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CLOTHESLINES:



An Open Window to the Soul of a People

"From a seemingly small part of life, you can observe the daily ins and outs of the culture, the things you don't get to see as a tourist. This is part of why we travel. Not just to see the sights, hear the sounds, and taste the wonderful food. We also travel to gain some insight into how the locals live, maybe even get to meet the people."

Jann has been to 89 countries and 45 states in over four decades. She has traveled largely independently, but has also done quite a bit of travel lately with great providers. Join us and hear her unique insights as well as answers to your own travel questions.

Saturday, January 13, 2018, 9:30 am

at the Torrance Airport Community Room

3301 Airport Drive, Torrance

(Between Hawthorne & Crenshaw at Zamperini Way)

**BRING YOUR COFFEE CUP AND ENJOY COFFEE OR TEA
AS WELL AS A LIGHT SNACK**

Schedule:

9:30 am – Networking & light refreshments

9:45 am – Welcome and announcements

10:00 am – Our speaker



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Torrance Members,

2018 is a very special year for Torrance Branch because it will turn 50 in June and the celebration will be on June 2nd. Please mark your calendar to join the celebration!

We had a great Holiday party on December 9th, 2017 at Susan Negrete's home with 25 members in attendance. Thanks to both Susan for hosting the party and Nancy for coordinating the food.

Worldwide travel helps to understand culture, diversity and global awareness. On Saturday, January 13, Jann Segal will share her travel exposure with Torrance Branch members. I look forward to that event and hope to see all of you on January 13th.

I wanted to take this time to thank all of you for your passion, your dedication and your time that you donate to help the fulfill AAUW mission.

Regards, *Indrani*

Looking to participate in a Torrance Branch Committee? I am looking for a volunteer member who will serve as C/U (College/University) Chair. Please let me know via e-mail: ichat905@gmail.com

Next board meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:30 pm, at Indrani's home. RSVP: ichat905@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dear Torrance Branch Members,

I thought you all would like to know our membership count, so here you go:

Total Members (6/30/2018):	55
Total Members (Life Members):	14
Total Members:	69

This includes our newest member, Karen Maguy.

I also thought you would like to see a list of our most recent members. Many joined after one of our successful AAUW tea fundraisers. Please introduce yourself and welcome them! Thank them for joining, and thank them for their AAUW work. The need for women's advocacy is now stronger than ever.

If you have any friends who are interested in AAUW, bring them to a function. Point them to the branch website: <https://torrance-ca.aauw.net/> or, if they live elsewhere, to the www.aauw.org website. Membership forms are on the branch website.

We are all on the membership committee!

Gloria Liu, Membership VP
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Jennifer Goorchenko	1/22/2014
Victoria Goorchenko	1/22/2014
Jessica Hassen	1/21/2015
Elle Oliver	6/23/2015
Helga Markgraf-Fowler	6/23/2015
Michele Freck	11/10/2015
Georgia Perkins	7/7/2016
Inetha Foster	7/7/2016
Karen Gottlieb	7/7/2016
Michelle Polcari	7/7/2016
Alice Matthews	11/16/2016
Diana Davis	7/11/2017
Lucy Ford	7/11/2017
Kathleen Yip	9/21/2017
Karen Maguy	12/8/2017

**New Address:
(please correct your directory)**

FOR BRANCH MEMBERS ONLY



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PLEASE NOTE: For January only our EPC meeting this month will be held on **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm** at a different location. We will meet at **Maritz (next to Moog)** at **20285 S. Western Ave., Torrance**. Please park in lot adjacent to Western Way and sign in to "visit Gloria Liu in the clients' room."

It is very important for School Buddies to attend this meeting to pick up your school packets and to get important information regarding the school or schools you will be visiting. Please plan to attend. If you are unable to be there, please **contact Peggy Monga** filmgroup@earthlink.net to make arrangements to get the School Buddy packets. **Would you be able to help put together the School Buddy packets prior to the meeting?** Please let Peggy know that you would like to help and she will contact you regarding the time and place.

School Buddies are still needed so that we can quickly and thoroughly visit all 15 schools that have nominated 7th grade girls to be campers at one of the five Tech Trek camps this coming summer. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to be a part of Tech Trek and to meet and interview the nominated girls. New School Buddies may go along with a veteran School Buddy to get acquainted with the process. There is a script and good instructions to answer all your questions. The time commitment is a lunch time on a school day between January 12 and January 25 at a middle school in Torrance, Redondo Beach or Los Angeles Unified where you meet the five nominated girls and tell them about Tech Trek Camp. You will also get to be a reader and coordinate the reading of the girls' essays as part of the selection process. We will need additional readers from March 13-23 to read the girls' applications and rank them. We hope you will join us on the Educational Partnership Committee this year.

