



AAUW TORRANCE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2018



AAUW Torrance

Welcome Back Breakfast

Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:30 AM to Noon at

The Depot Restaurant

1250 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance 90501

Cost \$30

Payable to **AAUW Torrance**

RSVP by **August 31st** to

aauwtorrance@gmail.com

Mail your check to

Alice Matthews, AAUW Treasurer,

5412, W. 123rd Street, Del Aire, CA 90250-3423

The meeting will include delicious breakfast, board installation, introduction of branch programs and interest groups and the chance to reconnect with the branch members.

We will also vote on the 2018-2019 budget and distribute the new branch directories.



President's Message

Dear Torrance Members,

Welcome to the 2018-19 AAUW Year!

This will be another exciting year for Torrance Branch.

Our first branch meeting will be held on September 8th at the Depot restaurant. I hope you can join us for our Welcome Back Breakfast meeting.

This meeting will be lively and informative, featuring topics from interest groups about books, film, WIT and updates on important branch programs, insights from the Tech Trek and Start Smart committees.

Thank you to everyone who had attended the Summer Planning meeting and to Nancy Kenny, who kindly hosted the event.

I look forward to see you all in the September 8th meeting.

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

Regards,

Indrani



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Board Members 2018-2019

President	Indrani Chatterjee
Treasurer	Alice Matthews
Membership VP	Cami Hamilton
AAUW Fund VP	Gloria Liu
Secretary	Nancy Kenney
Program Com	Janice Pamerantz & Open

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E.P.C.	Peggy Monga
	Margot Sullivan
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Membership



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At our June 2018 AAUW Torrance 50th Celebration, we recognized members who have contributed in many ways over the years. This was made possible by the generous donations we received for Tech Trek from our sponsors, since we get Named Gift Honorees depending on the size of our donation. Since 1999, our donors have contributed over \$290,000 for Tech Trek activities. In 2016 and 2017, donations for Tech Trek were included in national AAUW Fund totals, enabling us to receive many Named Gift Honoree certificates for the Torrance Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration. Donations have since reverted back to CA AAUW Special Projects Fund, so this was short lived.

In recognition of our donors, and in particular, our current donors, we are recognizing the following donors as Named Gift Honorees. Together their contributions between 2010 and 2017 totaled \$246,000.

NAMED GIFT HONOREE DONORS	YEAR FIRST DONATED	REASON FOR SELECTION
Arconic Foundation (Arconic Fastening Systems)	2009	Most money contributed
W. M. Keck Foundation	2010	Big donor, consistent
Moog, Inc.	1999	Longest time donor
Saatchi & Saatchi Los Angeles	2003	Supports activities
Symantec Corporation	2010	Big donor, consistent
Watson Land Company	2006	Consistently donates
Clifford and Maymie Weinan	2003	Consistently donates, private donor



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You will see the named gift honorees listed in the 2018-2019 directory. Our member and former member honorees are listed below.

Sarah E. Adams

Kathy Allen

Rachel Ambrose

Patricia Arnett

Danute Basiulis

Carol Bauer

Elaine Bohrer

Sheila Brewster

Nancy Brock

Patricia Carroll

Maymie Chenoweth

Berniece V. Duclos Cox

Carol L. Dean

Ann DuPuy

Sue Fishman

Janet Flynn

Michele Freck

Keri Gilbert

Linda S. Grogan

Karen Hassen

Judith L. Hill

Alice M Hill

Nancy Kenney

Pam Kenoyer

Betty Lou Knapp

Jackie Pearson Labouff

Billie Lee Langley

Venora Lee

Gloria Liu

Lydia McCarver

Peggy Monga

Susan Negrete

Kay Odgers

Elle Oliver

Athena Paquette

Janice Pomerantz

Margot Sullivan

Shirley Turner



Membership

Welcome Back!

