

# AAUW COASTLINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, Summer 2025

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## AAUW July Branch Meeting

Annual Planning Meeting

Tuesday, July 8 at 2 pm – Hesse Park

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Do you remember the July 2024 planning meeting? We threw ideas onto the white board, and some of them stuck! Successful speakers and events stemming from that meeting include Don Mottinger, Rosa Kwan Easton, Stumbling Stones, A Sense of Home collection, PV Art Center field trip and more!

We will also be welcoming our NCCWSL scholarship recipients, Marjam Gallardo and Victoria Campos. They will be speaking about experiences at the NCCWSL conference in Washington DC.

## Summer Social!

Saturday, August 9 at 3 pm



Meet with familiar friends and new at the annual summer social! Guests are welcome!

Please feel free to bring finger food to share. Sweet and savory treats will be enjoyed by all! Food contributions are optional.

Joanie Gale's House  
2405 Via Sobrante  
PVE, CA 90274  
3-5 pm

RSVPs are appreciated, but not required! RSVP to Lee Ann Farmer: [labfarmer@msn.com](mailto:labfarmer@msn.com) It will be helpful if you include the number of people coming, and if you will be bringing food!

## PUBLIC POLICY – AAUW US UPDATE

submitted by Nancy Mahr

### • ADVOCACY

AAUW US is working to protect the programs and services that impact the lives of women and children. Thousands of letters and hundreds of phone calls have been sent to Congress over the past month, responding to AAUW's request for action. AAUW staff and volunteer lobbyists are meeting with legislative offices on Capitol Hill. Statements have been issued voicing strong opposition to legislation that will gut the very pillars that let women learn, work, and stay healthy — public schools, affordable college aid, productive health care, and social safety net programs

Of special note is AAUW's stance on condemning the escalating federal attacks on higher education, civil rights, and international students. For over 140 years, AAUW has been on the frontlines — defending education, fighting for equity, and standing with students.

Recently, Secretary of Education Linda McMahon went to the U.S. Senate and asked for help closing the Department of Education. AAUW will fight for a Department of Education that:

- Robustly enforces civil rights laws to ensure no sex-based or race-based discrimination in schools.
- Ensures students who need financial assistance to attend college are protected from predatory lenders and are offered reasonable repayment options.
- Protects loan options for graduate students particularly in fields like STEM, medicine, and law where women remain underrepresented.

### • AAUW LAUNCHES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

AAUW US has adopted a new 2025 Strategic Plan — a purpose-driven roadmap that honors our proud legacy and propels us into a future of even greater impact.

As higher education faces mounting challenges and unprecedented threats, AAUW is doubling down on what we do best: leading with vision, advancing women in higher education, and igniting pathways to opportunity, equity, and lasting economic empowerment.

#### **Our 3 Strategic Priorities:**

1. **Empower pathways to higher education** We're investing directly in women — especially in underserved communities and underrepresented fields like STEM — through fellowships, grants, and leadership development.
2. **Advocate for inclusive policy change** We're championing legislation and initiatives that remove barriers in education and the workplace — from ensuring educational environments are inclusive and free from harassment to championing pay equity, reproductive freedom, and more.
3. **Strengthen AAUW's grassroots and operational power** We're building a sustainable future by supporting local branches, aligning for collective impact, and fostering a robust network of members and partners nationwide.

AAUW members, branches, and supporters are the heart of this movement. For over 140 years, AAUW members have stood as unwavering champions for equity in education for women and girls. Today, in a moment that demands courage and clarity, our mission has never been more vital — or more urgent.



