

AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2023

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Branch Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 11-- 2:00 p.m.

Hesse Park Fireside Room

Share your ideas for Branch activities



It is that 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 11.

Our goals for 2023-2024 are:

To maintain our 5-star status
To increase and retain membership through mission-related programming & interesting activities

We need your ideas for:

Branch programs
Social activities
Membership



SUMMER SOCIAL

Saturday, August 12, 2023

3 - 5 pm

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

Join us for a relaxed afternoon with fun, refreshments and friends!
Let's use this as an opportunity to invite potential members.
Consider hats and light wraps depending on the weather.

RSVP requested but not required - bergenlibby@gmail.com

Happy Pride Month!

By Kim Talbert, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Happy June and Happy Pride Month!

Every June since 1970, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. At the time, The Stonewall Inn was the most popular gay bar in Manhattan. Until 1966 it was illegal to serve alcohol to a gay person, and until 1969, homosexuality was a criminal offense. On the morning of June 28, 1969, police raided the bar for the sale of illegal alcohol. As word got out about the raid, thousands of protestors came out, and the protests lasted for six days. These protests sparked the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement.

The Stonewall Inn is now a National Monument. In 2016, President Obama established the first LGBTQ+ National Park in the 7.7 acres surrounding The Stonewall Inn, and in 2019, the city of New York honored LGBTQ+ activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, with a statue for their activism. They were prominent in the Stonewall Uprising, and according to the city of New York, this was the “first permanent, public artwork recognizing transgender women in the world.”

Since the Stonewall Uprising, there have been many significant advances for the LGBTQ+ community, like same-sex marriage and the passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009. There is still a long way to go for equitable treatment for all, but that’s why it’s exciting to work with an organization like AAUW on its mission of achieving a more equitable society.

For further information, the Library of Congress has compiled a wonderful resource guide.

[LGBTQ+ Studies: A Resource Guide](#) serves as an introduction into the excellent collection of LGBTQ+ resources available at the Library of Congress.





July Birthdays

<i>Jan Gardner</i>	07/07
<i>Helen Vakil</i>	07/07
<i>Denise DeVenuto</i>	07/12
<i>Cordelia Hwang</i>	07/14
<i>Judy Purvis</i>	07/14
<i>JoAnn DeFlon</i>	07/23
<i>Peggy Tigerrman</i>	07/26
<i>Myrna Plost</i>	07/30

August Birthdays

<i>Elayne Nahman</i>	08/03
<i>Betsy Adams</i>	08/06
<i>Mary Ann Donohue</i>	08/06
<i>Muriel Blatt</i>	08/10
<i>Anne Destabelle</i>	08/13
<i>Sara Dean</i>	08/14
<i>Alice Matthews</i>	08/14
<i>Geri Chaudhri</i>	08/15
<i>Fran Brown</i>	08/27
<i>Pilar Hale</i>	08/28
<i>Jeanne Wilson</i>	08/29
<i>Leslie Criswell</i>	08/29

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



Thank you to proof readers Dale Richards and Marlin Moore who, with eagle eyes, check CoastLines for spelling, spacing and grammatical errors, and to all the contributors who get A+ for submitting articles in a timely manner.

Eunice McConaughy, editor

At the Recognition Luncheon at the Red Onion on Saturday, June 10th we recognized the women in our branch who have been AAUW members for over 25 years. We thanked them for their years of advocating for women and girls. Our longest serving member is Peggy Tigerrman who joined in 1948! We salute the following members of our branch:

40 -50 years

Judith Purvis
Virginia Whittier
Jacqueline Bacharach
Shirley Collins
Ann Shaw
Peggy Tigerrman
Kieko Yamane
Rowie Wolf

35-39 years

Ruth Bloland
Fran Wielin
Sarah Adams
Marilyn Brashear
Kathleen Fitzgerald
Muriel Blatt
Sharon Butler
Ann Curry Destabelle

30-34 years

Judith Gerber
Pilar Hale
Nancy Mahr
Elizabeth Ettington
Carol Hook
Margery Norris
Carol Sugimori

25-29 years

Maria Ashla
Helen Cannefax
Charlene Pickarts
Myrna Plost
Tamara Kittiver
Carol Torelli
Eileen Edelson
Dayla Sims

Submitted by Jane Harris



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Have a good summer!



