



AAUW TORRANCE NEWSLETTER

October, 2018

Doors will open at 5:30 pm

You Are Cordially Invited to our



AAUW
TECH TREK
CELEBRATION!

Learn about Torrance Branch Tech Trek girls' experiences and meet our sponsors!

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Program 6:30 — 8:00 p.m.

at

Hull Middle School Multipurpose Room
2080 W. 231st Street, Torrance 90501

Doors will open at 5:30 pm

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

Pre-program activities include a Q and A with STEM career professionals for our campers, and sign-up tables for Branch membership and TTAG

Seating is limited. Please RSVP early to:

Pat Arnett,

310-530-1377 or acashel@att.net

Cookie donors thanks very much!

We had many offers, so please bring about 2 dozen

Cookies/treats to Hull no later than 5:30 pm.

Contact Pat (above) with any questions.

October Message from President

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Dear Torrance Members,

What a great start to this New Year! The Torrance branch launched their Fiscal Year 2018-19 with a successful and well-attended Welcome Back Breakfast meeting on September 8th. It was great to see such new faces and veteran members all in one place. The event was informative and we had the opportunity to hear from many special interest and projects groups, such as Tech Trek and Start Smart.

October will be our Tech Trek celebration month and we will celebrate this fantastic event on **October 16th** at Hull Middle School in Torrance. As a treat and to help motivate us to reach even further, we will hear from the girls who currently have gone through this program and of their experiences. I hope to see all of you there again, to celebrate with me and to please encourage any possible future members for Torrance Branch to join us.

October will also be witness to another event, this being Start Smart, which will be in its second session at California State University, Dominguez Hills on **October 11th**. AAUW Start Smart has been specifically designed to teach college graduates to negotiate salaries for their first or any new jobs. This will allow them to learn the strategies and techniques to take control of their own career. I am immensely proud that Torrance Branch has joined this journey to help the empowerment of women in the workplace. October will be a great and exciting month and I hope to see all of you at the meeting on October 16th!

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

Regards,
Indrani



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Treasury Report- Alice Matthews

AAUW Fund- Gloria Liu

Membership- Cami Hamilton

Treasurer/Finance September Update

The 2018-2019 budget was voted on and approved on September 8 at the Welcome Back Breakfast event. We had 29 attending the Welcome Back Breakfast on September 8th which was a huge success. At this meeting, after expenses, we gained a total of \$67 as well as two new members (Susan Helm and Kabita Kumar) under the Shape the Future program (\$44). These two items generated net income in September of \$111. Also during the meeting the participants generously contributed a total of \$319 toward the AAUW Fund.

We currently have 68 members including dual members. A challenge to increase our membership by 10 in 2018 - 2019 was launched by Cami Hamilton and got a great start with two new members signing up at the breakfast.

AAUW Fund Update

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NEED IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISER EVENT

We need ideas for (and people to execute) a fundraiser for AAUW Fund for 2018-2019. What are your ideas? So far, we have the following suggestions from the past, which could be revised as needed and repeated. Do you have other ideas to suggest? What would you be willing to work on? What would you be willing to pay?

1. Comedy and Magic Club
2. Wine tasting
3. Tea, perhaps at Chado
4. Non-events – send mailing asking for donations
5. LAF or Fund Fellow speaker at a branch meeting and request donations
6. Request donations at meetings

Please send us your ideas and let us know how much you would be willing to spend for a particular event. It is becoming more difficult to find free or low-cost venues and so we may need to charge more. We also need your help. If you would be willing to help, please note it, to ensure the event will occur.

I will work on sending out a survey to get your responses.

As my installation gift from Margot Sullivan and Pat Carroll, I received an envelope to pass around at the September Kickoff meeting. We collected \$319 in donations to AAUW Fund. **Thank you one and all.**

--- Gloria Liu. AAUW Fund VP

Membership Update

Branch Membership

Welcome to New Members!

