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2017 - 2018**

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Welcome to Torrance AAUW's 2018 Fundraiser at



**1018 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach, 90254
Wednesday, April 18th**

\$20 per person entry fee (for our fundraiser)

plus a two item minimum purchase at the club from the bar / food menu.

The proceeds of this fundraiser will be donated to the Torrance Public Library Foundation to buy books and/or other media on the occasion of our branch's 50th Anniversary Celebration, June 2.

Here are some details of the evening at the Comedy and Magic Club:

6:20 pm - Parking lot opens (\$5 cash only, very small lot, carpool!)

6:30 pm - Doors open (first come, first serve)

7:30 pm - All guests must be seated or you could forfeit your ticket

6:30 to 8:00 - Dinner is available (two item minimum, food and/or drink)

8:00 to 9:30 - The show!

If you are not a Torrance Branch member and would like to attend, please contact aawtorrance@gmail.com

Tickets will be handed out at the event, NOT mailed to you.

Guests must be 18 or older.

If you are unable to attend or would like to make an additional donation, please include a note to that effect.

(This is not a tax-deductible donation. To make such a donation, please contact aawtorrance@gmail.com.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Torrance Members,

The days are flying!! The Torrance Branch has just 62 days left before it will turn the BIG 50! The celebration is set to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Depot Restaurant in Torrance. Please be sure to mark your calendar for the celebration. A flyer with all the relevant details will be coming your way soon! Be sure to watch for it!

Every month, we highlight a special area to focus on and learn more through the experiences of others. This past month, on March 10, to highlight International Women's Day, Melissa Liu Cruz shared her story of her upbringing in an Asian-American household to the path of becoming a Mobile Product Manager in Cubic Transportation as a second-generation Asian-American. The Q&A session was very interactive, the information was inspirational and it was nice to hear about her experiences.

This year, April 10 is Equal Pay Day. While we are making progress from past decades to being paid what we are worth, we still have not reached the finish line yet. For more information, the AAUW national website is filled with great articles. It is stimulating reading.

On April 18, the Torrance Branch will be going as a group to the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach to raise funds to donate in honor of its 50-Year Anniversary to the Torrance Library Foundation. It will be a fun experience for a very worthy cause. I look forward to seeing you all there, ready for a few laughs!

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



Happy Spring! *Indrani*

Next board meeting: Tuesday, Apr. 3, 7:30 pm, at Indrani's home. RSVP: ichat905@gmail.com



April 27 - 29
Irvine Marriott Hotel,
18000 Von Karman Ave.,
Irvine, CA

Program Highlights:

- Friday 4/27, 6 to 8:30 pm - AAUW CEO Kim Churches @ Dinner
- Saturday 4/28, 10:15 - 11:45 am - Dayla Sims, Beach Cities Chair, presents "How to Mentor Tech Trek Girls" Workshop Session A
- Sunday 4/29, 10:15 - 11:45 am - Susan Negrete, Torrance, PVP, presents "Honor Your Branch Legacy" Workshop Session B
- Sunday 4/29 - Tech Trek Luncheon & Reunion

Register now: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/>

LOS ANGELES INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

May 20, 2018 2:00 – 4:00pm, Conference Room F, PIH, Whittier, CA

We're pleased to announce that AAUW Beach Cities & PVP member JUDY MILESTONE will speak at the final meeting of the 2017 – 2018 term of LACIC. Judy's subject will be Student Debt and the variety of ways it is particularly burdensome to women. In addition to her media career, Judy has an extensive portfolio in college and university-level functions; she currently teaches at UCLA; served on the Board of Trustees at Smith College; and was Asst. Dean of Students at the University of Pennsylvania. SAVE the DATE and join us for what promises to be lively and informative conversation!

Susan Negrete – Chair, LACIC



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please join us for our next EPC monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 pm at Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.** Please use the call box for Nancy Brock to be buzzed into the lobby. Take the elevator to the 1st floor Community Room. Contact Nancy's cell 650-678-5522 if you are unable to enter. We will be preparing the letters to notify the girls who have applied for Tech Trek Camp.

