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TORRANCE BRANCH

invites you to join us for brunch as we welcome the beginning of our 50th year with the installation of our new board and hear from American Fellowship recipient

MICHELA MUSTO.

Ms. Musto is working on her PhD in Sociology at USC and her research examines how gender inequality operates in historically male-dominated institutions, especially STEM.

Cost: \$25 per person includes full brunch

June 10, 2017

from 9 am to noon, at

The Depot

1250 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance 90501

RSVP by JUNE 5th to aauwtorrance@gmail.com

or call Elaine, 310 376-3352.



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President's Message

Dear Torrance Branch Members,

This is my last message as your president and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this another successful AAUW year! In the last two years we have completed two successful fundraisers, thanks to the hard working Tea Committee and the support and attendance of our branch members. The EPC Committee has continued to make us a leader in Tech Trek participation, encouraging girls to pursue STEM careers. We have had some terrific programs, thanks to our sorely missed Program VP, Jamie Watson, and thanks to branch members who have stepped forward to help complete the year.

Our outgoing Treasurer, Keri Gilbert, has worked diligently to keep our bills paid, our contributions and dues payments recorded, and our books balanced!

Nancy Kenney has been our secretary (and time keeper!) and we are grateful that she will continue in that role.

Gloria Liu has served the dual role of keeping up with AAUW Fund issues as well as doing a bang up job as our Membership VP, a role in which she will continue (thank you!).

Speaking of membership, thank you to Billie Lee Langley and Becky Dyer, our "corresponding secretaries," for sending out official welcome notices to our new members.

Janice Pomerantz, who served as our Telegram Editor for the last several years, will switch roles to take care of program logistics as well as being involved in the EPC.

And a special thank you to Ann DuPuy, who has faithfully cared for our website for the last few years.

Thank you everyone! It takes a village (and lot of members) to run a branch!

Our final board meeting is June 6th.

Elaine

Educational Partnership Committee

The next meeting of the Educational Partnership Committee will be **Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm** at the **residence of Nancy Brock and Janice Pomerantz, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd.** (Village Court). Use the call box to reach them and be buzzed into the lobby. Then take the elevator to **1st floor Community Room**. If there is a problem, call Nancy's cell 424-237-2249 or Janice's cell 310-892-9349.

The camper packets for our Tech Trek campers have been sent to the camps. Thank you to **Alice Hill, Gloria Liu, Peggy Monga, and Margot Sullivan** for collecting and collating all the information from the campers.

Our Camper Orientation will be held Sunday, June 4th at Hull Middle School Multipurpose Room, 2080 W. 231st St., Torrance from 1-4pm. **Pat Arnett and Janice Pomerantz** are co-chairing this year's event for the Torrance Branch campers. **Pat Carroll** is coordinating refreshments. **Karen Hassen** has arranged for all the camper T-shirts. This is a fun time for all the campers to meet and enjoy planned activities followed by a parent question and answer session. **Help is needed** for the set-up and the day of the event. **Set up will be Saturday morning, June 3 at Hull from 9-12, and Sunday, June 4 starting at 11 am. If you are interested in helping or attending, please contact Pat Arnett (acashel@att.net) or Janice Pomerantz (jbpomerantz@yahoo.com).** It's a wonderful opportunity to meet our 28 new campers and enjoy an afternoon with the girls who will be attending UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, and Whittier Tech Trek Camps. **Dorm moms are needed for the camps, especially Whittier, so this might also be something you would be interested in doing. Contact Peggy Monga (filmgroup@earthlink.net).** **We are in need of a photographer for our Orientation...contact Pat or Janice if you can help.**

Torrance School District campers will be presented to the Torrance School Board on **Monday, June 5 at 6:30** at the Torrance City Hall Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Blvd. where they will receive certificates from the Torrance School Board, State Representatives, and Torrance Branch AAUW. On **Tuesday, June 6 at 6:10** Redondo Beach School District campers will meet at the Redondo Beach School Board office at 1401 Inglewood Avenue to be presented by **Athena Paquette** and receive their certificates. Members are welcome to attend these events. Thank you to **Jackie LaBouff and Gloria Liu** for obtaining the certificates.

