

**AAUW Torrance invites you to join us**



**for a HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 03<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 pm** at the home of  
**Peggy Monga.**

*Get to know our branch members in a fun & festive atmosphere. All members, spouses, significant others and friends are invited. \$15 to cover food / beverages*  
*Calling all cooks! We need food donations (in lieu of the \$15 fee) in the following categories:*

**APPETIZERS** such as deviled eggs, prosciutto wrapped bread sticks, pigs in a blanket, meatballs in a crockpot, mini-quiches, vegetable platter with dip

**DESSERTS** such as tarts, rum balls, spritz cookies, bar cookies, holiday cookies, fruit platter

**Nancy Kenney** will be coordinating the menu.  
If you plan to bring something, please contact her on or before **12/1/2016**. Beverages will be provided.

Nancy, 310-373-2441 or [nancykenney365@msn.com](mailto:nancykenney365@msn.com)

Mail your check for \$15 / person, made out to  
"Torrance AAUW" to:

**AAUW Torrance, PO Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505**  
*(Members with special dietary needs may of course bring their own food.)*

President's Message

<p><b>BRANCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b></p> <p>ED. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE                  Karen Hassen,  <a href="mailto:TechTrek-Torr.khassen@yahoo.com">TechTrek-Torr.khassen@yahoo.com</a>                  Peggy Monga,  <a href="mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.com">filmgroup@earthlink.com</a></p> <p>COMMUNICATIONS                  Newsletter Editor Janice Pomerantz  <a href="mailto:jbpomertanz@yahoo.com">jbpomertanz@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Proofreader &amp; Branch E-Notifications                  Keri Gilbert <a href="mailto:Kerig9@gmail.com">Kerig9@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Web Managers Ann DuPuy  <a href="mailto:Ann.dupuy@gmail.com">Ann.dupuy@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Mailing &amp; Publicity Janet Flynn  <a href="mailto:Res09i98@verizon.net">Res09i98@verizon.net</a></p> <p>CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES                  Becky Dyer  <a href="mailto:rebeckc@aol.co">rebeckc@aol.co</a>                  m Billie Lee Langley  <a href="mailto:eslexpert_99@yahoo.com">eslexpert_99@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>BRANCH HISTORIANS                  Pat Carroll <a href="mailto:tnpcarroll@aol.com">tnpcarroll@aol.com</a>                  Rachel Ambrose,  <a href="mailto:rambrose@rocketmail.com">rambrose@rocketmail.com</a></p> <p>PARLIAMENTARIAN                  Pat Arnett, <a href="mailto:acashel@att.net">acashel@att.net</a></p> <p>HOSPITALITY – open</p>
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What else can I say? Hope to see you all at our Torrance Branch Holiday Party coming up on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Peggy Monga's home! (See flyer on page one.)

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7 pm at my house.

(No board meeting in December.)

Elaine

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## Educational Partnership Committee

### 2016-17 EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### PRESIDENT

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#### RECORDING SECRETARY

Nancy Kenney

Our next EPC meeting will be held Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at the home of Peggy Monga. RSVP to 310-316-7542, [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net). Please note the location change.

After a successful 2016 Tech Trek program where we sent 32 campers from 3 school districts (17 from TUSD, 4 from RUSD, and 11 from LAUSD) we are gearing up for the 2017 program. We are hopeful that we will have enough sponsor money to send girls entering the eighth grade from 15 schools in the 3 school districts to Tech Trek Camp this coming summer. As always there is a lot of volunteer time included in this process. We will need many school buddies to present the program to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls who have been nominated by their teachers. This means the school buddy goes to the school, meets the 5 girls, explains what Tech Trek is and gives them their application packets. This is usually done at lunchtime on a day arranged with the school principal. It's very rewarding to meet the girls and, if you choose, be able to follow through with the process of selection of the campers. There is a lot of help and information available to those of you who would like to do it for the first time, and you can go with another school buddy too. The school buddies will pick up their packets on January 17, and school visits will be held from Wednesday, January 18 to Friday, January 27. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Peggy Monga at [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net).

