



AAUW TORRANCE TELEGRAM

November, 2018

TORRANCE BRANCH PRESENTS
**Building Better Outcomes with
Emotional Intelligence (EQ)**



Through an introduction to the principles of Emotional Intelligence (EQ), **Desiree Briel Rodi** will speak on self-awareness, building the capacity to be present and authentic, and the ability to reserve judgment of our self and others. In this interactive workshop, we will learn the science behind EQ, the Power of the Pause, how to be more present, and how to have better conversations.

By creating an environment to sustain this empathy in our children, we can create a more connected, empathetic and kinder world.

**We invite you to join us on
Saturday, November 10**

at the Torrance Airport Community Room
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance
(Between Hawthorne and Crenshaw, at Zamperini Way)

9:30 am: Networking and light refreshments
9:45 am: Welcome and announcements
10:00 am: Our speaker

November Message from President

The month of October has always been marked for celebrating the Tech Trek initiative. This month, as I attended the celebration on **October 16th**, I was astounded to see the incredible dedication and work that the Education Partner Committee take to showcase this great event annually. **Congratulations** to EPC Volunteer Members for their interest, their time and their passion towards a great cause.

Congratulation to Start Smart Team!

The Torrance Branch has facilitated another Start Smart workshop at Cal State University, Dominguez Hills on **October 11th**. Michele Freck and Elle Oliver delivered excellent motivational presentations to the students.

The Torrance Branch will host our monthly meeting on **November 10, 2018** at the Torrance Airport meeting room at 9:30 AM. Our speaker will be **Desiree Briel Rodi** presenting **“Building Better Outcomes with Emotional Intelligence (EQ).”** I hope to see all of you there for this gathering.

Thank you to all of you, our members, for your passion, your dedication and the time that you donate to help the fulfill AAUW missions that we are all a part of.

Indrani

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AAUW Fund Update

AAUW Tea Fundraiser

After discussion with the board, we have decided to hold a tea fundraiser at Chado in downtown Torrance, in April. Look for more news. We will need to sell 110 tickets to have the restaurant to ourselves, so start talking to your friends. We don't have a price yet since the committee has not met. Contact Gloria Liu to volunteer for the tea committee!

AAUW Fund Luncheon

Several Torrance members attended the AAUW Southern California Fellow Luncheon in Seal Beach. Attendees included Alice Hill, Billie Lee Langley, Gloria Liu, Vickie McCorkendale, and Susan Negrete.

The photo on the left shows the fellows who spoke. They spoke with great enthusiasm and knowledge about their topics of study, which AAUW made possible for them.



Legacy Giving

Heather Miller, Director, Major and Planned Giving, AAUW National also spoke. Please notify AAUW if you have made provisions for planned giving so AAUW is aware. She would love to hear from any of us with questions or to discuss your possible ideas.

If you want to donate some of your estate (wills, trusts, IRAs, real estate, etc.) her at millerh@aauw.org; phone 202.785.7766. She has language to include in your will or trust, if you would like to include AAUW in your legacy. You can download the Legacy Circle Brochure to see an example of language to use in your legal documents.

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-packet/>

Donor Advised Fund

If you make your charitable giving through a donor advised fund (DAF), be sure to select **AAUW (Federal Tax ID #52-6037388)**. Donor advised funds let you take the deduction when you fund the DAF and designate recipient charitable organizations later.

Membership Update

Reminder that the **Shape the Future** campaign is still going on. New Members who join AAUW at a Torrance Branch event receive 50% off their national dues! (regularly \$59)

AAUW membership is open to anyone with an associate (or equivalent) degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. A “new member” is someone entirely new to AAUW or an individual who rejoins after two or more years of non-membership. A Member-at-Large of AAUW is not eligible as a new member for this discount when joining the branch.

Go For 10!

I look forward to seeing you at our November 10 meeting and our December holiday party. Please bring a friend.