Kabita Kumar, who was a guest of Gloria Liu, earned her B.A. from the Indian Institute of Hotel Management and has worked in the nonprofit sector. Kabita shared at the brunch how committed she and her husband are in helping make Tech Trek successful. Her daughter Kavya loved attending Tech Trek, Whittier earlier this year while her other daughter Krttika keeps her busy as well.

Susan Helm, Pepperdine alumna, was a guest of Rachel Ambrose. You might catch Susan at Disneyland as a Disney fan.

At the September brunch, both ladies took advantage of the Shape the Future Campaign - new members who join at a branch meeting are eligible to take half off their national dues for the first year!

Membership Update (Cont.)

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Go For 10!

Our membership goal this year is 10 new members. Two new members is a start but we need to share AAUW Torrance with more people. I challenge every member to invite a guest to branch events. Not only do you help the Torrance Branch stay active and thriving, you yourself can earn something from National, too. AAUW is offering Recruiter Pins to any member who recruits five or more new members (who have never been previously affiliated with AAUW). It is important to let Alice Matthews and myself know so that your referral can be credited.

Electronic directory with updates: Keri Gilbert has the updated branch directory in PDF format. It includes all the updates and revisions — just ask and she will send you a copy. When YOU have changes, please forward them so we can keep our records updated: heycamster66@gmail.com.

Directories

If you missed the welcome back brunch, I have your directory and am distributing those as schedules allow. It's great having a chance to reconnect with old friends. I will be bringing the member directories with me to the October meeting/Tech Trek Celebration so come join us and pick up your copy!

Cami Hamilton
Membership VP

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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (EPC)

Peggy Monga- EPC

Margot Sullivan- EPC

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Please join us for our monthly meeting **Thursday, October 11th at 6:30 pm at Village Court Del Amo, 21345 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, 1st floor Community Room.** Use the call box to be buzzed into the lobby. Call Nancy Brock's cell phone if you are unable to be buzzed in: 424-237-2249

As you saw on the front page of The Telegram, **Tuesday, October 16 is our Tech Trek Celebration.** It is an important evening for Tech Trek and for all 30 of our campers who had the wonderful opportunity to attend one of 5 camps this past summer. Please join us at **Hull Middle School Multipurpose Room, 2080 231st St., Torrance. Doors open at 5:30pm.** This year we have added an additional opportunity for the campers. We have invited several women in STEM careers to an informal question and answer session with the girls before the Celebration begins. There will be a system engineer, an industrial engineer, an emergency room doctor (our own Dr. Kathleen Yip) and more, to share their stories with the girls. Our eighth- grade campers from Torrance, Redondo Beach and Los Angeles Unified school Districts have been working hard to prepare for this evening to give you an insight into what their week at camp has included...classes, field trips, activities, and the friendships and confidence gained from this amazing week. Thank you to **Pat Carroll, Alice Hill, and Karen Peters** for assisting the girls with their presentations. When you come to the Celebration you will be joined by parents, educators and sponsors interested in STEM with the desire to provide opportunities and awareness to young women. There will be several nice surprises. Not only does TTAG provide lots of help to us during the evening but you will also get to hear from several TTAG members (Tech Trek Alumnae Group) speaking about TTAG. **The program begins at 6:30.** Many people have worked hard on our program so please join us. Many thanks need to be expressed- watch for them in the next Telegram.

Michele Freck, Sophie Maguy, (TTAG) and Margot Sullivan along with Beach Cities AAUW Branch members, and Palos Verdes Branch members participated in a Volunteer Fair at Symantec on Tuesday, September 11. We advertised our programs and occasions for volunteer hours as well as Tech Trek Camp volunteer possibilities. It provided an opportunity to share our mission, meet some very interesting people and find several possible volunteers for our Celebration and other activities.

Don't stop with the Celebration. Please join us the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, October 11!** We will be finalizing plans for the Celebration and we are already beginning to plan for our new year and the next group of campers. We would love to see you then!!

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotsullivan@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

Friday, October 19 6:30 pm at the home of Marlin More. See directory for address.

