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2017 - 2018**

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*We invite you to*

*Put Your Best Foot Forward &  
Join us for the launch of our 50<sup>th</sup> year!*

**AAUW Torrance**  
**Welcome Back Breakfast**

**September 16, 2017, 9:00 am to noon**  
**Torrance Doubletree Hotel, Emerald Room**  
**21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance 90503**

**Cost \$25**

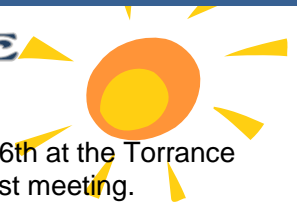
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**T**his annual event is a branch member favorite!  
Join us for an informal breakfast and learn about branch activities, upcoming branch programs, hear from our interest groups, and reconnect with branch members.

**Bring a friend!**  
We will also be voting on the 2017-2018 budget and distributing the new Member Directories.

*September 2017*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Torrance Members,

Welcome to 2017-18 AAUW Year! Our first branch meeting will be held on September 16th at the Torrance Doubletree Hotel. (See page one.) I hope you can join us for our Welcome Back Breakfast meeting.

This meeting will be lively and informative, featuring topics from interest groups about books, film, WIT, updates on important upcoming branch programs, insights from the Tech Trek and Start Smart committees. We will also discuss on the ways to launch the countdown to celebrate the Torrance Branch 50th Anniversary in June 2018.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Planning meeting and to Nancy Kenney, who kindly hosted the event.

I look forward to seeing you all at September 16th meeting. Thank you all for donating your hours to fulfill the AAUW mission.

**Next board meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 29, 7:30, at Indrani's home. RSVP to her at [ichat905@gmail.com](mailto:ichat905@gmail.com)**

Regards, *Indrani*

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### A REQUEST FROM CA AAUW - PLEASE VOTE!

AAUW-CA has set the date for their **SPECIAL VOTE** regarding the non-profit classification of AAUW-CA. They need ALL MEMBERS to cast their votes. There was a technical mistake when the bylaws were drawn up in 2008 which needs a correction for the State to be in compliance with California corporate code, IRS regulations, and status as an affiliate of AAUW. The vote and the process are explained on the State website at: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/your-vote-is-needed/>. Be sure to read the explanation and be ready to vote between Sept 10 and Oct. 1. **Please read the material NOW, as the period for questions and discussion will close Sept. 9. Questions can be sent to the state Governance Committee chair, Sue Cochran.**

Regards, Susan Negrete, AAUW Chair, Los Angeles Interbranch Council (LACIC),  
PVP, Torrance & CA Online Branch Member

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### LACIC NEWS

#### LACIC - REPRESENTING AAUW BRANCHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

**Next LACIC Meeting – all members invited to a Branch Information X-Change**

**Sunday, September 10, 2017, 2-4 p.m**

**PIH--Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, 12401 Washington Boulevard, Whittier, CA 90602**

Let's learn from each other by sharing ideas about these topics at the September meeting:

- Membership, Diversity & Inclusion
- LACIC
- Tech Trek Program & AAUW CA's Special Projects Oversight Committee (SPOC)
- Branch Collaborations

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### AAUW CALIFORNIA FUNDS LUNCHEON

**The AAUW Fund luncheons:** Save the date! 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> at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach**

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

**Sharon Westafer**, Director, Chair, AAUW Fund Committee [aaufund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aaufund@aauw-ca.org)

## FIRST DRAFT OF 2017-18 BRANCH BUDGET

Opening Balance 07/01/17	7567.88
Revenue	
Membership (booked in prior yr)	1276.00
Membership (booked in current year)	88.00
Late Fees	30.00
Telegram Postage	50.00
Interest on Checking Account	18.00
Program Donations	750.00
Welcome Back Brunch	
Christmas Party	
50th Anniversary Party	
Total Revenue	2212.00
Branch Expenses	
Directory Printing	220.00
Directory Mailing	50.00
PO Box Rental	134.00
Insurance	275.00
Supplies & Postage	150.00
Monthly Meeting Room Rental	360.00
Monthly Meeting Hospitality	360.00
Speaker Stipend	280.00
Telegram--Printing	65.00
Telegram--Mailing	60.00
In Memoriam Donations to Nat'l	100.00
Welcome Brunch	
Venue	
Food & beverage	
Christmas party	
Food & beverage	
50th Anniversary Expense	
Venue rental	
Food & beverage	
Founding mothers tokens	
Community gift	
Total Branch Expenses	2054.00
Other Expenses	
Convention--National (not in 2018)	0.00
Convention--State (April 2018)	250.00
EF Assessment- CA	35.00
AAUW Fund Fellows Lunch	120.00
LACIC Dues	25.00
LACIC Leadership conf (July)	0.00
Total Other Expenses	430.00
<b>NET NET</b>	<b>-272.00</b>

