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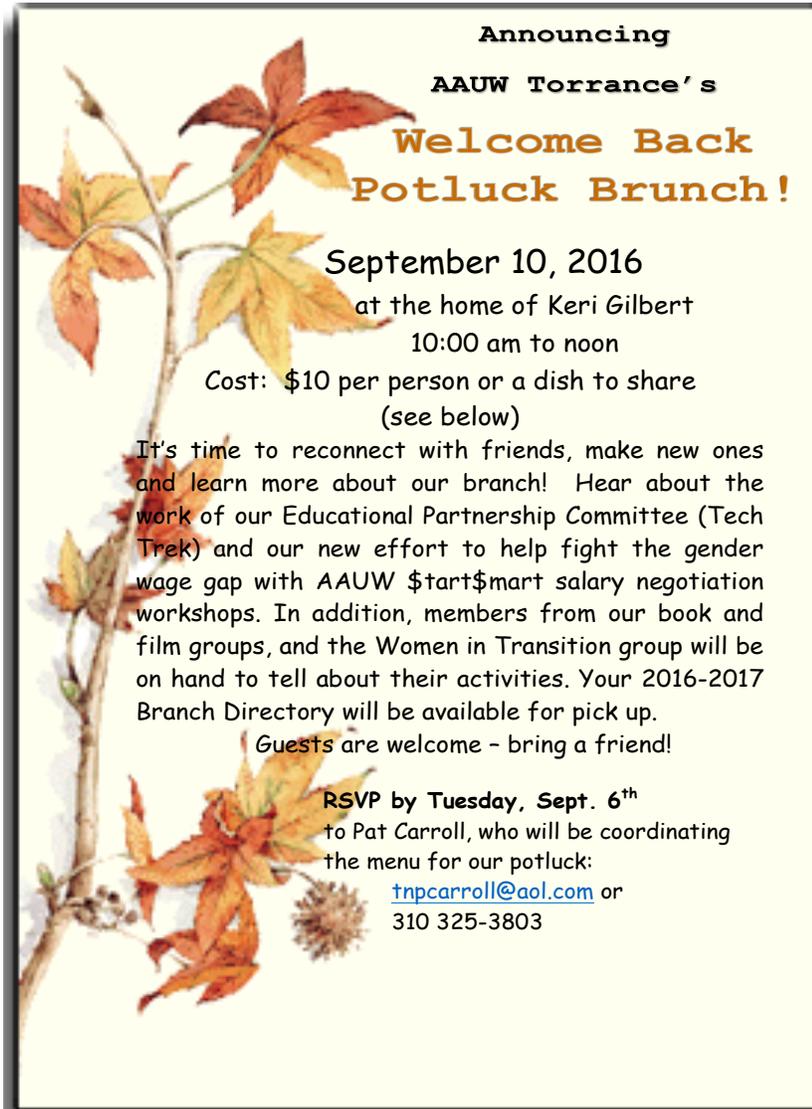
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Announcing
AAUW Torrance's
Welcome Back
Potluck Brunch!

September 10, 2016
at the home of Keri Gilbert
10:00 am to noon
Cost: \$10 per person or a dish to share
(see below)

It's time to reconnect with friends, make new ones and learn more about our branch! Hear about the work of our Educational Partnership Committee (Tech Trek) and our new effort to help fight the gender wage gap with AAUW \$tart\$mart salary negotiation workshops. In addition, members from our book and film groups, and the Women in Transition group will be on hand to tell about their activities. Your 2016-2017 Branch Directory will be available for pick up.
Guests are welcome - bring a friend!

RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 6th
to Pat Carroll, who will be coordinating the menu for our potluck:
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President's Message

Dear Torrance AAUW Branch members,

Welcome to our 48-49th year! I hope you plan on attending our fun and informative Welcome Back Brunch on September 10th at Keri's home (see flyer on page one). It's always a pleasure to reconnect with other members and our welcome back meeting is a good time to revitalize our branch. This year we hope to increase our focus on AAUW's mission by beginning \$start\$mart salary negotiation workshops with CSU Dominguez Hills. I will also be encouraging individual members to become personally involved in the cause of women's rights through AAUW national's "Two-Minute Activist" program. More on that later!

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at the brunch.

Our next board meeting will be: Tuesday, September 6, 7 pm at my home.

Sincerely,
Elaine

Occasionally AAUW's member list is made available to carefully screened companies and organizations. A member who does not want to be included should call 800/326-AAUW (2289) or send an e-mail to connect@aauw.org.

