



Torrance AAUW Presents an
AFTERNOON TEA & TEA TASTING
WITH
David DeCandia

*Ambassador of Ceylon Tea for Sri Lanka and
Director of Tea for the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf*

- Learn about teas from around the world
- Support AAUW's "Work Smart/Start Smart"
Salary Negotiation Workshops for Women
- Silent Auction
- Contest for "Best Hat"

Saturday, April 16th, 1:30 to 4:00 pm

TOYOTA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance 90501

Cost: \$25, (\$30 after April 1) *

Reserve & pay by Wednesday, April 1, for lower price.

Questions, reservation info:

aauwtorrance@gmail.com or Elaine Bohrer, 310 376-3352

For order forms visit: <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net>

*Tables for 8 may be reserved with prepayment by April 1st

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OUR JANUARY "WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT" MEETING

CONGRATULATIONS to the Torrance AAUW Board, and in particular to Jamie Watson, for our wonderful January program focusing on Women in Government and featuring Torrance City Council Member Heidi Ashcraft! Reporter Cristian Vasquez was in attendance and wrote a terrific article for the Torrance Tribune:

http://www.heraldpublishations.com/herald/sites/default/files/publications/torrance/Torrance_011416_FNL_lorez/index.html#/1/

What a perfect way to help raise the visibility of our branch in the South Bay!

KICKING OFF OUR AFTERNOON TEA TICKET SALES

You will notice that the front page of this Telegram is a flyer for our April 16th "Afternoon Tea and Tea Tasting." We have officially kicked off our ticket sales. Please spread the word - this is going to be our best tea yet! And please see the article in this newsletter from our Tea Chair, Gloria Liu.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 18TH, 9:30 AM

Our next general meeting will be a celebration of Women in History. We will hear all about Julia Morgan, the first woman to be admitted to the architecture program at l'École nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris and the first woman architect licensed in California. She designed many buildings for institutions serving women and girls including YWCA buildings and buildings for Mills College, but is probably best known for her work on Hearst Castle in San Simeon, CA. A truly historic woman!

Our next board meeting will be at my house on March 2nd at 7 pm.

Elaine

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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please join us-our next EPC meeting will be held a week earlier than usual. The meeting will be **Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Moog**, 20263 Western Ave., Torrance. Please RSVP to Pam Kenoyer pkenoyer@moog.com for admittance.

It is Tech Trek time! 36 spots are reserved for our campers this year! We are preparing to visit the middle schools in Torrance, Redondo Beach, and five in Los Angeles Unified to meet the five seventh grade Tech Trek Camp nominees from each school. **Packets for school buddies were prepared and will be distributed at this meeting, so it is very important that new school buddies come to this meeting.** Those who have been school buddies before who aren't able to attend this meeting may make other arrangements for getting your materials. We will be visiting the 15 schools and interviewing the girls **between February 5th and February 12th**. It is a great experience to meet the girls and share our Tech Trek program with them. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding STEM experience for young women please volunteer to be a school buddy. Training is provided, and we really do appreciate and value your help and support. Please **contact Peggy Monga as soon as possible at filmgroup@earthlink.net.**

There is also another way that you can help with the Tech Trek application process. We will need readers to read the nominees' applications and select the campers. **Thursday, March 10 to Thursday, March 17** is the time frame for the reading and selection process. There are 3 readers needed for each school. Perhaps you could read for more than one school. **Peggy Monga** would love to hear from you!

We are so appreciative of the members who have been working so faithfully already to get the materials prepared, the computer programs in place and for the support of all those attending our meetings. **Thank you Karen Hassen, Pam**

Kenoyer, and Peggy Monga for your wonderful leadership, and thank you Pat Arnett, Pat Carroll, Maymie Chenowith, Gloria Liu, Janice Pomerantz, Elaine Bohrer, Nancy Brock, Susan Negrete, Vicki Gorchenko, Kristi Wagner, Marinez Jones, Judy Hill, Suzanne Siney, and Michele Freck for being such an outstanding, hard working committee!

It's an exciting and busy time for EPC. Hope you will join us on the 4th.

Thank you!

Margot Sullivan, EPC member

AAUW Funds

AAUW Torrance is selling tickets to the Third Annual Tea Fundraiser for Saturday April 16, 2016! It will benefit AAUW Funds **Start Smart** and **Work Smart**, salary negotiation workshops for women (pay equity). Please come! Bring your friends.

Our speaker, **David DeCandia** from **The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf**, will guide us through a tea tasting and proper tea brewing. He is also donating a tour of their facilities in Camarillo which will be available for bid or raffle. This tour, for up to 20 people, will include a talk, a video and a chance to create your own personal blend of tea.

The Automobile display at the **Toyota Auto Museum** will not be available during our tea, but they have made a great donation of brunch for 12 and a private curator-led tour which will be available for bid or raffle. Please forward the flyer and reservation form to other organizations. Invite your friends. Reservation forms and the flyer (in this newsletter) are also at the branch website <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net/>.

Mail your checks, made out to "AAUW Torrance," and reservation forms to the branch PO Box. Reservations must be prepaid. If you wish to reserve an **entire table (seats 8)**, be sure to reserve and pay in advance (\$200 / table).

