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TORRANCE AAUW presents A JOURNEY FROM TECH TREK TO UCLA MEDICAL RESIDENCY

Dr. Kathleen Yip, a Torrance Branch, campers of AAUW's at Stanford U., and a senior counselor. she graduated from with a B.S. in Bio-Biology and then scholarship to Clinic Lerner Case Western



new member of the was among the first Tech Trek in 2001 returned in 2006 to be After high school, the U. of San Diego chemistry and Cell received a full tuition attend the Cleveland College of Medicine at Reserve University.

Graduating in 2015, she began residency in emergency medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, where she is one of eleven women in a sixteen-person class.

Join us as she shares her inspirational journey and answers questions such as:

- *Why STEM education is important for girls?*
- *What motivated her to pursue a medical career?*
- *Why AAUW membership is important?*

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 9:30 am

at the Torrance Airport Community Room

3301 Airport Drive, Torrance

(Between Hawthorne & Crenshaw at Zamperini Way)

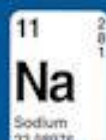
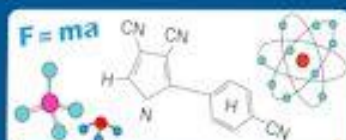
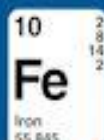
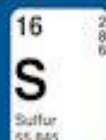
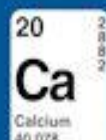
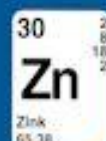
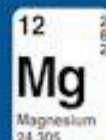
ENJOY COFFEE OR TEA AS WELL AS A LIGHT SNACK

Schedule:

9:30 am – Networking & light refreshments

9:45 am – Welcome and announcements

10:00 am – Our speaker presentation followed by Q & A



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Torrance Members,

Torrance Branch has 121 days left before it will turn 50 in June and the celebration will be on June 2, 2018. Hopefully, all members have already cast their vote to select the gift to the Torrance Library in honor of our 50 Year Anniversary.

Worldwide travel helps us understand other cultures, diversity and global awareness. On January 13, our very own Jann Segal presented "Clotheslines - An Open Window to The Soul of a People." The presentation was fascinating and interactive and we all enjoyed Jann's travel stories and photos – especially the ones of clotheslines!

On January 20th, I was thrilled to join many other AAUW members at the Women's March in Redondo Beach. Thank you to all who participated in one of the marches!

The STEM fields are rapidly becoming the most in-demand and lucrative in the world. On February 10, 2018, AAUW Torrance member Dr. Kathleen Yip will share her story of transitioning from Tech Trek camper to pursuing a STEM career in the medical field as an emergency room physician. I look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Thank you all for donating your hours to fulfill AAUW missions.

Indrani

Next board meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7:30 pm, at Indrani's home. RSVP: ichat905@gmail.com

FROM OUR MEMBERS

#MeToo

Submitted by Nancy Kenney, AAUW Torrance Branch Secretary

In light of all the recent news about "MeToo" and "Time's Up", your board would like to encourage conversations about sexual harassment. If all of this sounds familiar, like a battle we fought forty years ago, it is because we did! There are still important issues as we enter feminism 2.0 and questions that remain to be answered.

AAUW has defined sexual harassment as follows:

"In the most basic terms, sexual harassment is defined as unwanted behavior that is sexual in nature. This can include making lewd comments, showing or sending someone sexually explicit photos, spreading sexual rumors, engaging in inappropriate touching, or using homophobic slurs. Bullying, on the other hand, involves a power dynamic in which perpetrators intend to harm their victim or victims for any number of reasons (or no reason at all). Intent is a required component for a behavior to be classified as bullying. For sexual harassment, the person does not have to intend to harm someone else; the behavior is defined by the effect it has on the harassed person."

Is this definition too broad, or even prosecutable? Is there a spectrum of bad behavior and should it all be raised to the level of harassment? Are the real issues inequality and abuse of power, sexual or not? How do we develop confident children with strong ethical and moral compasses? How can we empower others to deal with these issues?

If you are interested in pursuing these questions either in group or as a program, let your Board Members know and we will try to implement.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our next EPC meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 8 at 6:30pm at Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.** (Please use the call box to be buzzed into lobby. We meet in the 1st floor community room. Contact Nancy Brock's cell 650-678-5522 if you are unable to enter.)

We have been hard at work getting our Tech Trek camper and school buddy packets prepared for the school buddy visits to their middle schools. Thank you to **Pat Arnett, Maymie Chenoweth, Judith Hill, Karen Peters, Peggy Monga and Margot Sullivan** for assembling all the packets. Thank you **Janice Pomerantz** for copying all the materials for the packets. And thank you to **Athena Paquette Cormier** (and her staff) for making all the labels for the envelopes.

The school buddies have visited the 15 middle schools from Torrance, Redondo, and several Los Angeles Unified schools. Thank you to our school buddies: **Pat Carroll, Athena Paquette Cormier, Ann DuPuy, Judith Hill, Susan Negrete, Kay Odgers, Karen Peters, Suzanne Siney, Margot Sullivan, and Kathleen Yip.** The camper applications are due February 8 and will be mailed to **Janice Pomerantz or Susan Negrete.** Thank you **Peggy Monga** for updating all the materials and organizing all the schools, school buddies, readers, and timelines and for keeping us on track.

We are now recruiting Readers to read the camper applications and essays and rank the girls with a team of 2 others. Reading will take place March 9-17. Please contact Peggy at filmgroup@earthlink.net if you would like to be a Reader. We provide all the instruction and you can read in the comfort of your own home. Please consider this very necessary and worthwhile part of our Tech Trek camper selection process.

