

Branch Planning Session
Saturday, July 13
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
home of Keri Gilbert
All Welcome! Potluck Lunch
RSVP to Keri

Torrance Branch Leadership

Keri Gilbert, President
Alice Matthews, Finance Officer
Nancy Kenney, Secretary
Gloria Liu, AAUW Fund VP
Janice Pomerantz, Program Logistics

Committee Leadership

Peggy Monga, EPC
Cami Hamilton, Telegram Editor
Michele Croci, Public Policy
Janet Flynn, Telegram Mailing
Ann DuPuy, Webmaster
Keri Gilbert, Digital Communications

Volunteer Leaders Needed

Membership VP
Program VP
Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

President's Message from Keri Gilbert

Hello Torrance Branch!

I hope you will all consider joining us on July 13 at 10:00 in the morning to help plan the upcoming year. We need everyone's input, so please attend or send me your ideas beforehand. We will plan meetings and programs which reflect and support the AAUW mission and public policy priorities and we need everyone's help to shape the year. Don't be left out!

Although the branch is somewhat quiet in the summer, we have four dorm moms and several other members helping out at Tech Trek camps and I can't wait to hear all about their experiences. We send many campers to Tech Trek every year and I am very grateful and appreciative that so many of our members volunteer their time in the much needed dorm mom role. The camps could not operate without them.

Are you looking for ways to become more involved in the Torrance branch? Let me know! We can use your help.

Have a wonderful July!!

New Student Member Level in Torrance Branch

At the June 2019 installation brunch and branch meeting, members voted their approval of including student members to the branch and the student dues structure.

Student Attending	National Dues	CA Dues	Torrance Dues
AAUW partner college/universities	Free	Free	\$10
Non-AAUW college/universities	\$18.81	\$10	\$10

This change to membership was prompted by the successful Start Smart training at CSUDH, led by volunteers Michele Freck, Elle Oliver and Nancy Kenney. Making AAUW more visible AND now possible to join will benefit Torrance branch membership and the students committed to our mission.

AAUW Membership Applications and Renewal Forms are available <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net>.

Tuesday, October 15 Hull Middle School Tech Trek Celebration

Educational Partnership Committee (EPC)

The Orientation on June 2 at Hull Middle School was a great success as we welcomed our 36 campers to Tech Trek. Pat Arnett and Janice Pomerantz organized a fun afternoon of presentations and activities and Susan Negrete shared her dorm mom experiences and had a question and answer session with the parents. We are appreciative of TTAG members Logan Hayes, Charlotte Maguy, Kendall Kirio, and Lydia Neguse, a Beach Cities Branch Tech Trekker, who helped the girls with the activities and to Sarah Guidinger and Jessica Hassen, alums of Tech Trek who spoke to the girls about their experiences. Jessica Hassen and Monica Beivide captured all the memorable moments on camera. West High Interact Club members Sidney Lee, Eric Lau, Monique Love and Mike Gee arranged all the chairs and tables and lent a hand wherever it was needed. We are very fortunate to have these very enthusiastic and willing volunteers to help us at our events. It is wonderful to have the use of Hull Middle School, and we are grateful to Principal Patty Girgis and custodian Roger. Many thanks to all the members who helped Pat and Janice in so many ways: Pat Carroll, Rachel Creasey, Michele Freck, Alice Hill, Karen Hassen, Kabita Kumar, Alice Matthews, and Peggy Monga.

are heading off to wonderful and enlightening weeks of STEM. Whittier and UC San Diego camps were held June 23-29. Following those are UC Irvine July 7-13, UC Santa Barbara Blackwell July 13-20, and UC Santa Barbara Hypatia July 20-27. Thank you to our dorm moms Alice Hill, Alice Matthews, Susan Negrete, and Karen Peters for their commitment and valuable help.

As Michele Freck shared at the installation brunch and branch meeting, we are in need of funding to send campers to Tech Trek Camp next year. If you know of an organization that could help fund a campership or if you would like to help with any amount, please contact Michele.

EPC will start our new year with the first meeting in August. **Would you be interested in the position of Branch Tech Trek Coordinator?** Alice Hill is moving to state leadership, and we are looking for her replacement. For more information, please contact Peggy Monga.

Happy Summer to all our Torrance Branch members! Please keep EPC in mind as you think about how you would like to make a contribution in time and/or money to the STEM education of our young women. We need your participation in EPC and welcome you to our committee!