We are grateful to Pam Kenoyer from TTAG and Michele Freck for working on our grant requirements and to Keck Foundation, Weinan Family, Symantec and Alcoa Foundation (Arconic) for their scholarships that we have already received for next year's campers.

A special get well wish to Karen Hassen, our Tech Trek Camper Coordinator, for continued healing after her knee replacement surgery. We miss you!

Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season.  
 Margot Sullivan

## AAUW FUND

### LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND NEWS

#### LACIC IS HOSTING LITIGANT AILEEN RIZO

LACIC (Los Angeles Interbranch Council) is hosting California LAF Litigant Aileen Rizo on Sunday, January 8th, 2017 at Kellogg West Conference Center at Cal-Poly Pomona. Tickets for this event are \$35.00 with a lunch provided. Rizo filed suit against the Fresno County Office of Education under equal pay and gender discrimination laws after discovering she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority. Come and hear Aileen's compelling story and what we as AAUW members can all do in the fight for pay equity. Contact Gloria Liu for more info.

#### AAUW HAS A NEW LITIGANT

AAUW has a new litigant, Nathalie Gosset, a member of the Thousand Oaks Branch. Her case is *Gosset v. Lasch, Copper, Alfred E Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering and the University of Southern California*. She will speak at the Orange County Interbranch Council meeting on January 21. See info about her case at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/gosset-v-lasch>

### DONATE TO AAUW FUND

Make your end of year donation to AAUW Fund now! With the election results, we need to do what we can to support minorities and women. (Women are not minorities; the other statements are repetitive.)

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all of 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:

- **Unrestricted Funds #9110 (AAUW preferred)**. It will be used for the highest needs
- **CA AAUW endowments near completion.**
  - **Sunnyvale-Cupertino 50th Anniversary #4364**
  - **Lucy Lindsey/Margaret Hankle #4078** (Hayward-Castro Valley)
- **Tech Trek** -Tech Trek is funded by donations to AAUW Fund! We no longer send checks to CA SPF (Special Projects Fund). Contact Peggy Monga for instructions on what to write on your check and the donation process.

Alternatively, if you donate online to one of the camps we use (each camp has a fund number), please designate (if there is a place) that it is for a credit for a Torrance Branch campership.

**Please donate early**, so the check will get to Washington, DC by December 31st.

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## AAUW FUND, continued

Or you can donate to another fund of your choice:

- **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. See the Legal Advocacy News article in this newsletter.
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- **Educational Opportunities Fund #4334** for Fellowships and Grants.
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- **Eleanor Roosevelt #9170** which funds research projects, including "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing", "Crossing the line: Sexual Harassment at School", and "Graduating to a Pay Gap".
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- **Public Policy #4337** which supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women.
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- **Leadership Programs Fund #4339** including NCWSSL and Elect Her.

You can donate online at [www.aauw.org/contribute](http://www.aauw.org/contribute)

They 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 me, **Gloria Liu**, to do the paperwork with your instructions. Please have it to me **before December 20**, or mail directly to National at **AAUW Development Office | PO Box 98045 | Washington, DC 20090-8045 before December 31. I will ask Keri to email a contribution form.**

Also, 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.

**Contact Gloria Liu if you have any questions.**

[glsb7891@gmail.com](mailto:glsb7891@gmail.com) and 310 683-3695.

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## Interest Groups

### Diversity Book Group

No meeting in December.

### Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 am

At the home of Betsy Adams

RSVP to Lisa Blank at 310-835-9613 or [girlphd@juno.com](mailto:girlphd@juno.com).

Holiday Potluck.

Coming in January: Baking Cakes in Kigali by Gaile Parkin

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TOPIC: ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK & CELEBRATION

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to serve 6.

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, December 5th to Susan at [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)

Or, for questions, call 310-377-0642.

### Film Group

No meeting in December.



## CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY TO TEATIME COMMITTEE

Thank you Athena, Ann and Margot, for joining the Table Stagers Committee for the April 29, 2017 fundraiser. Your generous gift brings our number of tables to 13, just shy of the 16 required to accommodate the number of attendees from last year. Please members, we need the 3 tables and hope you will consider joining the stagers committee yourself or with a colleague. If you have any questions, refer them to Pat Carroll, Stagers Chair. Bottom line will be: the number of tables we stage determines the number of reservations the Reservation Chair can accept.

