

AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, January/February 2023

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January Branch Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
(ZOOM link will be sent via e-blast prior to the meeting)

Women's Reproductive Rights

How has the DOBBS Decision impacted Planned Parenthood in L.A. County and local physicians?

Speakers: Michael Ursell, L.A. Planned Parenthood Director of Membership

Dr. Deepjot Singh, OB/GYN Activist

AAUW is committed to supporting Women's Reproductive Rights. Join Branch members to learn how local groups are involved. There will be time for questions.



WINTER SOCIAL

Saturday, February 11, 2023, 2 to 4 pm

At the home of Joann DeFlon
2128 Via Pacheco
Palos Verdes Estates

Join us for an afternoon with food and fun!

Let us use this as an opportunity to invite prospective members.

RSVP is requested:
bergenlibby@gmail.com

AAUW'S NEW PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS – GOV TREK

AAUW CA is introducing a new program called Gov Trek. The goal of Gov Trek is to address the shortage of women in the halls of power by inspiring high school junior and senior girls to consider careers in public service and elected office. During this virtual program, students will interact with women legislators, explore career options, and learn about the inner workings of a political campaign, culminating in a group competition to create a realistic campaign simulation.

High School Junior and Senior girls can apply to participate in Gov Trek. 150 girls statewide will be accepted in the first group program. They will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. The online registration deadline is Jan 14, 2023. The program is free to participants and will be conducted via Zoom.

Time frame: January 28 to March 26, 2023.

Program times: There will be 5 sessions, 2 hours each. Sessions will be on Saturdays. Sessions will cover politics, city, state and federal government, and campaigns for office.

Presenters: Current female legislators or their staff. Career women from AAUW

How to apply: Registration is open now. Girls may register for the program online at www.aauw-ca.org/gov-trek.

Invite girls you know to apply.

Contact for questions: Nancy Mahr, nlmahr@verizon.net

November Branch Meeting Program

At our November Branch Meeting, Nancy Mahr introduced Kathi Harper, Public Policy Director of the AAUW CA State Board. Kathi is a lawyer and activist and has served as public policy chair and president of several AAUW branches.

Presentation: **Where are we now and what is our future post-Dobbs?**

This was such an interesting and timely presentation, [Understanding Dobbs v Jackson, Women's Health and Its Aftermath](#), that we want to share Joanie Gale's excellent Branch minutes from this meeting. If you were not able to attend the meeting or if you want to review Kathi's comments, please click on the link below to see the notes that are posted on our website.

<https://palosverdes-ca.aauw.net/files/2022/12/November-2022-Branch-Meeting-Notes.pdf>



January & February Birthdays

Ruth Bloland	01/03
Donna Day	01/14
Judy Alexandre	01/15
Sharon Andrade	01/24
Libby Bergen	01/30
Carol Hook	01/30
Jacki Bacharach	02/08
Nancy Rayner	02/12
Elissa Hoxie	02/15

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

DONATIONS

Thank you to our generous members who have made donations to the branch in the last few months:

Maria Ashla	Kaaren Lee
Fran Brown	Nancy Mahr
Helen Cannefax	Leann Roque
Denise DeVenuto	Barbara Schach
Eileen Edelson	Carol Sugimori
Kathleen Fitzgerald	Fran Wielin
Diana Hembacher	

The Bridgettes-Ruth Bloland, Jan Cofer, JoAnn DeFlon, Eunice McConaughy, Margery Norris, Charlene Pickarts, Dale Richards, Fran Wielin

The presentation Battles to Ballots: A Century of Struggle for the Right to Vote.

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apology for the omission and a very hardy thank you for your generosity.

Our branch's finances are in great shape due to our member's generous donations.

Shera Dolmatz

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Valentine Bingo
is waiting for you.

Friday, February 17, 2023
at 7 pm

RSVP to Jane Harris at
compprin@hotmail.com

Bingo card and ZOOM link
will be sent

About the January Branch Meeting...

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 woman's right to reproductive freedom and this program addresses this issue.