We have wonderful news from **Arconic Foundation** (formerly Alcoa Foundation) **that our grant has been approved. We will be receiving \$27,000 this year and \$20,000 in 2018 to be used for our Tech Trek program. In 2018 they will sponsor 17 girls and in 2019, 13 girls will be sponsored. The remainder of the funds will go to technology.** Many thanks and congratulations to **Michele Freck**, who with the help of **Pam Kenoyer**, worked tirelessly to write this grant. We have some exciting times ahead, and we urge you to join EPC so you too can be a part of this wonderful STEM program.

With the closing of the Toyota Automobile Museum, we are seeking a new venue for our October Tech Trek Camper Celebration. Stay tuned.

Continue your get-well wishes and prayers for **Karen Hassen** at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Margot Sullivan

Interest Groups

Diversity Book Group

Date & Time: Friday, **June 23**, 6:30pm

At the home of Keri Gilbert

RSVP to Lydia Hachmeister McCarver at lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

Note: for June we will be meeting on the fourth Friday of the month.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven, by Sherman Alexie

In this darkly comic short story collection, Sherman Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, brilliantly weaves memory, fantasy, and stark realism to paint a complex, grimly ironic portrait of life in and around the Spoke Indian Reservation. These 22 interlinked tales are narrated by characters raised on humiliation and government issue cheese, and yet are filled with passion and affection, myth and dream. There is Victor, who as a nine-year-old crawled between his unconscious parents hoping that the alcohol seeping through their skins might help him sleep. Thomas Builds-the-Fire, who tells his stories long after people stop listening, and Jimmy Many Horses, dying of cancer, who writes letters on stationery that reads "From the Death Bed of James Many Horses III," even though he actually writes them on his kitchen table. Against a backdrop of alcohol, car accidents, laughter, and basketball, Alexie depicts the distances between Indians and whites, reservation Indians and urban Indians, men and women, and most poetically, between modern Indians and the traditions of the past.

Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 27, 6:30pm

At the home of Betsy Adams

RSVP to Lisa Blank at 310-835-9613 or girlphd@juno.com

Pot Luck and Book Selection and Planning for 2017/2018

The Evening Literature Group takes July off.

WIT

TOPIC: Understanding Millennials & How They Impact the World

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, June 5 to Susan at susimone@aol.com

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

Film Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 pm

RSVP to filmgroup@earthlink.net or 310-316-7542

At the home of: to be determined—check your emails!

Against the odds.

HIDDEN FIGURES (2016)(2017)(Rated PG) Nominated for Best Picture, this film takes us back to the time when the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, and NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Johnson crossed all gender, race,

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and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes. Starring Taraji P. Henson and Octavia Spencer, who was nominated for Best Supporting Actress. Available at Redondo and Netflix DVD.

QUEEN OF KATWE (2016)(2017)(Rated PG) Talented Indian filmmaker Mira Nair brings this film based on the vibrant true story of a young girl from the streets of rural Uganda—Nair's native country--whose world rapidly changes when she is introduced to the game of chess, and, as a result of the support she receives from her family and community, is instilled with the confidence and determination she needs to pursue her dream of becoming an international chess champion. The performances by Madina Nalwanga who portrays the young girl, David Oyelowo (*Selma*, *The Butler*), and Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o were widely praised. Available at Torrance, Redondo and Netflix DVD.

Membership

SEND YOUR RENEWAL CHECKS NOW TO AVOID THE LATE FEE!

