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**HOSPITALITY** – open

Torrance AAUW invites you to join us  
this Memorial Day weekend for a guided tour of the



The **Western Museum of Flight**, operated by the Southern California Historical Aviation Foundation, houses not only historic and rare aircraft, many of which were built in Southern California, but also has an extensive collection of historic photographs and blueprints. See aircraft such as:

- The second Northrop Advanced Tactical Fighter
- Fifth generation stealth fighter demonstrator
- The first Northrop YF-17 Cobra, a lightweight fighter which was the basis for the Boeing Hornet currently used by the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps
- Numerous other notable jet- and propeller-drive airplanes.
- And climb into the cockpit of a Northrop F-5A Freedom Fighter!

**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am**

**Zamperini Field Lobby**

**3301 Airport Drive, Torrance**

We will gather in the LOBBY next to the community room where we usually have our meetings. A docent will escort us next door to the museum for our tour. Bring a guest – all are welcome!

**Cost: \$5 donation for each adult guest.**

We will have one docent for every 10 people, so it is important that we get an early head count. **RSVP by Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, to**

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

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## President's Message

### 2016-17 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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AAUW FUND VP - open

Dear Torrance Branch Members,

As of this writing we are still looking forward to our fundraiser, Teatime Together, coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Ticket sales look good and I'm sure we will be able to tuck another success under our belts!

Moving forward, May is the month we have our branch elections, with the installation of officers at our June year-end meeting. If you have read the flyer on page one of this newsletter you will see that our May meeting will be a tour of the Western Museum of Flight - not exactly the best situation for an election. **THEREFORE, WE WILL BE E-MAILING BALLOTS** to all members and asking that you please cast your votes by clicking on "reply" and stating your "Yea" or "Nay." For those few members who do not have email, please call me at 310 376-3352 with your vote.

**Our slate of nominees for our elective officers for 2017 - 18:**

**President: Indrani Chatterjee**

**Treasurer: Lisa Blank**

**Program Committee: Janice Pomerantz, logistics coordinator**

Continuing in their current positions are:

Nancy Kenney, Secretary, and Gloria Liu, Membership VP.

Thank you to our nominees and continuing officers for your dedication!

Next board meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at my home.

Elaine

## Membership – Dues Renewals

Renewals for branch membership for the new year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018). Forms are on the branch website. <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net/gettoknowus/join/>.

**A membership form is available at the end of the Telegram.**

--- Gloria Liu, Membership VP

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRESENTATION BY SUSAN NEGRETE,  
CHAIR, LACIC (Los Angeles County Interbranch Council)**

LACIC's May 21 meeting has a special guest speaker - our own Susan Negrete, Chair, LACIC, and Member of Torrance, PVP and CA Online Branches. Her topic is: "Join the AAUW Gold Rush - Discover & Mine Your Branch Legacy."

The meeting will be held at PIH (formerly known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital), 12401 Washington Boulevard, Lower Level Conference Room F, Whittier, from 2-4 p.m. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 21!

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Dear AAUW Members,

The CEO Search Committee is thrilled to announce that AAUW will have a new chief executive officer starting on June 1, 2017. Following an exhaustive search and interviews with many brilliant candidates, we're so pleased to have Kimberly Churches taking the helm of AAUW at a time of such potential for our mission.

Kimberly is coming to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she guided the strategic vision for one of the world's most influential research and policy institutes. She also has an impressive background in higher education and fundraising.

You will have the chance to hear more from Kimberly and meet her at the 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., June 14-17. In the meantime you can read more about her and look forward to her leadership in AAUW's next chapter.

Best,

Patricia Fae Ho  
AAUW Board Chair

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## Educational Partnership Committee

Our next EPC meeting will be held **Thursday, May 11, at 6:30pm at the residence of Nancy Brock and Janice Pomerantz, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd. (Village Court)** For entrance, follow the directions on the call box to reach Nancy or Janice. They will buzz you into lobby. Take the elevator to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor community room. If you experience a problem, call Nancy's cell 424-237-2249 or Janice's cell 310-892-9349.

Thank you to all who helped with the processing of the camper packets for the girls who have been selected to attend a Tech Trek camp. Twenty-eight camper packets have been delivered. Thank you especially to **Peggy Monga, Alice Hill, Janice Pomerantz, and Maymie Chenoweth** for all their help with the packets. **Alice Hill** has been working on all our camper documents and organizing all the materials for each camp. **Janice** has been doing lots of printing of all the documents and address labels, and **Maymie, Nancy Brock, Michele Freck**, and our guest **Gloria Gutierrez** did all the writing and addressing and stuffing of the envelopes. **Michele** has also been coordinating all the monies that have been coming in for sponsorships and directing the monies to each of the camps.

