



**AAUW TORRANCE
GENERAL MEETING**



*JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE YEAR WITH A FOCUS ON WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT –
A PRIORITY THAT AAUW ADDRESSES WITH THE AAUW FUND PROGRAM:*



Please welcome

**HEIDI ASHCRAFT
TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Ms. Ashcraft was elected to City Council on June 3, 2014, after being first appointed to the Council in 2013 to fill a vacancy. She currently serves as chair of the Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee, and is a member of the Community Planning and Design Committee and the Transportation Committee. She also serves as a member of the Special Standing State Legislative Advocacy Committee, and the Alternate Voting Delegate for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and the League of California Cities - Los Angeles County Division.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

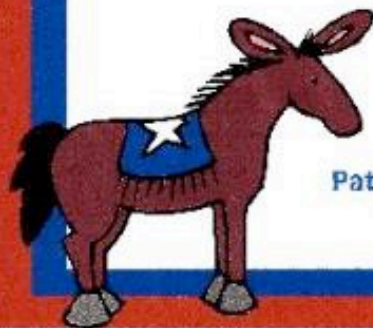
9:30 AM

**TORRANCE AIRPORT MEETING ROOM
ZAMPERINI FIELD, TORRANCE, CA**

**Light snacks, coffee, tea
and water will be served.**

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Happy 2016 Everyone!

Our first branch program of the year, coming up on January 9, will focus on Women in Government as we present Torrance City Council Member Heidi Ashcraft. Be sure to attend this Saturday morning event and hear about what hurdles Ms. Ashcraft faced to become a city council member. (Please see the flyer on page one.) This meeting highlights what AAUW seeks to address with its Campus Leadership Program "Elect Her," the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office. A collaboration between AAUW and Running Start, "Elect Her" hopes to expand the pipeline of women candidates and to diminish the longstanding political leadership gender gap.

Coming up on April 16th, our third annual AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER! This event will be both social and educational as we present the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Director of Tea, David DeCandia, who has been all over the world in search of the best teas! (Please see the "Save the Date" article below in this newsletter.) We need all members to help spread the word about this event!

Our next board meeting will be at my house on January 5, 2016.

Elaine

The Year in Review

You can continue AAUW's crucial work to empower women and girls. Just look at what your support has helped us accomplish together this past year:

- We awarded more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 241 women during the 2015-16 academic year.
- We tackled the gender pay gap on a bigger scale than ever before with the AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation program in Boston, which will train more than 85,000 women in that city by 2020.
- We fought to keep girls safe in classrooms and on campus by pushing for enforceable regulations to support the Campus SaVE Act.
- We continued to bring women and girls into STEM fields through our AAUW National Tech Trek and Tech Savvy programs and our acclaimed research report Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing.

With your ongoing support, we'll be in a strong position in 2016 to continue making America's classrooms and workplaces fair for all women and girls.

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AAUW FUND

Fund Donations

The branch is sending in our 2015 donation to AAUW Fund of \$1215 from the Tea in May 2015. We raised \$1514.47 at the tea. So far for 2015, individual and branch contributions total \$835. For each named gift honoree certificate, the branch has to contribute \$750. In order to get three certificates we need to contribute an additional \$1415. We have a promised donation of \$200, so we are sending in \$1215. That leaves about \$300 as seed money for next year's tea.

Special thanks to members and supporters who have made individual donations to AAUW Fund this year:

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Afternoon Tea 2016

We are looking forward to our Afternoon tea fundraiser. Please **get the word out** about our Tea on April 16, 2016 at the Toyota Automobile Museum. If you have a contact person for an organization to which we could send our information, it would be helpful. We would like a high attendance. Tickets will be \$25 initially, and \$30 later, so buy your tickets now! We will also **need table hostesses** who will invite guests, and provide table settings (which may be yours, borrowed, or provided in some cases). Contact Margot Sullivan and Pat Carroll if you can host or have dishes.

Our next tea meeting will be January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Moog.

Contact Gloria Liu, glb7891@gmail.com, to RSVP and get a badge and confirm date and time.



Save The Date!