Organized by Myrna Plost, Program Chair



It seems like we just finished celebrating the 2022 Tech Trek campers – and we did! But the planning for the 25th season of Tech Trek, has begun. Tech Trek started with one week at Stanford in 1998. Thanks to all of you Tech Trek supporters at PVP and branches across the state, for providing a STEM camp experience to almost 14,000 young women since that first camp.

The Tech Trek Committee met on December 7 to discuss what to expect for Tech Trek in the new year.

Things to know about 2023:

- The current plan for 2023 includes 7 weeks of residential camps – 4 weeks, including UCSD, in Southern California, 3 weeks in Northern California, plus one week of virtual camp available for all branches.
- We will have another new software system to learn, but this one should be permanent. Camp Docs is recommended by the ACA (American Camp Association) and can provide the support we need to create forms, in English and Spanish, and processes for camper selection, camp registration and data capture for tracking our campers over time. They also provide training and access to our branch data, which is a big plus for those interested in taking on a leadership role at PVP Tech Trek.
- Our Branch Leadership Co-Chair will be sent a link to complete the annual Tech Trek Branch Participation Memorandum of Understanding this month to confirm the number of 2023 camperships PVP is requesting. It must be completed by January 20, 2023. We will be notified in January the number of camperships allocated to PVP. The deadline for confirming or modifying camp reservations is March 1, 2023.
- Thanks to Rowie Wolf for her work on the year-end fund-raising campaign for Tech Trek. This allows us to continue to send our girls to camp, even with the expected increases in fees for residential camps.
- Camp Docs should be ready to accept camper applications in late January, but we will connect with our school contacts at Wilmington and Dana Middle Schools before then. So, February will be a busy month when we will be reading applications, interviewing, and selecting campers and alternates. We have used zoom the past 2 years to interview the applicants and may do so again. As in prior years, all volunteers for Tech Trek are required to sign the Annual Code of Conduct before the interviewing process begins. The form is currently on the AAUW-CA website under Tech Trek.
- The Tech Trek Committee discussed using School Coordinators/Co-coordinators at our 2 existing schools to manage the selection and follow-up processes needed to get our girls to camp. We have several volunteers for this role, and it can be expanded to cover any new schools we add to the PVP program. Prior to Covid, we reached out to 2 other schools in the area to implement Tech Trek programs - Dodson MS in East Rancho Palos Verdes, and Fleming MS in Lomita. We can again reach out to them to join in 2024.
- There's more information currently on the AAUW-CA website at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek-forms-documents/>. Be sure to check out the new brochure, timeline information, Code of Conduct and more.

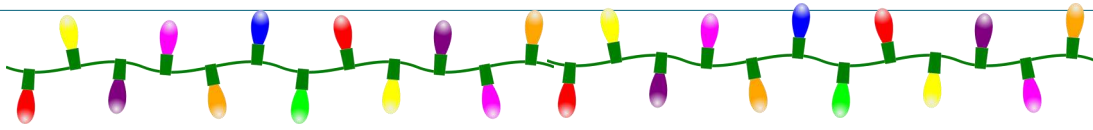
As always, let me know if you have any questions or want to get involved with Tech Trek.

Kathy Ford

PVP Tech Trek Branch Coordinator and Treasurer

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HOLIDAY PARTY

A good time was had by one and all at our Holiday Party on December 9th at the home of Ruth Bloland. A wonderful variety of delicious food & drink was provided by those who came to the party. Everyone enjoyed the chance to be together in-person, catching up with friends & meeting new ones.

Kudos to the planning committee! Ruth Bloland, Jane Harris, Elayne Nahman, Nancy Rayner and Leann Roque



Jane Harris, Leann Roque, Ruth Bloland and Elayne Nahman



Congratulations to our member Sara Dean who was just elected to the school board and very kindly brought dessert to our holiday party.