## Summer Birthdays

### July Birthdays

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Jan Gardner     | 07/07 |
| Helen Vakil     | 07/07 |
| Denise DeVenuto | 07/12 |
| Cordelia Hwang  | 07/14 |
| Judy Purvis     | 07/14 |
| JoAnn DeFlon    | 07/23 |
| Debbie Case     | 07/27 |
| Myrna Plost     | 07/30 |

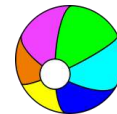
### August Birthdays

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Elayne Nahman    | 08/03 |
| Sandra Gurewitz  | 08/04 |
| Betsy Adams      | 08/06 |
| Mary Ann Donohue | 08/10 |
| Anne Destabelle  | 08/13 |
| Sara Deen        | 08/14 |
| Alice Matthews   | 08/14 |
| Geri Chaudhri    | 08/15 |
| Sue Fujinaga     | 08/22 |
| Rosa Kwon Easton | 08/22 |
| Fran Brown       | 08/27 |
| Jeanne Wilson    | 08/29 |
| Leslie Criswell  | 08/29 |

If we missed your birthday or a correction needs to be made, please inform Nancy Rayner at [nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com).

### Buddy Bench Update

Stop the bottle cap collecting! It was fun, it was easy, and wishfully we contributed to making life a little better for some children. However, we've been advised that the bottle caps are no longer needed. Our thanks to Shera Dolmatz for coordinating this effort!



## Beach Party Bingo

When: Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Where: Zoom!

Why: Fun, Friends, Prizes!

What to wear (voluntary): Beach wear, sunglasses, hats!

Sunscreen is optional!

### RSVP:

Diane Hembacher [diane.hemb@gmail.com](mailto:diane.hemb@gmail.com)

One has to RSVP to play, as your bingo card will be e-mailed to you! Friends are welcome!



## Oh la la! AAUW is going to Crème de la Crepe!

Bonjour! Just a day late to celebrate Bastille Day, AAUW will be enjoying French food at Crème de la Crepe! While many members enjoy lunching together, we are giving dinner a try! We will be ordering off the regular menu. For those who enjoy shellfish, the special will be unlimited mussels!

Where: **Crème de la Crepe**

Promenade Mall, 550 Deep Valley Dr #145,  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274,

When: Tuesday, July 15 2025 at 6 pm

How: Email Libby Bergen

[bergenlibby@gmail.com](mailto:bergenlibby@gmail.com) to reserve a seat.

Seats will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Merci beaucoup!

# Upcoming Anti-LGBTQ+ Supreme Court Decision May Impact K-12 Education in California

By Missy Maceyko, LWVCA Public Policy Co-Chair

In June, we will get a decision in [\*Mahmoud v. Taylor\*](#), a case involving the LGBTQ+ community that is currently being considered by the Supreme Court of the United States. The outcome of this case may have an impact on the important [legislative](#) and on-the-ground work that AAUW California has been doing (via the [School Board Project](#)) to protect historically accurate, diverse, and inclusive curricula in K-12 education and schools.

In the *Mahmoud* case, a coalition of Muslim, Roman Catholic, and Ukrainian Orthodox parents in a school district in Maryland are asking for an opt-out provision for diverse and inclusive storybooks that include a portrayal of LGBTQ+ families, such as [Pride Puppy](#), a rhyming alphabet book that tells the story of a family having a fun day together at a LGBTQ+ pride event. The parents in this case argue that requiring their children to engage with story books like *Pride Puppy*, and instruction around them, will be a violation of their religious beliefs. Specifically, these parents claim that lack of an opt-out provision is a violation of their First Amendment rights to freely exercise their religion, impeding their ability to instruct their children on faith-based issues related to gender and sexuality and to control when and how these issues are introduced.

[Opt-out policies are expensive, costly for students, schools, and taxpayers.](#) This means that mass opt-outs can put further stress on already stressed logistical systems within financially burdened school districts. The district school board in this case had previously allowed opt-out requests, but received such an influx of requests that the situation became unmanageable and “[undermined the schools’ educational obligations toward inclusion, equity, and respect.](#)” [Opt-outs can hurt kids](#) whose lives and families are mirrored in the books. It also teaches young people that they can opt out of teachings that encourage being decent to all humans, even those who do not look, think, act, or love in the way that their families do.

