

## **An Afternoon Tea & Tea Tasting**

*A Fundraiser supporting AAUW Work Smart and Start Smart  
with speaker*

**David DeCandia**

*Director of Tea for Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf  
and a Silent Auction*

**\$25 per person / \$30 after April 1st**

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

**1:30 to 4:00 pm**

**The Toyota Automobile Museum**

**19600 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance 90501**

Reservations close on April 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Guest reservation form**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. encl. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: (We will try to seat you together; tables seat eight.  
Use back of form if you need more space.)

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PLEASE INDICATE HERE \_\_\_\_\_ and contact [aauwtorrance@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtorrance@gmail.com).  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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### OUR MARCH "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" MEETING

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie Watson for her enlightening presentation of Julia Morgan, "the most famous architect you've never heard of..." at our well attended branch meeting. I am now determined to go on a "Julia Morgan Tour" the next time I'm in the Bay Area!

### OUR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Also at our meeting we announced our slate of continuing officers for elective positions and our need for more volunteers for these (and our appointed) positions. So far we have:

President - Elaine Bohrer, continuing  
Secretary - Nancy Kenney, continuing  
Treasurer - Keri Gilbert, continuing  
Program VP - Jamie Watson - will continue as our "idea person"

**BUT WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE CARE OF LOGISTICS**  
(choosing program dates and arranging for the use of the Airport Room or other venue.) **PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU CAN HELP.**

AAUW FUND VP's - We need two people to chair this position:

1. FUND reporting person - to go through FUND information on AAUW national and AAUW California web sites for current activities to keep our branch members informed and engaged and to send donations received to AAUW.
2. Fundraising person - Pat Arnett has volunteered to head up a committee. Thank you Pat!

Membership VP - If you'd like to take over this very important position

Elaine Bohrer, [elnbohrer@aol.com](mailto:elnbohrer@aol.com) or 310 376-3352

PLEASE CONTACT ME!

Our next board meeting will be at my house on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

## NEWS FROM LACIC

LACIC's March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting presented Elahe Amani, gender, peace and human rights activist and Director of Technology Services at CSU Fullerton. Of particular interest in her presentation was information on CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women). This international treaty was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1979 (with much input from AAUW!). Unfortunately, since ratification of United Nations treaties by the U.S. requires a 2/3 vote of the Senate, we remain one of the few nations which have failed to sign. Frustrated by this lack of progress, and feeling that "women can't wait any longer," cities across the U.S. have taken the treaty to the local level, forming the "Cities for CEDAW" movement. Thus far the "Cities with CEDAW Ordinance" list includes: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach and Berkeley, CA, as well as Honolulu and Miami/Dade County. Cities with CEDAW resolutions are: Cincinnati, OH, Daly City, CA, Louisville, KY, Minneapolis, MN, Kansas City, MO, Santa Monica, CA, University City, MO, West Hollywood, CA, and Washington, D.C.

If you'd like more information on this movement, go to: <http://citiesforcedaw.org>

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## PLEASE NOTE:

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLIER,  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7 at 6:30 pm, at Moog Aircraft Group. Please contact  
Pam Kenoyer for admittance [Pkenoyer@moog.com](mailto:Pkenoyer@moog.com) (310-618-7458 day)  
Moog is located at 20263 Western Ave. Torrance.

At the April meeting we will be preparing materials for the Tech Trek Camp scholarship winners. Each of the readers has turned in their rankings to their Reader Captain who has sent the results to **Karen Hassen**. Karen is preparing the list of seventh grade girls who will be going to Tech Trek Camp this summer and also compiling the congratulatory letters that we will be sending.

