

AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, May/June 2023

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Please Join Us at our May Branch Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Palos Verdes Peninsula Library
701 Silver Spur
Rolling Hills Estates

PANEL DISCUSSION ON BOOK BANNING

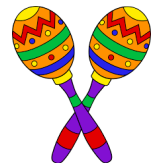
Myrna Plost - Program Chair - Updates on Florida &
Placentia-Yorba Linda
Jennifer Addington - District Director, PV Library District
Penny Markey - Retired LA County Librarian
Dr. Sara Deen - PVUSD School Board Member

AAUW ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Join us on this happy occasion to celebrate our
special honorees.



Saturday, June 10, 2023
11:30 am - 2 pm
Red Onion Restaurant
(in the large dining room)
736 Bart Earle Way, RHE 90274



RSVP to Libby Bergen at bergenlibby@gmail.com to make your
reservation.
Your confirmation will be the receipt of your check no later than
June 5, 2023.
Please make your check payable to AAUW-PVP in the amount of
\$38.00 and mail to:
Libby Bergen at 5057 Golden Arrow Drive, PVP 90274

AAUW LOBBY Days 2023

AAUW CA Promotes its Priorities with the Legislature, Prepares for a Vote on New Ones

By Ginny Hatfield, Amy Hom and Kathi Harper, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

If you participated in this year's Lobby Days on March 21st and 22nd, you know it was a whirlwind of activity. Over two jam-packed days, 120 AAUW CA members from 50 branches met with 46 Assembly offices and 23 Senate offices. Most of the meetings took place via Zoom and the majority took place without a hitch. For the first time, some of our members met in person in Sacramento.

While most meetings were conducted with legislative staff, we were able this year to schedule 10 meetings with the members themselves - 6 Assemblymembers and 4 Senators. In addition, Kathi Harper, AAUW CA Public Policy Chair, and Kathy Van Osten, our AAUW CA Legislative Advocate, met with the Governor's staff and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon's office.

We were happy to learn that our organization was known to many of the legislative staff and legislators with whom our members met. Some had spoken to branches in their districts; others were familiar with our public policy priorities and expressed alignment and support for them; and a handful were appreciative of the background we provided about our mission and programs. A sterling endorsement came from none other than Alf Brandt, Policy Consultant for Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, whose mother was an AAUW member in the 1940's in Orange County. He credits her involvement in AAUW "making me the man I am today."

The reception of our "Top 3" bills - AB 1394, SB 287 and AB 549 – was generally favorable, especially the two social media bills. Both staff and legislators could identify with the pervasive problem of having children who are or will be targeted by social media. AB 549 needed a bit more explaining, as some were unfamiliar with CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. You can find more information on these and all the bills we are supporting here: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2023/03/bill-tracking.pdf/>.

During our Lobby Days event, we were able to get our message across to those who make our laws and to highlight AAUW, our mission, accomplishments and the benefits we bring to our communities throughout CA. It was an empowering exercise in advocacy and for those of you who participated, AAUW CA thanks you!

Addendum from Nancy Mahr

Many thanks to our south bay area team: Shera Dolmatz-Finklel (PVP), Deborah Thomas (Beach Cities), Isabel Rodriguez (Torrance) and me. They did a super job of presenting the priority bills and responding to questions. We spoke with Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's Legislative Director.



Status of Women Award, 2023

The Palos Verdes AAUW Status of Women Award is presented once a year by the branch to a woman who is visible in the community and works to better society. She shows leadership and exhibits professional conduct. She is a role model for other women and girls.

The Branch Leadership team is asking for your suggestions for our 2023 Status of Women Award. A nominee may be a branch member or not; there is no requirement that the award recipient is a member of AAUW.

The Award is presented at the June Recognition Luncheon. Last year we were happy to return to an in-person luncheon after two years of Covid lockdown.