2018 Tech Trek Campers' Post-High School Plans

by Denise DeVenuto, Palos Verdes TTAG Advisor

Of the fifteen alumnae campers who attended Tech Trek camp in 2018, I was able to speak with ten girls last week about their post-high school plans. Of these ten, all the girls but one will be attending one of these colleges in the fall and focusing on one of the following STEM majors:

UC Santa Cruz - Biology
UC Davis - Environmental Studies and Management
UC Davis - Molecular and Medical Biology
UC Santa Barbara - Cellular Biology
UC Santa Barbara - Environmental Studies
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - Biological Science
Cal State Northridge - Computer Engineering
University of Hawaii at Manoa - Biology
University of Notre Dame - Mechanical Engineering

As you can see, this is a very impressive group of ambitious young women who benefited from their week at Tech Trek camp in choosing to pursue a major in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field. They are all high achievers with excellent academic records in middle school and high school, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

One of these alumnae campers has been an active member and leader of the South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) since the eighth grade. Margarita Alejandro Navarro has served as Membership Coordinator, Vice President and President, and she discussed in one of her college application essays how TTAG was instrumental in helping develop her leadership skills. "This group became my community where I was able to receive support and offer support. I was inspired to continue to volunteer my time in TTAG because I wanted to become the role model that others had been for me while I was progressing through high school. I am glad that I've been able to be a part of this group as it continues to grow, and become an important part in many young girls' lives."



Margarita Alejandro Navarro has volunteered as a leader during the Tech Trek camp that TTAG developed in 2020, and was a coach for the virtual Tech Trek camp in 2022 helping girls learn robotics and coding. She has been a speaker at several Orientations and

Celebrate Tech Trek events over the years, and has always made Tech Trek and TTAG a priority in her busy schedule. Margarita will be attending UC Davis and will major in Environmental Studies and Management.



Aytana Martinez has also been a member of TTAG since 2018, and has helped out at Celebrate Tech Trek. She recently spoke at Tech Trek Orientation about her camp experience. When asked what difference it would have made had she not joined TTAG after camp, Aytana said that she would not have had the opportunity to attend TTAG's annual College Prep 101 forum, and then she wouldn't have heard about applying to QuestBridge and their college match program. She applied and won the QuestBridge College Prep Scholar Award, which is nationally recognized. She said she has also benefited from hearing from women in STEM careers at TTAG's annual forum. Aytana will be attending UC Santa Cruz as a Biology major.

It's been an honor to participate in Tech Trek and TTAG because they both make a difference for young women with so much potential. We will continue to stay in touch with our 2018 alumnae campers, and we wish them every success!



Hello, I am Kaaren Lee the incoming Tech Trek Branch Coordinator. I am fairly new to AAUW and TT, and am thrilled at the amount of support and encouragement I have received from Kathy Ford and other members. My background is in pediatric nursing, including ICU, camp, and school nursing. As the mother of three sons and longtime Cub Scout leader, I am enjoying the opportunity to work with young women for a change. I have been previously involved with other local groups such as Peninsula Friends of the Library and the Palos Verdes Junior Women's Club. Fun fact: I am an AAUW legacy as the daughter of Coastlines editor Eunice McConaughy!

TECH TREK Update

The TECH TREK committee held the orientation online for students attending camp this summer. The 20 girls have been put into groups of five, with each group attending a camp at UC San Diego, Whittier College, or one of two sessions held at UC Santa Barbara. Two additional students are attending the virtual camp. We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences at celebrate TECH TREK this October. The PVP branch currently has funding for approximately 5 campers for the summer of 2024. The committee is looking to identify sponsors who would be interested in supporting our mission. Our goal is to secure funding for a minimum of 15 more girls at a cost of \$1,100 each. Please contact Kaaren Lee for more information: (310) 373-1025 or Lee.family90274@verizon.net.

“Remember Benihana? The Lunch Bunch had a great time watching this chef prepare their delicious lunch in June.” Submitted by Nancy Rayner



2023 ANNUAL PVP AAUW RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Submitted by Kathy Berg
Photos by Kathy Berg

On Saturday, June 10, Fran Brown, Co-Chair of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch of American Association of University Women, welcomed 40 Branch members and guests to the Annual Recognition Luncheon honoring the 2023 Status of Women Award Winner, Sara Deen, DDS. The luncheon was held at the Original Red Onion Restaurant in Rolling Hills Estates.

Member Nancy Mahr presented the Status of Women Award to Deen. Deen was lauded for her efforts in building bridges between communities through her work with the South Coast Interfaith Council (SCIC): as liaison between SCIC and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE); as liaison between SCIC and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE); as youth facilitator for New Ground's Muslims and Jews Inspiring Change (MAJIC). And in 2022, Deen was elected to serve on the Governing Board of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. Indeed, Deen abundantly satisfied the award criteria of community visibility, working for the good of the community, leadership, professional conduct and being a role model for girls.

