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You Are Cordially Invited to our



CELEBRATION !

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Program 6:30 — 8:00 p.m.

at the Toyota Automobile Museum

19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance, CA 90501

Doors will open at 6:00 pm so that visitors can browse the ever changing Toyota car collection before the program. Parking in front of building. Light Refreshments Will Be Served.

Seating is limited so RSVP early to:

Margot Sullivan,

310 316-7916 or margotsullivan@aol.com

Cookie donors needed! If you can bring a couple dozen cookies for our campers and their families, please contact Margot (above).

President's Message

Hello Torrance AAUW!

First of all, I'd like to thank all of you who came to our September Welcome Back Brunch, and a special thanks to our hostess, Keri Gilbert. Our first meeting of the year is always a fun one, time for catching up with other members, hearing from EPC and our interest groups, and time for looking forward to the coming AAUW year. A special thank you to Janice Pomerantz for donating a Keurig coffee/tea maker with an ample supply of K cups to satisfy us all at our general meetings at the airport room!

So, what's next? Our October Tech Trek Celebration at the Toyota Museum! (See page one) This is a great chance to meet our campers and their generous donors. Tech Trek is the most important contribution our branch makes to the mission of AAUW by encouraging young girls to consider careers in STEM, fields normally dominated by men.

Our branch is now hoping to address another aspect of women's inequality - the pay gap - by offering salary negotiation workshops to students at CSU Dominguez Hills through the AAUW Start Smart program. We are still working out the details with the university but, in the meantime, I encourage any member who is interested to sign up for one of the Start Smart Facilitator webinars which will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, September 26, 2016, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm ET, or 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm our time
- Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm ET, or 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm our time
- Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm ET, or 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm our time

There is no cost to AAUW members but you must register first. Go to: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/salary-negotiation-workshops/facilitator/>

If, after you attend a webinar, you think you might be interested in facilitating a workshop at CSUDH, you will have the chance to sit in on an established workshop presentation at UC Irvine where Smart Start is in its sixth year with the Newport/Mesa/Irvine AAUW branch. After that we can do a workshop for a Torrance branch meeting as our final "practice run."

Yet another way you may get involved with AAUW's mission is by becoming a "Two-Minute Activist." Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. Take a moment to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then take one more minute to personalize a template e-mail and AAUW will automatically send your message to your members of Congress. Go to: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

You may notice a theme here - it's "Back to the Mission!" We love our social time, our outings and interest groups, but we joined AAUW to advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research, in addition to socializing with a great group of women. See you in October!

Our next board meeting: October 4th, 7 pm, at my house.

Elaine

Educational Partnership Committee

Our next EPC meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30pm at Nancy Brock's residence's Community Room in Torrance. Please call Nancy's cell phone on arrival. To RSVP and for directions- contact Nancy at nancyj2117@aol.com

Please mark your calendar for our Tech Trek Celebration, Tuesday, October 18 at Toyota Automobile Museum, 19600 Van Ness Ave., Torrance! The event will be from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The doors open at 6:00 so that you may enjoy the amazing car collection in the museum first. We are so fortunate to have the use of this wonderful venue, usually not open to the public! It may not be available much longer so don't miss this opportunity to see our amazing campers there and the wonderful museum of Toyota automobiles. We hope that all of our branch will attend to support our 32 Tech Trek girls and learn about the STEM program that Tech Trek provides. Sponsors, and educators as well as parents will be in attendance on this exciting night as we gather to hear from the girls about their experiences at camp on a college campus.

Refreshments will be served. Would you be able to help out with a donation of 2-3 dozen cookies or brownies? Or if you prefer, a monetary donation would help us in the purchase of some refreshments. Please contact Margot Sullivan if you can donate. We request that you bring your cookies to Toyota between 5:00 and 5:30 pm that evening. If you are unable to attend, arrangements can be made for delivery. Thank you in advance for your help.

As the Celebration is the culmination of nearly a year's worth of work for our committee, we are now preparing for the next year of Tech Trek. We welcome your participation. Letters have been sent to all the schools that we work with to get their commitment to participate in Tech Trek this new school year. Thank you Judy Hill, for all your work on this. Michele Freck has been organizing the data for the Alcoa Grant. Karen Hassen and Margot Sullivan have completed the list of topics for the girls to present and Pat Carroll, Ann DuPuy, Nancy Brock and Inetha Foster along with Margot are contacting all the girls and preparing them for the Celebration. Gloria Liu and Karen Hassen are working on the program and contacting sponsors and educators.

