

# AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, September/October 2024

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## BRANCH MEETING

**Tuesday Sept. 10, 2 pm at Hesse Park**

**Presentation on the upcoming Propositions  
prior to the November Election, led by  
Nancy Mahr**

Family, friends and local AAUW branches are invited.  
Snacks will be provided, bring your own water bottle.

**Wear your red, white and blue!**



## Long Beach Museum of Art

Friday, October 18 at 11am  
Lunch at 12 at Claire's (museum restaurant)

More details on page 3

## ELECTION INFO – CANDIDATE FORUMS

AAUW PVP, the PVP League of Women Voters and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce are working together to present forums for candidates running for local offices in the November 5 election. This is a great way to meet the candidates and hear their plans if elected. All forums are open to the public.

Wednesday, September 4 Candidates for RPV City Council  
7 – 9 pm at Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., RPV.

Thursday, September 12 Candidates for PVPUSD Board of Education  
7 – 9 pm at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Rd., RHE.

Monday, September 16 Candidates for PVL D Library Board of Trustees  
6:30 to 8 pm at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room, 701 Silver Spur Rd., RHE.

Thursday, September 19 Candidates for PVE City Council  
The time and location of this forum has not been determined at this time.  
The City Treasurer is also an elected office, but only one candidate has filed for election so this office will not be on the ballot.

The cities of Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates are not holding elections as each has the same number of candidates as open seats on their Councils.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these events.

Nancy Mahr  
Public Policy Chair  
nlmahr@verizon.net



Save the date of Sept. 28! We are planning to have a presentation on the PVPUSD Classroom Repair/Student Safety Bond Measure...stay tuned for more details!



**September/October Birthdays**  
**September Birthdays**

<i>Kay Odgers</i>	09/01
<i>Marilyn Brashear</i>	09/03
<i>Betty Ettington</i>	09/03
<i>Charlene Pickarts</i>	09/06
<i>June Kagdis</i>	09/07
<i>Tamara Kittiver</i>	09/10
<i>Vivian Nemie</i>	09/13
<i>Nancy Mahr</i>	09/14
<i>Anna May Labbe</i>	09/15
<i>Cecilia Rogers</i>	09/15
<i>Paula Bold</i>	09/20
<i>Mary Watson</i>	09/25

**October Birthdays**

<i>Patti Kitching</i>	10/07
<i>Virginia Whittier</i>	10/07
<i>Priscilla Wright</i>	10/16
<i>Carol Torelli</i>	10/23
<i>Jan Cofer</i>	10/24
<i>Lynn Sakamoto</i>	10/28

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



**Please welcome these new members to our Branch**

Rosa Kwon Easton  
 Janet MacLeod  
 Elle Elene Oliver  
 Dana Auteri Tinakorn



**OCTOBER FIELD TRIP**

Long Beach Museum of Art  
 2300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach  
 Friday, October 18 at 11am

Meet at the museum at 11am to view the artwork.  
 Admission: about \$6

Lunch at 12pm at Claire's

RSVP to SLDolmatz@gmail.com

Museum information: <https://www.lbma.org/>



**I didn't hear that...did you??**

Is something we won't be hearing at AAUW gatherings! In the past, people have missed hearing soft-spoken speakers and presenters. Thanks to Carol Torelli who help us select a new cordless microphone! Inaugurated at the Summer Social, the microphone allowed everyone to hear; it was passed hand-to-hand to share comments; and there was no tripping hazard! The microphone will be used for AAUW social gatherings, branch meetings and Readers Theater.

**Honorary AAUW Life Member**



Congratulations to Judy Purvis on achieving this significant milestone.



# Tech Trek Celebration 2024

The 2003-2024 Tech Trek cohort has successfully completed their Tech Trek experience. The girls from Wilmington Middle School and Dana Middle School attended camp and shared their experiences with their families and PVP AAUW members at Celebrate Tech Trek this past Sunday. Seven of the 15 campers attended and talked about their experiences, their aspirations, and shared funny stories with a narrated slide show. Highlights of the day include stories about hitting a dummy with a baseball bat to learn about blood splatter, making robotic hats, and dissecting a fetal pig. The consensus was that the camp food was delicious! Vivian Nguyen, a TTAG member who is at USC studying neuroscience, and Denise Devenuto the TTAG Advisor, spoke about the benefits of the Tech Trek alumni program. Following the program the campers, guests and AAUW members visited while enjoying Paradise cake and raspberry lemonade.