The book is: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali (2010)

Hirsi Ali first came to the world's attention with the gunning down of filmmaker Theo van Gogh in Amsterdam by a Muslim extremist. A note pinned to van Gogh threatened Hirsi Ali's life for collaborating with him on *Submission*, a short film criticizing Muslims for wife beating and forced marriages. In this memoir, the Somalian-born author tells of her journey to Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia and Kenya, undergoing genital mutilation, being schooled by strict Muslim teachers, and finally facing shame from her family and clan for turning against Islam. In her early twenties, she sought asylum in the Netherlands after escaping an arranged marriage. In Holland, the cleanliness, order and freedom amazed her; she couldn't believe that a government could help its people and was not feared. As she adjusted to her new home, learning Dutch, attending university, acquiring citizenship, and eventually working as a translator for social services, she spoke out publicly, criticizing the Muslim treatment of women. She was elected to serve in parliament, where her controversial views brought death threats and an attempt to rescind her Dutch citizenship. During her brief tenure, she warned that radical Islam is often incompatible with modernity and democracy and that its enslavement of women presents a serious threat. A clearly written and fascinating account of exceptional courage.

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Evening Literature Group

Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:30pm at the home of Eunice Hargrove

Book: Righteous by Joe Ide - For ten years, something has kept Isaiah Quintabe up nights, boiling with anger and thoughts of revenge. Ten years ago, his brother was killed by an unknown assailant and the search for the killer nearly destroyed Isaiah. Now, with near-iconic status as a PI in his hometown, he has begun the hunt again. A rollicking, ingenious thrill ride.

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Film Group

TUESDAY, October 23, 2018 at 7 pm at the home of Margot Sullivan

RSVP to 310-316-7916 or margotsullivan@aol.com

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

BROADWAY DANNY ROSE (1984)(2001)(Rated PG) Agent Broadway Danny Rose attempts to revive the sagging career of overweight, aging lounge singer Lou Canova. Danny has finally booked Lou, but Lou won't show unless his girlfriend Tina (Mia Farrow) is there opening night. Danny's attempt to find Tina lands him in the middle of a gangland battle. Nominated for Best Director (Woody Allen) and Best Writing Oscars. "The real treasure among the performances...is Mia Farrow's Tina....Here she is a chain-smoking, brassy blonde...and a pair of fashionable sunglasses, and dresses that look like they came from the boutique in a Mafia resort hotel."—Ebert 3 ½ stars. Available at Redondo and Torrance Libraries. (NOT Netflix DVD, sorry to say).

RADIO DAYS (1987)(2001)(Rated PG) Director Wood Allen's Oscar-nominated comedy set in 1940's Brooklyn draws heavily on Allen's youth, at a time when radio was king. Through vignettes woven together by music from the era, the film focusses on young Joe (Seth Green) and his houseful of relatives. With a cast of Allen's regulars, including Mia Farrow, Diane Keaton, Danny Aiello, and Dianne Wiest, "it is also the story of 1940s radio itself and it recreates many of the legends that the kid [Joe] hears.... and "Allen finds the...truth...What actually happens isn't nearly as important as how we remember it."—Ebert 4 Stars. Available at Torrance Library and DVD Netflix.

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Women In Transition (WIT) Meeting

TOPIC: Voices of Women - Who's Inspiring YOU Lately?

DATE: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Private Residence
See directory for address

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by: MONDAY, October 8, 2018 to
Susan: susan.e.negrete@gmail.com or if questions, call: 310-377-0642

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Telegram Editor Position is Open

Summary:

The Telegram 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 by the 20th of every month.

Responsibility:

- Compile monthly newsletter draft version from various source documents
- Develop monthly program flyer and include as the first page 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:

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

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AAUW News - National & CA State

AAUW National New Mission Statement

AAUW Fund Luncheon - AAUW CA Fund Committee

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AAUW National New Strategic Plan Statement

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and
Intersectionality.

<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>

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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 by 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>