I look forward to serving as your branch Membership VP as we continue to celebrate our 50th year. Putting together the Directory, I loved seeing so many familiar names. I am also looking forward to getting to know our newer members and dual members. This is a great branch!

Welcome New/Returning Members

Marlin More (dual member)

Vickie McCorkendale (dual member)

Michele Croci (returning, dual member)

Look for a closer introduction to these members in the October issue.

Updates

If you have any changes to your contact information (phone, email, address) there are two things you need to do. Please update your member information at www.aauw.org under “My Profile” menu. This will help ensure that you continue to receive publications. Secondly, please forward your changes to me as well heycamster66@gmail.com so we can keep our records updated.

Remember, online you will need to enter your member number. The member services database is where you can create and print a membership card. Benefits for members can be found under www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/.

Member Growth and Branch Events

The goal for this year’s branch growth is 10 new members. We have several offers to help us reach this. Through the Shape the Future Campaign, we can offer a discounted rate to qualifying new members. With the Give a Grad a Gift Campaign, there is no limit to how many recent graduates you can gift a free year of AAUW national membership! Please see <https://ww2.aauw.org/grad-gift/>. The most important factor which will make this goal a reality is introducing AAUW to people we know. It may be a co-worker, a neighbor, or a friend. Start by inviting someone to the next Branch meeting or event. Torrance Branch: Our Time Is Now!



Educational Partnership Committee

Peggy Monga

&

Margot Sullivan



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Educational Partnership Committee

Please join us as we begin our new year of EPC. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, September 13 at 6:30pm at the residence of Nancy Brock, Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.** To be buzzed into the lobby, use the call box for Nancy Brock. Take the elevator to the 1st floor Community Room. Contact Nancy at 650-678-5522 if you are unable to enter.

We will be preparing for the **Tech Trek Celebration on Tuesday, October 16th at Hull Middle School in Torrance.** Our 30 campers have returned from Tech Trek Camps at Whittier College, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, and UC Santa Barbara. Would you like to be involved in helping to plan the Celebration, assist the 8th grade campers with their presentations, and learn more about Tech Trek?

We are excited that three of our members, **Alice Hill, Susan Negrete, and Karen Peters,** were dorm moms at the camps, and several of our members, **Pat Carroll, Michele Freck, Janice Pomerantz, and Margot Sullivan** were able to attend camp Open Houses.

The evening of Celebration provides an opportunity to hear from the campers themselves about their week at camp. All members, sponsors, and educators are invited to attend. Perhaps you would want to donate 2-3 dozen cookies for the Celebration, too. **Thank you in advance! Hope to see you on the 13th of September!**

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotrsullivan@aol.com



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Torrance Branch Interest Groups

Diversity Book Group

Evening Literature Group

Film Group

Women in Transition





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Diversity Book Group

Meeting at 6:30 pm on September 21, at the home of Alice Matthews. See directory for address.

Email: alicetreasureraauw@gmail.com

The book will be:

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. Her older sister was shot. Her mother was then slowly poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances. In this last remnant of the Wild West—where oilmen like J. P. Getty made their fortunes and where desperadoes such as Al Spencer, “the Phantom Terror,” roamed – virtually anyone who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll surpassed more than twenty-four Osage, the newly created F.B.I. took up the case, in what became one of the organization’s first major homicide investigations. But the bureau was then notoriously corrupt and initially bungled the case. Eventually the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including one of the only Native American agents in the bureau. They infiltrated the region, struggling to adopt the latest modern techniques of detection. Together with the Osage they began to expose one of the most sinister conspiracies in American history. A true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history.



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Evening Literature Group

Tuesday, September 25th, 7:30pm, home of Gerry Suzuki

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill and her siblings live a magical life aboard their family's shantyboat. But when their father rushes their mother to the hospital, the children are thrown into an orphanage. Present day. Avery Stafford has a successful career, a handsome fiancé, and a wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her ailing father, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.



