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AAUW TORRANCE 2017 - 2018 SUMMER PLANNING SESSION

All Torrance Branch members are invited to help plan our Golden Anniversary year! Come and help support our branch and our new president, Indrani Chatterjee. We need your input to keep us on track to follow our mission to "advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

In addition to a potluck lunch we will have a business meeting with a brief review of the past year and then move forward with ideas and plans for the coming year.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 22, at 10 am

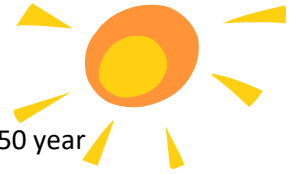
Place: Home of Nancy Kenney

RSVP to Nancy at

(310) 373-2441 or nancykenney365@msn.com

for what food categories are needed for our potluck.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Torrance Members,

Fiscal Year 2017-18 will be very special for AAUW Torrance Branch: we will celebrate our 50 year anniversary in May/June 2018.

Our mission at AAUW is to "advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research." This year we will follow the mission through our programs, Tech Trek, and the partnership with the local educational institutions. We will start our first meeting with Summer Planning Session on July 22nd at branch secretary Nancy Kenney's home. I would like to hear from you. Therefore, please join us in the meeting.

I want to thank immediate past president Elaine Bohrer who came forward to lead the branch and did an excellent job. Thank you to all dedicated members who donate hours to fulfill AAUW's mission.

It has been seventeen years that I have been a member of AAUW Torrance. The journey started after meeting with Shawna Thorup (former Torrance AAUW president) for the first time at the Torrance Main Library during Jane Harman's re-election event. I am also serving as AAUW-CA International Advocacy-Program Committee for 2017-18.

I look forward to working with the women of AAUW Torrance.

Regards,
Indrani



June Installation Brunch: American Fellowship speaker Michela Musto (above) and members enjoy the program (right).



DIRECTORY REMINDER!

Last chance to be in the directory! if you have not sent in your renewals yet DO IT NOW! I hope to pass out our 2017-18 membership directories in September and will be putting it together soon.

Thanks, Elaine

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS



AAUW is excited to announce that Kimberly Churches will be our chief executive officer starting June 1, 2017. Kimberly comes to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fundraising as the managing director. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K–12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits. Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.

PUBLIC POLICY

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW)'s volunteer lobby corps led a group of fair pay advocates and children through the halls of Congress at 9:30 a.m., June 6, to ask members to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 84/H.R. 377). This day of action served to remind Congress of the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act on June 10 and also to demand the act's promise of equal pay for equal work.

The group of about 75 women and children wore red and handed out packets of red M&Ms to represent that Congress has left women in the red due to its refusal to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. These M&Ms bore a not-so-sweet message. The candy was custom-printed with wage gap numbers, including 77 cents, because women are paid 77 cents, on average, for every dollar paid to men.

"We are presenting Congress with this very visible reminder of the wage gap's effects on women and families because Congress has refused time and again to make passing the Paycheck Fairness Act a priority," said AAUW CEO Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "We hope members of Congress enjoy the M&Ms — but that they do so while figuring out how to immediately move the Paycheck Fairness Act forward."

The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and AAUW staffers were joined in this effort by Alliance for Justice, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Coalition of Labor Union Women, Jewish Women International, MomsRising, the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Council of Women's Organizations, the National Partnership for Women and Families, the National Women's Law Center, UltraViolet, and 9to5. For more than 40 years, Lobby Corps members have made weekly visits to Congress to put voices and faces to issues affecting women and girls.

The group asked House and Senate members to cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act and urged House members to sign on to a discharge petition led by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) that would bring the Paycheck Fairness Act to the floor. The Paycheck Fairness Act would provide a needed update to the Equal Pay Act by protecting employees from retaliation if they share their wages or ask about employers' wage practices; it would also implement stronger deterrents designed to stop discrimination before it starts.

"Lobby Corps and friends ...represent women nationwide who have not received the Equal Pay Act's promise," said AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz. "There's no better time than now, the law's 50th anniversary, for Congress to take action on fair pay. The Equal Pay Act opened the door on pay equity; now it is time for Congress to enable women to walk through."

In addition to this action in Washington, D.C., AAUW members across the country have been delivering some sweet treats of their own. AAUW members have brought cakes with 23 percent missing — to represent the wage gap — to district offices of members of Congress.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of EPC will be **Thursday, July 13 at 6:30pm at the residence of Nancy Brock and Janice Pomerantz**. Use the call box to reach them and be buzzed into the lobby. Then take the elevator to the 1st floor Community Room. Contact Nancy's cell 424-237-2249 or Janice's cell 310-892-9349 if you are unable to enter.

The **Orientation** for new Tech Trek campers was held at Hull Middle School on Sunday, June 4. Thank you to co-chairs, **Pat Arnett and Janice Pomerantz**, and their helpers, **Pat Carroll, Michele Freck, Gloria Liu, Alice Hill, Nancy Brock, Maymie Chenoweth, Peggy Monga, and Margot Sullivan** for a very successful event. Thank you to **Susan Negrete** who spoke to the parents about her experiences at Tech Trek Camp as a Dorm Mom and answered their questions and concerns about camp. We were so glad to have the assistance of **Pam Kenoyer and TTAG members Logan Hayes, Lauren LaRue, Ti'Lar Jackson, and Yaxhel Lozoya** who led many of the activities during the day's program. It was a wonderful treat to have special guest helper and Tech Trek alumna, **Dr. Katherine Yip**, from Stanford 2001 Tech Trek Camp, now an emergency room doctor, share her experiences with the campers. Thank you to **Tom Carroll, husband of Pat**, who was our official photographer. We appreciate all of Tom's hard work and look forward to sharing the wonderful photos.