Finally, opt-outs for LGBTQ+ material on religious grounds may also open the flood gates for opt-outs on *any* topic that is listed as potentially problematic in religious teaching and texts.

[There is legal precedent for ruling against these kinds of opt outs](#) because participation in public school instruction that simply exposes a child to ideas that conflict with the religious beliefs of their parents, “does not inhibit the parent from instructing the child differently.”

Parents have the ability to opt their children out of some material in California, perhaps most notably around [comprehensive sexual health education](#). However, these opt-out provisions are limited in scope. As the protection and expansion of historically accurate, diverse, and inclusive curricula in K-12 education in California has been an important focus for both AAUW CA’s School Board Project and our legislative priorities, the possibility that the decision in *Mahmoud* will spark expanded opt-out requests on religious grounds is critically important for us to track. One possible outcome of this is that many districts will pull back on their DEI materials, setting up a potential collision course with existing CA laws.



Pride Month is a month-long celebration that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by this community and to stand in solidarity with their fight for equality, acceptance, and human rights. Pride Month is a joyful and colorful display of love, unity, and resilience, with events and activities that promote inclusivity, educate the public, and celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.

The official theme for Pride Month 2025 is “The Fabric of Freedom”. This theme emphasizes the interconnectedness and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. It highlights the importance of celebrating diversity and creating an inclusive world where everyone can live proudly.

## NCCWSL Update

The PV AAUW Branch, in collaboration with the CSU Dominguez Hills College of Education, sent two undergraduate students, Marjam Gallardo and Victoria Campo, to the NASPA Conference in Maryland last month. As you will see from their letters below (and their glowing faces!) they had a fabulous experience and are so appreciative to have had this opportunity! We will have the privilege of meeting with both of these exceptional women at our upcoming branch meeting on July 8.



Marjam Gallardo and Victoria Campo

CSUDH and AAUW,

Attending the leadership conference has been a privilege and an amazing learning experience. The UMD campus is beautiful. The speakers were inspirational, informative, and accessible. After the breakout sessions and during the networking activity, I had the pleasure of meeting several speakers and engaging in productive conversations. It was also nice to meet and make connections with the other participants. Our past experiences and backgrounds brought different perspectives and ideas into our discussions. The silence of my room allowed me to take in all the information I had learned and reflect on it. Thank you for allowing me to attend the leadership conference.

Thank you again,

Marjam Gallardo

Good evening Libby,

To start, thank you so much for the opportunity you and the other sponsors gave me to go on the trip to Maryland. I am beyond grateful to have been able to experience a trip like this. Being able to meet other leaders or future leaders and network with each other has been such a great learning experience. It has definitely inspired me to step out of my comfort zone in expanding my network community. Lastly, Diana shared that you would like some photos and would like for Marjam and I to share our experience. I would love to share what I have learned.

Please let me know if there is anything else I could share.

Much appreciated,

Victoria Campo



**Celebrate Tech Trek on August 17, 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. at Hesse Park**





This June and July our 10 sponsored Tech Trek campers, 7 from Wilmington Middle School, and 3 from Dana Middle School will be attending a university-based camp. The camps this year are held at Whittier College, UC Santa Barbara, and University of San Diego. This is an exciting time for them, as they are just learning which core subject they will be studying. So far, we know of four options: anatomy, marine biology, robotics/coding, and chemistry. We will learn more as the camps post the information.

This May, we held the Tech Trek Orientation in conjunction with the Torrance branch. The girls did a puzzle activity, learned about each other with an “ice breaker”, and had a question and answer session that their parents attended. They were gifted notebooks that held print outs of vital information, including one on joining TTAG. At the end they enjoyed a selection of ice cream bars and popsicles generously provided by Jun Li.

Fran Brown, Jun Li, and Radhika Srivatsavaya were on hand to greet the families, snap pictures, and assist the girls with the activities. The impressive girls from TTAG were on hand to help run the program, including our own past camper, Yajaira Ledesma.

