

### Welcoming New Members to the Torrance Branch

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### Volunteer Leaders Needed

Membership VP  
Program VP  
Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

## President's Message from Keri Gilbert

### Happy September, Torrance Branch!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and that each of you is planning to join us at our **Welcome Back Breakfast meeting** at The Depot on September 7. It promises to be a fun and exciting event, as always.

LACIC is sponsoring the **United Nations Association Global Forum** on September 18 and you are invited! The focus will be refugees and immigration and the cost is \$50, \$45 for seniors (65+).

Speaking of LACIC, the next meeting is **Sunday, September 8** from 2 pm to 4 pm and all are invited. I plan to attend; please let me know if you will join me!

The **AAUW Fund Luncheon** will be held in Seal Beach on Sunday, October 27. I am unable to attend and I hope someone from our branch would like to go. The branch will reimburse part of the \$45 fee (depending on the total funds approved at the Sept 7 meeting and the number of our members who plan to attend). Please let me know if you will be going.

Please share the attached **Work Smart** flyer with every working woman you know whether or not she is a member of AAUW and whether she is at the beginning of her career or somewhere along the path. One of AAUW's current missions is to improve financial security and retirements for women and maximizing salary is a huge part of that effort.

I hope to see you on Sept 7 or at one of the many other events we have going on this month!

## Public Policy

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. The strength of the AAUW Public Policy Priorities is that they originate and end with the membership.

**2019-21 Public Policy Priorities available for download**

**<https://www.aauw.org/files/2019/06/Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021-nsa.pdf>**



## Work Smart

As an AAUW Member, you're an ambassador, helping to build relationships between AAUW and the public. By supporting mission-based programs and resources, you're showing your solidarity in ways that will impact the lives of women for generations to come and helping us to end the gender pay gap by 2030 by training 10 million women by 2022. Empower the women you know in the workforce on salary negotiation by sharing this free course. As a member ambassador, we hope you will login and explore the course at your leisure

with your email address and default password of Salary1.

Empower the women in your life to negotiate for fair and equal pay by directing them to [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org) to register for this course.

### Share the Course

Log in now For assistance, contact [salary@aauw.org](mailto:salary@aauw.org).

**Help spread the word about  
AAUW Work Smart Online!**

**Two Start Smart Workshops  
CSU Dominguez Hills  
Tuesday, November 5  
@5:30-6:30 pm and @7:00-9:00 pm**

## Start Smart

Why is negotiation so important? AAUW's research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men — in 2009, women one year out of college who were working full time were paid, on average, just 82 percent of what their male peers were paid. And those lost potential earnings add up

over a lifetime.

Women who negotiate increase their potential to earn higher salaries and better benefits packages. By negotiating fair and equitable salaries, you'll be better able to pay off loans, buy the things you want and need, and even save (though it may seem like it's far away) for retirement.

### WIT Group

Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Private Residence

RSVP by: Tuesday, September 3

to [susimone@aol.com](mailto:susimone@aol.com) or call 310-377-0642

TOPIC: After Age 50 Divorces – Emotional & Financial Impacts on Women (Source: LA Times/Business Section - 7/29/2019)

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

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### Evening Literature Group

Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 pm

at the home of Gerry Suzuki

### Radium Girls by Kate Moore

The newly discovered element of radium makes headlines across the nation as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community...And as the fatal poison of the radium takes hold, these girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights.

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### Film Group

Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm at the home of Peggy Monga

LE SAMOURAI (1967)(2005)(Rated PG) After professional hitman Jef Costello is seen by witnesses his efforts to provide himself an alibi drive him further into a corner. Starring Alain Delon, who was given the Palme d'Honneur at this year's Cannes Film Festival, and directed by Jean-Pierre Melville. One of Ebert's Great Movies. "Like a painter or a musician, a filmmaker can suggest complete mastery with just a few strokes. Jean-Pierre Melville ...does it with light: a cold light, like dawn on an ugly day. And color: grays and blues. And actions that speak in place of words."

**Available at Redondo Library and Torrance Library and branches and DVD Netflix.**

### Diversity Book Group

Friday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

at the home of Nancy Kenney

**Behold the Dreamers** by Imbolo Mbue  
Jende Jonga, a Cameroonian immigrant living in Harlem, has come to the U.S. to provide a better life for himself, his wife, Neni, and their six-year-old son. In the fall of 2007, Jende can hardly believe his luck when he lands a job as a chauffeur for Clark Edwards, a senior executive at Lehman Brothers. Clark demands punctuality, discretion, and loyalty—and Jende is eager to please. With these opportunities, Jende and Neni can at last gain a foothold in America and imagine a brighter future. However, the world of great power and privilege conceals troubling secrets, and soon Jende and Neni notice cracks in their employers' façades. When the financial world is rocked by the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the Jongas are desperate to keep Jende's job—even as their marriage threatens to fall apart. As all four lives are dramatically upended, Jende and Neni are forced to make an impossible choice.

MIDNIGHT LACE (1960) (Rated NR) Kit Preston is the elegant newlywed wife of British financier Anthony Preston. Shortly after moving to one of London's wealthiest neighborhoods with her husband, Kit is threatened by an unknown party. The tension mounts as the menacing phone calls continue and Anthony shows little concern, until Kit begins to doubt her own sanity and the motives of everyone around her. Starring Doris Day in an outstanding performance, Rex Harrison and Myrna Loy.