Barbara Schach, Jane Harris, Ruth Bloland and Susan Wallace



Ray and Ann Destabelle



Diane Hembacher, Ray and Donna Day

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

*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

January 4 – *Space, Shape, Shade & Shadow*

February 1 – *Seeing the Big Picture - Composition*



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Chair: Jan Cofer
jancofer@gmail.com

4th Saturday – 10am

January 28 – *Our Recent Travels*

February 25 – *More on Our Recent Travels*

COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto
Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

January 21 – Topic TBD

February 18 – Topic TBD

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Chair: Libby Bergen
bergenlibby@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Wednesday 2PM

January 11 and 25

February 8 and 22

BRIDGETTES

Chair: Margery Norris
mnnorris@ca.rr.com

3rd Tuesday 1PM

January 17 – at Margery Norris' home

February 21 – at Eunice McConaughy's home

NIGHT BOOKS

Chair: Rowie Wolf
rowiewolf@cox.net

2nd Monday 7pm via Zoom

January 9 – *The Second Mrs. Astor* by Shana Abe

February 13 – *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

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

January 23 – *Portrait of a Thief* by Grace Li

February 27 – *These Precious Days* by Anne Patchett

****THIS GROUP IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS****



CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Chair: JoAnn DeFlon
jjdeflon@gmail.com

2nd Monday 9:30AM

January 9 – *Gilead* by MaryLynne Robinson

February 13 – *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

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ECLECTIC READERS

Chair: Jan Cofer
jancofer@gmail.com

3rd Thursday 2pm

January 19 – New Year Luncheon

February 16 – *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

GREAT DECISIONS

Chair: Kathleen Fitzgerald
kmlfitz@earthlink.net

3rd Monday 10am

January 16 – *Biden's Agenda*

February – *Energy Geopolitics*

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete
(310) 377 - 0642

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf

(310)373-5970

1st Wednesday 7PM - 9PM

January 4 – Annual Business Meeting

February 1 – Topic TBD

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Chair: Kathryn Sandow
reinventing@me.com

1st Friday 2 – 4pm

January 6 – via Zoom/topic tbd

February 3 – mode & topic tbd

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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



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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-Chair: Jane Harris
compprin@hotmail.com

Co-Chair: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st Thursday 2PM

January 5 - Discussion of Recent
Election Results - Kathi

Harper

February 2 - What's Next? Plan
for 2023

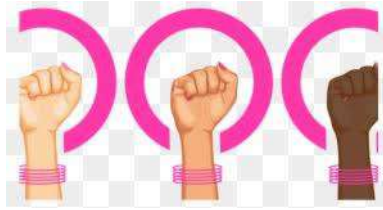
EVENING SCRABBLE

Chair: Joanie Gale
ioaniekgale@gmail.com

4th Monday 7PM

January 23

February 27



LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st Tuesday 1PM

January 3 - Crème de la Crepe

February 7 - Szechwan Restaurant

LUNCH BUNCH 2

Chair: Joanie Gale
ioaniekgale@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday 1PM

January 18 - Restaurant tbd

February 15 - tbd

SAVE THE DATE



READERS THEATER PERFORMANCE

at our
March Branch Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
2:00 p.m. Hesse Park



The Select Sorority: Special 20th Anniversary Performance (Act 1)

This is the one that started it all, the first original play written by Readers Theater members Jacqueline Mason and Pam Gershkoff about the First Ladies of the United States, interviewed about their lives and the history they witnessed. It is presented in interview format with lively conversations between the featured First Ladies: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison, and Sarah Polk. This began a long string of performances highlighting the lives and accomplishments of women who are well known - or ought to be better known - each a powerful force in her own right against the backdrop of history.

BRANCH CALENDAR Jan/Feb 2023

January 10, Tuesday, 2 to 3:30 pm	ZOOM Branch Meeting, Women's Reproductive Rights
February 11, Saturday, 2 to 4 pm	Winter Social at the home of Joann DeFlon
February 17, Friday, 7 pm	Valentine Bingo
March 14, Tuesday, 2 pm	Readers Theater Performance, Hesse Park



Happy New Year

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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