California, as well as for those providing services here, from the enforcement of a related civil judgment from their home state; SB (Senate Bill) 523, which requires insurance coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive products; SB 1375, which allows certified nurse-practitioners to perform some early-term abortions; and SCA (Senate Constitutional Amendment) 10. SCA 10 was introduced in the Senate as a measure to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to enshrine in the California constitution the right to an abortion and to contraception. When this measure passed in the Senate, it became Proposition 1.

To see the results of all the bills on our 2021-22 legislative agenda, check out our webpage for a full agenda summary, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/results-of-2021-22-legislative-session.pdf/>, or to view our Bill Tracker, here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/bill-tracking.pdf/>.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER! DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE THE PLEDGE TO VOTE "YES" ON PROPOSITION 1!**





November/December Birthdays

Jina Wakimoto	11/02
Kathleen Fitzgerald	11/05
Kathy Ford	11/05
Berta Bilezikjian	11/14
Eileen Edelson	11/28
Marilyn Morton	11/28
Barbara Schach	12/03
Jann Segal	12/03
Carol Sugimori	12/06
Margery Norris	12/09
Diane Hembacher	12/21
Laura Melikyan	12/13
Dale Richards	12/23
Shera Dolmatz-Finkel	12/23
Linda Ann Bonini	12/27
Joanie Gale	12/28

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

KATHI HARPER (November Branch speaker)

Kathi is an active member in AAUW. She has served as president of two branches, as well as branch Public Policy Chair. She has been on the AAUW state board for 5 years as State Public Policy Director.

Kathi studied political science and then earned her law degree. She served in the Orange County District Attorney's Office and has worked with local non-profits. Kathi has received several awards for her work, including the Soroptimists International Ruby Award for Service to Women and the 8th Congressional District Woman of Distinction Award.

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 comprrin@hotmail.com before October 28th to receive your Bingo card and ZOOM link.



SAVE THE DATE



January Branch Meeting on Zoom
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.
Women's Reproductive Rights

Speakers:

Michael Ursell - L.A. Planned Parenthood
Director of Membership

Dr. Deepjot Singh - OB/GYN Activist

A woman's right to choose abortion is now banned in a number of states. How does this affect California? We have two speakers in January to address this critical issue. Los Angeles Planned Parenthood Director of Membership Michael Ursell will update us on the impact in Los Angeles County. Dr. Sara Deen, a new member, introduced us to Dr. Deepjot Singh, an OB/GYN activist, who will present a physician's perspective. AAUW is committed to a women's right to reproductive freedom and this program addresses this issue.

Organized by Myrna Plost, Program Chair

This year, we were so excited to be able to celebrate our 2022 Tech Trek Campers and their families at Hesse Park on Sunday October 2. We all enjoyed hearing about the on-site camp experience from the campers and their families. It was especially interesting to hear the individual reactions from the girls about how their camp experience benefited them and provided insight into potential opportunities for them in the future.

Kathy Ford, Tech Trek Branch Coordinator referenced the special thank you notes written by campers and discussed the role that the math and science teachers played in the selection of campers who attended Tech Trek camp.

Kathy gave special thanks to the PV Tech Trek committee whose responsibilities included working with the designated science/math teachers at Wilmington and Dana Middle School, interviewing the girls at their school and numerous follow-up calls to coordinate with parents and campers to ensure everything went smoothly.

Three TTAG girls - Margarita Alejandre Navarro, Xochitl Montalvo and Aytana Martinez attended this year's celebration event and provided the recent campers and the audience with their perspective on the value of their experience in TTAG (Tech Trek Alumnae Group). They extended an invitation to the new graduates to consider joining TTAG and stressed the special opportunity it provides to stay in touch with former fellow campers and continue to be supportive of each other as they move on to high school and college. We were all impressed with their comments on how they are benefitting from being part of this group where future career directions are discussed and additionally, they are provided with valuable college prep information and access to special advisors.

Kathy introduced the new Tech Trek recent campers and asked each of them to describe their camp experience including their biggest challenge and a typical day at camp. Mrs. Rodriguez, our teacher contact at Wilmington Middle School, asked how much the girls missed not having access to their cellphone. Their response was surprising in that they appeared to manage quite well without their phone! Especially noteworthy was the comment from a mother of one of the campers who remarked that the camp experience opened her daughter's mind to new career directions.

As part of a "Getting to Know Our PVP Branch Members" activity, campers were provided a list of questions to ask PVP members including best advice members would offer the campers and regrets they had regarding a career field they did not enter. Campers noted that staying positive and being confident was a common theme from members. Certain professional careers such as medicine and engineering were mentioned as 'regrets for not entering'. It is especially significant (and hopeful) to note that in today's world, these young Tech Trek campers will face a much more open, positive and embracing society regarding their career choices.

Fran Brown, PVP Branch Co-Chair (and former Wilmington teacher with 25 years' experience) spoke about the value of the Tech Trek program to her. Kathy Ford concluded this special event by presenting the campers with their graduation certificates and a gift book.

