



**Torrance Branch
2017 - 2018**

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Join us as we celebrate
Torrance AAUW's



Take a trip down memory lane with us through fifty years of AAUW Torrance! Check our branch memorabilia tables, hear our Founding Members tell about early branch projects, socialize with members, and more!

Saturday, June 2, 2018,

10:30 am to 1:00 pm at

The Depot

1250 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance 90501

\$40 per person

Includes a hot gourmet chicken or vegetarian plate, salad, rolls, a variety of desserts, and coffee or iced tea.

Please send completed order form

(see page 4 of this Telegram)

and your check by May 25, to:

AAUW Torrance Treasurer

P.O. Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Torrance Members,

We are getting closer! The Torrance Branch has just 43 days left before it will turn the BIG 50! The celebration will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Depot Restaurant in Torrance. Please be sure to mark your calendar for the celebration and reserve early.

The Torrance Branch will not have a monthly meeting in May.



May is always a very special month for mothers. I am extending my regards to all mothers in Torrance Branch; enjoy celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday May 13th.

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

Regards, *Indrani*

Next board meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 pm, at Indrani's home.

RSVP: ichat905@gmail.com

Comedy and Magic Club Fundraiser Report

To raise money for our 50th Anniversary celebration, the branch held a fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach on April 18. We were entertained by several comedians and a magician and all in attendance had a wonderful time.

The Club generously donated 31 tickets which we sold for \$20 each. Other members made donations and we raised \$900 in all.

There is still time to donate to the cause! If you would like to do so, please send a check (payable to AAUW Torrance) to our treasurer, Lisa Blank.

Keri Gilbert

ATTENTION TORRANCE BRANCH MEMBERS!

We need two more volunteers to join the board next year. Won't you step up? It's a great way to get involved and help the branch move forward in fulfilling our mission.

CONTACT: Gloria Liu, qlsb7891@gmail.com or Indrani, ichat905@gmail.com

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| Program VP | Open | (2018-19) | |
| Membership VP | Open | (2018-20) | |
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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE



Please join us for our monthly EPC (Educational Partnership Committee) meeting on **Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm.** Contact aauwtorrance@gmail.com for location.

The Tech Trek 20th Anniversary Reunion and Luncheon was held at the State Convention on April 29th. Thank you to **Alice Hill and Michele Freck** for their hard work and diligence in contacting all the girls Torrance Branch sent to Tech Trek Camp since 1999. Of the nearly 500 girls who were our campers, we were able to reach all but 17 by email or hard copy to invite them to the events. Thank you to **Janice Pomerantz** for hosting the letter stuffing and printing, to **Michele Freck** for all of her help including printing of letters and labels, and to helpers **Pat Carroll, Judith Hill, Gloria Liu, and Margot Sullivan** for preparing the letters for mailing. Thank you to **Alice Hill**, an anonymous donor and our branch EPC for providing funds to host 10 girls at the luncheon. Our TTAG was asked to provide the flowers for the Tech Trek Luncheon. Thank you to **Maymie Chenowith** for providing transportation for the flower arrangements.

At our last meeting the select and non-select letters to the girls who applied to Tech Trek Camp were mailed. Thank you, **Alice Hill**, for preparing all the materials, and to **Janice Pomerantz** for updating the database, and to **Janice and Michele** for printing labels. We are sending 30 campers this year, 2 from each of 15 middle schools.

Athena Paquette Cormier will be presenting our Tech Trek Campers from Adams Middle School Redondo Beach and Perras Middle School to the Redondo Beach School Board on May 22nd. Torrance middle school campers will be presented on June 4 to the Torrance School Board.

Our next event is the **Tech Trek Orientation to be held Sunday, June 3 at Hull Middle School.** **Pat Arnett** and **Janice Pomerantz** are coordinating. The program is from 1:00 – 4:00 pm with set up from 10:30 to 1:00. If you would like to help in any way, be sure to contact Pat or Janice. It is always so interesting to meet our new campers and help with the letters, puzzles and other activities.

Hope to see you all soon!

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotsullivan@aol.com

LOS ANGELES INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

HAPPY GRADUATION and Welcome to Student Debt!

A Presentation on the Financial Issues Facing Today's Women College Graduates

Facilitated by JUDY MILESTONE, AAUW Beach Cities & Palos Verdes Peninsula Member, UCLA Lecturer – Department of Communications Former Vice-Chair, Smith College Board of Trustees. Judy Milestone has ideal credentials for bringing this important topic to LACIC members. A magna cum laude AB graduate of Smith College and the holder of an MA from the University of Pennsylvania, she is a current lecturer at UCLA and recent lecturer at Antioch University of Los Angeles. In the past she has served as Acting Vice President, Advancement, at Smith College and as Assistant Dean, College for Women, at the University of Pennsylvania. Thus, she has timely knowledge about student debt and how it impacts today's students. Her extensive professional and civic experience includes serving as Senior Vice President of Cable News Network (CNN) and as a member of the National Program Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations. JOIN US!