2016 - 2017 AAUW Torrance Budget

Description	Actual 2014 - 2015	Budget 2015 - 2016	Actual 2015 - 2016	Budget 2016 - 2017
Revenue:				
Membership Dues	1,606.00	1,562.00	1,532.00	1,540.00
Late Fees Paid	102.00	73.00	30.00	50.00
Telegram Postage Contributions	40.00	20.00	44.50	50.00
Interest Income - Checking	12.02	2.00	11.71	18.00
Program Donations	1,047.17	500.00	970.00	1,000.00
Total Revenue:	2,807.19	2,157.00	2,588.21	2,658.00
Expenses:				
Directories	119.69	150.00	218.37	250.00
Convention - National	449.00	-	-	450.00
Convention - State	-	200.00	-	-
EF Assessment - California	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
AAUW Fund Fellows Lunch	120.00	120.00	80.00	120.00
Insurance - Membership	290.54	300.00	266.46	225.00
LACIC - Leadership Conference	-	75.00	-	75.00
LACIC Dues	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
PO Box Rental	128.00	132.00	132.00	134.00
Postage - Telegram	176.20	200.00	39.20	50.00
Printing and Copying - Telegram	129.97	160.00	80.68	94.00
Programs	1,034.31	600.00	811.20	1,000.00
Supplies & Postage - General	56.00	40.00	164.42	200.00
Website Updating		120.00	-	
Total Expenses	2,763.71	2,157.00	1,852.33	2,658.00
Net Before Tech Trek and Fund	43.48	-	735.88	-
Non-Deductible Donation - TT	189.00	-	1,815.40	-
TT Admin Expenses	-	-	258.91	-
TT Net	189.00	-	1,556.49	-
AAUW Fund Donations	-	-	7,040.00	-
AAUW Fund Expenses	-	-	2,843.10	-
AAUW Fund Net	-	-	4,196.90	-
Net After AAUW Fund	232.48	-	6,489.27	-

Educational Partnership Committee

Please join us for our monthly meeting of EPC Thursday, September 8 at 6:30pm at Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance next to Torrance Fire Station and behind Doubletree Hotel. Contact Nancy Brock for directions: Nancyj2117@aol.com. Please note our location this month. Thank you, Nancy, for the use of your very nice community room, where we also met in August.

As you know, this summer, our Torrance Branch sent **32 campers** to experience Tech Trek at 4 different college campuses in Southern California. We have had the most successful Tech Trek program in all of California, and with our other South Bay branches, the leading Tech Trek community in the entire country. What a wonderful opportunity we have provided for eighth grade girls to get involved with STEM! It is our branch's mission project.

We look forward to the help of our members this year as we prepare for the Tech Trek Celebration that will be held at **Toyota Automobile Museum the evening of Tuesday, October 18**. You won't want to miss this evening, and we don't know how much longer we will be able to use this beautiful facility. Be sure to attend to hear the girls tell of their camp experiences and also see all the Toyota cars in the museum. More details will follow.

What we do need now is your help getting ready. Some of the tasks include obtaining and setting up refreshments...cookies usually donated by members, and small bottles of water; typing sign in sheets, greeting at the registration tables and entrances, helping the girls prepare their speeches, contacting sponsors...just to name a few. Come to our meeting and find out where you can help or just learn more about Tech Trek and our task list. We are especially in need of someone to work with eight (one camp) of the campers as they write their presentations for the Celebration. This is done through emails and sometimes a phone call or two. If you have any questions about this, **contact Karen Hassen or Margot Sullivan.**

Peggy Monga is continuing as our EPC chair, and **Karen Hassen** is our Tech Trek coordinator. **Nancy Kenney** is our new secretary. **Michele Freck** is working on the reporting requirements of our Alcoa grant. **Judith Hill** is contacting all of the middle schools we have worked with to determine interest and support. She will then update contact information for our nomination process. **Gloria Liu** and **Karen Hassen** are scanning all of the wonderful thank you notes we received from our campers. We are eager to share them with you! This is just a small part of all that is happening with our very dedicated, hard-working committee.

We are looking forward to a great year and would love to have your participation. There are lots of exciting things ahead!

Margot Sullivan EPC member

Interest Groups

Diversity Book Group

Date & Time: Friday, September 16, 6:30pm

At the home of Karen Peters

RSVP to Lydia Hachmeister McCarver at lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet.

So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos.

A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

Evening Literature Group

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 27, 7:30pm

At the home of Gerry Suzuki

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

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Bachman

People call Ove "the bitter neighbor from hell." But behind the cranky exterior there is a story and sadness. When a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unexpected friendship. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

Coming in October: **The Art of Racing in the Rain**

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TOPIC: Sex Trafficking: Starting with a Brief Overview of Current Trends
by Billie Lee (General discussion follows)

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

PLACE: Private Residence

Please RSVP BY Tuesday, September 6th to Susan at susimone@aol.com

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

Film Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 pm

At the home of Margot Sullivan

RSVP to 310-316-7916 or margotrsullivan@aol.com

The fallout of tragic events. Join us for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

STILL WALKING (2008)(2011)(Rated NR) To commemorate his elder brother's accidental death 15 years earlier, Ryota Yokoyama and his new wife reunite with the rest of his family. He discovers that his parents are still overcome.

