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A Pre-Mother's Day **AFTERNOON TEA**



**To benefit AAUW Torrance local and AAUW FUNDS
scholarships and grants**

***With a special presentation by Maureen O'Donnell about preserving that
precious silver set you inherited AND a Silent Auction!***



Wearing a hat &
gloves is
encouraged
(but not required)!

**Saturday, May 9th
from 2 to 4 pm Cost: \$25**

***RSVP by Wednesday, May 6
Please pay at the door***

**Zamperini Field Community Rm.
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance 90505**

**Questions, auction donations, and RSVP:
aauwtorrance@gmail.com or Jamie Watson, 310 320-1544**

Please Remember: "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAUW Branch Member,

Here is your May Telegram. I hope you are having a great Spring and will join us for Tea to raise money for Funds. We have a charming speaker and lots of great auction items. It will be a time for socializing, getting to know new friends and learning to take care of your silver. If you know a young lady who has never experienced a Tea this is a great way to do it.

We encourage gloves and hats and YES I will have a prize for the best hat.

I love to see all the great meetings going on with all the interest groups, but also encourage you to remember the AAUW missions and participate on that level through the general meetings as well. It is our responsibility as women to lift up other women (and girls) in whatever way we can.

If you missed the International Women's Day event that Indrani chaired you can read the write up, but boy was it a great talk. It was a very informative and fluid conversation between presenter and audience. Cheers to Indrani for also raising \$450+ from the silent auction she ran during the event that will be sent in to the AAUW International grants program. We also made great connections with other women's advocacy groups and plan to have cross pollinating in the future with these groups.

You will notice very soon that our test of moving to an electronic newsletter is going very well and will be launched next month. Easy to share, easy to read, unlimited capacity for pics and longer stories, links back to other websites etc. etc. It is AWESOME! And Janice Pomerantz is the one to thank for taking it on! We encourage all members and non-members to submit their articles.

Lastly, we want to thank all who have already donated money for the Barbara Huffer Tech Trek scholarship in her memory. A beautiful gentle lady missed by many. Please send whatever money you can in her honor. Please see page 3 for more information.

Have a great month!

Athena Paquette Cormier

AAUW FUNDS

Come to the Pre-Mother's Day Tea and support AAUW Funds. Bid on auction items and take home some loot! I hope you have been reading the Telegram articles about the wonderful programs Funds provide and will want to support the Tea fundraiser. Come and have a jolly good time. See page one for more details.

Would you round up donation items for the Auction? Auction proceeds will go to Funds. See branch email sent April 12 which gives some ideas for donation items. Contact Elaine Bohrer for more info or ideas. ElnBohrer@aol.com or (310) 376-3352. Jean Steenson's Afternoon Tea Cookbooks will also be available. See you May 9 with your checkbooks. Cheers!

Gloria Liu
glb7891@gmail.com

Educational Partnership Committee

Our next EPC meeting will be **Thursday, May 14, 2015 at MOOG at 6:30 pm**. Contact **Pam Kenoyer** pkenoyer@moog.com for admission. Everyone is welcome!

Our Tech Trek camper selection is completed and we will send congratulatory materials to the scholarship winners this month. The campers will also be presented to the school boards of Redondo Beach and Torrance. We are pleased to announce that we will be sending 32 campers to the Tech Trek camps at UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine and Whittier College. The girls will receive camp scholarships of \$850 each. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the whole process. Your help was invaluable!

Sunday, May 31 is the Tech Trek Orientation at J. H. Hull Middle School at 2080 W. 231st St., Torrance. This is a very fun time of meeting and greeting for all the campers from Torrance, Beach Cities, and Palos Verdes Branches. Lively activities, refreshments, and a question and answer period for parents are all part of the program. The fun begins at 1 until 4 pm. We will be setting up on Friday, May 29 at 4:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Help is always appreciated so if this sounds interesting to you we'd love to see you Friday and/or Sunday where the final set up begins at 11 am.

The newly formed, 3-branch--Torrance, Beach Cities, & PV--Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) held their first public event, Women in STEM Career Forum, on Saturday, April 11th, at the Redondo Beach Main Library. The TTAG girls planned and coordinated the event with help and guidance from AAUW members Pam Salmen, Pam Kenoyer, Terry Hays-Horner (BC) and Denise DeVenuto (PV). The TTAG committee meets monthly at a TTAG member's home.