**NOT available at local libraries, but at DVD Netflix and on many streaming services.**

## Educational Partnership Committee (EPC)

Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 pm

at the home of Janice Pomerantz

Please RSVP to Janice at [ggbethgg1@gmail.com](mailto:ggbethgg1@gmail.com)

We will be preparing for our **Tech Trek Celebration on October 15 6:30-8:00 pm at Hull Middle School.**

Save the date for this wonderful evening when our campers will be sharing activities, classes, and experiences they had while at their week of STEM camp at one of 4 college campuses. We will be recognizing sponsors and educators as well as our 36 campers. Parents and branch members are all invited.

We are grateful to our branch members who served as dorm moms this year. Alice Matthews and Alice Hill were dorm moms at Whittier College. Karen Peters served as dorm mom at UC Santa Barbara. Michele Freck visited UC Irvine camp to view their activities and classes. We had the pleasure of escorting Dr Melody Li, assistant professor of Microbiology, Immunology, and genetics at UCLA to the Professional Women's Night at Whittier Camp. It was a fascinating evening, and the exposure the girls received to the careers of amazing women was a wonderful experience.

Thank you note from Tech Trek camper:

Dear Torrance AAUW Branch,

I can't explain how thankful I am for you. You've helped me reach opportunities I couldn't have. I learned so much, from meeting new people to making new memories, and it has been a dream come true.

My core class is Marine Science and I enjoy every single second of it. Before Tech Trek I was set on being a Pediatrician, but now I'm considering studying Marine Biology or science. Being able to research & discover new things sound exciting & I'm interested in learning more. We had presentations about exploring the ocean, chemistry, DNA, & more, which really influenced me to consider studying these subjects.

In Marine Science we've been to touch tanks & dissected Hold Fast. We saw creatures I've learned so much. We also had Professional Women's Career night! They were all so influential & had a variety of careers! They give me hope for the future.

Thank you so much for sponsoring me! Again, I couldn't have had this opportunity without you.

Sincerely,

Chloe Hwang  
Torrance, UC Santa Barbara

## Torrance Branch Members Lead CA Tech Trek Program

### Congratulations to Linda Stinebaugh for her many years of service as CA Tech Trek Coordinator!

Alice Hill and Susan Negrete are pleased to take the reins for CA Tech Trek Camp coordination for the 2019-2020 camp season. The following are the CA Tech Trek committee members, their roles, branch memberships:

Alice Hill, CA Co-Coordinator/Finance (Torrance, Beach Cities Branches)

Susan Negrete, CA Co-Coordinator/Administration & Communications (Torrance, Beach Cities, CA Online Branches)

Kathy Ford, SPF Processes (PVP Branch)

Judy Pfeil, CA LiveScan Custodian of Records (Simi Valley Branch)

Our prior LACIC Co-Chair Sharon Westafer (Long Beach, Stockton branches) has joined the SPF Board and we're happy that she will be serving as Treasurer.

In addition to working with the camp directors, an important part of our work will be to participate as Ex Officio members of the CA Project Oversight Committee, which is chaired by Carol Holzgrafe, incoming CA Board Director.

Those of you who work with the Tech Trek financials know how important the SPF Board is for handling CA's camp funds. This is the piece of Tech Trek that was returned to the state for management by the Special Projects Fund (SPF) board. Tech Trek remains an incorporated National program, served by multiple states, including CA. We've gathered some very talented Los Angeles-based branch members to work with us to support the 2020 camp directors and their staff. We will ramp up branch communications as we move into fall and the busy Tech Trek pre-2020 season. In the meantime, Branch Presidents will receive our monthly Board to Board (B2B) messaging, and we encourage all members to check out the state website for on-going information: [www.aauw-ca.org/techtrek](http://www.aauw-ca.org/techtrek)



**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.

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**AAUW Fund Luncheon October 27**

**RSVP deadline October 11**

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/fall-fund-luncheons/>

Fantastic Speakers and Delicious Lunch!  
Please join us to hear and learn from talented and dedicated young women who received funds from AAUW Fund. It will be an afternoon that makes you proud to be an AAUW member!

For the 2019-20 academic year, AAUW has awarded \$4 million in fellowships and grants to 259 women and community projects. Thirty Fellows and Grant recipients will be studying in California in 2019-20 and several will be guest

**Sunday, October 27  
12:00-3:00 pm**

Old Ranch Country Club  
3901 Lampson Ave., Seal Beach 90740

speakers at the three AAUW Fund Luncheons (in Northern and Southern California). Six to eight recipients will give a brief overview of their studies or projects and highlight what AAUW's support has meant to them. Registration fee including lunch is \$45. A partial reimbursement may be available. If you would like to attend, please contact Gloria Liu.

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**Women of AAUW Who Have Been Featured on Postage Stamps**

**Jane Addams (1940)**

Jane Addams was the first woman to be awarded a Nobel Peace Prize, which she received for her work in social services and humanitarianism. She founded the Hull House in Chicago and served as the first president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

**Eleanor Roosevelt (1963, 1984, 1998)**

Roosevelt, who was awarded an AAUW honorary membership in 1929, was so accomplished we named an award after her. Notably, she implemented New Deal programs, worked with the United Nations, and was also a lifelong advocate for women's equality.

**Frances Perkins (1980)**

A longtime AAUW member, Frances Perkins served as secretary of labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was an early champion of women's issues in the workforce, advocating for shorter hours and higher wages.

**Rachel Carson (1981)**

Biologist and author of Silent Spring, Rachel Carson was a 1956 AAUW Achievement Awardee. Her work sparked the modern environmental movement and paved the way for activists and scientists alike to pick up the torch.

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

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Remembering the Past,  
Rockin' the Future  
**April 17-19, 2020**  
**AAUW CA Convention**  
**Westin San Francisco**  
**Airport**



*AAUW is 2018 United Nations Global  
Citizen Award winner*

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

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