Interest Groups, continued

Film Group, cont.

with grief for their favored son. Japanese writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda offers this compelling reflection on the bond—sometimes resilient, sometimes fragile—between family members. This director “has produced profoundly empathetic films about human feelings. He sees intensely and tenderly into his characters.”—“the heir to the great Yasujiro Ozu”—Ebert 4* Available at Torrance Library and Netflix.

TOKYO SONATA (2008)(2009)(Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and brief, strong language). From Japanese director Kiyoshi Kurosawa comes a drama about the Sasaki, an ordinary family living an uneventful life, until the father is abruptly laid off from his management position due to the economic crisis. He keeps this from his wife and two sons. Soon his shame, and the indignity he faces while passing each day in the park in his suit and tie, turns into a rage that proves to have irrevocable consequences. “All the performers have perfect pitch; the young son engages us in the same way as the hero of [French director] Truffaut’s *The 400 Blows*.”—Ebert 3 ½ *Available at Torrance and Redondo Libraries and Netflix.

Out and About

“Letters To Eve” workshop performance

Date & Time: Saturday, September 17, 6:00 pm

Place: At The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI),
1964 W 162nd Street, Gardena

Event Coordinator: Cami Hamilton

Catch a break from the campaign coverage on TV to remind yourself of the love in the world that bridges generations and cultures. On Saturday, September 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm, don’t miss the new musical “**Letters To Eve**” in a one-night only event. Follow the true stories and accounts of Japanese-Americans and their struggles told through song — it’s a classic tale of love, friendship, family, and honor. The story follows a family faced with internment during WWII. Add an African American jazz musician captured during Germany’s occupation of France and you have a breathtaking original work which will uncover the lost letters of history and paint a pure picture of a fascinating era.

“**Letters To Eve**” is the latest creation by composer-performer Daniel Sugimoto. The performance in workshop is dedicated to the families affected by Executive Order 9066 and will be onstage at The Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (GVJCI). The US Census cited the City of Gardena as the community with the largest Japanese-American population in California (Torrance ranked second largest).

Daniel Sugimoto is the creator of “Broadway Noir”, and co-founder of Creating Arts Studios (Musical Director and performer), and Musical Director at the Miles Playhouse (The Music Man and Colton).

Doors open at 5:30 pm

\$10

Buy tickets online at: <http://sugimation.com/new-index/#/letters-to-eve/>

For information call 310-324-6611.

Membership

Invite your friends and interested parties to our September brunch! It is a great opportunity to get an overview of the various branch activities and interest groups. As always, prospective members are admitted without charge. Qualified and interested attendees of the AAUW Fundraiser Tea might be good candidates to invite.

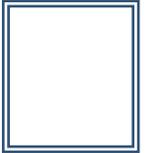
At the September brunch, we will distribute the branch membership directories. Be sure to check them and give corrections and thanks to Elaine Bohrer for doing them.

I plan to print out AAUW TORRANCE Membership cards to be distributed at the brunch. They will have your member number, which is helpful if logging on to AAUW.org. The website has a wealth of information, including:

1. Start Smart and Work Smart (salary negotiation).
2. Various studies AAUW has published such as Why so few (women in STEM), sexual harassment in school, gender pay gap, status of women in leadership.
3. How to donate to AAUW Fund, including Tech Trek online.
4. Membership Services Database (MSD) where you can check your contact information; a branch membership listing where you can look up contact information of fellow branch members, if you are without your directory; your contributions to AAUW FUND by date with amount. You can also print your membership card yourself.
5. Public policy issues AAUW is pursuing.
6. Info on Life membership and other membership categories.
7. How to contact National AAUW.
8. Updates on Legal Advocacy Fund cases.

You can also check out the state website www.aauw-ca.org. And don't forget the Torrance branch website, torrance-ca.aauw.net, (thanks Ann DuPuy and Karen Peters). Websites are on the cover of the newsletter and can be Googled.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2016

- September**
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 - 07 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT, Pg. 4
 - 08 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
 - 10 Saturday, 10:00 am, Welcome Back Potluck Brunch, Pg. 1
 - 16 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Group, Pg. 4
 - 17 Saturday, 6:00 pm, Out and About, Pg. 5
 - 20 Tuesday, Deadline for submitting articles for newsletter
 - 27 Tuesday, Evening Literature Group, 7:30 pm, Pg. 4
 - 28 Wednesday, Film Group, 7:00 pm, Pg. 4

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.