We need table hostesses/coordinators to bring and setup china (could be borrowed) and the tableware. You will be hearing more later about table hostess/coordinator duties. See contacts below for more information. We need people to loan china, thermoses, hot water urns, flatware, tablespoons, cloth napkins, etc. We need cashiers for the silent auction, people to register attendees, greeters. Contact one of us if you can help - see table below.

Gloria Liu, AAUW Funds VP and Tea chair

Function	Contact
Publicity	Athena Paquette Cormier
Auctions/ Donations	Athena Paquette Cormier
Table Hostess/ Coordinator	Pat Carroll and Margot Sullivan
Loan china, thermoses, hot water urns, etc., stuff	Pat Carroll and Margot Sullivan
Facility Arrangements	Pat Arnett
Food	Judy Hill
Reservations, seating	Nancy Kenney, Keri Gilbert
Information (phone)	Elaine Bohrer
Cashier	open
Check-in	open
Greeters	Open
Tea Chair	Gloria Liu

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group**Date & Time:** Friday, February 19, 6:30pm**At the home of** Karen Peters**RSVP to** Lydia McCarver, 310-374-1505 or lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com**Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots** by Deborah Feldman

The instant New York Times bestselling memoir of a young Jewish woman's escape from a religious sect, in the tradition of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's *Infidel* and Carolyn Jessop's *Escape*, featuring a new epilogue by the author. As a member of the strictly religious Satmar sect of Hasidic Judaism, Deborah Feldman grew up under a code of relentlessly enforced customs governing everything from what she could wear and to whom she could speak to what she was allowed to read. It was stolen moments spent with the empowered literary characters of Jane Austen and Louisa May Alcott that helped her to imagine an alternative way of life. Trapped as a teenager in a sexually and emotionally dysfunctional marriage to a man she barely knew, the tension between Deborah's desires and her responsibilities as a good Satmar girl grew more explosive until she gave birth at nineteen and realized that, for the sake of herself and her son, she had to escape.

Evening Literature Group**Date & Time:** Tuesday, February 23, 7:30pm**At the home of** Lisa Blank**RSVP to** 310-543-9993 or gggeal27@verizon.net**Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** by Jamie Ford

The new owner of the Panama Hotel has found the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were sent to internment camps. This takes Henry Lee back to the 1940s when he met and fell in love with Keiko Okabe. After Keiko and her family are sent to the internment camps, she and Henry are left only with the hope that their promise to each other will be kept. Forty years later, Henry searches the hotel's dark, dusty basement looking for signs of the Okabe family's belongings and for a long lost object whose value he cannot begin to measure.

Coming in March: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler**Film Group****Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm**At the home of** Gloria Abernathy-Lear**RSVP to** 310-316-7542 or filmgroup@earthlink.net

Making art. Both at Torrance/Branches and Netflix

TOPSY-TURVY (1999)(2000)(Rated R for a scene of risqué nudity) When Gilbert and Sullivan's latest play fails, the famous composer/lyricist team's collaboration threatens to dissolve. But their reconciliation results in "The Mikado", one of their greatest successes. Mike Leigh's film is "the work of a man helplessly in love with the theater. In a gloriously entertaining period piece, he tells the story of the genesis, preparation and presentation of a comic opera, celebrating all the dreaming and hard work, personality conflict and team spirit, inspiration and mundane detail, of every theatrical presentation." -Ebert 4 * Won 2 Oscars.

MR. TURNER (2014)(2015)(Rated R for some sexual content) An exploration of the last quarter century of the life of the great, if eccentric, British painter J.W.M. Turner, "the painter of light". "[Mike Leigh's film] understands creative people on every conceivable level, and translates that understanding with a deftness rarely seen outside of astute documentaries about creative people. To watch it is to feel as though you're a part of its world, talking shop with the painters, experiencing tiny fluctuations in received wisdom and sudden changes of artistic direction..." Starring Timothy Spall, who won Best Actor at Cannes.

Women in Transition (WIT)

TOPIC: Compassion Predicaments

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2016

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, February 1, 2016 to Susan, susimone@aol.com or if you have questions, call 310-377-0642

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS COME TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!

Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 12:30 PM to 5:15 PM

Join fellow AAUW members for thought-provoking discussions led by the AAUW-CA Leadership Development Committee. This half-day session will include an Opening Session: *Let's Get Disruptive: New Ways to Do Old Things* followed by two sessions of your choice.

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Registration: January 18 - February 12

Click www.eventbrite.com/e/aaaw-ca-leadership-development-workshop-whittier-tickets-20709233876

to register online (preferred) for the Whittier Workshop

Book Note, by Jamie Watson

LEADERSHIP THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WAY by Robin Gerber

Examining her rise from a difficult childhood to an enormously productive and politically involved life, the author shares an inspiring road map to heroic living and an unparalleled model for personal achievement.

" You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best that you have to give." Eleanor Roosevelt



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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2015

- February**
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 - 04 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
 - 19 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Group, Pg. 5
 - 20 Saturday, 12:30 Leadership Development Workshop, Pg. 7
 - 23 Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Evening Lit. Group, Pg. 5
 - 24 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film Group, Pg. 5
- March**
- 02 Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, Pg. 2
 - 18 Saturday, 9:30 am, General Meeting, Pg. 2

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.