The success of this program, which is primarily funded from AAUW member donations, was certainly evident from the enthusiasm and appreciation these girls expressed. Thank you to the committee for contributing to the success of Tech Trek. It was a proud moment for AAUW PVP.



2024 Tech Trek Campers



Co-Presidents Joanie Gale and Diane Hembacher with Kaaren Lee, Tech Trek Chair (center)



Vivian Nguyen, TTAG member, shares her TTAG experience



Dessert table with letters from campers displayed



“Their future looks bright”



At the end of the day, the Tech Trek committee relaxes to celebrate a job well done, Leslie Criswell enjoys a bit of Paradise cake.

Thanks to the committee who made this day a success: Martha Maimone, Jill Wussler, Kathy Ford, Dale Richards, Joann De Flon, Lynne Jones, Sara Deen, Diane Hembacher, Dana Gorman, Denise DeVenuto, Fran Brown, Leslie Criswell, Shera Dolmatz, Marlin More, Joanie Gale, Jeanne Wilson and Chair Kaaren Lee.

## **TTAG Annual Picnic**

by Denise DeVenuto



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Thirty-three TTAG members gathered at Delthorne Park in Torrance on August 4 for our annual picnic, which has been held since 2015. The girls who attended were Tech Trek campers that had been selected by the three local AAUW branches: Palos Verdes, Beach Cities and Torrance. Eleven girls from each of the branches participated. Several parents stayed for the event and enjoyed the beautiful weather and pleasant setting. Six Palos Verdes campers became new TTAG member that day by completing an application. Five are 2024 campers, and one was a 2023 camper. Subsequently, six additional 2024 campers joined TTAG at Celebrate Tech Trek on August 18. The girls enjoyed pizza and an abundance of goodies brought by campers and parents, as well as games and ice breaker activities. Three of the more senior TTAG members spoke to the girls and shared tips for a successful school year, and resources for applying to college.

We are looking forward to an exciting season of events and activities, including a tour of a local aerospace company that is producing the new Mars Rover, and our customary speaker forums on Women in STEM Careers and College Prep 101.

## **PV LIBRARY SUMMER READING KICK-OFF**



On June 15, Denise DeVenuto, Leann Roque, and Fran Brown set up an AAUW booth, representing our branch at the Palos Verdes Library's Summer Reading Kickoff, Picnic on the Peninsula. This event featured live performances, a variety of classic cars, music, bubbles, crafts, activities, a photo booth and numerous tables representing community organizations, including AAUW.

Our three hard working members distributed flyers and discussed our programs. Both the library and our branch considered the event a huge success.

Thank you Denise, Leann, and Fran for representing us and to Denise's husband, Joe, for helping.

## READERS THEATER

Following our grand success of our “Interview with Queen Victoria,” Readers Theater is gearing up for our new season by planning an ALL-NEW SEQUEL tentatively scheduled for February 2025. Our presentation last January earned \$2,000 for Tech Trek, and garnered us an additional performance at the Banning Museum, so we were able to donate an additional \$500 later in the year.

Our new play will leverage proximity to Valentine’s Day to present Queen Victoria’s love interests throughout her life and introduce—gasp—some gossipy politics into the mix. (We will not be using my cousin’s suggestion to call it “The Real Housewives of Buckingham Palace”, but you can tell your friends that’s what it will be about). We also will have a raised platform this year for better visibility.



We are open to everyone who is interested in the theater in general and historical women in particular. We have a wonderful library of original plays highlighting women’s accomplishments — some well known, some not — which require more than 4 or 5 people to perform, so are always happy to welcome new members. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to participate in our work. At our meetings (second Monday at 6:30 pm, contact me at 310-293-7071 or [fafnyr@mac.com](mailto:fafnyr@mac.com) for info), we serve a simple dinner, have time to catch up, and then go on the business of theater, with fun discussions and practice sessions. Our first meeting of the year is September 9.

Finally, I must say a few words about our beloved Pilar Hale, who as you all know passed away recently. She was a tireless supporter of Readers Theater, willing to take on any role, even unsympathetic ones, with energy, intelligence and aplomb, and with a wonderfully devilish sense of humor behind it all. She had lived an amazing life and brought all that experience to her work. I valued her contributions highly and I know speak for all of us in Readers Theater in saying we will miss her terribly. May flights of angels sing her to her rest.

