



AAUW TORRANCE TELEGRAM

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FEBRUARY, 2019



AAUW Torrance Branch Presents

Social Media Discussion ***By*** **Students from Local Area Schools**

Facebook – Twitter – Instagram
SnapChat – WhatsApp – Tumblr
Facebook Messenger – WeChat
& Many More

Saturday February 9, 2019

Torrance Airport Meeting Room
3301 Airport Drive, Torrance, CA 90505

9:30am – Networking & light refreshments

10:00am – Welcome & Introduction

10:15am – Discussion

12:00pm – Adjourn

Guests are invited to attend

President's Message

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Dear Torrance Members,

The year 2019 has started with an exciting event for Torrance branch.

On Saturday, January 12th, 2019 at Torrance Airport Center, the AAUW Torrance, Beach Cities and Palos Verdes Peninsula branches hosted a very successful program, "Celebration of Women Empowerment: The State of Women's Equity in Los Angeles County today." Seventy members and guests attended the program. The primary mission of the joint program was to bring members from three branches under one roof to network and discuss the women's progress at the local community level. The meeting also strengthened the AAUW mission and vision about women's issues within the local cross-cultural community. Both speakers and one volunteer have expressed their desire to join AAUW.

The February 9, 2019 program will showcase Social Media. We often hear about Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Messenger and many more. A group of local students will speak about using social media in their generation. The purpose of the program is to share and learn. I look forward to see all of you on February 9th.

Thank all of you for your passion, your dedication and your time that you donate to help the fulfillment of AAUW missions.

Regards,
Indrani

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AAUW Torrance Monthly Meeting Calendar

February 9, 2019

Social Media Discussion

March 2, 2019

Kitty Fielde, KPCC Journalist and Writer

April, 2019

TBD

May 4, 2019

Afternoon Tea Fundraiser at Chado Tea Room

June 8, 2019

Year-End Meeting & New Board Installation

AAUW Tri-Branch Meeting- January 12, 2019

The moderator and presenter Emily Williams spoke about “Women & Girls Initiative (WGI) - LA County” and the mission to increase equity, justice and leadership opportunities for women and girls and the vision to empower them to reach their full potential.

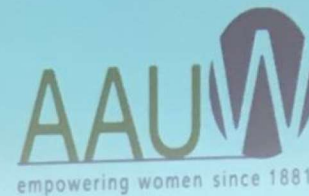




ELENA FERNANDEZ



CARMEN ESTRADA-SCHAYE



**Celebration of Women Empowerment
The State of Women's Equity in Los
Angeles County today**

Presented By
AAUW Torrance - Beach Cities - Palos Verdes Peninsula

AAUW Tri-Branch Meeting - January 12, 2019

Moderator, Speakers &
Organizers.



Women's March-2019

Members from AAUW
Torrance, Beach Cities and
Palos Verdes branches are
seen in the picture.

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AAUW Fund- Gloria Liu

AAUW Fund Update

Pre-Mother's Day Tea - Buy your tickets now!

Join us for a fun time at our Pre-Mother's Day Tea on Saturday May 4, 2019 at Chado Tea Room in downtown Torrance. If each member brought a friend, we would fill the room. Guests are welcome. See the flyer in your e-mail for details. To reserve a seat or a table, send your check now to Alice Matthews, Treasurer. Seats are limited.

Help us collect Silent Auction Donations

The fundraiser event includes a silent auction. Make this a fabulous event by gathering silent auction donations. Do you have a favorite theater, hair dresser, nail salon, restaurant, florist, boutique or wine merchant? Ask if they might donate a "Day of Beauty" or "Pampering," dinner for two, tickets (museum, movie, theater, sporting event), merchandise, artwork or lessons, etc. These are just a few suggestions but are the type of items most any of us can use. If you have a time share, other lodging or other suitable items, please donate them. Gift baskets of wines, cheeses, books, you name it, are also welcome – use your imagination! You can give the merchants the donation letter we will e-mail to you.

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Special items

We are also collecting gift cards for a gift card basket. If you have a gift card to contribute (from Christmas, cards you won't use, Target, department store, etc.), contact Kabita Kumar (310) 728-5981 (cell – texting works well) to contribute. The basket will be part of the silent auction.

We are asking each interest group to donate a gift basket to the silent auction. Make your group's basket the one which raises the most money!

Thanks to the Tea committee:

Judith Hill (310) 756-3845 (cell – texting works best)

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Peggy Monga- EPC

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Please join us for our next monthly EPC meeting on **Thursday, February 14 at 6:30 at the home of Kabita Kumar, 1928 West 183rd Street, Torrance.**

Tech Trek School buddies Pat Arnett, Pat Carroll, Rachel Creasey, Ann DuPuy, Alice Hill, Judith Hill, Kabita Kumar, Alice Matthews, Susan Negrete, Athena Cormier Paquette, Karen Peters, Suzanne Siney and Margot Sullivan have made school visits to the girls who have been nominated by their math and science teachers in the Torrance and Redondo Beach Middle Schools and hope to complete visits soon to the five Los Angeles Unified Schools.