I am preparing to pass along the reins of Tech Trek and am grateful to have had the experience. I have learned a lot about my own strengths and weaknesses and appreciate the friendships I have made. The spirit and talent of the girls we meet is encouraging for our future. Thank you to the donors, the 2024-2025 committee members, as well as all past Tech Trek participants for developing and sustaining this valuable program. Best of luck to Leslie and Denise, and the rest of the crew in the coming year!

2024-2025 Committee: Paige Asawa, Fran Brown, Leslie Criswell, Denise Devenuto, Shera Dolmatz , Joanie Gale, Dana Gorman, Diane Hembacher, Jun Li, Martha Maimone, Fawzia Reza, Radhika Srivatsavaya and Jeanne Wilson.

*Kaaren Lee*



Orientation Crew:  
Radhika, Kaaren, Fran, and Jun



Campers already at work!



AAUW CA PVP 2024-2025  
Campers



**“Greetings from Leslie and Denise: We’re looking forward to getting together with committee members at Denise’s house, 2 PM on June 27, to do Tech Trek planning and to make sure we have all of the necessary tasks and activities covered. Supporting this great program is a team effort and very rewarding for everyone involved. Please join us!”**

## Donors for 2024 Camps

AAUW PVP Readers Theater  
Rosalie Abelson  
Ruth Bloland  
Fran Brown  
Capitol Group (Roger Ford)  
Becky Cool  
Donna Day  
Denise DeVenuto  
Eileen Edelson  
Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Kathy Ford  
Roger and Issy Ford  
Susan Gates  
Cordelia Hwang  
Kaaren Lee  
Nancy Mahr  
Eunice McConaughy  
Janet McDonald  
Margery Norris  
Myrna Post  
Judi Rawie-Rook  
Dale Richards  
Leann Roque  
Kathleen Ruck  
Fran Wielin  
Rowie Wolf

## Donors for 2025 Camps

AAUW PVP Readers Theater  
Rosalie and Robert Abelson  
Maria Ashla  
Kathleen Bartow  
Bridge-Ettes  
Fran Brown  
Jan Cofer  
Becky Cool  
JoAnn DeFlon  
Anne Destabelle  
Denise DeVenuto  
Kathy Ford  
Sue Gates  
Guerra family  
Diane Hembacher  
Elissa Hoxie  
Kaaren Lee  
Nancy Mahr  
Martha Maimone  
Ruth MacFarlane  
Susan Newman  
Margery Norris  
Pennyroyal Players  
Myrna Plost  
Dale Richards  
Leann Roque  
Lynn Sakamoto  
Rowie Wolf



## Save the Date Celebrate Tech Trek on August 17, 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. at Hesse Park by Denise DeVenuto

Leslie Criswell and I will be co-chairing the Tech Trek committee starting in August. We are pleased to invite all branch members to celebrate the anticipated successful completion of our branch's campers' week at this summer's Tech Trek camps. To incorporate interaction between branch members and campers, we'll be providing you all the opportunity to ask questions regarding campers' activities at camp. And as an ice breaker activity, campers will be interviewing some branch members and then sharing their findings with the event attendees. In the past, these have proven to be engaging features of Celebrate Tech Trek.

This event's program will also include:

Recognition of donors

Each camper will be individually presented with a Certificate of Camp Completion, a branch gift, and will be photographed with their family.

Campers, their families, and branch members will enjoy making their own ice cream sundaes at the conclusion of the event.

Your attendance at Celebrate Tech Trek shows your support for this life changing program to continue to send deserving girls to a week long camp on a college campus to solidify their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Branch members can make donations in any amount to go towards covering the cost of \$1200 for each of our 2026 campers. When checks are made out to AAUW CA SPF, with "Tech Trek Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch" in the memo line, the donation is tax deductible. Please contact Kathy Ford, our Tech Trek Treasurer ([kjsford@me.com](mailto:kjsford@me.com)) for any questions. A donation of any amount is much appreciated.