Please submit your suggestions to Nancy Mahr at nlmahr@verizon.net, or leave a phone message at 310-377-0735. Deadline to submit is May 5, 2023.



May Birthdays

Wendy Walker	05/01
Leann Roque	05/04
Judith Gerber	05/14
Helen Cannefax	05/17
Martha Feakins	05/26
Fran Wielin	05/28
Jane Harris	05/29

June Birthdays

Willis Binnard	06/02
Connie Leach	06/12
Kathryn Sandow	06/14
Sue Gates	06/16
Ann Shaw	06/18
Susan Grimshaw	06/19
Kathy Berg	06/20
Sharon Butler	06/21
Gail Ruder	06/26
Susan Wallace	06/26

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

SPEAK UP ON LEGISLATION

Be a part of AAUW's grassroots advocacy. Sign up for the Two-Minute Activist program and receive notices about legislation that you can support via email. All the information is provided to you.

Sign up on the national AAUW website: aauw.org (under Take Action)

When you sign up at the national level, you are automatically signed up for action alerts at the state level.

Sign up today!



Bingo/Trivia Fun

Let's make hay in May as we play Bingo for the day!

Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7 PM

RSVP to Jane Harris at compprin@hotmail.com



Bingo card and Zoom link will be sent to you



Branch Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Hesse Park

Summer Social

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Home of Joanie Gale

AAUW NCCWSL PROJECT -- BIG CHANGES AHEAD!



The first important news is to inform you that in the future we will be going by a new name. Because of our collaboration with Marymount California University we always used the title of AAUW/Marymount NCCWSL Project. The actual name used by AAUW California and National is College/University Partnership or C/U Partnership. So going forward we will use the official name.

As you know, Marymount California University closed on August 31, 2022 officially ending our partnership with them. Undaunted, we have continued to look for a new partnership and are working towards building a relationship with California State University--Dominguez Hills. We are still in the preliminary stages but feel positive a collaboration will be developed in the next year.

The next exciting news is that Libby Bergen has agreed to be the new Chair starting in July 1, 2023 and new member, Diane Hembacher, will be her Co-Chair. Elayne Nahman who has been Chair from 2019 to 2023 will work with both of them during the transition stage and has agreed to continue to be part of the Committee.



Kathy Ford and the Tech Trek committee are pleased to announce we are providing camp experiences to 23 girls this coming summer. The girls are an energetic, bright group of young women who all expressed great enthusiasm and appreciation at being offered this opportunity. All the 21 in-person campers, and the 2 virtual campers completed the necessary documentation and have been assigned a camp experience.

We are very pleased with this outcome, after initially receiving 44 nominations from the teachers at Dana Middle School and Wilmington Middle School. This cohort will use all existing funds, making fund raising essential to continue this valuable project. The committee welcomes any fundraising ideas or sponsorships from the group. Thank you for your support!



Thank you for your gift cards which included cards from Chevron Gas and Visa cards from Target, TJMax and Smart and Final. The total value was \$380.

Rainbow Services is grateful for our contributions.

Rainbow services, also, accepts new and unused donations; diapers/wipes, clothing/shoes for teens and pantry food paper goods. For the Children's program they are in need of art supplies, toys, and board games.

Thank you for your gift cards.

Lynne

NAMED GIFT HONOREE —DALE RICHARDS



Dale Richards is one of our 2023 Named Gift Honorees. This award reflects outstanding service to the Branch and to upholding the principles of AAUW.

Dale is one of our most dedicated Branch members. She served as Tech Trek Chair and treasurer for several years and then continued as an active member of the committee. Along with Nancy Mahr, Dale co-chaired our Branch and kept it going strong during the pandemic. After her term ended, she spent countless hours, mentoring, counseling and guiding Leann and Fran in their roles as Co-chairs.

Dale is currently Eblast Coordinator, Nominating Committee Chair, proofreader for Coastlines and participates in several interest groups. She's on the finance committee and has been a wonderful resource for the treasurer.