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Upcoming Event

December, 2018

AAUW Torrance Branch Holiday Party

on December 8th, 2018

at the home of long-time member Pat Arnett

January, 2019

AAUW Torrance, Beach Cities and Palos Verdes

Present

Celebration of Women Empowerment:

The state of women's equity in Los Angeles County Today

January 12, 2019 at 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Torrance Zamperini Airport Meeting Room

3301 Airport Drive, Torrance, CA 90505

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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, November 8 at 6:30 pm** at the home of **Kabita Kumar 1928 W. 183rd St., Torrance**. Please RSVP to Kabita: Kabitarebecca@gmail.com **Please note the new location for our meeting!**
- ▶ Our **Tech Trek Celebration on October 16th** was a great success. It is always rewarding to hear how much our campers have learned and been inspired by their experiences at Tech Trek Camp. Thank you to all the members who participated. We are especially grateful to our EPC Tech Trek Committee **Pat Arnett, Nancy Brock, Pat Carroll, Maymie Chenoweth, Michele Freck, Alice Hill, Kabita Kumar, Gloria Liu, Alice Matthews, Peggy Monga, Karen Peters, Janice Pomerantz and Kathleen Yip** and to **Ann DuPuy** for all the time and energy that went into this event. To explain some of the work involved, **Pat Carroll, Ann DuPuy, Alice Hill, Karen Peters and Margot Sullivan** worked with the 30 campers to help them with their presentations. **Michele Freck** contacted all the sponsors and arranged for 6 women STEM professionals to speak to the girls before their presentations.
- ▶ This was a new addition to the program this year! Our speakers were **Rekya Chintalachuruvu, Susan Coyne and Melva Wong** from Symantec Women Scientists, **Dawn Salvatore** from Moog, **Diane Seanez** from Marvin Engineering and **Dr. Kathleen Yip** from Harbor UCLA Medical Center (our AAUW Torrance member, too). We are very grateful for the time and interest they gave to our campers and their presentations.
- ▶ **Pat Arnett and Maymie Chenoweth** administered the after-camp surveys. **Gloria Liu** arranged for **Interact from West High** to help us with setup and arrangements. They were three wonderful hard-working volunteers. **Pat Carroll** (our Hospitality expert) set up all the refreshment supplies with the help of **Alice Matthews and Kabita Kumar** and arranged the cookies and brownies so generously provided by you AAUW members. **Michele Freck, Kabita Kumar and Janice Pomerantz** made posters of the camp photos and thank you books filled with descriptive thank you notes the girls sent of life in the week of a Tech Trek Camper! **Alice Hill, Karen Hassen and Margot Sullivan** registered campers. **Billie Lee Langley** helped greet and seat guests; **Janice Pomerantz and Alice Matthews** registered educators and sponsors; **Pat Arnett** made signs; **Janice Pomerantz** did all the printing; **Peggy Monga** did all the finalizing of the program and contacting educators. Thank you to **Jessica Hassen** and the other photographers (there were a number of people with cell phones) for taking pictures of the event that we hope you will share to post in the Telegram and for our files.

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Our speakers included **Peggy Monga** with opening and closing remarks, **Pat Arnett** who introduced educators and sponsors, **Alice Hill** who spoke about being a dorm mom, **Kiran Kumar, father of Kavya**, who spoke about a parent's perspective of his daughter's valuable STEM experience, **Maymie Chenoweth** who presented the LAUSD campers with their certificates, **TTAG members Logan Hays, Charlotte Maguy and Khushi Kumra** who introduced campers, told about TTAG and helped in so many other ways...they are amazing and inspiring, and **Karen Peters** who assisted the campers with the microphone. **Cami Hamilton**, our enthusiastic Membership chair, was present to answer questions about AAUW.

We are so very grateful to all of our sponsors and were happy that many were able to attend and greet their campers, including our own Indrani Chatterjee and Athena Cormier Paquette, Dawn Salvatore from Moog, Inc., Mr. Clifford Weinan of the Weinan Family, Dr. Maria Pelligrini from Keck Foundation, Sherry Kramer from Continental Development Corporation, Jacqueline Aldaco of Watson Land Co. and Charlotte Maguy from Saatchi and Saatchi LA. Although they were not able to attend, we also want and need to recognize Arconic Fastening Systems. They sent 17 campers to Tech Trek Camp this year!

A very grateful thank you goes to **Patty Girgis, principal of Hull Middle School** who welcomed us to her school and provided her technical skills, her multipurpose room with equipment and supplies and Eric Woods with his custodial help.

Please join us as we start off the new year of planning for Tech Trek Camp 2019. See you on November 8th 6:30 pm at Kabita Kumar's home.