### Ongoing. Camper follow-up:

- The selected girls are receiving packets of forms they must fill out and return. Some are coming to us and some are going directly to the Camp Directors.
- The Santa Barbara camp forms were sent out by us and are being returned to Margot Sullivan. There are 12 campers, and multiple forms to return, including the \$50.00 parent check. They are due May 5.
- The Whittier camp forms were sent out by us and are being returned to Gloria Liu. There are 4 campers, with a similar number of forms and the parent checks.
- For San Diego and Irvine, we sent out only a couple of forms plus parent checks, which are being returned to our Branch P.O. Box. **We need someone who will vet these 16 camper forms, and follow up if any information is missing.**
- Once our forms are in, we need to send them on to the camps, along with other application material the camps may want—it varies by camp. All this is due to the camps about May 20.
- **CERTIFICATES:** We are in the process of requesting and collecting the certificates that we give to the campers at their School Board meetings, or, in the case of LAUSD, at our October Celebration. We ask State Assemblymen or Senators to contribute certificates.
- Principals and School Boards are scheduled to receive emails listing the winners by school.
- **June 4 is our Orientation at Hull Middle School, 2080 W. 231<sup>st</sup> St., Torrance** for all the campers from Torrance Branch. **Pat Arnett and Janice Pomerantz** are coordinating the program. Set up time in the Multi-purpose room will be **Saturday, June 3 at 9am. The program is from 1-4 on Sunday with last minute set up starting at 11am.** If you are available and would like to help at any or all of these times, please **contact Pat Arnett [acashel@att.net](mailto:acashel@att.net) or Janice Pomerantz [jbpomerantz@yahoo.com](mailto:jbpomerantz@yahoo.com).** It's a very fun and interesting day that includes activities, refreshments, and a question and answer session with the parents, and your help is needed.
- The new Tech Trek campers from Redondo Beach will be presented to the School Board on at a date to be determined, with arrival at 6pm, and Torrance campers will be recognized at the Torrance School Board on Monday, June 5.

**See you at our EPC meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>!**

Continue to keep **Karen Hassen** in your thoughts and prayers during her hospitalization.

Margot Sullivan

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## Interest Groups

### Diversity Book Group

Date & Time: Friday, May 19, 6:30pm

At the home of Nancy Kenney

RSVP to Lydia Hachmeister McCarver at [lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com](mailto:lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com)

The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II by Denise Kiernan

In this book the author traces the story of the unsung World War II workers in Oak Ridge, Tennessee through interviews with dozens of surviving women and other Oak Ridge residents. This is the story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who unwittingly played a crucial role in one of the most significant moments in U.S. history. The Tennessee town of Oak Ridge was created from scratch in 1942. One of the Manhattan Project's secret cities, it did not appear on any maps until 1949, and yet at the height of World War II it was using more electricity than New York City and was home to more than 75,000 people, many of them young women recruited from small towns across the South. Their jobs were shrouded in mystery, but they were buoyed by a sense of shared purpose, close friendships, and a surplus of handsome scientists and Army men. But against this wartime backdrop, a darker story was unfolding. The penalty for talking about their work, even the most innocuous details, was job loss and eviction. One woman was recruited to spy on her coworkers. They all knew something big was happening at Oak Ridge, but few could piece together the true nature of their work until the bomb "Little Boy" was dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, and the secret was out. The shocking revelation: the residents of Oak Ridge were enriching uranium for the atomic bomb. Though the young women originally believed they would leave Oak Ridge after the war, many met husbands there, made lifelong friends, and still call the seventy-year-old town home. The reverberations from their work there, work they did not fully understand at the time, are still being felt today.

### Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 23, 7:30pm

At the home of Gerry Suzuki

RSVP to Lisa Blank at 310-835-9613 or [girlphd@juno.com](mailto:girlphd@juno.com)

The Red Leather Diary by Lily Koppel

Rescued from a dumpster, the red leather diary found its way to Lily Koppel who opened its brass lock and journeyed into a breathtaking portrait of a bygone New York and the teenager who filled its pages with her hopes, heartaches, and vivid recollections. Intimate interviews with the now ninety-year old owner and original diary entries, *The Red Leather Diary* re-creates the romance of a remarkable era and brings to life the true story of a precocious young dreamer.

Coming in June: Pot Luck and Book Review for 2017/2018

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TOPIC: Transitions to Living Arrangements with Other Adults

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, May 1 to Susan at [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)

Or, for questions, call 310-377-0642.

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## Interest Groups, continued

### Film Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 pm

At the home of Margot Sullivan

RSVP to [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net) or 310-316-7542

Political battles now and then.