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Film Group Notice

TUESDAY, Sept 25, 2018 at 7 pm

At the home of Peggy Monga

See directory for address

RSVP to 310-316-7542 or filmgroup@earthlink.net

Join us on our new day, Tuesday, for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

THE OFFICIAL STORY (1985)(2004)(Rated NR) An Argentine teacher lives in blissful ignorance of the evils perpetrated by her country's government. Over time, she begins to suspect that her adopted daughter may have been the child of a murdered political prisoner. When she attempts to unearth the truth, her investigation reveals levels of political corruption so abhorrent that the illusions of her past life are irrevocably shattered. Won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, and nominated for Best Writing by Director Luis Puenzo. "*The Official Story* is part polemic, part thriller, part tragedy. It belongs on the list with films...which examine the human aspects of political unrest. It is a movie that asks some very hard questions."-- Ebert 4 stars. Available at Torrance Branch library, Redondo and Netflix DVD.

NO (2012)(2013)(Rated R for language) In this drama from Chile, Gael García Bernal portrays René Saavedra, a hot-shot ad executive who creates a controversial media campaign opposing military dictator Augusto Pinochet during the referendum on his presidency in 1988. "Marshall McLuhan called advertising the greatest art form of the 20th century. In "No," Pablo Larraín's sly, smart, fictionalized tale about the art of the sell during a fraught period in Chilean history, advertising isn't only an art; it's also a way of life."—Manohla Dargis, *New York Times*. Nominated for Best Foreign Language Film. Available at Torrance, Redondo (search author Bernal) and Netflix DVD

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Women In Transition (WIT) Meeting Summer Social & Potluck*

SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

TOPIC: What I Did on My Summer Vacation

DATE: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Private Residence.

See directory for address

If you plan to attend, please RSVP

BY TUESDAY, September 4, 2018

to SUSAN: susan.e.negrete@gmail.com

or if questions, call: [310-377-0642](tel:310-377-0642)

**PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, DESSERT or DRINKS TO SERVE 4 - 6 PEOPLE.*



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Voluntary Telegram Editor Position is Now Open

Summary:

The Telegram Editor is a voluntary position. The Editor will spend 8 to 10 hours every month to compile various source documents into one master document. She will receive information from the various groups (Education Partnership Committee, Evening Literary Group, Diversity Book Group, Film Group, Women in Transition Group, monthly message from President, monthly program announcement from Program VP, Fund VP and Membership VP, etc.) by the 20th of every month.

Responsibility:

- Compile monthly newsletter draft version from various source documents
- Develop monthly program flyer and include in the front cover of the newsletter
- Forward draft version electronically to newsletter proofreader
- Create the monthly event calendar
- Submit the final version of newsletter to Communication Chair for electronic distribution
- Coordinate with Office Depot to get the print version to be mailed to designated members

Requirement:

- Proficient in communication via email
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Word
- Allocate 10 hours to complete the task every month
- Travel to local printer/Office Depot to coordinate the printing
- Light typing using computer



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LACIC Meeting News

AAUW Fund Luncheon





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News from Los Angeles Interbranch Council (LACIC)

LACIC – New term begins Sunday, September 9, 2018

Join the 14 other branches in LACIC as NANCY MAHR, AAUW-CA Board Director and Public Policy Chair, speaks to the California initiatives that will be voted on in November. Nancy is a popular pre-election speaker as she always provides timely and thoughtful public policy information, including AAUW's perspective.

LACIC will continue to meet on the second Sunday of every other month at PIH (formerly Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital) at 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier 90602 from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Mark your calendar! LACIC's next meeting will be held on 11/8.

Susan Negrete (PVP) and Sharon Westafer (Long Beach) Co-Chairs



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The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our
2018-2019 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- SEAL BEACH

Saturday, October 13, 2018

RSVP: September 26, 2018

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM (Check In at 11:30 AM)

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue – Seal Beach, CA 90740

Registration Link: <https://seal-beach-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>