Please renew your dues now. It will help make the transition with the new treasurer easier, if the outgoing treasurer (Thank you, Keri Gilbert!) can do most of the work. Avoid the \$5 late fee for renewals after June 10, 2017 and send your checks now! The AAUW Torrance website has both the membership application and the Torrance Dues Statement forms for renewals. Just Google "AAUW Torrance" and click on *Get to Know us*, then click on *Join*. Mail your forms and checks to:

AAUW Torrance Branch
P.O. Box 1392
Torrance, CA 90505

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome our two new members, Diana Davis and Lucy Ford. They are both friends of Judith Hill and Suzanne Siney and attended our Tea. Thanks, Judith and Suzanne!

Diana Davis lives in north Redondo Beach. She is more available when it is not tax season. She has a broad background - she worked in computer security at TRW, was a realtor, and is now an enrolled agent tax preparer. She is active in the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy and is concerned about our environment. She likes to cook, and walk at the beach. Diana also sings in a choir, AMUSE singers. Diana is interested in the Film Group and Out and About.

Diana Davis

DDavisRedondo@gmail.com

Lucy Ford is retired from teaching nursing. She lives in Torrance, south of PCH. Lucy is concerned about human trafficking. She is interested in the Film Group.

She can be reached at

Lucy Ford

More about Lucy next time.

---- Gloria Liu, GLSB7891@gmail.com

GREAT GRADUATION PRESENT

Know any recent grads? As an AAUW member, you can "Give a Grad A Gift" of one year free national membership to as many recent graduates as you like. There is a form to provide the mailing address, phone number, email, and alma mater. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership. You can give the gift to eligible relative, friends, acquaintances, or entire graduating class! It's free. They are the future of AAUW.

---- Gloria Liu, GLSB7891@gmail.com



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2017-2018 Dues Renewal Statement FOR RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY

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Address _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

(work) _____ E-mail _____

NEW: Check here if you prefer that your home address NOT be included in our e-directory: _____
(All information will still be included in the printed directory.)

Receive E-mailed newsletter? (circle one) Yes No

Receive mailed paper copy of newsletter? (circle one) Yes No

Indicate any Torrance Branch Directory updates or corrections: (use back if you need more space)



Dues Breakdown: AAUW Assoc.: \$49 (\$46 of which is tax-deductible)
+ CA AAUW: \$20 + Torrance Branch: \$22 = \$91 Total

If a Renewing Member at Torrance Branch pay: **\$91.00** _____

If a Renewing Life Member – pay only State and Branch dues: **\$42.00** _____

If a Dual Member* and renewing with Torrance Branch pay: **\$22.00** _____

*(*Dual members must have paid 2017-2018 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than Torrance)*

If sending payment after June 10, 2017, add Late Fee: \$5.00 _____

Optional donation to support Tech Trek branch administrative costs: _____

Optional \$5 donation to receive Branch newsletter by US Mail (copying, postage): _____

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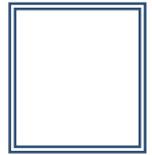
Please make renewal check payable to: **AAUW Torrance** and send this form with your check to:
AAUW Torrance, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505



OPTIONAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Help further the mission of AAUW to advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Donate now! The **AAUW Fund**, a 501(c)(3) entity, advances educational and professional opportunities for women and combats sex discrimination in the work place. Please include a separate check payable to "AAUW Fund." You may indicate which Fund you wish to support (including Tech Trek, Legal Advocacy Fund, Work Smart & Start Smart, etc). Please see the AAUW Fund diagram at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-support-programs-aauw-fund-diagram/>.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT aauwtorrance@gmail.com or visit <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net>



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To:

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2017

- June
- 06 Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, Pg. 2
 - 07 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT, Pg. 4
 - 08 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC meeting, Pg. 3
 - 10 Saturday, 9:00 am, Year End Brunch, Pg. 1.
 - 20 Tuesday, Deadline for submitting articles for newsletter
 - 23 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Group, Pg. 4
 - 27 Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Evening Literature Group, Pg. 4
 - 28 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film Group, Pg. 4

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 20th of the preceding month.