Additionally, Branch members, Libby Bergen and Dale Richards, were recognized as Named Gift Honorees for their outstanding long-term service to the Branch and for upholding the principles of AAUW. Fran Brown presented a President's pin to her retiring Co-Chair, Leann Roque, with thanks for years of service. Leann Roque introduced our newly elected Co-Chair, Joanie Gale.

Finally, ten Branch members, namely Anne Destabelle, Pilar Hale, Eileen Edelson, Nancy Mahr, Shirley Collins, Ruth Bloland, Margery Norris, Fran Wielin, Rowie Wolf and Myrna Plost were recognized for 25 plus years of Branch membership.

Luncheon committee members included Chair Libby Bergen, Leann Roque, Joanie Gale, Shera Dolmatz-Finkel, Elayne Nahman, Jane Harris, Ruth Bloland, Eileen Edelson, Margery Norris, Nancy Rayner and Kathy Berg.



Nancy Mahr presenting Status of Women Award to Sara Deen.



Libby Bergen (left picture) and Dale Richards (right picture) with Co-President Fran Brown, were recognized for their long-term service to the Branch.



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2023 PVP AAUW RECOGNITION LUNCHEON , cont'd.



Incoming Co-chair Joanie Gale and Rosalie Laufer Abelson



Co-chair Fran Brown thanks out-going Chair Leann Roque



Diane Hembacher, Ruth Bloland and Lynne Jones



Longest time member Peggy Tigerman and Diana Durham



Carol Torelli and Myrna Plost



Pilar Hale, Heather White and Shera Domatz-Finkel



Anne Destabelle, Pilar Hale, Eileen Edelson, Nancy Mahr, Shirley Collins, Ruth Bloland, Margery Norris, Fran Wielin, Rowie Wolf and Myrna Plost were recognized for 25 plus years of AAUW Branch membership.



Fran Wielin, Donna Day and Eileen Edelson



Nancy Mahr and Elayne Nahman



Dr. Sara Deen and family

AAUW STATUS OF WOMEN AWARDEE - DR. SARA DEEN

submitted by Nancy Mahr

The Status of Women Award is presented by our Branch to a woman who is visible in the community, uses her education and talents for the good of the community, exhibits professional conduct, and is a positive role model for girls.

At the Branch Annual Meeting, the 2023 Status of Women Award was presented to Dr. Sara Deen, who is a member of this AAUW Branch. Sara is a gracious and giving community leader who is articulate in communicating her views and goals, and who reaches out and works with others.

Sara attended UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco School of Dentistry. She now lives in the South Bay and has two children who attend PV schools.

Interfaith projects to build bridges among community groups are important volunteer activities for Sara. She has worked with the South Coast Interfaith Council and with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. Sara is also a youth facilitator for the Muslims and Jews Inspiring Change program and the South Coast Interfaith Council's Youth Interfaith Program.

In 2019, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi nominated Sara as the "Woman of the Year" in Assembly District 66, recognizing her community service as an interfaith leader.

In 2022, Sara was elected by the voters in Palos Verdes Peninsula to serve a four-year term on the Governing Board of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. She advocates for an equitable and excellent education for every student.

It is clear that Dr. Sara Deen is a woman of distinction who deserves our recognition as our Status of Women awardee.

May Branch Meeting

Panel Discussion on Book Banning

by Fran Brown and Leann Roque

Nearly 40 people attended this very interesting program at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library.

Myrna Plost, program organizer, reviewed some of the restrictions on books in schools and libraries taking place in various states, including Florida and Texas. She also provided an update on book banning activities taking place in Placentia-Yorba Linda.

Panelists were: Jennifer Addington, District Director, PV Library District; Penny Markey; Retired LA County Librarian; and Dr. Sara Deen, PVUSD School Board Member.

The librarians explained the policy with regard to challenged books. A librarian always listens to the complaints and provides a form to be filled out. Eighty percent of the people never bother to fill out the form. Often they haven't even read the book that they are challenging. A committee of librarians seriously considers the objections to the book. Book challenges come from both the political right as well as the political left. The librarians stated that libraries don't remove books unless they present inaccurate information.

Dr. Sara Deen spoke as a parent and AAUW member, not on behalf of the School Board. She stressed the importance of every child being able to access a book that spoke to them. She also stated that the School Board was currently searching for a new Superintendent and encouraged the community to get involved in this critical decision.

Nancy Mahr announced that the Recipient of the 2023 Status of Women is Dr. Sara Deen who would be honored at the June 10th Recognition Luncheon.