Cecilia Rogers  
Director, Reader’s Theater

### Free Trip to the Getty Museum

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Village is planning a day trip to the Getty Villa Museum in Pacific Palisades and they have invited our AAUW branch members to join them.

Date: Thursday, October 24

Time: Bus departs Ernie Howlett Park at 9AM

Board the bus for the return trip at 3PM

Cost: The bus and the museum are free but bring lunch money and \$5 for the driver gratuity.

Lunch will be on your own at the Getty Villa Café.

Register on the Village website, [peninsulavillage.net](http://peninsulavillage.net)

# **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Submitted by Nancy Rayner

Domestic violence takes place in our nation every minute of every day, occurring just about every 15 seconds. Most Americans don't realize just how real domestic violence is and how many lives are affected by it. Most of these cases are left behind closed doors. That's why the Domestic Violence Awareness Month was introduced to not only educate and raise that awareness but bring the support and strength that domestic violence victims need.

Domestic violence awareness month was first introduced back in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic violence. It was created not only to bring more awareness to others but to connect and unify the millions of affected victims that had been battered due to domestic violence.

Its hope is to break the chains of violence that currently have such a strong grip on our nation. Every year, right around 10 million people become victims of domestic violence, which equates to just about 20 people every minute. Those are some pretty big and startling numbers. It affects not only women, but men and children, of all different races, status, religions, and culture. No one is immune to it.

Ever since 1987, October has been the month where domestic violence and its victims are observed. The purple ribbon is used for a number of other important causes, but it's also in honor of domestic violence victims and support for the growing awareness.

For the whole month of October, we are capable of making a change by informing others and providing our resources to go towards services that help domestic violence victims.

The above is from the website [DomesticViolence.org](http://DomesticViolence.org), a privately owned website.



## July Planning Meeting

I Scream, You Scream...

Well....we didn't scream, it was an AAUW branch meeting after all! However, ice cream was featured at the July 9 Branch Meeting.

The meeting started with an M&M ice breaker...your question depended on the color of your M&M! We discovered members' favorite books & movies, dream vacation destinations, the ideal dinner guest and more!

We then brainstormed ideas for the upcoming year. The white board was filled with ideas for branch meeting presentations, field trips, social events and potential community service activities. Thanks to all for their sharing and inspiration!

Finally, members mingled and looked over the book exchange, while enjoying Haagen Daz ice cream!



Lee Ann Farmer won the raffle, in the background Heather White, Libby Bergen (partially hidden), Carol Torelli and Joanie Gale.

## Summer Social

Warm was the theme....warm, sunny weather, warm welcoming smiles, friendly and warm conversations... at the AAUW Summer Social held on Saturday August 3. Thankfully, the drinks were cold!

Approximately 30 AAUW members and invited guests mingled, ate and drank. The food table boasted salad, deviled eggs, sweets, and snacks....all delicious!

About halfway through the afternoon, a cake took center stage. With the message "Good Luck Margery", we celebrated our long-time member Margery Norris who is moving to San Francisco. In her 25 years with AAUW PVP, Margery has held multiple leadership positions, invited many of us to join AAUW, trounced fellow players at Scrabble and Bridge, enhanced conversation groups, and supported AAUW's mission in countless ways. At the Social, Margery was in her favorite place, welcoming people at the sign in table.

The Social was a success with thanks to many: Joanie Gale for hosting; all those who contributed food and drink, Fran Brown who provided the cake, and those who came early/stayed later to set up and clean up. The warmth of the gathering will be remembered long afterwards.



Fran Brown brought a cake to honor long-time member Margery Norris.



Enjoying the afternoon...Leann Roque  
Kay Odgers (standing), Shera Dolmatz,  
Debbie Case, Cecilia Rogers, Joanie  
Gale (hostess), Judy Grood



Anne Destabelle  
Hazel Lord  
Janet MacLeod  
Leslie Criswell



**NCCWSL**  
submitted by Libby Bergen

Our first year of working with the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) has been extremely rewarding. We selected two wonderful young women, AAnisah Duru and Juliette Espinal, to attend the Student Leadership Conference. Please enjoy reading about their time at the conference that was written by AAnisah Duru.