Thanks to our wonderful readers and school buddies, we have just completed our selection process and have chosen the seventh grade girls from Torrance, Redondo Beach and Los Angeles middle schools that we will be sending to Tech Trek Camps this summer. Many thanks to **Pat Arnett, Carol Bauer, Lisa Blank, Maymie Chenoweth, Ann DuPuy, Inetha Foster, Keri Gilbert, Jennifer Goorchenko, Vicki Goorchenko, Jessica Hassen, Nancy Kenney, Billie Lee Langley, and corporate sponsor readers Dawn Salvatore and Marijo Lesaca from Moog, Jackie Aldaco from Watson Land Co., and Sherry Kramer from Continental Development** for their dedication and hard work for this great program. We are so appreciative of our **Reader Captains** who read, coordinated and finalized all the scores: **Pat Carroll, Athena Cormier, Karen Hassen, Judith Hill, Susan Negrete, Karen Peters, Kay Odgers, Suzanne Siney, Margot Sullivan, and Kathleen Yip.** Special thanks to **Peggy Monga** for scanning ALL the materials and coordinating all the readers and to **Janice Pomerantz** for all the printing. Thank you to the helpers who put together the reader packets: **Pat Arnett, Lisa Blank, Nancy Brock, Maymie Chenoweth, Gloria Liu, Peggy Monga, Karen Peters, Janice Pomerantz, and Margot Sullivan.** Thank you, **Alice Hill,** for collecting the finalists' information and coordinating the camper placement and scholarships with the camps. There is an amazing amount of work that went into compiling all the data from 75 girls who applied for this opportunity to attend Tech Trek STEM Camp and making the selections. We are really grateful for all the volunteers who did so much! Thank you, **Michele Freck,** for your diligence and expertise with the financial aspect of Tech Trek and for continuing to search for scholarships.

The **AAUW State Convention will be held at the Irvine Marriott April 27-29.** It is the **20th anniversary of Tech Trek,** and there will be a **Tech Trek luncheon and reunion on Sunday, April 29th.** Invitations have been sent to our Torrance Branch Tech Trek Alumnae, and we are excited to be able to sponsor ten girls for the luncheon. AAUW members are encouraged to attend too! For more information **contact Michele Freck, micfreck@gmail.com, Alice Hill, alicemhill@verizon.net or Peggy Monga, filmgroup@verizon.net.**

Our **Tech Trek Orientation for new campers will be held at Hull Middle School in Torrance on Sunday, June 3.** **Pat Arnett and Pat Carroll** are coordinating the event and will be looking for volunteers to set up on Sunday morning from 10:30-1:00. Help is also needed during the event from 1-4 pm. Please contact them if you are interested in helping. It is always a fun time so save the date.

See you on April 12th we hope!

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotsullivan@aol.com





Torrance Branch

2018-2019 Dues Renewal Statement FOR RENEWING MEMBERS ONLY

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

(work) _____ E-mail _____

NEW: Check here if you prefer that your home address NOT be included in our e-directory: _____
(All information will still be included in the printed directory.)

How would you like to receive the AAUW Torrance Branch newsletter (Torrance Telegram)? Indicate below:
Emailed _____ Mailed copy (see below for suggested donation) _____

Indicate any Torrance Branch Directory updates or corrections: (use back if you need more space)



Dues Breakdown: AAUW Assoc.: \$59 (\$56 of which is tax-deductible)
+ CA AAUW: \$20 + Torrance Branch: \$22 = \$101 Total

If a Renewing Member at Torrance Branch pay: **\$101.00**

If a Renewing Life Member – pay only State and Branch dues: **\$42.00**

If a Dual Member* and renewing with Torrance Branch pay: **\$22.00**

(*Dual members must have paid 2018-2019 National, State and Branch dues at a branch other than Torrance.

