



## AAUW TORRANCE TELEGRAM

### May 2019

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### President's Message

Dear Torrance Members,

May is always a very special month for all mothers. The Torrance Branch is hosting the a sold out fundraising event, *Pre-Mother's Day Tea & Silent Auction*, on May 4, 2019 (see flyer in the page 1). Support from all branch members will be very essential to make this event successful.

On April 18, 2018, the Torrance Branch raised funds from the Comedy & Magic Club event held in Hermosa Beach to present books to the Torrance Public Library in honor of our 50 Year Anniversary. As promised, the branch is getting closer to completing the process. A special appreciation is due to Gloria Liu, AAUW Fund VP, who spearheaded the final phase of this project.

On a sad note, the Torrance branch lost a treasured charter member, **Shirley Turner**, on March 24, 2019. I had the privilege to meet her personally on June 2, 2018 as I presented a 50 Year Anniversary gift to her. She was an instrumental and fearless advocate in her efforts to help support and protect the Madrona Marsh for our community.

As we pass the torch on, the branch will install newly appointed officers on June 8, 2019 at the annual meeting which will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Torrance and hope that all members can be in attendance for a celebratory welcome. A program flyer with detailed information and the slate will be coming soon.

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

Regards,  
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“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.”  
— **Mother Teresa**

## **Shirley Turner**

Shirley Anderson Turner was born in Billings, Montana, the daughter of a wheat farmer and a school teacher. She earned a bachelor's degree in Home Economics at Montana State University and worked as a home ec teacher and dietician.

Shirley, a charter member of AAUW Torrance branch and a 50 plus year AAUW member, passed away March 24, 2019.

Three generations of her family have been members of AAUW:  
Shirley's mother, Fay Anderson, was a charter member of Torrance Branch.  
Daughters Teresa and Margaret Turner are lifetime members.

As a Legislative Chair, Shirley involved AAUW Torrance Branch in gathering signatures to prevent Madrona Marsh from being developed and she worked to get a resolution passed at AAUW California State Convention to have AAUW CA support the preservation of Madrona Marsh. She worked with countless community groups such as Boy/Girl Scouts, Eagle Scouts and YWCA/ YMCA groups on restoration projects at the Marsh. She received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Friends of Madrona Marsh in January 2009. Shirley and her husband Eugene had two daughters and a son.

Shirley's voluntary contributions to AAUW Torrance Branch and the community were magnificent. She will be remembered as a dedicated volunteer who worked to bring a better life for women and community members.

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## **AAUW Fund Update**

Gloria Liu

### **Tea Preparation in Finishing Stages!**

We have sold all 110 tickets for the tea so far and it promises to be a fun and productive event. There are many exciting auction items. Scott Robinson Honda has donated two mini-detailing jobs which include car wash, upholstery shampooing, waxing and clay polishing. Kabita donated a basket of Fox Sports gear, including a backpack, baseball caps, tote bag, sweatshirt and baseball.

Do you like to party? Japanese Auto Center near Del Amo and Western has donated an ice cream party! An ice cream truck will come for three hours to a location within forty miles. You and two hundred ninety-nine of your friends can eat ice cream!

Our interest groups are donating several fun-filled baskets. The Diversity Book Group has two baskets of books, lap blankets, wine, coffee, tea and more! EPC is donating a Salad and Wine basket as well as a Coffee and Science basket. We have many more items to bid on; our donors have been very generous.

Please carpool since parking in the downtown area of Torrance is tight. If you have difficulty walking, please arrange to have a friend drop you off by the restaurant.

### **AAUW Torrance 50th Anniversary Gift**

After some effort, our branch will donate about thirty books to the Torrance Public Library in honor of the Torrance branch Fiftieth Anniversary. We raised the funds for the gift last April at the Comedy and Magic Club. The topic we selected was biographies and memoirs of or by women, with an emphasis on women representing STEM, women who furthered their education or women breaking barriers. We are buying both adult and youth books from a list prepared by Torrance librarians. The library staff will affix book plates with our logo and acknowledgement.

We hope to have a little ceremony and a photo taken of the board, the books and City Librarian Hillary Theyer in early June. Branch members are welcome to attend. Watch your emails.

# Membership Update

Cami Hamilton

We share our sympathies with the family and friends of charter and life member Shirley Turner. The shared memories of Shirley's green thumb gave me pause. What a lovely legacy to leave behind as Shirley did - one who patiently and relentlessly cultivates the unseen bloom to blossom. Thank you, Shirley - we will miss you!