Michele Freck has been busy getting sponsor scholarships for our campers. The cost of camp is about \$1,000, and we are hoping to send 30 girls this year. If you know of a company or individual who would be interested in donating toward a scholarship, please contact Michele at micfreck@gmail.com.

Alice Hill, our Tech Trek coordinator, reported that the camps at UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, and Whittier are in great need of Dorm Moms. The camps are held Sunday thru Saturday the weeks of June 24 -30, July 8-14, July 22-28, and July 29- August 4. It is an amazing experience...just ask Susan Negrete and Judith Hill. Please consider this and let Alice know if you would like to be a part of Tech Trek Camp (alicemhill@verizon.net).

Thank you Torrance Branch for your support of our Tech Trek program!

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotsullivan@aol.com

AAUW-CA CONVENTION NEWS

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

April 28, 2018 Women in STEM Globally. A panel of women from local universities will speak about the value of encouraging STEM careers internationally. They will speak on the importance of advocacy and funding for STEM careers for women world-wide.

Host: Indrani Chatterjee, International Advocacy AAUW-CA Program Committee, President Torrance Branch and Member Long Beach Branch

April 29, 2018 Honoring Your Branch Legacy. An overview of AAUW programs that honor branch legacy: Past, Present & Future. Members will learn methods of engaging and retaining new and current members in creative ways by researching and presenting AAUW branch and individual histories. The workshop will encourage community outreach for technical support and public awareness of AAUW's mission and local accomplishments.

Facilitator: Susan Negrete, Chair, Los Angeles Interbranch Council; Member Torrance, PVP and CA Online

Scenes from the January 20 Woman's March "Marching Locally"

Many members from the three AAUW branches in the South Bay - Torrance, Beach Cities and Palos Verdes Peninsula - opted to "march local" and participated together, along with 1,000 women, in Redondo Beach's 2018 Women's March on Saturday, January 20, 2018. Also incorporated across the AAUW group were the women from the only three-branch Interest Group, WIT or "Women in Transition."



INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Fri., Feb. 16, 6:30 pm
Location: Home of Elle Oliver; see your directory for address.
RSVP: Elle, 310 539-0727 or elleoliver@hotmail.com

The Handmaid's Tale, by Margaret Atwood

Set in the near future, *The Handmaid's Tale* describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population.

The story is told through the eyes of Offred, one of the unfortunate Handmaids under the new social order. In condensed but eloquent prose, by turns cool-eyed, tender, despairing, passionate, and wry, she reveals to us the dark corners behind the establishment's calm facade, as certain tendencies now in existence are carried to their logical conclusions. *The Handmaid's Tale* is funny, unexpected, horrifying, and altogether convincing. It is at once scathing satire, dire warning, and a tour de force. It is Margaret Atwood at her best.

Women in Transition (WIT)



Date & Time: Wed., Feb. 7, 7 pm
Home of Susan Negrete:
See your directory for address.

Topic: Sexual Harassment: What are the Men's Points of View?

Directions: contact Susan.

RSVP: by Tues., Feb. 6, to Susan Negrete, 310-377-0642 or susimone@aol.com

Evening Literary Group



Date & Time: Tues., Feb. 27, 7:30 pm
Location: The home of Gerry Suzuki
See your directory for address.
RSVP: Gerry, 310 540-9984 or gerrysuz@mac.com

The women of Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Taking place on a cruise ship on its maiden voyage in the North Sea. Lo Blacklock thinks she witnessed a crime but no one believes her account. This novel reminds the reader of Agatha Christie's *Death on the Nile* but contains more plot twists, chills and action. The reader is challenged in trying to figure out the answer to this mystery with myriad psychological aspects.

Coming in March: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, by Lisa See.

Film Group



Date & Time: Wed., Feb. 28, 7 pm
Location: to be determined.
Peggy, filmgroup@earthlink.net

Classic courtroom dramas..

Join us for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

12 ANGRY MEN

(1957)(2008)(2011)(Rated NR) Sidney Lumet's riveting courtroom drama with an all-star cast. Knowing full well that a guilty verdict means death, a jury of 12 men (including E. G. Marshall, Jack Warden, Lee J. Cobb and Jack Klugman) must decide the fate of an 18-year-old boy accused of fatally stabbing his father. But only one juror (Henry Fonda) wants to take the time to coolly deliberate the case. This Oscar-nominated drama illuminates all the petty impediments on the path to justice. Ebert's Great Movies. Available at Torrance in various releases and Netflix DVD.

WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION

(1957)(2001)(Rated NR) Based on an Agatha Christie play, this 6 Oscar-nominated mystery directed and co-written by Billy Wilder concerns an esteemed and aging lawyer in ill-health. On the eve of retiring, he takes on the defense of an alleged murderer accused of killing a wealthy widow. Starring Tyrone Power, Marlene Dietrich, Charles Laughton—Best Actor Nominee—as the barrister and Elsa Lanchester—Best Supporting Actress Nominee. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD



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TO:

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2018

- Feb. 06** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Board meeting, Pg. 2
07 Wednesday, 7:00 pm, WIT meeting, Pg. 5
08 Thursday, 6:30 pm, EPC Meeting, Pg. 3
10 Saturday, 9:30 am, Branch meeting, Pg. 1
16 Friday, 6:30 pm, Diversity Book Gp. meeting, Pg. 5
27 Tuesday, 7:30 am, Evening Lit. meeting, Pg. 5
28 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.