The packets for the school buddies and Tech Trek Camp nominees were prepared by **Pat Arnett, Pat Carroll, Maymie Chenoweth, Alice Matthews, Peggy Monga, Karen Peters and Margot Sullivan.** **Peggy and Alice Hill** updated the application files and printed all the materials. Thanks to everyone for your help!

We are now **recruiting members** and corporate sponsors **to read the girls' applications and essays with a team of two others to rank and select** the campers. **Reading will take place March 12 to March 22.** Please **contact Peggy Monga** at filmgroup@earthlink.net if you would like to be a reader. We provide all the instruction. You can read in the comfort of your own home, too. Please consider this very worthwhile and necessary part of our Tech Trek camper selection process!

Michele Freck has great news of additional camper sponsorships. The **Weinan Family** will provide 2 camp sponsorships this year. If you recall, their daughter Claire was one of our early Tech Trek campers and they have generously supported Tech Trek with a sponsorship since then. **Saatchi and Saatchi** will again sponsor 2 girls from Redondo Beach Unified School District. Thank you, **Maguy Family**, for your generous support. Their daughters, Sophie and Charlotte are Tech Trek alumnae. We are so grateful to our donors!

See you on **February 14th at Kabita's.** We are very appreciative of her wonderful hospitality. Please remember to RSVP: kabitarebecca@gmail.com 310-729-5981

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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:

Date: February 15, 2019

Place: The home of Elle Oliver

Time: 6:30 PM

The book:

Home Fire, Kamila Shamsie

The suspenseful and heartbreaking story of an immigrant family driven to pit love against loyalty, with devastating consequences. Isma is free. After years of watching out for her younger siblings in the wake of their mother's death, she's accepted an invitation from a mentor in America that allows her to resume a dream long deferred. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London, or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream, to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. When he resurfaces half a globe away, Isma's worst fears are confirmed. Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Son of a powerful political figure, he has his own birthright to live up to--or defy. Is he to be a chance at love? The means of Parvaiz's salvation? Suddenly, two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined, in this searing novel that asks: What sacrifices will we make in the name of love?

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Evening Literary Group

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 7:30 PM

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: The home of Kay Odgers

The Book:

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng –

A riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. Little Fires Everywhere explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood – and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

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Film Group: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 4 pm

At the home of Peggy Monga

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

Join us on **our new day, Tuesday and new TIME, 4 pm**, for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

BOYZ N THE HOOD (1991)(1998) (Rated R for language, violence, and sexuality) For three young men growing up in South Central Los Angeles, the "hood" is a place of drive-by shootings, unemployment, drugs and pain. But their reactions to the world around them vary—and one is guided by a strong father who hopes for a better life for his son. Starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., Ice Cube and Angela Bassett in writer/director John Singleton's "brilliant directorial debut". 4 Stars—Ebert. Available at Torrance and Netflix DVD.

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT(1993)(1999) (Rated R for domestic violence, strong language, drug use and some sexuality) The turbulent relationship of Ike and Tina Turner eventually forces Tina to leave and find the courage to believe in herself. Starring Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne in Oscar-nominated performances. 3 1/2 stars—Ebert. Available at Torrance, Redondo and Netflix DVD

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Women In Transition (WIT) Meeting

TOPIC: Confronting Privilege: What's in (Your) Bubble?

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Private Residence

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, February 5, 2019 to
SUSAN: susan.e.negrete@gmail.com or if questions, call: (310)
377-0642

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AAUW National

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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/>



AAUW National

NEWS AND NOTES

Remembering Nancy Grace Roman

We were saddened by the passing of longtime AAUW member and renowned astronomer [Nancy Grace Roman](#) last month at age 93. Affectionately known as the “mother of the Hubble” for her role in developing the Hubble Space Telescope, Roman was the first chief of astronomy in the Office of Space Science at NASA and the first woman to hold an executive position there. (And she’s one of four [“Women of NASA” Legos!](#)) She was a member of the [AAUW Legacy Circle](#), a past president of [the AAUW Washington \(DC\) Branch](#), and an [AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction](#) in 2016. Learn more about her [amazing story](#) in her own words.



Message from AAUW California Board

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WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY....

Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents, AAUW California, statepresident@aauw-ca.org

WHAT IS AAUW CALIFORNIA DOING FOR ITS MEMBERS?

How is AAUW California helping the branches and its members? “Take up the issue that’s closest to your heart and we’ll connect you with the people, programs, and resources you need to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.” - AAUW

The board of AAUW California has been working to do just that – connect you with the people, programs, and resources you need to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

As you read through the “Board to Board,” you will see that we are in fact doing just that. The January Perspective is also full of news of connections as well as the upcoming Annual Meeting on April 6th. We will be providing plenaries on Leadership and Membership which seems to be on every branch’s New Year’s wish list.

In making our quarterly branch phone calls, I asked one branch president how AAUW California can help her branch. She replied that we can ship in two dozen new members to her branch.

While we can’t do that for a number of reasons (!!!), we will provide instruction on how to recruit new members in your area and help develop leadership skills.

Please don’t forget – we are well aware of the difficulties branches are faced with in communities that do not have younger members to recruit. We are just grateful for all you do in furthering the mission of AAUW.

AAUW California has been created to assist branches. We’re here to help – call on us!