At the set up on Saturday, we were grateful for the help of TTAG member **Lisa Wermers**, and 6 members of the **West High Interact Club**. It is impressive that these young people volunteer to help and serve in many capacities, and they are such good workers! Thank you, **Gloria Liu**, for obtaining their service.

The 16 Torrance Middle School Tech Trek campers were presented to the Torrance School Board on Monday, June 5 by **Susan Negrete**. Susan was accompanied by her husband, Bob, who we thank for taking the photographs. The girls were given certificates from the School Board, local officials, and our Torrance Branch AAUW.

On Tuesday, June 6, **Athena Paquette and Maymie Chenoweth** presented the Redondo Beach Tech Trek campers to the Redondo Beach School Board where these girls also received certificates from the School Board, officials and our branch. Thank you to **Susan, Athena and Maymie** for representing our branch so well!

Save October 17 for the Tech Trek Celebration! Please join us as we plan for our new year of EPC and prepare for the Celebration. Your help is always greatly appreciated for this very worthwhile and rewarding program of encouraging and providing opportunities for young middle school girls to pursue interest in STEM.

Margot Sullivan, EPC
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E-Telegram Recipients: Please see our Tech Trek photo album at the end of this newsletter!

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Friday, July 21,
at 6:30 pm
Location: at the home of Ann DuPuy
See your directory for address.
Contact: Lydia,
lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

All the Single Ladies by Rebecca Traister
"An informative and thought-provoking book for anyone—not just single ladies" (*The New York Times Book Review*), *All the Single Ladies* is a remarkable portrait of contemporary American life and how we got here, through the lens of the unmarried American woman. Covering class, race, sexual orientation, and filled with vivid anecdotes from fascinating contemporary and historical figures, "we're better off reading Rebecca Traister on women, politics, and America than pretty much anyone else" (*The Boston Globe*).

Date & Time: Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm
Location: Home of Rachel Ambrose
See your directory for address.
Contact: Lydia, lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

***The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah**

"With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The *Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime." Amazon.com

Women in Transition (WIT)



Date & Time: Wed., Aug. 2, 7–9:00 pm
Location: Private residence
RSVP: by Mon., Jul. 31, to Susan
Negrete, 310-377-0642 or
susimone@aol.com.

Topic: Summer Social & Reveal: What I've Done on My Summer Vacation.

Evening Literature Group



Date & Time: Tuesday., Aug. 22, 7:30 pm
Location: Karen Gottlieb's home
See your directory for address.
RSVP: Karen, 310 539-4741 or
kgott10@gmail.com

NO EVENING LIT. MEETING IN JULY

***The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg**

A fun-loving mystery about an Alabama woman today, and five women who in 1943 worked in a Phillips 66 gas station. Sookie has just married off the last of her daughters and is looking forward to traveling with her husband. The only thing left to contend with is her overbearing mother. By accident, Sookie discovers a secret about her mother's past that knocks her for a loop and calls into question everything she thought she knew about herself, her family, and her future.

Film Group

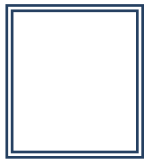


Date & Time: Wed., July 26, 7:00 pm
Location: Home of Rachel Ambrose
See your directory for address.
RSVP: Rachel, 310 373-5620 or
rambrose@rocketmail.com

NO FILM GROUP MEETING IN AUGUST
Fathers and Sons

Footnote (2011)(2012)(Rated PG). From Director Joseph Cedar comes the story of Eliezer and Uriel Shkolnik, who are father and son as well as rival professors in Talmudic Studies. When both men learn that Eliezer will be lauded for his work, their complicated relationship reaches a new peak. "... it's one of the smartest and most merciless comedies to come along in a while [and] benefits from uncanny casting. ... In its study of human nature, it is deep and takes no prisoners."-- Ebert 4 stars. Nominated for Best Foreign Film, and won for Best Screenplay. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD.

The Return (2003)(2004)(Rated NR) In the remote Russian wilderness, two brothers face a range of new, conflicting emotions when their father, who they know through a single photograph, resurfaces after 12 years. Director Andrey Zvyagintsev, in his debut, brings a visually stunning film that won Best First Film and the Golden Lion at Venice. (Original title: Vozvrashcheniye) "*The Return* does not conceal information from the audience, which would be a technique of manipulation, but from the boys, which is a technique of drama. The movie is...about...the boys' confusion and alarm. It eventually arrives at the point where the boys must decide whether or not to act, and here the interior dynamic of their own relationship is more important than how they feel about their father." Ebert. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2012

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Sept. 05 Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, details in Sept. Telegram

YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AND AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT OUR SEPTEMBER WELCOME BACK MEETING. (See Sept. Telegram for meeting details.)

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 20th of the preceding month.