### My Time at AAUW

Dear College of Education,

AAUW hosted hundreds of motivated college women from around the country for leadership training, inspiration and networking at our National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference brought women from universities across the country, creating a diverse tapestry of backgrounds and experiences.

After settling into the dormitories at the University of Maryland, I quickly found myself surrounded by like-minded individuals eager to learn and grow. The shared accommodations fostered a sense of camaraderie and friendship among us, setting the stage for an unforgettable weekend.

The conference included seminars and lectures led by accomplished women from various fields including higher education, business, and technology. Each session offered valuable insights and practical advice on leadership, career advancement and personal development.

I had the privilege to attend seminars given by inspiring women who shared their journeys and expertise. From strategies for navigating male-dominated industries to harnessing the power of networking, every session left me feeling empowered and motivated.

Beyond the lectures, the conference offered a chance to explore the historic landmarks of Washington, D.C. such as the Abraham Lincoln monument and the White House. My weekend at the AAUW Leadership Conference was a testament to the power of W=women coming together to learn, inspire, and lead. It was an honor to be part of this dynamic community, and I look forward to applying what I've learned to make a positive impact in my own journey and in the lives of others.

Sincerely,

AAnisah Duru



**From Palos Verdes Peninsula Village -  
Please join us for the 8th Annual Upside of Aging: A Time to Thrive!**

Join us for a conversation with Helen Dennis and Jean Adelsman on thriving in the second half of life. Learn and connect with others during an afternoon filled with humor and warmth. Plus, explore our community resource fair featuring local exhibitors and bid on unique prizes during our silent auction.

- Complimentary valet parking begins at 12:30 pm.
- Our community resource fair & opportunity to bid on very unique items at our silent auction starts at 12:30 pm.
- The conversation between Helen Dennis & Jean Adelsman starts at 1:30 pm. In a twist on previous years, veteran journalist Jean Adelsman will interview aging expert Helen Dennis for her perspectives and insights on thriving along life's journey.
- There will be a second opportunity to visit the resource fair and bid on silent auction items from 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

Helen Dennis is a nationally recognized leader on aging and retirement. She is the author of a weekly syndicated column, *Successful Aging*, and the book, *Project Renewment: The First Retirement Model for Career Women*.

Jean Adelsman served as managing editor of the *Daily Breeze* for nearly 20 years. Over the course of her career, she also worked at the *Chicago Sun-Times* and taught journalism at Northwestern and USC.

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM

Palos Verdes Golf Club  
3301 Via Campesina  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
310-375-2533

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

Pat Sneller: [villagemainoffice@gmail.com](mailto:villagemainoffice@gmail.com)



## Saying Goodbye...



Pilar was born in Nashville, Tennessee, with a dream of seeing the world. At 21, she attended stewardess school for American Airlines and flew with them for two years. Unfortunately, in those days, women were

let go when they got married, so she became a housewife to raise her two children. After her divorce, she reentered the workforce and spent about 30 years in the defense industry. Along the way, she met her second husband, John Simmons, and they remained deeply in love until his passing from cancer in 2011.

Pilar continued to travel and visited about 42 countries. Besides AAUW, she was an active member of The Peninsula Committee for The Los Angeles Philharmonic, The Norris Theater (Act II and Bravo) twice chairing the Valentine Ball, Kiwi's (retired airline personnel), and the Affinity Support Group at the Volunteer Center. For over 30 years she was an an integral part of the AAUW Readers Theater.

Pilar's message for the world: "Just do you own thing and let other people do theirs. It's really not your business."



A Celebration of Life is being planned for September 11 at the Malaga Cove Public Library's Gallery from 1-4 pm to honor and remember **Ruth Bloland's** extraordinary life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Best Friends Animal Society ([bestfriends.org](https://bestfriends.org)), reflecting Ruth's love for animals and commitment to making a difference.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Ruth Marion Bloland, who passed away on August 7, 2024, at her home in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Born in January 1929, Ruth lived a remarkable 95 years,

leaving behind a legacy of love, learning, and adventure. Ruth's educational journey began at the University of Wisconsin, where she earned her BA. She furthered her studies with a Master of Science in Education from Drake University and completed her PhD in Education at the University of Southern California. Her passion for teaching led her to a fulfilling career as a high school mathematics teacher, a role she embraced with dedication until her retirement. Even after retiring, Ruth continued to share her love for learning by tutoring students for many years.

