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**AAUW Torrance presents**



Billie Lee Langley has been speaking out and educating the public about slavery and human trafficking since the late 1900s. She lived more than four years in Southeast Asia and became aware of human trafficking then.

She will give you a background about Human Trafficking that has been and continues to be happening in California, as well as in your own backyard.

You will walk away with information that can help you understand today's human trafficking issues and what you can do about it.

**Saturday,  
November 18, 2017  
9:30 am**

**at the Torrance Airport Community Room  
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance**

**(Between Hawthorne & Crenshaw at Zamperini Way)**

**BRING YOUR CUP AND ENJOY COFFEE OR TEA  
AS WELL AS A LIGHT SNACK**

**Schedule:**

**9:30 am – Networking & light refreshments**

**9:45 am – Welcome and announcements**

**10:00 AM – Our speaker**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Torrance Members,

The month October always has been marked for the Tech Trek celebration. I attended this year's Celebration and was astounded to see the amount of dedication it takes on the part of the Educational Partnership Committee to showcase this great event. Congratulations to EPC Volunteer Members for their interest, their time, and their passion toward a great cause!

In October, another amazing event, an AAUW Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop, will hold its first session at the California State University, Dominguez Hills on October 26th. I will share the success story in December's Telegram.

**Human trafficking** is a form of modern slavery and is a fast-growing activity globally. On November 18th, Billie Lee Langley, one of our own members, will present a Human Trafficking Discussion. I look forward to that event and hope to see all of you on November 18. (See page one.)

Thanks to all of you for your passion, your dedication and the time that you donate to help to fulfill AAUW's mission.



Regards, *Indrani*

**Next board meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:30, at Indrani's home. RSVP to her at [ichat905@gmail.com](mailto:ichat905@gmail.com)**

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## LACIC NEWS

**LACIC – REPRESENTING AAUW BRANCHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

<https://sites.google.com/site/aaowlacic/>

**Next LACIC Meeting: Sunday, November 12, 2017, 2-4 p.m**

**PIH--Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital,**

**12401 Washington Boulevard, Lower Level Conf. Room F, Whittier, CA 90602**

The program will feature NANCY MAHR, AAUW-CA Director, Public Policy Chair, and PVP Branch Member. Her presentation will include training on branch advocacy and interrelated topics.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome Kathleen (Kat) Yip, our newest member! She joined to give back to AAUW, having been a Tech Trek camper in Northern California (Stanford camper) in 2001. Kathleen spoke at the Tech Trek Orientation in June, which inspired campers prior to attending camps. She has been participating in the Educational Partnership Committee (EPC) and helping in the Tech Trek Alumni Group (TTAG). Kathleen is a doctor at Harbor-UCLA hospital, serving as a resident in emergency medicine.

Please see your 2017-18 directory for her contact information.

Gloria Liu, Membership VP, [glsb7891@gmail.com](mailto:glsb7891@gmail.com)

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## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Please let me know if you have not received your membership directory yet and I'll try to track it down for you!

Elaine Bohrer, [elnbohrer@aol.com](mailto:elnbohrer@aol.com)



## EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

**Please note the date change** and join us for our monthly meeting on **Thursday, November 16** at 6:30pm at **Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd, residence of Nancy Brock**. (Use call box to be buzzed into lobby. We meet in 1<sup>st</sup> floor community room. Contact Nancy's cell 650-678-5522 if you are unable to enter.)

Our Tech Trek Celebration on October 17<sup>th</sup> was a great success. It is always rewarding to hear how much our Tech Trek campers have learned and been inspired by their experiences at Tech Trek Camp. Thank you to all members who participated. **We are grateful for your help, your refreshments, your support, your scholarships, and your presence at our Celebration. We would especially like to thank our EPC Tech Trek committee members Pat Arnett, Nancy Brock, Pat Carroll, Maymie Chenoweth, Inetha Foster, Michele Freck, Alice Hill, Gloria Liu, Peggy Monga, Janice Pomerantz, and Kathleen Yip.** We are so appreciative of **Patty Girgis, principal of Hull Middle School**, for providing her school for the venue, and the setup, and for her invaluable help with the audio-visual system for the girls' Power-Point presentations. We are very grateful for our TTAG (Tech Trek Alumnae Group) helpers, **Logan Hayes, Khushi Kumra and Charlotte Maguy** who continue to provide such wonderful assistance for our events. They guided campers, gave technical help and spoke about TTAG to our campers. Thank you, **Indrani Chatterjee**, for introducing AAUW Torrance to our audience.