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotrsullivan@aol.com

LACIC NEWS

LACIC – REPRESENTING AAUW BRANCHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

Next LACIC Meeting: Sunday, January 14, 2017, 2-4 p.m

**PIH--Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, 12401 Washington Boulevard,
Lower Level Conf. Room F, Whittier, CA 90602**

The program will feature a panel discussion about California's Community College System. The "Vision for Success" document presents a vision for the future of the California Community Colleges. You won't want to miss this outstanding panel discussion featuring Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College and Patricia Stanley, past Interim President of Laney College, Past Interim President of Merritt College, Past Executive Vice President of Cypress College, and Administrative Dean, Orange Coast College. They will be discussing current system performance, reviewing major achievements, and looking at the greater challenges. In addition, they will discuss specific goals for future improvements, focusing on the handful of outcomes that could drive needed change throughout the system.

A Tech Trek Camp Coordinators' meeting will precede the LACIC meeting at 1 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the lower level of PIH.

AAUW Members and the Nobel Prize

Submitted by Janice Pomerantz

Marie Curie (1867 - 1934) - Nobel prize winner in Physics and in Chemistry

- Received money from Association of Collegiate Alumnae (the predecessor to AAUW) members to purchase a gram of radium for Marie Curie.¹ (In 1920, one gram of radium cost \$100,000!)
- "She was the [first woman to win a Nobel Prize](#), the first person and only woman to [win twice](#), the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences, and was part of the Curie family legacy of [five Nobel Prizes](#)."²
- She developed the theory of radioactivity, techniques for isolating radioactive isotopes, and discovered two elements - polonium and radium.³
- During her visit to the White House in 1921, President Warren Harding presented her with the gram of radium in a lead-lined box.

Her many awards include:

[Nobel Prize in Physics](#) (1903)

[Elliott Cresson Medal](#) (1909)

[Willard Gibbs Award](#) (1921)

[Davy Medal](#) (1903)

[Albert Medal](#) (1910)

[Matteucci Medal](#) (1904)

[Nobel Prize in Chemistry](#) (1911)

¹ [Suzanne Gould](#) See <http://www.aauw.org/2012/06/13/barbara-mcclintock/>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie_Curie

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie_Curie

Other Nobel Prize Winners Who Were AAUW Members:

Jane Addams (1860–1935)-- Social reformer

First American woman to receive the Nobel Prize.

Established [Hull-House](#), a social settlement, in Chicago in 1889. Hull-House residents and supporters forged a powerful reform movement. See <http://www.aauw.org/2014/06/11/supportive-dads/>

Pearl S. Buck (1892 –1973) -- Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize-winning author.

She was a member of the AAUW Philadelphia (PA) Branch.

Was active at the national level, serving on the AAUW Committee on the Economic and Legal Status of Women.

"Buck studied and discussed subjects such as equal pay, equal rank for women in the armed services, the fight to repeal discriminatory employment practices against married women, and the ERA."¹

¹ [Suzanne Gould](#) <http://www.aauw.org/2014/01/13/pearl-buck-history/>

Gertrude Elion (1918 –1999) -- [American biochemist](#) and [pharmacologist](#)

Shared the 1988 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with George H. Hitchings and Sir James Black.

Her many awards include:

[Garvan-Olin Medal](#) (1968)

[ForMemRS](#) (1995)¹

[Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#) (1988)

[Lemelson-MIT Prize](#) (1997)

[National Medal of Science](#) (1991)

¹ [Avery, Mary Ellen](#) (2008), "Gertrude Belle Elion. 23 January 1918 -- 21 February 1999". *Biographical Memoirs of Fellows of the Royal Society*. **54**:161-168. doi:[10.1098/rsbm.2007.0051](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbm.2007.0051). Also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude_B._Elion

Carol Greider (1961 -) Director of Molecular Biology and Genetics at Johns Hopkins University.

In 2009 she and two others were awarded "the Nobel Prize for their discovery of "telomerase," an enzyme that allows cells to divide without dying and could play a role in the uncontrolled spread of cancer cells."¹ She discovered this enzyme while a graduate student at UC Berkeley.