Please RSVP to Denise DeVenuto at [dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:dendev88@gmail.com) by August 8.

## May 25 Branch Meeting

The branch meeting opened with a greeting to new members and guests.

Announcements included:

Thank you to Shera Dolmatz for organizing the Rancho Dominguez field trip

Thank you to Susan Grimshaw for hosting the PV Art Center field trip

Libby Bergen spoke of the upcoming Recognition Luncheon

The importance of participating in the state and national AAUW 2-minute activism

Dale Richards conducted the branch elections, all incumbents were re-elected: Joanie Gale and Diane Hembacher as co-leadership chairs; JoAnn DeFlon as co-membership chair; and Dale Richards and Leann Roque as co-treasurers. Lee Ann Farmer was also voted in as co-membership chair.

Lee Ann Farmer, Membership Co-Chair, asked for sign ups for a membership committee meeting. She also announced a new interest group focusing on writing.

Leslie Criswell, the new Tech Trek Chair, described the Tech Trek mission, and passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers. The PV campers will be attending the orientation for 2025 Summer Camp conducted by the Torrance branch.

Shera Domatz introduced Karen Roseman of the Museum of Tolerance, who spoke of Stumbling Stones, known as *Stolperstein* in German. Karen shared a moving presentation, starting with her family history. Like too many families during WWII, many of Karen's relatives were detained by the Nazis and died in concentration camps. Interestingly, this horrific chapter of her family history was not shared; Karen discovered it doing family history research.



Joanie Gale and Karen Roseman



Stumbling Stones



Karen Roseman, speaker from the Museum of Tolerance



Mary Ann Donohue, lucky winner of the door prize



Elayne Nahman checks out this month's book exchange offerings



Museum of Tolerance



## Recognition Luncheon

It felt like Thanksgiving in June, as almost 40 AAUW members gathered on Saturday, June 7 at the Red Onion to celebrate awardees and thank those whose efforts enhance AAUW.

Once again, Libby Bergen coordinated with the restaurant. We enjoyed a private room, printed menus and delicious food!

Named Gift Awards were given to Kaaren Lee, the outgoing Tech Trek Chairperson and Shera Dolmatz, Program Chair. Fran Brown introduced Kaaren and Susan Newman spoke on behalf of Shera who couldn't attend.

Britt Huff, former mayor of Rolling Hills, was awarded the Status of Women award for her extensive work on behalf of women at local, state, and national levels. Starting in the 1970's campaigning for the ERA, Britt has an extensive resume of public service. With a complimentary membership, she will be able to add AAUW to her list of organizations!

Thankfulness was an ongoing theme. Libby Bergen thanked her committee for their efforts. Nancy Rayner, Interest Group Chair, was recognized as were all attending Interest Group leaders. Leadership members were named, as were the "unsung" heroes, those who volunteer their time and energy in a variety of ways.



Nancy Mahr presented Gift Award to Britt Huff



Joanie Gale presented Gift Award to Kaaren Lee



Joanie Gayle with Libby Bergen. Libby organized the event



PVP AAUW members enjoying the day

At the Recognition Luncheon, Shera Dolmatz and Kaaren Lee were awarded “Named Gift Nominee” awards for their service to AAUW as Program Director and TechTrek Coordinator, respectively. As Shera had a family commitment, Susan Newman spoke on her behalf. Below, please find Shera’s comments:

*I want to thank you so much for the honor of being one of this year's Named Gift Honorees and let you know how much I regret being absent to accept this distinction in person, but a family event has kept me from attending. I would have given anything to have cloned myself.*

*I am humbled and honored at this recognition. I had no idea when Myrna Plost invited me to attend a social event at Ruth Bloland's house five years ago that I would become so immersed in this fabulous organization.*