And thank you all for being part of AAUW Torrance. Your personal commitment to AAUW helps our branch demonstrate that education and equity deserve attention and support, in our community and world-wide. I know I can count on you now to take time to renew. The option to pay by credit card and renew online is new this year. If you want to renew by check, please see the form attached (and sent via email earlier). And I'll see you at the May 4 Tea! If you have any questions about renewing online - CALL ME.

## Renew your AAUW Membership Online

### (short version)

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) > logon to Member Services Database > Renew for CA0146-Torrance

### (step-by-step version)

Open <https://www.aauw.org/>

(close pop-up ads asking you to donate)

Top menu >" Login" to access Member Services Database

Enter Member ID (see the 2018-2019 Directory) and Password

or Create Account (if you haven't logged into AAUW before)

Your name will appear in top navigation in place of "Login"

>Click "MEMBERSHIP" above the photos. The screen will display "Membership" in the wide band

>Click Join/Renew button under "Branch Members". The screen will display "Resources"

>Click Log into the MSD now button under "Renew your branch membership"

>Click Enter Member Services Database (the screen will be all white and look odd compared to all the color you've just seen)

>Click "CA0146-Torrance"

On the left stacked menu, look to the bottom of the list, > "Renew My Membership"

It will list the appropriate dues for National, State, and Branch

Note: no donations online will go to Tech Trek, but contributions to AAUW Funds can be added to your renewal.

Add your credit card info, >"Next", review and >"Submit"

Print the Confirmation/Receipt for your records or verification. Any renewals made online without a confirmation/receipt may not be fully processed.

**Note:** Browser "Microsoft Edge" is incompatible with the Member Services Database. Please use Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Safari, or Internet Explorer.

## Educational Partnership Committee (EPC)

Margot Sullivan

The next EPC meeting will be held on our regular meeting day, **Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm**, location to be determined. **Please watch your emails for the meeting place** and please do join us.

Thirty-six campers have been assigned their camps by our Tech Trek Coordinator, **Alice Hill**, who has also been hard at work getting all the camp information to the campers. **Peggy Monga, Janice Pomerantz and Margot Sullivan** helped make labels, collate and send the forms to the campers. It is wonderful that we will be able to send 36 girls to Tech Trek Camp and we are so grateful to all our sponsors and to all others who are making it possible. EPC has put together two baskets for the tea. We thank the Branch for allocating the proceeds of the silent auction to benefit our Tech Trek program.

Our next big event is **Orientation on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Hull Middle School**. **Pat Arnett** is chairing the day for all 36 campers to get acquainted and enjoy some fun activities. The program starts at **1:10pm until 3:10** when the parents arrive to meet and have a question and answer session to learn about Tech Trek Camp for their daughters. The **program ends at 4:00**. We will be setting up from 10:30 until 12:30 with the help of the West High Service Club and TTAG. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Pat Arnett**. Members are welcome to attend and meet our 2019 campers. Thank you to **Principal Patty Girgis** for allowing us the use of Hull's MPR.

The Redondo Beach School Board will honor the Redondo Beach Tech Trek campers from Perras and Adams Middle Schools on **Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30pm**. The campers receive certificates from the School Board as well as the State Assembly, State Senator and Torrance Branch AAUW. The Torrance campers from Calle Mayor, Casimir, Hull, Jefferson, Lynn, Madrona Magruder, and Richardson will be honored at the Torrance School Board meeting on **Monday, June 3**.

Whittier Tech Trek Camp needs materials for a project in which campers will build a machine that will complete a simple task. Those items include tiny baskets or buckets, milk cartons, wire, cardboard, plastic sheets, light rope, flat boards, newspapers and cardboard rolls from toilet paper and paper towels. If you would like to help, please save and give to **Michele Freck** who will be delivering them about June 16.

Please join us on May 9 for our EPC meeting. See you at the Tea on May 4!

## Branch Interest Groups

### **Diversity Book Group**

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

Place: The home of Judith Hill

Time: 6:30 PM

**Book: If you Leave Me by Crystal Hana Kim**

An emotionally riveting debut novel about war, family and forbidden love - the unforgettable saga of two ill-fated lovers in Korea and the heartbreaking choices they're forced to make in the years surrounding the civil war that still haunts us today. When the communist-backed army from the north invades her home, sixteen-year-old Haemi Lee, along with her widowed mother and ailing brother, is forced to flee to a refugee camp along the coast. For a few hours each night, she escapes her family's makeshift home and tragic circumstances with her childhood friend, Kyunghwan. Focused on finishing school, Kyunghwan doesn't realize his older and wealthier cousin, Jisoo, has his sights set on the beautiful and spirited Haemi—and is determined to marry her before joining the fight. But as Haemi becomes a wife and then a mother, her decision to forsake the boy she always loved for the security of her family sets off a dramatic saga that will have profound effects for generations to come. Richly told and deeply moving, *If You Leave Me* is a stunning portrait of war and refugee life, a passionate and timeless romance and a heartrending exploration of one woman's longing for autonomy in a rapidly changing world.