### PLEASE NOTE:

Blanks in this budget may be filled in at the first branch board meeting, Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> (see page two).

The resulting budget will be presented at our first branch general meeting, the "Welcome Back Breakfast," on September 16<sup>th</sup> when members in attendance will vote to accept or reject it.

Restricted Funds	
International Fellowship	410.00
Start Smart	4085.48
Contract w/CalSt Dominguez	-1500.00
Admin (copying, etc.)	

Teck Trek	5458.26
Parent Contributions	
Corporate/Sponsor Contributions	
Admin Expenses (copying, etc)	
Promotional Expenses (Tshirts)	

Dues to National and State are pass-through, not recorded in budget

Fund-raising event is for benefit of National, not Branch budget UNLESS we follow Keri's suggestion and keep some of the funds raised for the branch.



## EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please join us for our EPC meeting **Thursday, September 14.**

For more information and details: [aauwtorrance@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtorrance@gmail.com)

We are excited to prepare for the **Tech Trek Celebration on Tuesday, October 17 at Hull Middle School in Torrance** and are grateful to Torrance Unified School District and Patty Girgis, principal of Hull, for the use of the multi-purpose room. In the past, Toyota provided their wonderful facility for our Celebration, and we are most appreciative of their generosity and their amazing venue and staff.

All of our 28 campers have returned from their week of Tech Trek Camp. Several of our members had firsthand experience during visiting days at the camps. **Michele Freck and Janice Pomerantz** visited the UCSD camp and **Michele, Janice and Nancy Brock** visited the first camp week at UCSB Blackwell. **Alice Hill** visited the second camp week at UCSB Hypatia. Returning dorm mom, Susan Negrete, had an exciting week at UCSD this year. The camps are always in need of dorm moms so please consider that wonderful opportunity for next year. Susan and Judy Hill, who was also a dorm mom for two years, would be so happy to share their experiences with you.

The campers will now prepare their presentations for the Celebration. **Alice Hill, Ann DuPuy, Nancy Brock, Inetha Foster, Pat Carroll, Karen Hassen, and Margot Sullivan** will help the girls. It is very inspiring to hear from these 8<sup>th</sup> grade campers as they relay experiences from their STEM programs at one of the four college campuses. **We encourage all of you to attend this evening of sharing from the girls who attended Tech Trek camps.**

There are also opportunities for members to help before or during the event such as making flyers and labels, greeting guests, and donating 2-3 dozen cookies and helping to arrange them at the Celebration. Come to our September 14 meeting to learn more. Also, you can **contact Peggy Monga** [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net) for more information. If you would like to donate cookies please **contact Pat Carroll** [tnpcarroll@aol.com](mailto:tnpcarroll@aol.com) who will be coordinating refreshments for the Celebration.

The Celebration is the culmination of a year of dedication and hard work by the EPC. Now we begin to prepare for 2018 Tech Trek Camp. Thanks to the generosity of Alconic Foundation, our latest gift of \$4000 from Keck Foundation, and the hope of other generous donors, it is possible that we will be able to send more girls to Tech Trek Camp next year. **There is much to do, and we invite all of you to come to our meeting on September 14 to hear about plans for the new year of Tech Trek. As always, we welcome your help. You have many needed skills that will be of great benefit.**

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

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I'm writing this from Corvallis, anticipating the Oregon total eclipse.

We hope to see all of you at the kickoff September brunch. Please come and hear about the plans for future branch meetings, what Tech Trek and Start Smart are up to, our interest groups, and discuss our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration. Bring your friends! It will be a good chance for them to get to know the branch and our members.

