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2017 - 2018**

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## **CELEBRATION!**

Learn about Torrance Branch Tech Trek girls' experiences and meet our sponsors!

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

**Program 6:30 — 8:00 p.m.**

at our **NEW LOCATION:**

**Hull Middle School Multipurpose Room  
2080 W. 231<sup>st</sup> Street, Torrance 90501**

**Doors will open at 6:00 pm**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**Seating is limited. Please RSVP early to:**

**Pat Arnett,**

**[acashel@att.net](mailto:acashel@att.net)**

**Cookie donors needed!**

**If you can bring a couple dozen cookies for our campers and their families, bring them to Hull by 5:30 pm, and please contact Pat (above)**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Torrance Members,

What a great start to this New Year! The Torrance branch launched their Fiscal Year 2017-18 with a successful and well-attended Welcome Back Breakfast meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see such new faces and veteran members all in one place. The event was informative and we had the opportunity to hear from many special interest and projects groups, such as Tech Trek and Start Smart. October will be our Tech Trek celebration month and we will celebrate this fantastic event on *October 17<sup>th</sup> at Hull Middle School in Torrance*. As a treat and to help motivate us to reach even further, we will hear from the girls who currently have gone through this program and of their experiences. I hope to see all of you there again, to celebrate with me and to please encourage any possible future members of the Torrance Branch to join us.

October will also be witness to another event, this being, Start Smart, which will be in its first session at the *California State University, Dominguez Hills in October*. AAUW Start Smart has been specifically designed to teach college graduates to negotiate salaries for their first or any new jobs. This will allow them to learn the strategies and techniques to take control of their own career. I am immensely proud that Torrance Branch has joined this journey to help the empowerment of women in the workplace. October will be a great and exciting month and I hope to see all of you at the meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you all for donating your hours to fulfill AAUW missions.



Regards, *Indrani*

**Next board meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 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/aauwlacic/>

**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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## AAUW CALIFORNIA FUNDS LUNCHEON

**The AAUW Fund luncheons:** Each year AAUW California is especially delighted to formally present our Fellowship and Grant recipients at the Fall Fund Luncheons.

**Southern Calif. Fund Luncheon: Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm, at**

**Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach**

Contact a member of the Torrance AAUW Board if you are interested in attending.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The membership count for AAUW Torrance is as follows:

48 Regular branch members    14 Life members    2 Dual Members

making a total of 64 members. Thank you all for renewing and supporting AAUW Torrance!

Gloria Liu, Membership VP

### CRITICAL UPCOMING "EVERY MEMBER" VOTE

Torrance AAUW members are urged to vote, your vote is needed!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWInc> (You must use the link that was e-mailed to you.)

Members have until Oct. 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone. For more information please visit [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org). home page.



**EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Our meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Please join us **Thursday, October 12 at 6:30pm at Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., residence of Nancy Brock.** (Use call box to be buzzed into lobby. Go to 1<sup>st</sup> floor community room. Contact Nancy's cell 424-237-2249 if you are unable to enter.)

As noted on page 1 of the Telegram we are preparing for our **Tech Trek Celebration on Tuesday, October 17 at Hull Middle School MPR, 2080 231<sup>st</sup> St., Torrance. Doors open at 6pm. Presentations start at 6:30pm. Please bring cookie donations to the MPR between 3:30 and 5:30pm.** If you have any questions about refreshments, please contact **Pat Carroll: [tnpcarroll@aol.com](mailto:tnpcarroll@aol.com).** **Would you like to help set up at 3:30, greet and sign in guests, take photographs, or help arrange refreshments?** Thank you in advance for your offer of help. **Please contact Peggy Monga: [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net)** or Pat Arnett: [acashel@att.net](mailto:acashel@att.net).

Did you know that 0.4% of teenage girls plan to major in computer science, and 6.7% of women graduate with STEM degrees? When we see statistics like these we know how important our Tech Trek Camp is to the future of women in STEM fields. **Please be sure to attend our Celebration and hear the impact that Tech Trek Camp has had on these eighth graders as they discover how fascinating and cool it is to study science with other like-minded girls on a college campus.** Thank you to **Pat Carroll, Alice Hill, Nancy Brock, and Inetha Foster for helping our 28 campers with their presentations.** When you attend the Celebration you will be joined by parents, educators and sponsors interested in this important program with the desire to provide opportunities and awareness about STEM to young women. You will also get to hear from several of our Tech Trek Alumnae (TTAG) who will be helping and speaking about the Tech Trek Alumnae Group.