Sunday, May 20, 2018 2:00 – 4:00pm
PIH (formerly Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)
12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier,
Lower Level, Conference Rm. F

The LACIC refreshment plan: Bring your own drink. Individuals are invited to bring snacks to share.

Susan Negrete – Chair, LACIC

RESERVATION FORM

Join us as we celebrate
TORRANCE AAUW'S



*A Trip Down Memory Lane,
plus a hot gourmet lunch prepared by Chef Shafer at*

The Depot

1250 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance 90501

Saturday, June 2, 2018,

10:30 am to 1:00 pm

\$40 per person



TORRANCE AAUW TURNS 50!

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Guest reservation form
COST: \$40 per person includes hot lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Luncheon choice: Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Please list the names and meal choices of your guests: (Use back for additional names)

**Mail this form and your check, payable to Torrance AAUW, to be received by May 25, 2018, to:
AAUW Torrance Treasurer, P.O. Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505**

FREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH OPPORTUNITY!

Our treasurer, Lisa Blank, will be out of town in late May and we would like to get all membership renewals submitted prior to her absence.

As an encouragement to send your renewals in early, the board will waive the 50th Anniversary Celebration ticket fee for one lucky member!

To be eligible, Lisa must receive your full dues payment and completed renewal form by May 25.

Bear in mind that the postal service is unpredictable and it can take a week or more for a letter to go across town, so mail early!

The drawing will be held on May 26 and we will reimburse the lucky winner for the price she paid for the Celebration ticket. Please purchase your Celebration tickets by May 25 as well.

Gloria Liu, VP Membership



Case Update: Aileen Rizo’s Equal Pay Victory Arrives Just in Time for Equal Pay Day

On April 9, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed a decision from a smaller panel last year in [Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education](#), holding that prior salary alone as a “factor other than sex” or in combination with other factors cannot justify a pay differential. This case matters because basing pay on salary history can perpetuate the gender pay gap due to women being typically paid less in prior jobs than men in direct contrast with the intent of the Equal Pay Act (EPA) of 1963.

This decision is a huge victory for employees within the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit. However, the fight for protections for all workers continues. Federal legislation like the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), currently pending in Congress, would ban the use of salary history nationwide and provide much-needed updates to strengthen the EPA.

AAUW will continue to support Rizo through our legal case support program as her case moves through any further appeal.



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: _____

Please make renewal check payable to: **AAUW Torrance** and send this form with your check to:
AAUW Torrance Treasurer, P.O. Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505



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

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

INTEREST GROUPS

Diversity Book Group



Date & Time: Fri., May 18, 6:30 pm
Location: Home of Nancy Kenney;
 see your directory for address.
RSVP: Nancy, 310 373-2441 or
nancykenney365@msn.com

***Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance**

Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.

The Vance family story begins in postwar America. J. D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love," and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But as the family saga of *Hillbilly Elegy* plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history.

Evening Literary Group



Date & Time: Tues., May 22, 7:30 pm
Location: The home of Lisa Blank;
 see your directory for address.
RSVP: Lisa, 310 835-9613 or
girlphd@juno.com

***Anything is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout**

Anything Is Possible explores the whole range of human emotion through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. Reverberating with the deep bonds of family, and the hope that comes with reconciliation, *Anything Is Possible* again underscores Elizabeth Strout's place as one of America's most respected and cherished authors.

Coming in June: *Potluck and book planning*

Women in Transition (WIT)



Date & Time: Wed., May 2, 7 pm
Home of Susan Negrete:
 See your directory for address.
RSVP: by Monday, Apr. 30, to
 Susan Negrete, susimone@aol.com or if
 questions, 310 377-0642.

Topic: The Rules for Women

Film Group



Date & Time: Wed., May 23, 7 pm
Location: Home of Margot Sullivan;
 see your directory for address.
RSVP: Margot, 310 316-7916 or
margotrsullivan@aol.com

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

TSOTSI (2005)(2006)(Rated R for language and some strong violent content) A young man running with a criminal gang on the streets of Johannesburg, Tsotsi (a nickname meaning thug) is immersed in a world of violence that seems to leave him unaffected, until he discovers an infant in the backseat of a car he has stolen. He brings the baby to his house in the slum. The next six days bring about a change in him that couldn't be foreseen. Based on a novel by Athol Fugard and directed by Gavin Hood. Won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language film. Available at Redondo libraries and Netflix DVD.

MIDDLE OF NOWHERE (2012)(2015)(Rated R for some language) Devoted wife Ruby drops out of medical school after her husband Derek receives an eight-year prison sentence, and struggles to find the courage to remain faithful and supportive as the demands of being a prison wife weigh heavily on her shoulders. Starring Emayatzy Corinealdi, David Oyelowo, and Lorraine Toussaint as Ruby's mother. Written and directed by Ava DuVernay (*Selma*), who won the Directing Award at Sundance, and whose film was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize. Available at Torrance library and Netflix DVD.





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Torrance, CA 90505



TO:

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2018

- May 01** Tuesday, 7:30 pm, Board meeting, Pg. 2
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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.