2 Tech Trek Camps are underway and our campers

Diversity Book Group

July book: Purple Hibiscus,
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (2012)

Fifteen-year-old Kambili lives comfortably with her parents and older brother, Jaja, in Enugu, Nigeria. Respected and generous with his money, her fanatically religious father is nevertheless cruel when his wife and children do not live up to his lofty expectations. When Kambili and Jaja visit their widowed aunt Ifeoma in the improv-

**Friday, July 19
6:30 at home of
Rachel Ambrose**
RSVP to Lydia

erished countryside, they endure many privations but finally enjoy the pleasures of a warm and loving family. They are even able to spend time with their beloved

grandfather, whom their father has denounced as a heathen. Having grown up in Nigeria, Adichie speaks tellingly of the country's political and military problems, which serve to exacerbate escalating tensions within Kambili's family.

August book: The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love, Oscar Hijuelos (1989)

It's 1949. Two young Cuban musicians make their way up from Havana to the grand stage of New York. It is the era of the mambo, and Castillo brothers, workers by day, become by night stars of the dance halls, where their orchestra plays the lush, sensuous, pulsing music that earns them

**Friday, August 16
at the home of
Karen Peters**

the title of Mambo Kings. This is their moment of youth--a golden time that thirty years later will be remembered with nostalgia and deep affection. In The Mambo

Kings Play Songs of Love, Oscar Hijuelos has created a rich and enthralling novel about passion and loss and memory and desire.

Evening Literature Group

☼ Break for July ☼
**Back in August
with more reading
adventures!**

Please contact
Donna Trimmingham.

Women in Transition (WIT) Group End-of-Summer Social & Potluck

Please bring an appetizer, dessert
or drinks to serve 4 - 6 people.

RSVP by August 5 to Susan:
susimone@aol.com or
call: 310-377-0642

☼ Break for July ☼
**Social & Potluck
Wednesday, August 7
7:00- 9:00 pm
at Private Residence**

Women from three local AAUW branches (Torrance, Beach Cities, PVP) meet to discuss life's transitional issues and women's topics.

**Sunday, September 8
2:00 - 4:00 pm**

<https://sites.google.com/site/aauwlaciac/>
Presbyterian Intercomm. Hospital,
12401 Washington Blvd, Whittier, CA 90602

LACIC Update

L.A. County Interbranch Council — Let's learn from each other by sharing ideas about these topics at the September meeting: Membership, Tech Trek Program & AAUW CA's Special Projects Oversight Committee (SPOC), Branch Collaborations.

Film Group

Join us on **our new day (Tuesday) and new TIME (4:00 pm)**, for light refreshments and conversation. Everybody's a critic!

ON THE BASIS OF SEX (2018)(2019)(Rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive content) The true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice. Written by Ginsburg's nephew, and starring Felicity Jones as Ginsburg, Armie Hammer, Kathy Bates and Sam Waterston. "...this film focuses on ... her wonderfully supportive marriage to ... Martin Ginsburg (Armie Hammer) and the one case they argued together, a landmark in outlawing discrimination "on the basis of sex."—Ebert—Nell Minow 3 ½ stars. **Available at Redondo Library and Torrance Library and branches and DVD Netflix.**

Tuesday, July 23 at 4:00 pm
At the home of TBD

✪ Break for August ✪

GREEN BOOK (2018)(2019)(Rated PG-13 for thematic content, language including racial epithets, smoking, some violence and suggestive material) A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a tour of venues through the 1960s American South. Won 3 Oscars, including Best Picture. "[The film's]... enjoyability comes almost completely from its starring performances [by] an excellent Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali. Both actors imbue their roles with precision and pathos."—Ebert—Christy Lemire 3 stars.

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From sexual harassment to disparities in STEM education, students are still experiencing discrimination in school. In addition, since the passage of Title IX, opponents have sought to weaken it; currently, the U.S. Department of Education is working to systematically dismantle Title IX protections.

Washington Update/Public Policy

[In June], we celebrated 47 years since the enactment of Title IX — June 23, 1972. While it may not be a milestone anniversary, this commemoration holds particular significance at a time when we have been facing administration rollbacks to this law's vital protections. In light of these attacks, our legislative work on sex discrimination in education is all the more important. There has been a lot of recent activity around this anniversary as advocates and Members of Congress seek ways to protect students.

