

General Meeting

You are Cordially Invited!

AAUW Torrance Presents

**TECH TREK
Science & Math Camp for Girls
CELEBRATION**



Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Toyota Automobile Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance, CA 90501

Program 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Doors will open at 6:00 PM so that visitors can browse the ever-changing Toyota car collection before the program.

Learn about the girls' Tech Trek experiences!

Tech Trek Educational Partnership:

AAUW Torrance Branch

38 Tech Trek Campers

13 Tech Trek Scholarship Sponsors

16 Torrance, Redondo Beach & LA Middle Schools

~ Light Refreshments Will Be Served ~

Please RSVP early to: Pam Kenoyer 310-618-7458

We Hope To See You There!

Our 18th year ~ We have sponsored 450+ campers!

Hello Torrance Branch Members!

We officially kicked off our 2015-16 AAUW year at our September 12th "Welcome Back Brunch" with activities mirroring those of every branch I know, i.e. welcoming guests, meeting our new members, meeting our new board members and hearing from our committees and interest groups. We were also treated to a reading of Gavin DeBecker's "Media Fear Tactics" by our "Torrance Players" Jamie Watson and Billie Lee Langley. And did I forget to mention the food? Several members brought tasty breakfast casseroles, fruit plates and other goodies. We had good attendance, around 30 people, and all members received their directories and picked up those they could hand deliver. The remaining booklets were mailed out last week. And, I might mention, you all handed in your new name badges! Thank you!

Coming up on October 13th is our annual Tech Trek Celebration at the Toyota Automobile Museum (please see page one). This year we sent an amazing 38 girls to this truly enlightening experience - more than any other branch. Come and meet the girls AND their generous sponsors! California Tech Trek has been so popular that AAUW National has taken it over so that it may expand to other states. That deserves a pat on the back - and the members of our own Educational Partnership Committee, in particular Pam Kenoyer, deserve a large part of the credit!

On September 13th I attended LACIC's bi-monthly meeting in Whittier. (LACIC is the LA County level of AAUW.) It was nice to reconnect with old acquaintances and especially with our new State President, Kathleen Doty. She was quite interested in our exploration of forming a Violence Against Women committee and, for an additional resource, she referred me to the State Training Coordinator of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Also, you should have received an email invitation to a Human Trafficking Seminar that will be held on October 15th at the Peninsula Center Library. Contact Gloria Abernathy Lear, gggeal27@verizon.net, or Nancy Rayner, nrayner777@gmail.com, for more information. We will keep you informed of the activities of this new committee as it comes together.

There will be no branch meeting in November, just a board meeting on the 3rd. We will have our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6th - details will be in a later newsletter.

Happy Halloween!
Elaine

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TORRANCE BRANCH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Some members have expressed an interest in having a Torrance branch scholarship and grant fund that we can administer and for which we can raise funds. We can accomplish this in several ways, one of which is setting up our own California AAUW Special Projects Fund. From the AAUW CA website:

"The AAUW California Special Projects Fund (SPF) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt corporation that supports AAUW California projects and local scholarship programs. The SPF does not provide funding directly. Instead, it serves as a pass-through fund, enabling projects to collect tax-deductible donations from individuals and corporations, and from grants and endowments, without having to establish themselves as a separate non-profit entity. The SPF serves as the fiduciary agent for these projects."

For more information on how to set up an SPF for our branch, go to:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&pagesid=475&parent=251&coparent=475>

The committee that works on this project might use the following example of a branch scholarship fund: [AAUW State College Branch | Grants and Scholarships](#).

Or, if we don't want to set up our own SPF, the Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) could be used as a pass-through for scholarships for Torrance high school girls. Many donations from companies and organizations are awarded by TEF, including Exxon Mobil. [The company or organization that donates can select the winner.](#) It is possible that Redondo Beach and LAUSD have similar programs.

Please let me know if you are interested in pursuing any of these local scholarship ideas.

Elaine ElnBohrer@aol.com

AAUW FUNDS

The AAUW California Funds Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our 2015-2016 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients.

Where: Irvine Marriott Hotel
18000 Von Karman Ave
Irvine, CA 92612

When: Sunday, October 18, 2015
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
(Registration 11:30 a.m.)

Cost: \$40 per person
RSVP Deadline: October 6

Information is at www.aauw-ca.org. Search for AAUW Funds Luncheon.

Southern California is fortunate to have so many recipients locally. I will be unable to attend, but will help arrange carpooling. Please contact Gloria Liu glsb7891@gmail.com or call at 310 683-3695.

TEA FUNDRAISER PLANNING

We are setting up a Tea Committee for a fundraiser for AAUW FUNDS. If you would like to participate, we will have a committee meeting October 6 to set a tea date and plan the tea. Contact me for more information. Also, if you have any suggestions for locations which are reasonably priced, let me know.

- Gloria Liu, Branch Funds VP

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our next EPC meeting will be **Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Moog Aircraft Group**, 20263 Western Ave., Torrance. Please contact Pam Kenoyer at pkenoyer@moog.com for admittance and directions. We meet the second Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us!