*ALL THE WAY* (2016)(Rated TV-14) Based on the Tony-Award winning play, this HBO presentation, written by Robert Schenkkan, stars Bryan Cranston in a riveting look at the formidable challenges and demons faced by President Lyndon Johnson on his tumultuous first year in office, from his accidental ascension to the presidency in November 1963, to his relentless fight to win passage of a landmark Civil Rights Bill. Melissa Leo is wonderful as Lady Bird Johnson, and Frank Langella is excellent as Senator Richard Russell. Cranston won the Screen Actors Guild Outstanding Performance award for his portrayal of LBJ. "The film chronicles LBJ's deft political acumen to enact legislation through sometimes controversial tactics and compromise with his political enemies. In order to achieve his ends, LBJ was also forced to confront his political allies, including MLK and the Dixiecrats, at the risk of hurting his chances in the 1964 presidential election."—Keith Young, Keith on Reels. Available at Torrance, Redondo and Netflix DVD.

*RECOUNT* (2008)(Rated TV-MA) This Emmy-winning made-for-TV movie chronicles the extraordinary behind-the-scenes drama that unfolded in the weeks following the highly controversial 2000 election. With the nation's leadership in the balance, the battle between George W. Bush and Al Gore comes down to a hotly contested vote count in Florida. Kevin Spacey and Laura Dern (in a Golden Globe-winning role) star. "Katherine Harris was a piece of work. The Florida Secretary of State during the 2000 elections is not intended as the leading role in "Recount," ... but every time Laura Dern appears on the screen, she owns it. ...As much as anyone, Harris was responsible for George W. Bush being declared the winner of the state and thus of the presidency." -Ebert 3 stars. Available at Torrance, Redondo (widescreen 2016) and Netflix DVD.

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## Funds

### We're #2 in the State!

Torrance Branch was second highest AAUW Fund donor in the state with **\$46,894** for calendar year 2016. First in the state was Danville-Alamo \$62,000. Torrance was third in state for per capita donations. **Congratulations to you all, and particularly the Educational Partnership Committee for raising so much money for Tech Trek camperships and camp support.** This is the only year Tech Trek donations count in AAUW Fund. Next year it will be less, since the Tech Trek accounting and donations will shift back to the states.

Please note, Tech Trek will be moving back to the individual states after the camps this year, and will no longer be part of the national AAUW Fund. Therefore, California's Tech Trek will once again be part of the AAUW CA Special Projects Fund, or a separate account in AAUW CA.

Branch 2016 contributions \$7,294.75 including

1. Camperships for 2016 and 2017 (Athena Paquette Cormier and Vicki and Jennifer Goorchenko)
2. Donations to Tech Trek (Janice Pomerantz and Pat Carroll)
3. Branch contribution to Start Smart of \$2,670 from 2016 Tea
4. Amazon Smile donations from Pam Kenoyer
5. Individual contributions to other parts of Fund.

Some of the money was for 2016 Tech Trek camperships, and some for 2017. The rest of the money went to AAUW Fund, Charting The Course Campaign, Tech Savvy, and Unrestricted Legal Advocacy Fund.

Other Sponsor contributions of \$39,600, some for 2016, some for 2017 includes

1. Alcoa (Fasteners) (now spun off or sold as Arconic) \$25,000 of which we spent \$19,300 in 2016 and have \$6,700 in 2017. Some was for camp equipment, and camp support
2. Symantec \$5,000 for 2017
3. Keck \$4,000 for 2017
4. Tech Trek Dad Cliff Weinan \$2000 for 2017. He has given consistently for many years
5. Moog \$900 for 2016
6. Saatchi and Saatchi \$1800.

--- Gloria Liu, Membership VP

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## Teatime Together

Athena, Gloria, Janice, Judy, Keri, Nancy, Pat A, Pat C and Suzanne of your Teatime Together Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity and support for our April 29 tea for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. When our Treasurer has calculated all the financials we will announce the amount raised for the Fund.







## Torrance Branch

### 2017-2018 Dues Renewal Statement FOR RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

(work) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

NEW: Check here if you prefer that your home address NOT be included in our e-directory: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All information will still be included in the printed directory.)

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: (use back if you need more space)



**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 2017-2018 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than Torrance)*

**If sending payment after June 10, 2017, add Late Fee: \$5.00** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Optional \$5 donation to receive 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 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**, a 501(c)(3) entity, advances educational and professional opportunities for women and combats sex discrimination in the work place. Please include a separate check payable to "AAUW Fund." You may indicate which Fund you wish to support (including Tech Trek, Legal Advocacy Fund, Work Smart & Start Smart, etc). Please see the AAUW Fund diagram at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-support-programs-aauw-fund-diagram/>*

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