Now our second present is a gift from Athena Paquette, agreeing to chair the auction this year. She has generously chaired the Teatime Auction Committee at all past Teas, which provides the bulk of the funds for the designated fundraiser. Please begin designing, soliciting or collaborating on auction donations. If you have any questions or donations please contact Athena. She needs to keep track of the items before accepting them in April.

Our third present is from our interest groups who provided fantastic baskets for the raffle that drew great additional funds for the fundraiser. Please check with these chairs if you wish to contribute.

On behalf of the Teatime Board, I want to wish you a blessed holiday season, and we look forward to hitting the ground , *thankfully not frozen*, finalizing the Tea after the New Year.

Hope to greet you at the Holiday Party at Peggy's.

Pat Arnett, Teatime chair



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Alice Matthews** is active in the Diversity Book Group and the Film Group. She joined in July and we are glad to welcome her. She is interested in environmental issues and current national politics. A graduate of Auburn University, she lives in Los Angeles.

**Alice Matthews**

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**Alice Hill** comes to us from the AAUW Ontario Upland Rancho Cucamonga Branch. She liked what she heard at our September Welcome Back Brunch, and joined us as a dual member. Since she lives in Playa Del Rey, she joined Beach Cities as her primary branch.

She is a very active member. We've seen her at the October branch meeting, the Tech Trek Celebration, and the November EPC meeting. She also attended the Beach Cities (BC) Branch meeting on the CA ballot propositions, and has taken a position in the BC branch.

**Alice M. Hill**

[alicemhill@verizon.net](mailto:alicemhill@verizon.net)

Alice formerly worked for 3M in Communications and Marketing, and is looking for work!

**Please add both of them to your membership directory.** In the interest of privacy, we only provide phone numbers and email address. If you need more information, please contact her directly or contact Keri Gilbert ([aauwtorrance@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtorrance@gmail.com)), Elaine Bohrer [ELNBOHRER@aol.com](mailto:ELNBOHRER@aol.com), or Gloria Liu 310 683-3695. (I thought that Gloria's e-mail said that one was already in the directory. Probably Alice Matthews.)



## Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG)

The South Bay Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) was invited to tour the Symantec Corporation on Veteran's Day. Fifteen girls from Palos Verdes, Beach Cities, and Torrance branches attend the field trip with chaperones Pam Kenoyer, Pam Salmen, and Terry Hays-Horner. Over the years, the Torrance Branch Tech Trek program has received over \$20,000 in grants from Symantec. Our relationship with Symantec started in 2008 after the daughter of a female Symantec manager attended Tech Trek.

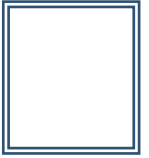


TTAG started their day with an extensive tour of the building. The building manager highlighted the building and personnel security procedures, award-winning recycling program including E-waste, the extensive "clean and dirty" server rooms, the fun and eclectic office areas, and the PIT Stop where employees go to try out the latest technology gadgets and watch movies on Fridays!

Along the tour route the girls were challenged with an Icon Redesign presentation and activity, a presentation and activity involving logic, similarity, and

characteristics, and lunch with members of Symantec's Women's Action Network (SWAN). The girls came away with several positive messages: have passion for what you do, it's OK to change your mind and follow a different path, and of course continue your education to keep your skills relevant. The final presentation focused on Cyber Security as it relates to personal computers and cell phones. Once the presentation was over the girls were given the opportunity to take out their cell phones and apply the recommended security settings.

The Symantec tour was such a great success that our host Trisha Hailston (who regularly attends the Tech Trek Celebration) invited TTAG to return to Symantec every Veteran's Day.



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2016

- December**
- 03 Saturday, 4:00 pm, Holiday Celebration, Pg. 1
  - 07 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT, Pg. 6
  - 08 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
  - 13 Tuesday, Evening Literature Group, 7:30 pm, Pg. 6
  - 20 Tuesday, Deadline for submitting articles for newsletter

*AAUW Diversity Statement: In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*

*AAUW Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

*The DEADLINE for newsletter articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.*