A quote from Margery Norris: "I thought that yesterday's program about Banned Books was one of the best, most informative and most stimulating we've ever had in all my years being an AAUW member! Clearly, the speakers were great and the audience very involved. Additionally, three of my five invited guests were able to make it and were so glad to have come!"



Myrna Plost, Jennifer Addington, Dr. Sara Deen and Penny Markey.



INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS-JULY/AUGUST 2023

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

ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com
1st Wednesday 2 pm

July—No meeting

August 2—*Print making—Relief and Intaglio*

COOK'S CORNER

Leader: Denise DeVenuto
Dendev88@gmail.com
3rd Saturday 12 noon

July 15—TBD
August 19—TBD



DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Leader: Libby Bergen
bergenlibby@gmail.com
2nd & 4th Wednesday 2 pm

July 12 & 26
August 9 & 23

EVENING SCRABBLE

Leader: Joanie Gale
joaniekgale@gmail.com
4th Monday 7 pm

July 24—meetings held at members' homes

August 28—meetings held at members' homes

NIGHT BOOKS

Leader: Rowie Wolf
rowiewolf@cox.net
2nd Monday 7 pm via ZOOM

July & August—no meetings



MONDAY BOOK GROUP

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

July 24—*Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ushiguro

August 28—*I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makai

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Leader: JoAnn DeFlon
jjdeflon@gmail.com
2nd Monday 9:30 am

July 10—*Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty

August 14—*Properties of Thirst* by Marianne Wiggins

**This group is now accepting new members.

ECLECTIC READERS

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

July 20—*Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

August 17—*Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson

GREAT DECISIONS

Leader: Kathleen Fitzgerald
kmfitz@earthlink.net
3rd Monday 10 am

July and August—no meetings

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Leader: Susan Negrete
(310) 377-0642
PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf
3rd Wednesday 7 pm
(310) 373-5970

July 5—Media's influence on Politics

August 2—Summer Social

FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Leader: open
1st Friday 2-4 pm

June 2—topic TBD

July 7—topic TBD

**This group is now accepting new members.



COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Leaders: Fran Brown
franbrown5@cox.net
Leann Roque
leannr@cox.net
Each Wednesday 10am

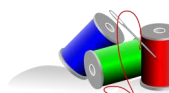
Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-leader: Jane Harris
comprrin@hotmail.com
Co-leader: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com
1st Thursday 2 pm

July—no meeting

August 3—TBD



NEEDLEWORK

Leader: Joanie Gale
joaniekgale@gmail.com
2nd Saturday 3 pm-5 pm
(See page 11 for more details)

BRIDGETTES

Leader: Margery Norris
mnorris@ca.rr.com
3rd Tuesday 1 pm

July 18—at Charlene Pickarts' home

August 15—at Dale Richards' home

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INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS-JULY/AUGUST 2023

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LUNCH BUNCH

Leader: Nancy Rayner
Nrayner777@gmail.com
1st Tuesday 1 pm

July 4-no meeting

August 1– 22nd Street Landing



WOMEN EATING LUNCH LEISURELY (WELL)

Joanie Gale
Joaniekgale@gmail.com
3rd Wednesday 1 pm

July 19 –Think Café San Pedro

August 16– Big Hawaiian Eats,
PV Mall



Lynne Jones, Margery Norris, Marilyn Brashear
Irene Gasco and Joanie Gale

“The first meeting of the Needlework group met on July 3rd. We brought an assortment of projects we each had in process, some of which had been set aside for awhile. From elaborate and intricate crochet items to needlepoint and knitting, we did a little show and tell and a lot of admiring and encouraging.”

Margery Norris

***This is a new group that is accepting new members. Bring any handheld needlework, knitting, crochet, embroidery, etc. Meetings Will be held at member homes.*



Another friendly reminder!! It's Membership Renewal Time

It's that time again. We need to let you know current Branch membership expires June 30, 2023. (This does not apply to new members.)

Once again, you will be able to renew your membership online. Some members did not receive the link for paying renewal fees online. If you did not receive the link and are unable to login at the AAUW login page, you may send a check made payable to AAUW-PVP, P.O. Box 2442, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. 90274

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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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

BRANCH CALENDAR Summer 2023

June 30, Friday	Current membership expires, see page 6 for renewal information
July 11, Tuesday, 2 pm	Branch Planning Meeting, Hesse Park
August 12, Saturday, 3-5 pm	Summer Social, home of Joannie Gale

Council Co-Chairs: Fran Brown and Joanie Gale

Treasurer: Shera Dolmatz-Finkel and Leann Roque

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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