The next TTAG event is planned for Saturday, August 22, 2015, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, at the Torrance Katy Geissert Library.

A **Wine Tasting and Music Fundraiser** is being planned for **Sunday, November 8 from 1-4** at Athena's home to benefit Tech Trek. Be sure to **save the date** for this fun afternoon and worthwhile cause. There will be a silent auction and items are always appreciated to make it a success. We hope you will be able to help.

Our hearts are filled with sadness as we acknowledge the passing of our dear Barbara Huffer, who was such a valued and devoted member of our EPC Committee and with whom we shared so much. Barbara cared so deeply about the causes she loved and was a strong and gracious advocate and friend. She worked diligently to promote the mission of AAUW to educate and empower women and girls and was the backbone of so many of our programs. How we will miss her!

In memory of Barbara Huffer, EPC has established the **Barbara Huffer Tech Trek Scholarship** fund with a goal of **1 scholarship to Tech Trek Camp**. Please make checks payable to: AAUW CA SPF (memo: Tech Trek Torrance) and mail checks to AAUW Torrance, Box 1392, Torrance CA 90505

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for honoring Barbara's memory. We would appreciate your donation by May 31, 2015.

Margot Sullivan, EPC Committee

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Friday, May 15, 6:30pm
At the home of Ann Dupuy
RSVP to Lydia McCarver, 310-374-1505
or lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff
 Sweeping and lyrical, spellbinding and unforgettable, David Ebershoff's The 19th Wife combines epic historical fiction with a modern murder mystery to create a brilliant novel of literary suspense. It is 1875 and Ann Eliza Young has recently separated from her powerful husband, Brigham Young, prophet and leader of the Mormon Church. Expelled and an outcast, Ann Eliza embarks on a crusade to end polygamy in the United States. A rich account of a family's polygamous history is revealed, including how a young woman became a plural wife. Soon after Ann Eliza's story begins, a second exquisite narrative unfolds—a tale of murder involving a polygamist family in present-day Utah. Jordan Scott, a young man who was thrown out of his fundamentalist sect years earlier, must re-enter the world that cast him aside in order to discover the truth behind his father's death. And as Ann Eliza's narrative intertwines with that of Jordan's search, readers are pulled deeper into the mysteries of love and faith.

Film Group



Date & Time: Wed, May 27, 7pm
At the home of Peggy Monga
RSVP to 310-316-7542 or
filmgroup@earthlink.net

Join us for light refreshments and discussion.
 Everybody's a critic!
 Both available at Redondo and Netflix.
 Musicians' lives, from gritty to gracious.

Tender Mercies (1983)(2009 DVD)(Torrance Library has 1982 VHS)(Rated PG) Twenty years on from a successful career, Mac Sledge is down-and-out, battling alcohol and depression. He awakens from a drunken stupor to meet Rosa, motel and gas station owner, and begins to put his life back together. He hopes to overcome his ex-wife's objections and reconnect with his eighteen year-old daughter Sue Ann. Directed by Bruce Beresford. Stars Robert Duval in his Oscar winning role, Tess Harper, Betty Buckley, Wilford Brimley, and Ellen Barkin. Horton Foote won Best Screenplay. One of Ebert's GREAT MOVIES. "[Country & Western music] is about the stories it tells, ... and the stories are windows into the heart." -Ebert

Quartet (2012)(2013)(Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and suggestive humor) Directed by Dustin Hoffman, with a cast of stellar actors, the film tells the story of musicians living in an elegant retirement home,

but which is threatened with closure. Into the calm, settled scene descends the diva of all divas, ex-wife of one of the singers, to bring back painful memories. Amid the chaos, the residents attempt to organize a fundraising gala to save their home. Starring Maggie Smith, Billy Connolly, Tom Courtenay, and Michael Gambon. "They have the perfect supporting cast, made up of a group of exceptional real-life musicians: retired members of orchestras and opera companies, and a pianist bristling with the suppressed impatience of the longtime accompanist."