**Don't miss out on the opportunity to help with our next year of Tech Trek Camp planning!** We hope to be sending more campers next year, thanks to our sponsors and a large grant from **Alconic Foundation.** We do welcome your help so won't you join us **Thursday, Oct. 12 or November 9** for our meeting?

We are grateful to **Alice Hill, our new Tech Trek Coordinator,** who will be interfacing with the camp directors during registration and signup processes. Thank you also, Alice, for doing such a wonderful job this past year while **Karen Hassen** was in the hospital. We thank **Karen** for her commitment and all the work she has done for Tech Trek and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

**TTAG is sponsoring a College Information Afternoon with a panel of college personnel on Saturday, September 30 at 2pm at Katy Geissert Library.** Please encourage young people to attend and learn about applications, expenses, and other important things to know about selecting and applying to college.

*Margot Sullivan, EPC, [margotsullivan@aol.com](mailto:margotsullivan@aol.com)*

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**Other Tech Trek News**

- November 1, 2017 is the effective date for deposits to go to SPF
- AAUW will not receive checks after this date
- Checks for Tech Trek must be payable to **AAUW CA SPF**
  - Tech Trek, camp name, branch in memo line
- Checks continue to be mailed to Camp Treasurers
  - Treasurers will send checks to SPF
- Online donations can still be made to AAUW
  - AAUW will send money to SPF
- All Tech Trek money previously donated to AAUW will be sent to SPF  
Harriet Tower, AAUW Tech Trek Financial Liaison

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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES**

I hope you all have received your membership directories by now. If there is an error in your listing, please let me know and I'll send a correction out to the branch. Elaine Bohrer

## MORE LETTERS FROM GRATEFUL TECH TREKKERS!

Dear Torrance AAUW Branch,  
Hello, my name is Katie  
I am currently at  
Tech Trek and would like to  
thank you for raising \$900 so  
that I could go to UCSB. Thank  
you so much for giving me  
this amazing opportunity. I  
am having a wonderful  
time!

My core class is math, and  
throughout the week I have  
learned that math is a universal  
language everyone can understand.  
Through Grace, my math teacher, I  
have learned that math is not  
always all about numbers and  
equations. Even piano keys  
involve math!

We were also given the opportu-  
nity to explore food in our  
project groups. My project group  
is researching food content.  
I've learned that "protein"  
bars and shakes aren't exactly  
as good as they sound. Today  
I met some professional  
women, and every single one  
of them inspired me to  
persist and never give up.  
I am now starting to look  
to jobs in the STEM field.

Overall, my experience at  
Tech Trek was amazing. It has  
been so inspiring and I enjoyed  
all of our activities. For example,  
the boat ride was thrilling. The  
dolphins and sea lions were  
swimming all around us, and it  
was a wonderful sight. (Prep Page)

Meeting professional women was  
so inspiring as well as one of  
the main reasons I loved  
Tech Trek. Last but not least,  
the food was delicious. I was  
very content after every meal.  
The ice cream was one of the  
main highlights as well. I  
feel so lucky and wish  
that every girl could experience  
this wonderful camp. I will  
remember this experience for  
the rest of my life.

Sincerely,  
*Katie*  
Katie  
8/3/17

July 3, 2017

Dear Torrance AAUW branch,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for sponsoring me  
to attend Tech Trek. It was an incredibly memorable and  
exciting experience. It opened my eyes to an entirely new  
world of science. This once of a lifetime experience was one  
of the highlights of my summer.

Tech was a load of phenomenal experiences. My personal  
favorites were soldering our own mother board pin, observing  
different types of animal hearts, and our tour to Scripps. The  
mother board has one green and red LED lights that light up  
when the pin is closed. During our animal heart observations,  
there were 3 different types, cow, sheep, and pig. The  
hearts were fresh from a slaughter. The tour to Scripps  
was my personal favorite. We learned a lot of different  
types of Earth science. For example, ecology, sedimentology,  
and some marine biology. I was really ~~not~~ interested to  
hear about some of the issues going on in our ocean.