Please welcome our newest members: **Kathleen Yip, Sue Herbers, Lucy Ford and Diana Davis.** Kathleen is a former Tech Trek camper, and is now working at Harbor UCLA. Sue Herbers is a retired City Clerk. Both were given national memberships under the AAUW national program, "Shape the Future." Lucy Ford and Diana Davis joined as friends of Judy Hill and attended the tea.

If you know of any recent college graduates, consider giving them a "Give a Grad a Gift" membership. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 16, at the Branch kickoff meeting.

Gloria Liu, [qlsb7891@gmail.com](mailto:qlsb7891@gmail.com)

# INTEREST GROUPS

## Diversity Book Group



**Date & Time:** Friday, Sept. 22,  
at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** at the home of Karen  
Peters  
**See your directory for address.**  
**Contact:** Karen,  
[kpeters@gmail.com](mailto:kpeters@gmail.com)

### *Moloka'i*

**By Alan Brennert**

Young Rachel Kalama, growing up in idyllic Honolulu in the 1890s, is part of a big, loving Hawaiian family, and dreams of seeing the far-off lands that her father, a merchant seaman, often visits. But at the age of seven, Rachel and her dreams are shattered by the discovery that she has leprosy. Forcibly removed from her family, she is sent to Kalaupapa, the isolated leper colony on the island of Moloka'i.

In her exile she finds a family of friends to replace the family she's lost: a native healer, Haleola, who becomes her adopted "auntie" and makes Rachel aware of the rich culture and mythology of her people; Sister Mary Catherine Voorhies, one of the Franciscan sisters who care for young girls at Kalaupapa; and the beautiful, worldly Leilani, who harbors a surprising secret. At Kalaupapa she also meets the man she will one day marry.

True to historical accounts, *Moloka'i* is the story of an extraordinary human drama, the full scope and pathos of which has never been told before in fiction. But Rachel's life, though shadowed by disease, isolation, and tragedy, is also one of joy, courage, and dignity. This is a story about life, not death; hope, not despair. It is not about the failings of flesh, but the strength of the human spirit.

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## Women in Transition (WIT)



**Date:** Wed., Sept. 6  
**Time:** 7 to 9 pm  
**Location:** Home of Susan Negrete  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** by Mon., Sept. 4, to Susan Negrete,  
[susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com).

**Topic:** What's a Worldview – and How Was Yours Formed?

## Evening Literary Group



**Date & Time:** Tues., Sept. 26,  
at 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Lisa Blank's home  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** Lisa, [girlphd@juno.com](mailto:girlphd@juno.com)

### *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett

The novel begins with the christening of a Los Angeles policeman's daughter, Fanny. A deputy DA crashes the party and is the instigator of a drama which will change the lives of two families forever. Children and step siblings invent ways of managing each other, sometimes resulting in tragedy. Patchett used her own childhood memories of her blended family to weave this interesting and imaginative story.

Coming in October: *The Handmaid's Tale*,  
by Margaret Atwood

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## Film Group



**Date & Time:** Wed., Sept. 27, 7 pm  
**Location:** Home of Peggy Monga  
**See your directory for address.**  
**RSVP:** Peggy,  
[filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net)

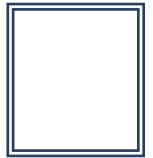
### Life in the Heartland

**THE TREE OF LIFE** (2011)(Rated PG-13) The impressionistic story of a Texas family in the 1950s. The film follows the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father (Brad Pitt). Jack (played as an adult by Sean Penn) finds himself a lost soul in the modern world. Available at Torrance Library Branches and Netflix DVD.

**AT ANY PRICE** (2012)(2013)(Rated R for sexual content including a strong graphic image, and for language) In the competitive world of modern agriculture, ambitious Henry Whipple wants his rebellious son Dean to help expand his family's farming empire. However, Dean has his sights set on becoming a professional race car driver. When a high-stakes investigation into their business is exposed, father and son are pushed into an unexpected crisis that threatens the family's entire livelihood. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD.



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## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2017

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**Sept. 06** Tuesday, 7:00 pm, WIT meeting, Pg. 5

**14** Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 4

**16** Saturday, 9 am, Welcome Back Branch Meeting, Pg. 1

**22** Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Gp. meeting, Pg. 5

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**27** 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.**