¹ amandapetersen, see <http://www.aauw.org/2009/10/12/aauw-member-awarded-nobel-prize/>

AAUW Achievement Award Recipient

Barbara McClintock (1902 - 1992) - **Received a \$2500 AAUW Achievement Award.**

As an American scientist and cytogeneticist, she studied chromosomes and how they change during reproduction in maize; demonstrated that genes are responsible for turning physical characteristics on and off.

She was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1983, the only woman to receive an unshared Nobel Prize in this category.

She was recognized among the best in her field, was awarded prestigious fellowships, and was elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences in 1944.

Her many awards include: [National Medal of Science](#) (1970), [Thomas Hunt Morgan Medal](#) (1981), [Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize](#) (1982), [Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#) (1983)

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Fri., Jan. 19, 6:30 pm
Location: Home of Janice Pomerantz; see Dec. Telegram or your Jan. 2018 Calendar for address. **RSVP:** Janice, 424-224-7217 or jbpomerantz@yahoo.com

My Life on the Road,

by Gloria Steinem

My Life on the Road is the moving, funny, and profound story of Gloria's growth and also the growth of a revolutionary movement for equality—and the story of how surprising encounters on the road shaped both. From her first experience of social activism among women in India to her work as a journalist in the 1960s; from the whirlwind of political campaigns to the founding of *Ms.* magazine; from the historic 1977 National Women's Conference to her travels through Indian Country—a lifetime spent on the road allowed Gloria to listen and connect deeply with people, to understand that context is everything, and to become part of a movement that would change the world.

Women in Transition (WIT)



Date & Time: Wed., Jan. 3, 7 pm
Home of Susan Negrete

Topic: WIT's Annual Business

Meeting: As we embark on year #8, how can we make WIT better? Bring "change for the good of the group" ideas and discussion topics.

Directions: Take PV Drive North or PV Drive South going west, continue to PV Drive West. At the LUNADA BAY PLAZA sign turn west (toward the Plaza - this street is Yarmouth Road). Continue past the business block; 708 is the second house on the left. Park on the street, in 708 driveway, or in the LB Plaza shopping spaces.

RSVP: by Tues., Jan. 2, to Susan Negrete, 310-377-0642 or susimone@aol.com.



Evening Literary Group



Date & Time: Tues., Jan. 23, 7:30 pm
Location: The home of Karen Gottlieb
See your directory for address.
RSVP: 310 539-4741 or

kgott10@gmail.com

***My Own Words,* by Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

A witty, engaging, serious, and playful collection of writings and speeches from the woman who has had a powerful and enduring influence on law, women's rights, and popular culture. *My Own Words* offers Justice Ginsburg on wide-ranging topics. This is a fascinating glimpse into the life of one of America's most influential women.

Coming in February: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

Film Group



Date & Time: Wed., Jan. 24, 7 pm
Location: the home of Peggy Monga
RSVP: Peggy, 310 316-7542 or filmgroup@earthlink.net

How to deal with a cheating spouse. Join us for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

***THE UNFAITHFUL WIFE* (1969)(2003)(Rated NR)**

From writer/director Claude Chabrol, "founder of the New Wave, and a giant of French cinema"—Ebert. A man suspects his wife of infidelity. He hires a private detective to watch her, who confirms his worst fears. "[Chabrol] doesn't pile on the showy action set-pieces, but his films are gripping psychological thrillers, usually about what goes on behind the facade of middle-class "normality" and "respectability."—Ebert website. Starring Chabrol's own wife and frequent leading lady, Stephane Audran, and Michel Bouquet. Available at Redondo and Netflix DVD

***THINGS TO COME* (2016)(2017)(Rated PG-13)**

Nathalie is a philosophy teacher with a seemingly settled existence. But beginning with the revelation that her husband of twenty-five years is leaving her, one by one the pillars of Nathalie's life start to crumble. For the first time in ages, she finds herself adrift, but also with a newfound sense of liberation. Starring Isabelle Huppert as Nathalie, and André Marcon. "A fluent, confident and deeply felt work by an astute chronicler of life [writer/director Mia Hansen-Love], *Things to Come* considers the fragility of ideas when exposed to the eroding force of time in beautifully humane fashion."—Patrick Gamble-CineVue. Available at Torrance, Redondo and Netflix DVD



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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2018

- Jan. 03** Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT meeting, Pg. 5
09 Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Board meeting, Pg. 2
11 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
13 Saturday, 9:30 am, Branch meeting, Pg. 1
14 Sunday, 2:00 pm, LACIC meeting, Pg. 3
19 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Gp. meeting, Pg. 5
23 Tuesday, 7:30 am, Evening Lit. meeting, Pg. 5
24 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Film Gp.,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 20th of the preceding month.