Margot Sullivan, EPC, margotsullivan@aol.com

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Start Smart Workshop

On Thursday October 11, 2018 the Torrance Branch conducted two back-to-back Start Smart workshops at the Entrepreneurial Institute at California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

Using the program and materials provided by AAUW National, Michele Freck shared resources for the students' use in determining fair market salary ranges for positions that might interest them, the value of benefits that might be offered and other online assistance with assessing the acceptability of a job offer. She also stressed the importance of developing a personal brand statement emphasizing the individual's strengths and accomplishments. Elle Oliver then guided the students through some strategies to control the salary discussion to their best advantage and provided tips to counter resistance to a salary request. The students then performed spirited role-play exercises as employers and potential employees, aided by the attending branch members Nancy Kenney, Karen Peters, Gloria Liu, Keri Gilbert and Kabita Kumar.

Workshops are being planned for Spring 2019 at CSUDH. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elle Oliver, Michele Freck or Nancy Kenney.

Please see the next two Slides for workshop photos.

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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:

November 16 at the home of Helga Markgraf-Fowler. Please see directory for address.

The book is:

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to visit Dexter Styles, a man who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. She is mesmerized by the sea beyond the house and by some charged mystery between the two men. Years later, her father has disappeared and the country is at war. Anna works at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, where women are allowed to hold jobs that once belonged to men, now soldiers abroad. She becomes the first female diver, the most dangerous and exclusive of occupations, repairing the ships that will help America win the war. One evening at a nightclub, she meets Dexter Styles again, and begins to understand the complexity of her father's life, the reasons he might have vanished. With the atmosphere of a noir thriller, Egan's first historical novel follows Anna and Styles into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men.

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Evening Literary Group

Tuesday, November 27th, 7:30pm, home of Dana Basiulis
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

A stunning book of honesty and passion. Joan Didion explores an intensely personal yet universal experience: a portrait of a marriage--and a life, in good times and bad--that will speak to anyone who has ever loved a husband or wife or child.

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Film Group: TUESDAY, November 27, 2018 at 7 pm

At the home of Rachel Ambrose

RSVP to 310-373-5620 or rambrose@rocketmail.com

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

LOST IN TRANSLATION (2003)(Rated R for some sexual content) From writer/director Sophia Coppola, the story of a faded movie star and a neglected young woman who form an unlikely bond after crossing paths in Tokyo. Starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson. Won Best Writing Oscar. "One of the strengths of Coppola's screenplay is that her people and everything they do are believable." "[Bill Murray gives] one of the most exquisitely controlled performances in recent movies"--One of Ebert's Great Movies. Available at Torrance and DVD Netflix.

TOKYO GODFATHERS (2003)(2004) (Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, violent images, language and some sexual material) Director Satoshi Kon's anime film is "both harrowing and heartwarming." Three homeless people on the streets of Tokyo—an alcoholic, a drag queen and a girl of about 11-- find an abandoned baby in the trash on a cold Christmas Eve, and set about trying to find the parents. Ebert 3 stars. Available at Redondo Library and DVD Netflix.

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Women In Transition (WIT) Meeting

TOPIC: Reflections on the Night of the Day After (Mid-Terms)

DATE: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Private Residence. Please see directory for address.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by November 5, 2018 to Susan:
susan.e.negrete@gmail.com or if questions, call: 310-377-0642

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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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AAUW News - National, State & LACIC

AAUW National New Mission Statement

AAUW California New Mission Statement

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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/>

Exciting update! AAUW has released Work Smart Online

see <https://salary.aauw.org/>

Check it out and share this link with others. There is so much work ahead. But with your continued support and help in making AAUW visible among those you know, we are moving forward!

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AAUW California Mission:

AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education and resources.

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Branch Brainstorming Session: What's Working and What's Not?

The next AAUW CA LACIC meeting features US!!

This discussion-focused meeting will feature these issues/questions:

- 1) Branch Brags
- 2) What Key Issues would people like to discuss?
- 3) How Can We Help?
- 4) What's Your Solution?

JOIN US!

LACIC – Sunday, November 11, 2018

2:00 – 4:00pm

PIH (formerly Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)

12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, Lower Level, Conference Rm. F
Whittier, CA