She consistently thinks of everything that needs to be done to keep our Branch running successfully and can always be counted on to help.

NAMED GIFT HONOREE — LIBBY BERGEN



It is our pleasure to announce that Libby Bergen has been selected as a Gift Honoree this year.

From the moment Libby joined AAUW in 2018 she has been an energetic and devoted participant to our organization. She immediately joined Tech Trek given her love of students as a teacher. When help was needed for Fall Fling she jumped in to assist in any way needed. Libby agreed to be a Co-Chair on the Membership Committee and has served that Committee well. She also joined the AAUW/Marymount NCCWSL Program and became a Co-Chair assisting in interviewing and selecting Marymount students to attend the AAUW Conference in Washington, DC. Libby has now agreed to become the new Chair of this project and will continue to lead in developing this program as it moves on from its work with Marymount California University.

Her contribution to our AAUW-PVP has been outstanding and this award being given to her is well-deserved.

Congratulations to our elected officers for 2023-2024

Leadership Co-Chairs: Fran Brown and Joanie Gale

Co-Treasurers: Shera Dolmatz-Finkel and Leann Roque

Membership Co-Chairs: Libby Bergen and Jane Harris

The nominated slate was announced at our March Branch Meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate was accepted by general consent.

Submitted by Dale Richards



Membership Renewal Time

It's that time again. We need to let you know; current Branch membership expires June 30, 2023.

Once again, we will be able to renew our membership online. You will receive an email from National AAUW containing a link for paying renewal fees with a credit card. If you prefer, the email gives you the option to renew by check as we have done in the past.

We have included the old version of our renewal form if you prefer to renew this way.

Dues Breakdown:

AAUW National - **\$72** (\$69 tax deductible)

AAUW CA - **\$20** (not tax deductible)

PVP Branch - **\$22** (not tax deductible)

TOTAL: \$114

How much do you pay?

Regular Member	(AAUW National + AAUW CA + Branch)	\$114
Life Member	(AAUW CA + Branch)	\$42
Dual Member	(Branch dues only)	\$22

Additional donations to the Branch would be much appreciated but cannot be made through the National e-renewal process. If you want to make a donation to the Branch, please mail a separate check payable to AAUW-PVP, to AAUW-PVP, P.O. BOX 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

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

Jane Harris and Libby Bergen
Membership Co-Chairs

Time to renew your AAUW-PVP Membership for 2023-24

Current membership expires June 30, 2023

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?

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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

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – MAY/JUNE 2023

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

May 3 – *Feeling with our Eyes – Texture & Light*
 June 7 – *Drawing – Dry, Liquid & Modern Media*



ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

The Armchair Travelers Group is being disbanded. They are too busy traveling to meet!

COOKS' CORNER

Chair: Denise DeVenuto
Dendev88@gmail.com

3rd Saturday 12N

May 20 - Barbeque Recipes
 June 17 - The Science of Chocolate

DAYTIME SCRABBLE

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

May 10 & 24
 June 14 & 28

BRIDGETTES

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

May 16 – at Ruth Bloland's home
 June 20 – at Jan Cofer's home

NIGHT BOOKS

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

May 8 – *The Years* by Annie Ernaux
 June 12 – Dinner at Think Cafe

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

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

May 22 – *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult
 June 26 – *French Braid* by Anne Tyler
****THIS GROUP IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS****



CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

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

May 8 – *Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
 June 12 – *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
****THIS GROUP IS NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS****

ECLECTIC READERS

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

May 18 - *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult
 June 15 – *The Bluest Eyes* by Toni Morrison

GREAT DECISIONS

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

May 15 – Economic Warfare and U.S. Policy
 June 19 – Political Trends in Latin America

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Chair: Susan Negrete
 (310) 377 - 0642
 PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf
 (310)373-5970
1st Wednesday 7PM