We are excited as we prepare for the **October Celebration for our Tech Trek Campers on October 13 at Toyota Automobile Museum**. This is the culminating event in the nearly nine month process for our campers, and we hope that you will all come to support the 38 girls and our Tech Trek program. Our branch has announced this as the October general meeting. Your presence is important to the girls, parents, sponsors, and educators as they observe the commitment of our branch members. The program begins at 6:30 with each girl giving a brief description of some aspect of her camping experience. You won't want to miss learning the wonders of this great STEM program for 8th grade girls and the experiences of camp on a college campus. The museum will be open at 6:00 for guests to enjoy the collection of Toyota cars. Refreshments will be served. **Would you be able to help out with a donation of 2-3 dozen cookies for this event?** If you would prefer, a monetary donation will enable us to purchase cookies too. Your help is greatly appreciated. **Please contact Margot Sullivan.** If you are not able to attend, arrangements can be made for delivery of the cookies. Thank you in advance!

At our meeting on October 8 we will put the finishing touches on the Celebration plans. We will also begin planning for the new year of Tech Trek. **We welcome you to join us as we start the preparation for 2016 Tech Trek Camp.** There is much to be done, and many hands lighten the work. It is such a rewarding program, and we know that you will find great reward from it too.

Best wishes to our member, **Karen Hassen**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

See you on the 8th and the 13th! Please help with a donation of 2-3 dozen cookies.

Margot Sullivan, EPC

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group

Date & Time: Friday, October 16, 6:30pm

At the home of Bonnie Mazziotta

RSVP to Lydia McCarver, 310-374-1505 or lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

Soldier Girls by Helen Thorpe

A sizable percentage of American soldiers sent overseas since 2001 have been women. Surrounded and far outnumbered by men, embedded in a male culture, looked upon as both alien and desirable, women soldiers have a decidedly different experience. In *Soldier Girls*, Helen Thorpe follows the lives of three women over 12 years on their paths to the military, overseas to combat, and back home. These women, who are quite different in every way, become friends. We see their families, their lovers, their spouses, their children. We see them work extremely hard, deal with the attentions of men on base and in war zones, and struggle to stay connected to their families back home. We see some of them drink too much, have illicit affairs, and react to the deaths of fellow soldiers. And we see what happens when one of them survives driving a truck into an explosive device. Carefully reported, beautifully written, and powerfully moving, *Soldier Girls* is a groundbreaking work.

Film Group

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

At the home of Margot Sullivan

RSVP to 310-316-7916 or margotrsullivan@aol.com

Join us for light refreshments and discussion. Everybody's a critic!

The lives and sorrows of three Japanese artists. Both films available at Torrance and Netflix.

Mishima: A Life in Four Chapters (1985)(2007)(Rated R) Director Paul Schrader and composer Philip Glass present a literate, sweeping chronicle of the life and work of controversial and challenging Japanese author and militarist Yukio Mishima, who committed suicide in 1970. The film is divided into thematic chapters, with color sequences illustrating scenes from Mishima's most famous fictional works and black-and-white sequences recreating moments from his tormented personal life and death. "A look at the impossible harmony he created between self, art, and society." Ebert ****

Cutie and the Boxer (2013)(2014)(Rated R for nude art images) A 2014 Oscar nominee for Best Documentary Feature, this film explores the work and marriage of Ushio and Noriko Shinohara, who took America's art scene by storm. "In New York City in 1969, 19-year-old art student Noriko fell in love with 41-year-old avant-garde artist Ushio Shinohara and put her career on hold to marry and support this rising star of the Manhattan art world. But 40 years later and still struggling, Ushio remains consumed with reinforcing his legacy via his 'boxing' paintings, while Noriko is now finding her own creative voice through a series of drawings entitled "Cutie And Bullie" that depict their chaotic relationship and transforming roles of assistant and artist. -- a powerful and poignant documentary about creativity, sacrifice, and a love that is its own unique work of art."

Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 27, 7:30pm

At the home of Eunice Hargrove

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

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran from the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children. Would they be adopted by a loving family, or would they face hard labor and servitude? Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, *Orphan Train* is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship.

Coming in November: *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter

Women in Transition (WIT)

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 7, 7-8:30pm

At a Private Residence

RSVP by Monday, October 5, 2015 to Susan at 310-377-0642 or susimone@aol.com

The topic will be "How LGBT Issues are Changing Culture"

Welcome Our Newest Member!

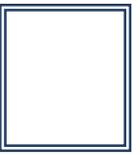
Welcome Diane Robinson, our newest member. Diane is actually the one who introduced me to AAUW at a "meet your elected officials" evening in Palos Verdes in November 2009. Diane Robinson is a retired police sergeant of 33 years. She was led to this career when, in the early 1970s, she was a stunt woman and told by a police officer that she might like law enforcement. She dropped her career as a hairstylist (but continued the stunt gigs - including bodyguard work for Hollywood celebs and the Oscars) and joined the academy, the police academy that is. Not an easy time for the few women who were allowed into that field. Diane retired in 2009 from her 33 year career as a police officer and immediately started her Doctorate in Public Administration at the University of LaVerne, a five year program. She had to put that on hold because of back ailments from her former career, but is planning to finish her dissertation in the near future. Diane's other degrees are a BA in Public Administration and an MBA.

Diane, now in her fourth career, is about to publish her book on the ABC's of safety. Self-publishing had its challenges but says it has invigorated her and taught her to believe in herself more than ever. She was an elected official in Palos Verdes (Library board of trustees) and currently serves on several boards of organizations that help seniors. She loves to paint, exercise and study holistic medicine.

I hope you will say Hi to Diane at an upcoming event.

Cheers!

Athena



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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.