Thank you to the 24 Branch members and two corporate sponsors who read the girls' application packets. **We value the time, commitment, and points of view you have given to make the selection process as fair as possible.** Again, we would like to recognize those who volunteered, including so many who return yearly to help out. The school buddies and reader captains are **Nancy Brock, Pat Carroll, Athena Cormier, Ann DuPuy, Judy Hill, Marinez Jones, Pam Kenoyer, Gloria Liu, Susan Negrete, Kay Odgers, Suzanne Siney, and Margot Sullivan**. With three readers per most schools, these additional readers are **Carol Bauer, Maymie Chenoweth, Michele Freck, Jennifer Goorchenko, Vicki Goorchenko, Jessica Hassen, Karen Hassen, and Nancy Kenney**. This year our corporate readers were from **Alcoa and Moog**. Thank you to **Karen Hassen, Peggy Monga, and Susan Negrete** for gathering and logging in all the nominee materials, **Vicki Goorchenko** for scanning volumes of materials in a very narrow time frame and **Janice Pomerantz** for her data entry expertise. **Pam Kenoyer** and **Susan Negrete** are working on our corporate and individual scholarship donations. Based on our scholarships, we will be sending 30 campers this summer.

We are so very grateful to all of you for your help. As can be observed, our Tech Trek mission involves many hours and great commitment. Our branch members continue to answer the call, and we continue to appreciate you and encourage you to stay/ become involved. EPC is always in need of more helpers ...we welcome you eagerly!

Our next event will be the **Tech Trek Orientation at Hull Middle School on Sunday, June 5**. Set up will be **Friday, June 3 at 6 pm**. **Volunteers are needed for both days**.

**TTAG** (Tech Trek Alumni Group) will be assisting seniors with electronics at the Redondo Beach Main Library from 9:30-12:30 on Saturday, April 30. On Saturday, May 14, TTAG will be presenting "Women in STEM Careers" at the Redondo Beach Main Library. This follows their last forum which was very successful, informative, and well attended.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of April**.

Margot Sullivan, EPC member

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

**Ann Wallace** is a psychotherapist and is interested in the Diversity Book Group. Welcome!

Please add her to your membership directory:

**Ann Wallace**

**Phone: 310 318-2060**

**Email: [AnnWallaceLMFT@aol.com](mailto:AnnWallaceLMFT@aol.com)**

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## INTEREST GROUPS

### Diversity Book Group

**Date & Time:** Friday, April 15, 6:30pm

**At the home of Nancy Kenney**

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

**My Life in France**, by Julia Child with Alex Prud'homme

Knowing little about the country and less about its cooking, Child sailed to France with her new husband in 1948. Her first meal after debarking, a simple sauteed sole, opened to her (and to posterity) a new world. She began her French sojourn as the underemployed and ever-curious wife of a diplomatic officer, frustrated at being unable even to speak the language. Language classes led to cooking classes, then to partnering with Simone Beck and Louisette Bertholle in an American book contract. Child's devotees know the basics of this story, but the details reveal the gradual education of Child's palate, her anti-McCarthy politics, her intense love for her husband, and her boundless capacity for hard work. Although Child died before this memoir compiled from her papers reached completion, her grandnephew Prud'homme proves a worthy editor. In seamlessly flowing prose, the text follows Child's growth as a cook into one of the best and most influential teachers of the twentieth century. Like Child herself, this memoir is earnest but never pedantic. Her eye for the ironic, her sense of humor, and her sharp sensitivity to the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and colors that surround her make lucid, lively reading.

### Evening Literature Group

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 26, 7:30pm

**At the home of Sue Fishman**

**RSVP to 310-372-4222 or [fishman212@verizon.net](mailto:fishman212@verizon.net)**

**All the Light We Cannot See**, by Anthony Doerr

Friendship across enemy lines. A story of young people caught in the net of the Nazis in WWII. Author shows tragedy from both inside the Nazi party and on the life of a young French woman. Classic story about doing the right thing at the risk of your own life.