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser, April 16, 2016

Good news - we have lined up a terrific speaker for the 2016 Fundraiser Tea - he is THE tea expert from Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, David DeCandia. He'll be telling us all about where most of our tea is grown as well as a bit about his globetrotting to find new and different teas.

As mentioned previously, this event will be held at the Toyota Automobile Museum and we will once again have a silent auction and a "Best Hat Contest." **Please spread the word - this will be our best tea yet!**

We are calling for volunteers to host each table for eight. Each hostess will furnish her table with table settings and colorful table cloths and make sure guests are served. For more hostess info contact:

Pat Carroll, 310 325-3803, tnpcarroll@aol.com or

Pat Arnett, 310 530-1377 or acashel@att.net.

Again, if you have an auction item you'd like to contribute, please let Athena, athena@stratisfinancial.com, know.

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to a new year of Tech Trek!

Join us for our next EPC meeting **Thursday, January 7, 2016 at Moog, at 6:30pm**. Please contact Pam Kenoyer pkenoyer@moog.com for admittance. Moog is located at 20263 Western Ave., Torrance. **Please note: this is an earlier date as we usually meet the second Thursday.**

We are beginning our activities for the new year of Tech Trek Camp. We welcome you to join us as we put our plans in action. Whether you are great at computer skills or would like to meet the camper nominees and act as a School Buddy or be a Reader for all the essays submitted...we have something that would interest you, and we do need your help. This program is great because the reward of seeing the smiling faces of the girls when they return from camp and express how much it has meant to them is immeasurable. Plan to be a part of it!

School Buddies needed: Are you available for a few days between Friday, February 5th and Friday, February 12th? We are looking for members to visit a middle school or schools in Torrance, Los Angeles, or Redondo Beach to meet the five girls nominated by their math and science teachers, usually at lunch time. The School Buddy will give the application packet to the girls and explain what Tech Trek is. There is a script you can use. New School Buddies will pick up their packets and instructions at our **Thursday, February 4 meeting (please note this meeting is also a week earlier than usual)**. If necessary, those who have served as School Buddies before can make other arrangements to get their packets. New School Buddies may also like to go along with a "veteran School Buddy" to see how it all works. **The visits are made between February 5th and 12th. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Monga at filmgroup@earthlink.net as soon as possible.**

School Readers needed: Available between March 10-18? We are looking for members to read the girls' essays and select the campers. There are three Readers per school, so if you would be available to read for several schools that would be especially appreciated. Again, please contact Peggy Monga at filmgroup@earthlink.net.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

Thank you!

Margot Sullivan, EPC member

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group

Date: Friday, January 15, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: The home of Ann Dupuy

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

All the Light We Cannot See, by Anthony Doerr

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel. In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

Evening Literature Group

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Time: 7:30pm

At the home of Dana Basiulis

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

Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

Thomas Hardy's first major literary success. Independent and spirited Bathsheba Everdene has come to Weatherbury to take up her position as a farmer on the largest estate in the area. Her bold presence draws three very different suitors and each, in contrasting ways, unsettles her decisions and complicates her life. Tragedy ensues, threatening the stability of the community. Evocative descriptions of rural life and landscapes, with unflinching honesty about sexual relationships.

Coming in February: Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Film Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm At
the home of Peggy Monga
RSVP to 310-316-7542 or filmgroup@earthlink.net

Two by Spain's Pedro Almodovar. Both at Torrance and Netflix

ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER (1999)(2000)(Rated R) In this comic melodrama, grief stricken Manuela, a hard-working nurse, returns to Barcelona after the death of her son to search for the boy's father. She overcomes her grief and becomes caregiver to a colorful extended family. Ebert 3 ½ *

TALK TO HER(2003)(Rated R) A travel writer and a male nurse meet as they spend time at the bedsides of the women in their lives, who are both in comas. Ebert 3 1/2 *.

Women in Transition (WIT)

TOPIC: Annual Business Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 2016

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY SUNDAY, January 3, 2016 to SUSAN: susimone@aol.com or if you have questions, call: 310-377-0642



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CALENDER OF EVENTS JANUARY 2016

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The DEADLINE for newsletter articles is the 20th of the preceding month.

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.*