In 1951, Ruth married Paul A. Bloland, with whom she shared a deep and enduring partnership until his passing in 1998. Together, they built a life rich in love and mutual respect.

Ruth was an avid traveler, having explored over 100 countries throughout her lifetime. Her journeys were marked by a keen interest in collecting folk art, reflecting her appreciation for diverse cultures and traditions. She also found joy in hiking, river rafting, and canoeing. Later in life, Ruth discovered a new passion for running, becoming a dedicated runner and completing several marathons.

Ruth is survived by her two sons, Eric Bloland, MD, and his wife Pam Bloland, and Peter Bloland, DVM, MPVM, and his wife Martha Walsh, as well as her brother, Bill Nolte, and sister, Nancy Langord. She will be remembered for her indomitable spirit, intellectual curiosity, and the joy she brought to those around her. Ruth's memory will live on through the many lives she touched and the vibrant legacy she leaves behind.

## PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET 2024-2025

	A	B	C	D
1	The 2024-2025 Branch Operating budget has been approved by the Leadership Council			
2	and is presented below for the September Branch meeting. Members in attendance will be			
3	asked to discuss and vote their approval of this budget. Any questions regarding the budgeting			
4	process or any line item on the budget should be addressed to Leann Roque or Dale Richards,			
5	Co-Treasurers, before the September Branch meeting.			
6		2023-2024 Proposed	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Proposed
7	<b>Income</b>			
8	Branch dues	\$2,310.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
9	Donations to Branch	\$800.00	\$50.00	\$600.00
10	Recognition luncheon	\$1,520.00	\$1,640.00	\$1,600.00
11	Reserve Withdraw	\$845.00	\$0.00	\$785.00
12		<b>\$5,475.00</b>	<b>\$3,890.00</b>	<b>\$5,185.00</b>
13	<b>Expenses</b>			
14	Hesse Park /room rentals	\$0.00	\$27.00	\$50.00
15	Other room rentals	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
16	*Equipment	New Item	New Item	\$200.00
17	General Operating	\$500.00	\$409.17	\$600.00
18	**Printing	\$250.00	\$146.00	NA
19	Insurance	\$550.00	\$504.00	\$550.00
20	Directory	\$250.00	\$154.73	\$175.00
21	Programs/Honorariums	\$500.00	\$273.00	\$500.00
22	Hospitality	\$300.00	\$264.74	\$400.00
23	Games/event expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
24	Recognition Luncheon	\$1,400.00	\$1,376.00	\$1,600.00
25	Memorial/Recognitions	\$220.00	\$160.00	\$220.00
26	CA assessments AAUW Fund	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
27	CA Attny. Gen.Charity Renewal	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
28	Donation GNF	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
29	TTAG	\$150.00	\$64.00	\$250.00
30		<b>\$4,810.00</b>	<b>\$3,768.64</b>	<b>\$5,185.00</b>
31				
32	*To purchase hand held mike for meetings			
33	**Moved printing line item proposed \$200 to General Operating			



## INTEREST GROUP CALENDER – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024

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

### ART APPRECIATION

Leader: Nancy Rayner  
[Nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:Nrayner777@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 2pm

September 4 – Northern Renaissance – Devil in the Details

October 2 – High Renaissance – Humanism Perfected

### COOKS' CORNER

Leader: Denise DeVenuto  
[Dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:Dendev88@gmail.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 12N

September 21 – topic tbd

October 19 - topic tbd



### DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Leader: Libby Bergen  
[bergenlibby@gmail.com](mailto:bergenlibby@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2PM

September 11 and 25  
October 9 and 23

### EVENING SCRABBLE

Leader: Mary Ann Donahue  
[ma.donahue45@gmail.com](mailto:ma.donahue45@gmail.com)  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7PM

September 23 – meetings held at member homes

October 28 - “

**THIS GROUP MEETS IN THE EVENING AND IS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS**



### NIGHT BOOKS

Leader: Rowie Wolf  
[rowiewolf@cox.net](mailto:rowiewolf@cox.net)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm via Zoom

September 9 – *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

October 14 – *The Swamp* by Jeff Grant

### 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Leader: Fran Brown  
[franbrown5@cox.net](mailto:franbrown5@cox.net)  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 – 4pm

September 23 – *This is How I Lied* by Heather Gudenkauf

October 28 – *James* by Percival Everett

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Leader: JoAnn DeFlon  
[jjdeflon@gmail.com](mailto:jjdeflon@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30AM

September – 9 – *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan

October 14 – *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

### ECLECTIC READERS

Leader: Jan Cofer  
[jancofer@gmail.com](mailto:jancofer@gmail.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

September 19 – *Real Americans* by Rachel Khong

October 17 - *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Leader: Susan Negrete  
(310) 377 - 0642  
PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf  
(310)373-5970  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7PM – 9PM

September 4 – A Woman President – In our lifetime?!