*By the end of that evening half a decade ago, I met many interesting and friendly women including Fran Brown, who was so approachable and welcoming, it was hard not to sign on the dotted line immediately. During the social, I learned about the special interest groups that our branch had to offer, the organization's commitment to education and our community, AAUW's commitment to the advancement of women and of course all of the wonderful social activities.*

*I was so thrilled with the evening that I was thoroughly convinced that this was the place for me to begin to spend my newly minted retirement. I have never regretted that decision. I love our mission and I am so happy to be able to be a part of AAUW’s great works.*

*I look forward to continuing to serve as our Branch's Program Chair as well as to continue to develop new friendships, maintain and cherish my existing AAUW friendships, and remain relevant by engaging in the legislative pursuits that advance the future of our nation. I feel that my retirement is productive because of the contributions and efforts of all of you here in this room to make sure that we advance the quality of our lives and that of our sister's lives and the entire nation.*

*Again, I want to thank you for this Named Gift Honoree Award and the privilege of being a member of this outstanding organization.*

*Thank you , Kathy Berg , events photographer*

## AAUW Renewal How-Tos

Do you need to renew? When you do, you will receive an email from National AAUW. Follow the directions in the email!

### IMPORTANT!

July 1 – California dues will increase by \$10

|                       | National Dues | State Dues | PV Branch Dues | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Before 7/1/2025       | \$74          | \$20       | \$22           | \$116 |
| On and After 7/1/2025 | \$74          | \$30       | \$22           | \$126 |

Note: there are additional costs for multi-branch memberships.

**To renew online (this is the same as the directions in the email).**

Log into the National AAUW website. <https://www.aauw.org/>. It opens on Personal Snapshot. There is a button on the Personal Snapshot page to renew!

**To renew by mail:**

1. Click [Here](#) for the Application/Membership Profile and mail it along with your check made out to AAUW/PVP Branch to AAUW-PVP, P.O. Box 2443, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274. Please note the above dates and send the correct amount. Checks must be received a few days prior to the cost increase to be deposited and cleared at the lower rate.

### Membership Renewal FAQs\*

**What if I don't remember my password?** There is a "reset password" feature on the log in page.

**How do I find out when my membership expires?** To confirm your renewal date, log into the National Website: <https://www.aauw.org/>. It opens on Personal Snapshot. Scroll down to the bottom, to Branch and State Memberships; the very last item is your state and local expiration date.

**What if I don't want to renew?** We are sorry to see you go! Please send an email to JoAnn Deflon, Membership Treasurer [jj.deflon@gmail.com](mailto:jj.deflon@gmail.com) and let her know (that way we won't bother you with reminder emails and phone calls!)

**What if my check doesn't get received/deposited by the deadline?** You will receive a notification that you owe the increased amount. Mail your check early!

## INTEREST GROUP CALENDER – JULY/AUGUST 2025

*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

July 2 – Cubism

August 6 – Abstraction/Modernism

### COOKS' CORNER

Leader: Denise DeVenuto  
[Dendev88@gmail.com](mailto:Dendev88@gmail.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 12N on Zoom

July 19 – Topic tbd

August 16 – Topic tbd

### DAYTIME SCRABBLE

Leader: Libby Bergen  
[bergenlibby@gmail.com](mailto:bergenlibby@gmail.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2PM

July 9 & 23

August 13 & 27



### EVENING SCRABBLE

Leader: Mary Ann Donahue  
[ma.donahue45@gmail.com](mailto:ma.donahue45@gmail.com)

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7PM

July 22 – location tbd

August 26 – location tbd

**THIS GROUP MEETS IN THE  
EVENING AND WELCOMES NEW  
MEMBERS**



### NIGHT BOOKS

Leader: Rowie Wolf  
[rowiewolf@cox.net](mailto:rowiewolf@cox.net)

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

No meetings in July or August.