Thanks to Nancy Kenney for assuming the role of secretary for our committee. Peggy Monga spoke about our Tech Trek program at the September Brunch. Thanks to all our committee members who have been working hard to make it the great program that it is.

Best wishes to Karen Hassen who will be undergoing knee surgery this month!

See you on the 18th!

Margot Sullivan, EPC

Interest Groups

Diversity Book Group

Date & Time: Friday, October 21, 6:30pm

At the home of Nancy Kenney

RSVP to Lydia Hachmeister McCarver at lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz. (2007)

Things have never been easy for Oscar, a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd, a New Jersey romantic who dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, of finding love. But he may never get what he wants, thanks to the fukú — the ancient curse that has haunted Oscar's family for generations, dooming them to prison, torture, tragic accidents, and, above all, ill-starred love. Oscar, still dreaming of his first kiss, is only its most recent victim - until the fateful summer that he decides to be its last.

With dazzling energy and insight, Junot Díaz immerses us in the uproarious lives of our hero Oscar, his runaway sister Lola, and their ferocious beauty-queen mother Belicia, and in the epic journey from Santo Domingo to Washington Heights to New Jersey's Bergenline and back again. Rendered with uncommon warmth and humor, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* presents an astonishing vision of the contemporary American experience and the endless human capacity to persevere - and to risk it all - in the name of love. A true literary triumph, this novel confirms Junot Díaz as one of the best and most exciting writers of our time.

Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 25, 7:30pm

At the home of Sue Fishman

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

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope--a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it. NOT Bambi. A really good story about family, and what it takes to make and keep one.

Coming in November: Baking Cakes in Kigali

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TOPIC: a) First 15 minutes -- Members share their Sex Trafficking plan of action

b) General Topic: The First Time I Realized I was Really a Grown-up

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Monday, October 3rd to Susan at susimone@aol.com

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

Film Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 pm

At the home of Gloria Abernathy-Lear

RSVP to 310-543-9993 or gggeal27@verizon.net

Interest Groups, continued

Film Group, cont.

Mothers, fathers and class expectations. Both available at Torrance and Redondo Libraries and on Netflix DVD. Join us for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

CHILD'S POSE (2013)(2014)(Rated NR) A well-to-do Bucharest architect is determined to keep her deadbeat, estranged son out of jail after a deadly car crash. How far will she go to convince the police, eyewitnesses, and even the victim's family that her son was not recklessly speeding? A spellbinding drama of social commentary and psychological realism, this look into the corrupt heart of the Eastern European bourgeoisie twists into a brilliantly ambiguous study of obsessive motherly love. "Luminita Gheorghiu puts in a tour de force performance as this strong-willed mother who is determined to win back her son no matter what it takes."-Spirituality and practice. Nominated for Best Foreign Language Oscar.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON (2013)(2014)(Rated NR) Affluent architects Ryota and his wife Midori face a terrible dilemma when they learn that their six-year-old son, Keita, was accidentally switched at birth and is not their biological child. In the wake of this revelation, Ryota's sense of fatherhood is shaken to the core as he witnesses both his wife's enduring devotion to Keita and his own conflicting feelings. "This is both a calm, intelligent reflection on nature vs. nurture, and a sharply observed and unsentimental study of Japanese social class markers. Beautifully made, with fine subtle performances by everyone, including the kids."—Netflix reviewer. Winner of the Jury Prize at Cannes.

Torrance Tea



Our first Tea Board Meeting, to organize all the various subcommittees, will be held at Nancy Kenney's lovely home on Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm. We welcome all members who would like to join us, and have time to give to any or all aspects of this undertaking.

As we march toward our April Tea, we have 6 members signed to stage/set a table and need 14 more. Please consider joining our stagers; remember you do not have to sell the table you stage.

"Happy Frost on the Pumpkin Time."

Pat Arnett, Tea Chair.

Attention Torrance Branch Members!
Coming on October 23rd
The AAUW FUND FALL LUNCHEON
which celebrates and honors our 2016-2017
California Fellowship and Grant Recipients
Sunday, October 23, 2016
12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. (Registration 11:30 a.m.)
Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue, Seal Beach, CA 90740
Please contact Elaine, elnbohrer@aol.com,
if you are interested in attending

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, and research.*

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