Peggy Monga
 Film Group Coordinator

Evening Literature Group



Date & Time: Tuesday, May 26, 7:30pm
At the home of Sue Fishman
RSVP to Lisa 310-835-9613
or girlphd@juno.com

China Dolls by Lisa See
 It's 1938 in San Francisco: a world's fair is preparing to open on Treasure Island, a war is brewing overseas, and the city is alive with possibilities. Grace, Helen, and Ruby, three young women from very different backgrounds, meet by chance at the exclusive and glamorous Forbidden City nightclub. The girls become fast friends, relying on one another through unexpected challenges and shifting fortunes. When their dark secrets are exposed and the invisible thread of fate binds them even tighter, they find the strength and resilience to reach for their dreams. But after the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, paranoia and suspicion threaten to destroy their lives, and a shocking act of betrayal changes everything.

Coming in June: Delicious Pot-luck and book selection for 2015-16.

Women in Transition (WIT)



DATE: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
TOPIC: Lessons Learned from Below-Par Mentors or Teachers
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
PLACE: Private Residence
RSVP BY MONDAY May 4 to Susan Negrete 310-377-0642 or susimone@aol.com

Other News Fit to Print

International Women's Day

AAUW Torrance celebrated International Women's Day on April 11, 2015.

AAUW has a long and distinguished history in global affairs that includes awarding more than 3,300 International Fellowships to women from more than 132 countries and collaborating with leading global organizations and coalitions to break through barriers for women and girls.

AAUW's work extends globally through fellowships, strategic partnerships, membership in coalitions, collaborations with international organizations, Programs in a Box, hosting international visitors and events, and participation in major events such as International Women's Day. These are just a few of the ways you can get involved in reaching out to women worldwide: AAUW International Fellowships. AAUW has been a leader in awarding graduate fellowships and grants globally.

On April 11, 2015, AAUW-Torrance has celebrated International Women's Day to honor women's progress in Kolkata, West Bengal, India at Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

Understanding one's cultural heritage is very important in today's multicultural consciousness. Dr. Sipra Sengupta took the audience on that journey through her presentation. The speaker talked about women's progress and achievements in educational, professional, social and cultural areas. She compared the urban progress with rural. Though progress has been made, there is still more work to do. Therefore, the journey will continue.

The Q&A Session was very engaging between the speaker and the audience.

VOTE!

Please remember to vote for AAUW National Board candidates and vote on the question of changing the by-laws to **ELIMINATE** the degree requirement for membership to AAUW. All AAUW members who have paid their full national dues by 9 p.m. EDT, May 19, 2015, are eligible to vote. Online voting is fast, easy, and secure. To vote online, enter your member ID and voter PIN (listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine), and click on Start to Vote, below. You can click on the links beside each candidate and item on the ballot for more information.

Online voting began April 15 and ends June 19, 2015, at 9 p.m. PDT.

Members who wish to use a paper ballot may request to have one mailed to them before May 8 by e-mailing connect@aauw.org or calling 800.326.2289; no paper ballot requests will be accepted after May 8. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 26, 2015.

For more information about the voting process, read the FAQs, e-mail connect@aauw.org, or call 800.326.2289.

In Memory of Barbara Huffer

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our long-time member Barbara Huffer.

Since Barbara joined in 1999, she was active in the Educational Partnership Committee (EPC) projects of Power and Promise, Tech Trek, as well as WIT. Barbara was Torrance Branch Named Gift Honoree in 2006. Barbara was never noisy or self-important. She was determined, tenacious, serious, albeit always kind, always gracious.

Barbara led Power and Promise for twelve years, a lunchtime program for 6th grade girls, rushing to schools during her lunch hour. They discussed topics such as body image, women in the media, safety, and relationships. She also began a branch book donation program for the girls on related topics.

She was very committed to Tech Trek and served as EPC Co-Chair, School Buddy and Reader, and organized our camper speakers, as well as coordinated the venue at Toyota Auto Museum, for many October Tech Trek Celebrations. She was always there, always willing, always positive.

Barbara's volunteerism was evident with her early service in the Peace Corps. She was a teacher, and later worked for Toyota, from which she retired in 2010. Barbara enjoyed her family, including husband Hal, two daughters, and twin grandchildren. She was active in her church and ran their Heifer International program.

Hopefully she knew how much we appreciated and valued her. We remember her and honor her commitments, interests, and concerns. We will greatly miss Barbara.



Power and Promise at Jefferson Middle School, 2004 –
Teachers Tracy Numark and Pat Magony, Barbara

... Barbara had an unrelenting dedication to young girls,
and empowering them through education... I will miss this
special loving woman. - Michele Croci