**GovTrek – a Proposal**

**Purpose:** To increase the number of women engaged in public service by introducing high school girls to public service concepts and careers and encourage them to pursue public service degrees in college.

**Methodology:** Design and implement a curriculum for “Preparing for a Career in Public Service” for high school girls living and/or attending school in the COV area. Secure commitments from public sector entities for internships.

**Basic Outline:**

* 6 Monthly 2-hr workshops, to be held on one Saturday of each month
  + Oct, Nov 2019, Jan-April 2020
  + Sessions will include 1st hour presentation, 2nd hour hands-on participation
  + To include:
    - Introductory session, Civics 101 – Oct 26
      * Over-view of project
      * Ice-breaker: divide into shipwreck survivors on separate islands
      * Presenter: Seena Trigas, AAUW member and History Professor
    - “So You Want to be an Attorney?” – 11/9
      * Over-view of Advantages of a Law Degree in political careers
      * Presenters: Kathi Harper, Lee Whipple, Janis Musante, Julie Mack – all AAUW Members, retired or practicing attorneys
      * Exercise: 5 laws prohibiting certain conduct; 5 laws granting certain rights; 5 laws defining government responsibilities
    - How Does City Government Work? – 1/25/20
      * Over-view from local Mayor or Council woman
      * Preenter: Carlsbad Councilwoman Cori Schumacher
      * Exercise: Identify issues that present immediate problems for your city-island and come up with solutions
    - How Does State Government Work? – 2/15/20
      * Over-view from State Legislator
      * Presenter: TBD, working with office of State Senator Pat Bates
      * Exercise: Write a proposed law that addresses an important issue for your island-state
    - How Does Federal Government Work? – 3/21/20
      * Over-view from Rep from Levin’s office
      * Presenter: Levin’s Chief of Staff Kara Van Stralen
      * Exercise: Identify an issue of importance for your nation-state (can be foreign or domestic), choose a side and debate it with a different island-state

* + - “So you Want to be a Politician – Or Not?” - 4/25/20
      * Panel Presentation
        + Running a Campaign – Ellen Montanari, Mike Levin
        + Fund-raising - TBD
        + Lobbying - TBD
        + Legislative Staffer – Shannon Bradley, runs Levin field office in Oceanside
      * Exercise: Choose a candidate to run for President of the Island Nation, develop an election strategy; election to be held at Conference
* Culminating in a 1-day Conference - May 9, 2020
  + Key-note Speaker – Mike Levin
  + 2 morning workshops
    - Conflict resolution, civil discourse
    - TBD
  + Candidates’ speeches and election
  + Awarding of Internships