Indicate name of other branch _____)

If sending payment after June 10, 2018, add Late Fee: \$10.00

Optional donation to support Tech Trek branch administrative costs: _____

Optional \$5 donation to receive Branch newsletter by US Mail: _____
(copying, postage)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

For a prospective membership form, please contact aauwtorrance@gmail.com



OPTIONAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OPPORTUNITIES!

Help further the mission of AAUW to advance equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Donate now! For AAUW Fund 501c(3) donations, contact AAUW Torrance below. Please include a **separate** check payable to "AAUW Fund."

Contact Michele Freck to make tax-deductible Tech Trek donations to AAUW-CA-SPF 501c(3),
micfreck@gmail.com.

*FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT aauwtorrance@gmail.com or visit <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net>

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Fri., Apr. 20, 6:30 pm
Location: Home of Ann DuPuy; see your directory for address.
RSVP: Ann, 310 316-4808 or ann.dupuy@gmail.com

The Gilded Years, by Karin Tanabe

From an early age Anita Hemmings longed to attend Vassar College. But she is hiding a secret, and it's one that may compromise her dream: She is African-American. With her light skin, Anita succeeds in passing as white and matriculating at Vassar, where she finds herself living with Lottie Taylor, the daughter of one of New York's most prominent families. Pulling a reclusive Anita out of her shell, Lottie inadvertently puts her friend's greatest secret at risk. A fictionalized account of the life of the first African American woman to graduate from Vassar College, *The Gilded Years* is a moving story of how one woman risked it all for the chance at a better life.

Evening Literary Group



Date & Time: Tues., Apr. 24, 7:30 pm
Location: The home of Sheila Brewster; see your directory for address.
RSVP: Sheila, 310 378-3202 or shebrew@aol.com

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Hannah has captured a particular slice of French life during World War II with wonderful details and drama. The novel explores the relationship between two sisters and what we do in moments of great challenge. Do we rise to the occasion or fail? Are we heroes or cowards? Are we loyal to the people we love most or do we betray them? Hannah explores these questions with probing finesse and great heart.

Coming in May: *Anything Is Possible*
by Elizabeth Strout



Women in Transition (WIT)



Date & Time: Wed., Apr. 4, 7 pm
Home of Susan Negrete:
See your directory for address.
RSVP: by Monday, Apr. 2, to Susan Negrete, 310 377-0642 or susimone@aol.com

Topic: Cultural Changes Due to the Rise of a "New Greatest Generation"

Film Group



Date & Time: Wed., Apr. 25, 7 pm
Location: Home of Peggy Monga; see your directory for address.
RSVP: Peggy, 310 316-7542
filmgroup@earthlink.net

Country house farces.

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

The Rules of the Game (1939)(2004)(Rated NR)
 Cloaked in a comedy of manners, this scathing critique of corrupt French society is about a weekend hunting party at which amorous escapades abound among the aristocratic guests, which are also mirrored by the activities of the servants downstairs. "...relevant and risky when it was filmed [by French director Jean Renoir] in 1939, when it was clear that Europe was going to war" and Popular Front partisans clashed with Nazi sympathizers. Starring Marcel Dalio, Mila Parely, Roland Toutain and Paulette Dubost. One of Ebert's Great Movies. Available at Redondo Library-Criterion edition, and Netflix DVD.

Gosford Park (2001)(2002)(Rated R for some language and brief sexuality) Drama set at the country estate of Sir William McCordle in 1932, showing the lives of upstairs guests and downstairs servants at a hunting party weekend when one of the group is murdered. "Robert Altman's "Gosford Park" is above all a celebration of styles-- the distinct behavior produced by the British class system, the personal styles of a rich gallery of actors, and his own style of introducing a lot of characters and letting them weave their way through a labyrinthine plot. At a time when too many movies focus every scene on a \$20 million star, an Altman film is like a party with no boring guests." Ebert 4*. All-star cast. Available at Torrance and Redondo Libraries and Netflix DVD.



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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2018

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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.