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### **Evening Literature Group**

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Place: The home of Pat Reed

Time: 7:30 PM

**Book: The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah**

A former POW comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska. At first, Alaska seems to be the answer to their prayers. But as winter approaches and darkness descends on Alaska, the family begins to fracture. A story about love and loss, the fight for survival and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

## Branch Interest Groups

### Film Group

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Place: TBD

Time: 4 PM

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

Film: TBD

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### Women in Transition (WIT) Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Place: Private Residence

Time: 7 PM to 9 PM

Topic: **#MeToo Era - What are the Men Experiencing?**

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Monday, May 13, 2019 to SUSAN: [susan.e.negrete@gmail.com](mailto:susan.e.negrete@gmail.com) or call: 310-377-0642

### Torrance Board & Committee Members 2018-2019

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# AAUW National

## 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/>



ECONOMIC  
SECURITY

### Four Reasons for Optimism on the Pay Gap

AAUW CEO Kim Churches contributed [an article on MBSNC's Know Your Value website](#) about the role of salary transparency in advancing equity. Here's why she's feeling encouraged:

1. **Secrecy policies are changing.** Laws in 18 states and Washington, D.C. now ban employers from prohibiting salary discussions.
2. **Workers are negotiating better.** Websites like Salary.com are giving job candidates the data they need and [AAUW's free Work Smart online course](#) provides tips for making the ask.
3. **Employers are doing their part.** More leaders are opting to share information about compensation decisions with employees which is believed to narrow the pay gap. And companies like software and technology company SAP have made [public commitments to pay equity](#).
4. **People are talking.** [According to AAUW's poll](#), 57 percent of Americans reported they have discussed or would discuss their pay with coworkers.



# AAUW California

*Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier, Co-Presidents, AAUW California,*  
[statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)

## **AAUW AT THE STATE ASSEMBLY!**

AAUW of California was asked to speak at a committee hearing of the State Assembly. The subject of the hearing was Title IX at 45 years. Alicia gave an overview of the laws that have been passed over the years. The Title IX law that was sponsored by Senators Patsy Mink and Birch Bayh in 1972 provided for “the non-discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.” Later the sexual harassment law was passed as part of Title IX so that women have some legal recourse to prevent harassment at work and school. The current Secretary of Education has rescinded most of the Title IX rules on sexual harassment. In her speech, Alicia gave the state assembly committee a number of recommendations to keep Title IX strong. This is a call to action for all of us.

Alicia Hetman is past state president and national vice president.

## **LACIC Next Meeting**

May 19, 2019

PIH (formerly Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital)

12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA

2 PM to 4 PM

**“A Period should end a sentence, Not a girl’s education”**

That was the inspiration behind the Academy Award Best Short Documentary for 2019 entitled, *Period: End of Sentence*.

Please contact Susan Negrete for more information at 310-377-0642 or [susan.e.negrete@gmail.com](mailto:susan.e.negrete@gmail.com)



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### Membership Renewal 2019-2020

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Directory UPDATES/CHANGES: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your home address NOT to be included in our e-directory: Y or N (Printed directory will contain all info)

Online delivery of *Torrance Telegram* (newsletter): Y or N (Suggested donation \$5 to cover postage for mailing newsletter)

Volunteer for Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

**AAUW Membership Dues:** (through June 2020) (\$56 of Association dues are tax deductible)

Make check payable to "AAUW Torrance" • Send renewal form and check to: PO Box 1392, Torrance CA 90505

\$101 = Renewing Member • (\$59 AAUW National Association + \$20 AAUW-CA + \$22 Torrance Branch)

\$42 = Life Member • (AAUW-CA dues + Torrance Branch dues)

\$22 = Dual Member • (Torrance Branch dues, as paid member of another branch)

Primary Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 = Late fee for renewals after June 10, 2019

**RENEW ONLINE:** [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) > logon to Member Services Database > Renew for CA0146-Torrance

\_\_\_\_\_ = Donation to cover postage and costs of paper version of *Torrance Telegram*

\_\_\_\_\_ = Donation to help Tech Trek administrative costs\*

**AAUW Fund Contribution:** (100% tax deductible) Separate check to "AAUW Fund"

\_\_\_\_\_ = Donation to help further the AAUW mission to AAUW Fund 501(c)(3)

***By joining American Association of University Women, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.***

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\*To make a tax deductible donation for Tech Trek — AAUW-CA-SPF 501(c)(3), please contact Michele Freck