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What else can I say? Hope to see you all at our Torrance Branch Holiday Party coming up on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at Pat Arnett's home! (See flyer on page one.) Our next branch meeting will be on Saturday morning, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at my house.

Elaine

## EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Plan to join us on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm for our next EPC meeting at Moog. Please contact Pam Kenoyer [pkenoyer@moog.com](mailto:pkenoyer@moog.com) for admittance. Moog is located at 20263 Western Ave., Torrance.

We are happy to report that Torrance Branch has reserved camper spots for the five camps in 2016, and we now begin work on our 2016 timeline. In an effort to create sustainable levels of leadership responsibilities we are dividing responsibilities into three timeframes. It is our hope that this will allow more people to be involved with smaller workloads. Karen Hassen is our new Tech Trek Branch Coordinator. She will be working directly with State and the camp directors. Pam Kenoyer will continue to work on obtaining grants and donor scholarships. She is also advisor to TTAG (Tech Trek Alumnae Group). Co-chair Peggy Monga will soon be seeking members to serve as school buddies and readers. If you are interested please contact Peggy.

We had a wonderful turnout of members at our last meeting and are grateful for the support. We look forward to seeing more members, as many hands make light work.

The impact that the experience of a week at Tech Trek camp filled with math, science and technology can have on a young woman considering her future is so important and can make such a difference. It surely puts what we are striving for into real perspective. Come join us and be a part of making a difference.

Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season to all.

Margot Sullivan, EPC member

## AAUW FUND

The gender pay gap hurts women and families. It's the holiday season. But because of the gender pay gap, women have less in their wallets - for themselves and their families. We're fighting hard every day for equal pay. But we can't do it alone. As we get closer to the end of the year, we think about charitable donations. Please make a donation to AAUW Fund.

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Your unrestricted gift to the AAUW Fund helps incubate and disseminate programs that above all

- advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW's role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission.

In short, the programs listed here get results for women and girls. And that's AAUW's top priority, now and in the future. Please make a tax-deductible gift to the AAUW Fund today!

**You can make a gift to the Unrestricted Fund #9110 (AAUW preferred), or to any of your preferences:**

- 1. The Legal Advocacy Fund #3999, which supported Lilly Ledbetter's case which helped get the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act passed and supports legal cases.**
- 2. Educational Opportunities Fund #4334 for Fellowships and Grants**
  - 3. Tech Trek National, or specify on your check Tech Trek California, or a specific camp (you can choose from Whittier, Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, plus camps in northern California). Just write what you want on your check.**
- 4. Eleanor Roosevelt #9170 which funds research project, including "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing;" "Crossing the line: Sexual Harassment at School"; "Graduating to a Pay Gap."**
- 5. Public Policy #4337 supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women.**
- 6. Leadership Programs Fund #4339 including NCWSSL and Elect Her**

You can also donate online. They can take Paypal and credit cards, or you can send in a check. The branch gets credit in either case, but with a check, you need to send in some paperwork. Or send/ give it to **Gloria Liu** to do the paperwork with your instructions. Please have it to me **before December 22**, or mail directly to National **before December 31**. I will ask Keri to email a contribution form.

**Mail To: AAUW Development Office | PO Box 98045 | Washington, DC 20090-8045**

**Or go to: [www.aauw.org/contribute](http://www.aauw.org/contribute).** (In addition, you can go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and search the site for AAUW Fund and read the Frequently Asked Questions to learn why they are requesting the money be designated to Unrestricted.)

**Please see the flyer in this newsletter about our AAUW Fund Tea fundraiser Saturday April 16, 2015 at the Toyota Automobile Museum.**

**Contact Gloria Liu if you have any questions, [glb7891@gmail.com](mailto:glb7891@gmail.com) and 310 683-3695.**

## INTEREST GROUPS

### **Diversity Book Group Happy Holidays!**

We will not have a meeting in December.

The book for January is All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr.

More information in the January Telegram.

### **Film Group**

We will not have a Film Group in December.

Please check your January Telegram for the January Film Group info. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

### **Evening Literature Group**

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 15, 12 noon at the home of Betsy Adams

Contact Lisa 310-835-9613 or [girlphd@juno.com](mailto:girlphd@juno.com) for more information.

Holiday Potluck

### **Women in Transition (WIT)**

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 2, 7pm til we're tired!! At a Private Residence

RSVP by Sunday, November 29, 2015 to SUSAN: [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com) or if questions, call: 310-377-0642.

Holiday Celebration & Potluck - please bring an appetizer serving six.

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### **Coming up in January, Our New Year Kick-Off**

Sorry, no football playoffs but a topic that many of us see as an even meaner and tougher playing field: politics! Join us on the morning of January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Torrance Airport Meeting Room as Heidi Ann Ashcraft, City of Torrance Council Member, joins us to share her path to a political career. Watch for your January Telegram for more details.

*Save The Date!*

*Afternoon Tea Fundraiser*

*April 16, 2016*

Our 2016 Fundraiser tea will be held at the Toyota Automobile Museum. It's a wonderful venue that Toyota has generously provided, including set up! We hope to present an interesting speaker and will again have a silent auction and a "Best Hat Contest" with a very special prize for the winner. This event will raise money for our branch contribution to AAUW FUND, which includes scholarships, grants, leadership training, research, and so much more. We'd like to fill the room so be sure to bring a friend!

If you have an auction item you'd like to contribute, please let Athena, know: [athena@stratisfinancial.com](mailto:athena@stratisfinancial.com).

*More information to follow.*