Coming in May: The Boys in the Boat, by Daniel James Brown

### Film Group

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 pm

**At the home of Elaine Bohrer**

**RSVP to 310-376-3352 or [elnbohrer@aol.com](mailto:elnbohrer@aol.com)**

### Voices from the First Nations

**Smoke Signals** (1998) (Rated PG-13 for some intense images) On a Couer d'Alene, Idaho, reservation, nothing ever changes until the estranged father of Victor Joseph (Adam Beach) dies in Arizona, and Victor must go collect the cremated remains. The problem is Victor can't afford the fare. But annoying nerd Thomas Builds-the-Fire (Evan Adams) will float Victor a loan - if he can tag along. Director Chris Eyre's tale of self-discovery is based on acclaimed author Sherman Alexie's short stories. Won "Audience Award" at Sundance, and "Best Film" at the American Indian Film Festival. "It's a good day to be indigenous" - Ebert \*\*\* Available at Torrance Library and Netflix

**Coyote Waits** (2003) According to old Navajo lore, "Coyote is always out there waiting, and Coyote is always hungry." Produced by Robert Redford, this thriller with a slightly supernatural bent stars Wes Studi and Adam Beach as tribal cops Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee. The pair tries to uncover the truth

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## INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)

about the death of a fellow detective, Delbert Nez, whom they believe may have been killed by someone other than the obvious. Created for PBS and based on the novel by Tony Hillerman. Nominated for Best Film at the American Indian Film Festival. Available at Redondo Library and Netflix

### Women in Transition (WIT)

**TOPIC:** Music and the Special Way It Connects with Memory

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016

**TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**PLACE:** Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, April 4, 2016 to Susan Negrete at [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com) for directions or, if you have questions, call 310-377-0642.

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## NEWS FROM LAF

### Court Hears Major Reproductive Rights Case

Following Justice Scalia's death, the now eight-member court heard arguments this month in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, which could become the most significant reproductive rights case in years. The case challenges Texas' extremely restrictive Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) law. If the court upholds the law, the majority of reproductive health clinics in Texas would be forced to close.

TRAP laws have been on the rise across the country, and the court's decision in the Whole Woman's Health case could affect access to reproductive health care in many states. Stay tuned for more information as the court's term progresses.

### The Launch of AAUW's Latest Research Paper

Women have been leaders throughout history, and today the tradition of volunteer female leadership continues to flourish. Yet in terms of paid leadership, women's elevation to top positions is relatively rare. Why do men still vastly outnumber women in these positions?

AAUW's newest research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, explores this question, drawing from scholarly research and paying special attention to stereotypes and biases. The report provides recommendations for individuals and those in the education, corporate, and political sectors to contribute to an environment in which gender is no longer a barrier to leadership. To watch the launch of this report go to: <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/03/barriers-and-bias-webcast/>

### **DUES WILL BE DUE SOON!**

**We're coming up on renewal time already! Why not get a jump on the deadline by renewing now? Please find a Dues Renewal Statement in this newsletter.**





# Torrance Branch

## 2016-2017 Dues Renewal Statement FOR RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 2015-2016 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than Torrance)*

**If sending payment after June 10, 2016, add Late Fee: \$5.00** \_\_\_\_\_

Optional donation to support Tech Trek branch administrative costs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional \$5 donation if receiving Branch newsletter by US Mail (copying, postage):** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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 (501(c)(3)) 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** advances educational and professional opportunities for women and combats sex discrimination in the work place. Please include a separate check payable to "AAUW Funds." You may indicate which Fund you wish to support (including Tech Trek, Legal Advocacy Fund, Work Smart & Start Smart). Please see the AAUW Fund diagram at:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-support-programs-aauw-fund-diagram/>



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2016

- April**
- 05 Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, Pg. 2
  - 06 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT, Pg. 5
  - 07 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
  - 15 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Group, Pg. 4
  - 16 Saturday, 1:30 pm, AFTERNOON TEA! Pg. 1
  - 26 Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Evening Lit. Group, Pg. 4
  - 27 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film Group, Pg. 4
- May**
- 07 Saturday, 9:30 am, Branch Meeting

**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, philanthropy and research.*

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