Summer Book – *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

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

Leader: Fran Brown  
[franbrown5@cox.net](mailto:franbrown5@cox.net)

4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 – 4pm

July 28 – *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler

August 25 - tbd

### CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

Leader: JoAnn DeFlon  
[jjdeflon@gmail.com](mailto:jjdeflon@gmail.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30AM

July 14 – *Creation Lake* by Rachel Kushner

August 11 – *The Wide, Wide Sea* by Hampton Sides

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND  
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### ECLECTIC READERS

Leader: Jan Cofer  
[jancofer@gmail.com](mailto:jancofer@gmail.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

July 17 – *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler

August 21 – *Source Code* by Bill Gates

### WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Leader: Susan Negrete  
 (310) 377 - 0642

PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf  
 (310) 373-5970

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7PM

No meeting in July

August 6 – Summer Potluck at 6:30PM

### FIRST FRIDAY TEA & CONVERSATION

Leader: Helen Vakil  
[helenvakil@yahoo.com](mailto:helenvakil@yahoo.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2 – 4pm

July – no meeting

August 1 – If you could have a superpower, what one would you choose?

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### 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





## INTEREST GROUP CALENDER – JULY/AUGUST 2025

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### RUTH BLOLAND WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Co-Leader: Jane Harris  
[harrisjane630@gmail.com](mailto:harrisjane630@gmail.com)

Co-Leader: Nancy Rayner  
[nrayner777@gmail.com](mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 2PM

July 3  
August 7

**THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND  
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS  
MEETINGS ARE ON ZOOM**

### HANDICRAFTS

Leader: Joanie Gale  
[joaniekgale@gmail.com](mailto:joaniekgale@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3PM-5PM

July 12 – location tbd  
August 9 - Location tbd

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### WRITERS GROUP

Leader: Lee Ann Farmer  
[labfarmer@msn.com](mailto:labfarmer@msn.com)  
Co-Leader – Susan Newman  
[susan\\_newman1@msn.com](mailto:susan_newman1@msn.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1:00 – 3PM

July 15 – location tbd  
August 19 – location tbd

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### FUN AT THE MOVIES

Leader: Myrna Plost  
[mplost@verizon.net](mailto:mplost@verizon.net)

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2PM

July 24 – Movie tbd  
August 28 – Movie tbd

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



*July 8 – National Ice Cream  
Sundae Day*

### READERS THEATER

Leader: Cecilia Rogers  
[fafnyr@mac.com](mailto:fafnyr@mac.com)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:00PM

Readers Theater will not meet in  
July or August. Meetings will  
resume in September.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS  
WELCOME TO HELP STUDY, PLAN,  
AND PERFORM! NO ACTING  
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

### LUNCH BUNCH

Leader: Nancy Rayner  
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1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1PM

July 1 – California Pizza Kitchen  
August 5 – El Torito

### WOMEN EATING LUNCH LEISURELY (WELL)

Leader: Joanie Gale  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1PM

July 16 – restaurant tbd  
August 20 – restaurant tbd

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

### MERRY MONDAY MUNCHERS

Leader: Marilyn Brashear  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1PM

July 14 – Lunada Bay Market  
August 11 – Lunch & visit to the  
Chen Art Museum in Torrance

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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**



Enjoy summer!



## BRANCH CALENDAR Summer 2025

June 06, Friday 7pm

July 08, Tuesday 2pm

July 15, Tuesday 6pm

August 9, Saturday 3pm

August 17, Sunday 2pm

Beach Party Bingo on ZOOM

Branch Planning Meeting, Hesse Park

Dinner, Crème de la Crepe, 550 Deep Valley Drive  
Peninsula Center

Summer Social at Joanie Gale's home

Celebrate Tech Trek, Hesse Park

**Council Co-Chairs:** Joanie Gale  
and Diane Hembacher

**Treasurer:** Dale Richards and  
Leann Roque

**Membership Chairs:**  
Lee Ann Farmer and JoAnn DeFlon

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