Tech Trek was truly an amazing experience. I met so  
many amazing people here at Tech Trek. If I could do it all  
over again, I hands-down would. Tech Trek has made it  
definite for me to pursue a STEM career. Thank you so much  
for giving me this amazing opportunity, I will never forget  
it.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
*Katrina*



# INTEREST GROUPS

## Diversity Book Group



**Date & Time:** Friday, Oct. 20,  
at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** at the home of Nancy  
Kenney  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** Nancy at

[nancykenney365@msn.com](mailto:nancykenney365@msn.com)

***The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen**

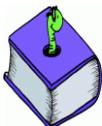
A profound, startling, and beautifully crafted debut novel, *The Sympathizer* is the story of a man of two minds, someone whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties. In dialogue with but diametrically opposed to the narratives of the Vietnam War that have preceded it, this novel offers an important and unfamiliar new perspective on the war: that of a conflicted communist sympathizer.

### The Diversity Book Group Book List for 2017-2018

Sep. *Moloka'i*, by Alan Brennert  
Oct. *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen  
Nov. *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown  
Jan. *My Life on the Road*, by Gloria Steinem  
Feb. *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood  
Mar. *Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead  
Apr. *The Gilded Years*, by Karen Tanabe  
May *When Breath Becomes Air*, by Paul Kalanithi  
Jun. *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J. D. Vance  
Jul. *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi  
Aug. *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*,  
by Lisa See

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## Evening Literary Group



**Date & Time:** Tues., Oct. 24,  
at 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Pat Reed's home  
**Contact Pat for address:**

[pdreed67@gmail.com](mailto:pdreed67@gmail.com)

***The Handmaid's Tale*** by Margaret Atwood  
Tale of the not too distant future, when women are objects, and those few who can conceive are traded among the wealthy. Creepy, misogynistic, and Atwood at her best. Movie of same name forthcoming.

November: *Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shetterly

## Women in Transition (WIT)



**Date & Time:** Wed., Oct. 4, 7 – 9 pm  
**Location:** Home of Susan Negrete  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** by Mon., Oct. 2, to Susan

Negrete at [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com)

Topic: Women and the Business of Pornography

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## Film Group



**Date & Time:** Wed., Oct. 25, 7 pm  
**Location:** Home of Ann DuPuy  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** Ann at [ann.dupuy@gmail.com](mailto:ann.dupuy@gmail.com)

Join us for light refreshments and lively conversation.

Portrayals of Women Artists

**SERAPHINE** (2008)(2010)(Rated NR) The true story of Séraphine Louis, a simple, devout housekeeper who in 1905, at the age of 41, began painting brilliantly colorful canvases. In 1912, a German art critic discovered her paintings while she was working as his maid. The film tells the story of the relationship between the avant-garde dealer and the visionary cleaning lady, forging a testament to the mysteries of creativity and the resilience of one woman's spirit.

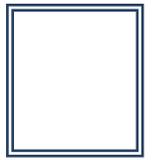
"*Seraphine* arrives from France as the year's most honored film, winner of seven Cesars from the French Academy, including best film and best actress. The actress is Yolande Moreau, who combines, as some people do, a plain face with moments of beauty... I've seen many films hoping to understand the nature of great artists... This is another. It "explains" nothing but feels everything." Ebert 4\* Available Torrance Lib. & Netflix DVD.

**MOZART'S SISTER** (2010)(2012)(Rated NR) A re-imagined account of the early life of Maria Anna 'Nannerl' Mozart, five years older than Wolfgang and a musical prodigy in her own right. Originally the featured performer, Nannerl has given way to Wolfgang as the main attraction, as their father Leopold tours his talented offspring in front of the royal courts of pre-French revolution Europe.

"Far from grand costume drama or a modernist jab, *Féret* trades in slice-of-life realities (the Mozart family's itinerant existence, court eccentricities) and character nuance, keeping [Marie] Féret's observant, quietly radiant turn a sort of bittersweet, unfulfilled anchor. The object isn't to stir you into what-if outrage so much as to let a culturally magnificent era's societal inequalities act as a dissonant counter melody to a famous artist's biography."—Robert Abele, *LA Times*.  
Available Redondo Lib. & Netflix DVD.



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2017

- Oct. 04** Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT meeting, Pg. 5
- 10** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Board meeting, Pg. 2
- 12** Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
- 15** Sunday, noon, EF Fellows Luncheon in Seal Beach, Pg. 2
- 17** Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Tech Trek Celebration and Branch Meeting, Pg. 1
- 20** Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Gp. meeting, Pg. 5
- 24** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Evening Lit. Gp. meeting, Pg. 5
- 25** Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film 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.**