October 2 - tbd

### FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Leader: Helen Vakil  
[helenvakil@yahoo.com](mailto:helenvakil@yahoo.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2 – 4pm

September 6 – Your best and worst restaurant experiences

October 4 – If you could go back in time, what would you change about yourself?

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

### COFFEE WITH FRIENDS

Leaders: Fran Brown – [franbrown5@cox.net](mailto:franbrown5@cox.net)  
Leann Roque – [leannr@cox.net](mailto:leannr@cox.net)  
Each Wednesday 10am  
Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link



Halloween

### BRIDGETTES


Leader: tbd  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1PM

September 17 - JoAnn DeFlon's home

October 15- Dale Richards' home

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<p><b><u>WOMEN HELPING WOMEN</u></b>                  Co-Leader: Jane Harris  <a href="mailto:compprin@hotmail.com">compprin@hotmail.com</a>                  Co-Leader: Nancy Rayner  <a href="mailto:Nrayner777@gmail.com">Nrayner777@gmail.com</a>                  1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 2PM</p> <p>September 5 – TBD</p> <p>October 3 – Upcoming Elections  <b>THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS</b></p> <p><b><u>HANDICRAFTS</u></b>                  Leader: Joanie Gale  <a href="mailto:joaniegale@gmail.com">joaniegale@gmail.com</a>                  2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3PM-5PM</p> <p>September 14 – location tbd</p> <p>October 12 – location tbd  <b>THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS</b></p>	<p><b><u>FUN AT THE MOVIES</u></b>                  Leader: Myrna Plost  <a href="mailto:mplost@verizon.net">mplost@verizon.net</a>                  4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2PM</p> <p>September 25 – Anatomy of a Fall</p> <p>October 24 - Holdover  <b>THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>September 22</i></p> </div> <p><b><u>READERS THEATER</u></b>                  Leader: Cecilia Rogers  <a href="mailto:fafnyr@mac.com">fafnyr@mac.com</a>                  2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:30PM</p> <p>September 9                  October 14  <b>ASPIRING THESPIANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! NO ACTING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED</b></p>	<p><b><u>LUNCH BUNCH</u></b>                  Leader: Nancy Rayner  <a href="mailto:Nrayner777@gmail.com">Nrayner777@gmail.com</a>                  1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1PM</p> <p>September 3 – Lotus Restaurant - RB</p> <p>October 1 – Shore Grille – San Pedro</p> <p><b><u>WOMEN EATING LUNCH LEISURELY (WELL)</u></b>                  Leader: Joanie Gale  <a href="mailto:joaniegale@gmail.com">joaniegale@gmail.com</a>                  3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1PM</p> <p>September 18 – Little Olivia - RHE</p> <p>October 16 – The Pan - Torrance</p>
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### Women Helping Women

The Women Helping Women group met at Jane Harris' home for a postcarding session in July. Postcards encouraged recipients to vote in the upcoming elections.

From left: Dorothy Medrano, Connie Leach, Jane Harris, Nancy Rayner and Susan Grimshaw

## BRANCH CALENDAR September/October 2024

September 10, Tuesday 2pm

Branch Meeting, Hesse Park, presentation on the upcoming Propositions prior to the November Election, led by Nancy Mahr

September 25, Wednesday 2pm-3:30pm  
(Sponsored by Palos Verdes Peninsula Village)

The Upside of Aging, Palos Verdes Golf Club (reservation required), see page 6

September 28, Saturday

Presentation on the PVPUSD Classroom Repair/ Student Safety Bond Measure...stay tuned for more details

October 18, Friday 11 am

Long Beach Museum of Art Tour (pg. 3)

October 24, Thursday 9am-3pm  
Meet bus at Ernie Howlett Park at 9am  
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Getty Museum Tour (pg. 6)

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