Special thanks to Kaaren Lee for the delicious refreshments, Halloween décor and especially, those mouth-watering Mochinut donuts. Thanks also to Bob Ford for taking photos of this event

Kathy thanked the parents and family members for supporting their daughters and also thanked all who have contributed to the Tech Trek scholarships. As was evident in the words of the graduates today, this is indeed, a memorable experience for them. Kathy further emphasized that **"This program is a real life-changer for the girls involved"**. She also noted the growth and increasing success of the Tech Trek Program that started in 1998 with one camper and today, in 2022, has grown to 16 campers.

If you have not yet contributed to this inspiring program, you can mail donation checks (tax deductible) to Tech Trek Branch Coordinator and Treasurer Kathy Ford at 6429 Parklynn Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Please make checks payable to AAUW CA SPF with "Tech Trek PVP" in the memo line.



Kathy Ford, Tech Trek Coordinator and Treasurer



Tech Trek Class 2022



TTAG Girls



2022 Tech Trek Campers receiving certificates



Libby Bergen and Kaaren Lee served refreshments.



2022 Tech Trek Committee

Thank you to Bob Ford and Helen Cannefax for taking Photos.

FUN IN THE SUN SUMMER SOCIAL



Enjoying the afternoon, from left Susan Grimshaw, Paula Bold, Jan Cofer, Ruth Bloland and Fran Brown



Front row- Libby Bergen, chair, Diane Hembacher, new member. Back row Helen Vakil, Jane Harris, Jan Cofer

Joanie Gale, hostess, Libby Bergen, Chair



Nancy Rayner and Jane Harris participated in the Women's March for Reproductive Rights in October.



The Women Helping Women Group met in September for a postcarding session. The group has written and sent several hundred postcards to women throughout the United States encouraging them to vote in the upcoming elections!"

THE PENNYROYAL PLAYERS ENTERTAIN AAUW PVP



The Pennyroyal Players performance was a wonderful success thanks to these ladies: Diane Hembacher, co-chairs Shera Dolmatz & Libby Bergen and, of course, Anne Destabelle who led this fabulous group.

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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

November 2 - *Color – Description, Symbol & More*
 December 7 – *Line – Description & Expression*

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

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

Meetings are suspended until January – Everyone is traveling!

COOKS' CORNER

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

November 19 – Turkey Leftover Recipes
 December 17 – Holiday Recipes

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

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

November 9 (no mtg. on 11/23)
 December 14 & 28



BRIDGETTES

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

November 15 – at Charlene Pickarts home
 December 20 – Holiday Bridge at Fran Wielin's Clubhouse

NIGHT BOOKS

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

November 14 – *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendship* by Nina Totenberg
 December 12 – Al Fresco Holiday Lunch



4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

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

November 28 – *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
 December 26– no mtg. this month

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CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

November 14 – *Still Life* by Sarah Winman
 December 12 – Holiday Luncheon

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ECLECTIC READERS

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

November 17 – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

December 15 – *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

GREAT DECISIONS

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

November 21 – Biden's Agenda

December – no meeting

GREAT DECISIONS

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

Meetings suspended until January

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete
susimone@aol.com
 PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf
rowiewolf@cox.net
 1st Wednesday 7PM - 9PM

November 2 – Topic TBD

December 7 – Holiday Celebration



FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

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

November 4 – topic tbd

December 2 – topic tbd

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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-Chair: Jane Harris
compprin@hotmail.com
 Co-Chair: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com
 1st Thursday 2PM

November 3 – The Upcoming
 Elections!

December 1 - TBD



EVENING SCRABBLE

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

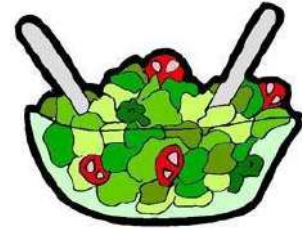
November 28

December 26

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



LUNCH BUNCH

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

November 1 – Maderos Cocina
 Mexicana

December 6 – Georgio's Italian

October 11 Branch Meeting

California General Election Propositions

At a special Branch Meeting on October 11, approximately 30 participants learned about the Propositions on the November ballot. Nancy Mahr stated that AAUW CA supports Propositions 1 and 28. Those in attendance were grateful to Nancy for clearly explaining the pros and cons of all the propositions.

Welcome

MEMBERSHIP

Jane Harris and Libby Bergen
 are pleased to introduce our newest
 members. Please welcome:

Barbara Schach

Diane Hembacher

Happy
 Holidays!

BRANCH CALENDAR Nov/Dec 2022

October 28, Friday, 7 pm	Halloween Bingo
November 08, Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 pm	ZOOM Branch Meeting, A Women's Right to Choose The Dobb's Decision, speaker Kathy Harper
November 08	Election Day
December 09, Friday, 5 to 7 pm	Holiday Party, Ruth Bloland's home
January 10, Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 pm	ZOOM Branch Meeting, Women's Reproductive Rights

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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