Thank you especially to our sponsors who have provided the scholarships and materials:

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Janice Pomerantz**

**We hope you will now join us as we begin a new year of selecting campers for 2018 Tech Trek Camps. Arconic Foundation and Arconic Fastening Systems and Rings** provided a generous grant and along with our other sponsors that we hope to have again this coming year, we will be able to send more campers in 2018. **Alice Hill, our Tech Trek Coordinator**, has already requested camper spots at the five campuses in Southern California for next year so we are off and running. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this exciting program?

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotrsullivan@aol.com

## TECH TREK CELEBRATION 2017!



Our audience included Tech Trek girls, sponsors, educators, parents, grandparents and siblings as well as branch members.

Torrance AAUW President Indrani Chatterjee speaks about AAUW and Tech Trek at the event.



Front row: Tech Trek girls who were sponsored by the AAUW Torrance Branch  
Back row: Tech Trek Committee members Margot Sullivan, Pat Arnett, Maymie Chenoweth, Gloria Liu and Janice Pomerantz



# INTEREST GROUPS

## Diversity Book Group



**Date & Time:** Friday, Nov. 17,  
at 6:30 pm

**Location:** to be determined.

**Watch your email!**

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

### *The Boys in the Boat,*

**by Daniel James Brown**

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

## Evening Literary Group



**Date & Time:** Tues., Nov. 28,  
at 7:30 pm

**Location:** The home of Dana Basiulis  
**See your directory for address.**

**RSVP:** 310 373-2914 or basiulis@verizon.net

### *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Excellent telling of the story of the air and space agency "computers" from WWII to the lunar landing and beyond. Does a good job of blending personal histories with air and space history, black history, women's history. Fast read, and makes the numbers part comprehensible.

### December: Holiday Potluck & Poetry Reading

Happy  
Thanksgiving

## Women in Transition (WIT)



**Date & Time:** Wed., Nov. 1, 7 – 9 pm

**Location:** Home of Susan Negrete

**See your directory for address.**

**RSVP:** by Mon., Oct. 30, to Susan Negrete, 310-377-0642 or susimone@aol.com.

**Topic:** Forgiveness and Forgiving

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## Film Group



**Date & Time:** Wed., Nov. 15, 7 pm

**Location:** Home of Margot Sullivan

**See your directory for address.**

**RSVP:** Margot, 310 316-7916 or margotrsullivan@aol.com

Join us for light refreshments and lively conversation. Everybody's a critic!  
Note: we meet one week earlier to avoid Thanksgiving. And we do not meet in December.

### Golden oldies from pre-code Hollywood

**TROUBLE IN PARADISE** (1932)(2003)(Rated NR) An Ernst Lubitsch film, starring Miriam Hopkins, Kay Francis and Herbert Marshall and veteran supporting cast including Charlie Ruggles and Edward Everett Horton. When gentleman thief Gaston meets his true love in pickpocket Lily, they embark on a scam to rob lovely Mariette Colet. When Gaston becomes romantically entangled with Mme. Colet, he is forced to choose between two beautiful women"-- It is about people who are almost impossibly adult, in that fanciful movie way -- so suave, cynical, sophisticated, smooth and sure, that a lifetime is hardly long enough to achieve such polish."— One of Ebert's Great Movies. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD.

**DESIGN FOR LIVING** (1933)(2005)(Rated NR) Tied with *Trouble in Paradise* as Ernst Lubitsch's best, and based on Noel Coward's play, with screenplay by Ben Hecht. Starring Gary Cooper, Frederic March and Miriam Hopkins. Two Americans sharing a flat in Paris, playwright Tom Chambers and painter George Curtis, fall for free-spirited Gilda Farrell. "Miriam Hopkins finds herself in love with both [men] (who can blame her?), so she does what any sensible Pre-Code woman would do: she decides to live with both of them!" Available at Torrance and Redondo--part of the Gary Cooper Collection, and Netflix DVD



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2017

- Nov. 01** Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT meeting, Pg. 5
- 12** Sunday, 2:00 pm, LACIC Meeting, Pg. 2
- 14** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Board meeting, Pg. 2
- 15** Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film Gp. Meeting, Pg. 5
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- 17** Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Gp. meeting, Pg. 5
- 18** Saturday, 9:30 am Branch Meeting, Pg. 1
- 28** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Evening Lit. Gp. meeting, Pg. 5

**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.**