May 3 – Topic TBD
 June 7 – Topic TBD

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

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

May 5 – topic TBD
 June 2 – topic TBD

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

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



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS – MARCH/APRIL 2023

Space constraints or other factors may result in need for a waitlist for new members.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-Chair: Jane Harris

compprin@hotmail.com

Co-Chair: Nancy Rayner

Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st Thursday 2PM

May 4 – Update/discussion of
Women's Issues

June 1 – TBD

EVENING SCRABBLE

Chair: Joanie Gale

joaniekgale@gmail.com

4th Monday 7PM

May 22 – meetings held at
member homes

June 26 – meetings held at
member homes



LUNCH BUNCH

Chair: Nancy Rayner

Nrayner777@gmail.com

1st Tuesday 1PM

May 2 – Yellow Vase – Peninsula
Shopping Center

June 6 – Benihana

WOMEN EATING LUNCH LEISURELY

(WELL)

Chair: Joanie Gale

joaniekgale@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday 1PM

May 17 – Think Café – San Pedro

June 21 – Lazy Dog Bar &
Restaurant – Del Amo Mall



New Interest Group

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 3 - 5 PM
at the home of Joanie Gale
2405 Via Sobrante, PVE 90274

Beautiful things come together one stitch at a time!

Join us for our first AAUW in person needlework session.

Bring your project - knitting, crochet, needlepoint, embroidery or ??? Enjoy with friends an afternoon of needlework, conversation and snacks. Be prepared for inside or outside. Please RSVP to Joanie Gale

MARCH 2023 BRANCH MEETING

Our first in-person Branch meeting in three years featured the wonderfully talented Readers Theater performing The Select Sorority: Special 20th Anniversary Performance (Act I) at the Palos Verdes Library. Despite the rain, we had an appreciative audience of members and guests.

Also in attendance were Pam Gershkoff, co-author of The Select Sorority, who flew down from the Bay Area with her husband Ira for the event! The late Jacky Mason's family was represented by her son Chris Mason and granddaughter Crystal Mason.

Readers Theater Director Cecilia Rogers said, "I am amazed by the hard work that our cast and crew put in to make our first in-person performance a reality, and am grateful for the support of both Pam Gershkoff and Chris Mason for their support of the modifications to the script that reflect modern scholarship. Most of the original was left intact, and we added new dimensions to the discussions on property rights for women and slavery based on recent scholarship."



L to R: Kathleen Fitzgerald (Martha), Jane Jones (Abigail), Nancy Bell (Dolley), Pilar Hale (Sarah), Kendel Cornwell (Narrator) and Cecilia Rogers (Director). Not pictured is Carol Torelli, Readers Theater's Stage Manager.

PVP AAUW MEMBERS ENJOYING SOCIAL TIME TOGETHER



Spring Luncheon, 4th Monday Book Group



Myrna Plost organized a tour of Madrona Marsh. Pictured is Myrna, her husband and a docent. Several PVP AAUW members joined this interesting and informative event.



Elissa Hoxie and Shirley Kay enjoying the Guo Pei exhibit during an Art Appreciation Group field trip to the Bowers Museum

BRANCH CALENDAR May/June 2023

May 05, Thursday	Deadline for Status of Women Award Nominee Submit to: nlmahr@verizon.net
May 09, Tuesday , 2 pm	May Branch Meeting, Peninsula Center Library
May 19, Friday, 7 pm	Bingo/Trivia Fun, ZOOM
June 05, Monday	Check for Recognition Lunch must be received by this date. (See info. On front page)
June 10, Saturday, 11:30 am-2:30 pm	AAUW Recognition Lunch, Red Onion
June 30, Friday	Current membership expires, see page 6 for renewal information
July 11, Tuesday, 2:00 pm	Branch Planning Meeting, Hesse Park
August 12, Saturday	Summer Social, home of Joannie Gale

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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Deadline for summer CoastLines
articles, June 15, 2023

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