AAUW is supporting several bills promoting women and girls' access to education; these include the Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency (HALT) on Campus Sexual Violence Act, the

Accountability of Leaders in Education to Report Title IX Investigations (ALERT) Act, the recently reintroduced Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA), and the STEM Opportunities Act. Together, these bills form a forward-looking agenda aimed at providing more funding, accountability and resources for enforcing Title IX and other protections in education. We will continue to build on 47 years of progress, working until every student has equal access to education.

Onward!

— Deborah J. Vagins

AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Research

AAUW Fund Update from Gloria Liu

Thank you all for donating—and supporting the branch and branch fundraisers. At the June brunch, we honored the individual AAUW Fund donors for calendar year 2018. These women make possible the mission of AAUW: Kathy Allen, Carol Bauer, Danute Basulis, Indrani Chatterjee, Suzanne Fishman, Gloria Liu, Karen Peters, Susan Negrete.

In particular, we want to especially recognize the following donors who contributed larger amounts in 2018.

Century Club (\$100+) Carol Bauer
Second Century Club (\$200+) Kathy Allen
Chocolate Club (\$300+) Indrani Chatterjee
Associate's Circle (\$500+) Gloria Liu

Thank You for Donations Honoring Our 50th Anniversary

Branch 50th Anniversary Book Donation

The gift was made in honor of the Torrance branch's 50th Anniversary. The titles of donated books are listed below. The titles were selected by the library based on topics voted on by our members on the subjects of women and girls, education and empowerment, and the ability of all to succeed. Some are in the youth

department, and some are in the adult department. We donated multiple copies of some titles, at the Torrance Library's request. We invite you to check out some of the titles from the Torrance Library. Each book will have a bookplate noting that the book was donated by AAUW Torrance. (Photos of the branch members' donation of \$900 worth of books were in the June Telegram.)

Donated Books listed by Title, Author

Alice Hamilton: A LIFE IN LETTERS, Sicherman, Barbara
American Women of Science since 1900 [2 volumes], Wayne, Tiffany K.

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation (Pantheon Graphic Library), Folman, Ari

Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx, Manzano, Sonia

Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin: An Autobiography and Other Recollections Second Edition, Haramundanis, Katherine

Crucible of Science: The Story of the Cori Laboratory, Exton, John H

Emma Darwin : The Inspirational Wife of a Genius, Healey, Edna

Fighting for Life (New York Review Books Classics), Baker, S. Josephine

The Fossil Hunter: Dinosaurs, Evolution, And The Women Whose Discoveries Changed The World (MacSci), Emling, Shelley

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women, Thimmes, Catherine

Herstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World, Halligan, Katherine

Hypatia: The Life and Legend of an Ancient Philosopher (Women in Antiquity), Watts, Edward J.

Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World (Vashti Harrison), Harrison, Vashti

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History (Vashti Harrison), Harrison, Vashti

On Her Own Terms: Annie Montague Alexander and the Rise of Science in the American West, Stein, Barbara R

Seduced by Logic: Émilie Du Châtelet, Mary Somerville and the Newtonian Revolution, Arianrhod, Robyn

She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History, Clinton, Chelsea

Warrior Poet: A Biography of Audre Lorde, De Veaux, Alexis

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World, Iqnotofsky, Rachel

Women in Science: A Social and Cultural History, Watts, Ruth

Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win (Women in Science), Iqnotofsky, Rachel

Women Scientists: Reflections, Challenges, and Breaking Boundaries, Hargittai, Magdoln

Women Who Dared: 52 Stories of Fearless Daredevils, Adventurers, and Rebels, Skeers, Linda

The World of Maria Gaetana Agnesi, Mathematician of God (Johns Hopkins Studies in the History of Mathematics), Mazzotti, Massimo

AAUW offers membership to all graduates who hold an associates or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Student affiliate status in AAUW is available for anyone now studying for a degree at a qualified institution. Until graduating with that degree, a student affiliate may participate in all AAUW activities except for holding office or voting.

Membership

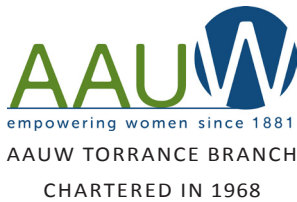
In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographic location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status.

Diversity Statement

The purpose of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Mission Statement

PO Box 1392
Torrance, CA 90505



Please invite all of the college students you know to join our branch!

**Can you name the
AAUW members
who have been
featured on
postage stamps?**

(Sorry, none of them were members
of the Torrance branch.)



*AAUW is 2018 United Nations Global
Citizen Award winner*

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