



**Sunday,  
December 15  
5:00 - 8:00 pm  
Potluck  
RSVP Now**

### Torrance Branch Leadership

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

### Committee Leadership

Peggy Monga, EPC  
Cami Hamilton, Telegram Editor  
Michele Croci, Public Policy  
Kay Odgers, Member Profiles  
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 to see you all at the holiday party on December 15. If you have not yet RSVPed, please do so now. Don't feel that you need to wait until the last minute! Please let me know what you plan to bring to share. Feel free to invite a guest – men are welcome, too!

We are still working on the January tri-branch program. Stay tuned!

On February 29, 2020, Karen Peters, our branch member and dorm mom extraordinaire, will discuss nutrition with an emphasis on women and how our needs change as we age.

In March, in honor of women's history month, we will partner with the Torrance Public Library. Lisa Blank will discuss her thesis on the topic of working women from 1895 to 1925 (she focused on Redondo Beach librarians). We will select a date soon – most likely a Saturday afternoon.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a fabulous holiday season!

~ Keri Gilbert

**Please send Torrance Telegram articles by December 15 to [heyacamster66@gmail.com](mailto:heyacamster66@gmail.com)**



# HOLIDAY PARTY



empowering women since 1881  
AAUW TORRANCE BRANCH

CHARTERED IN 1968

**Sunday, December 15**

**5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Potluck**

Bring a little food or beverage  
(red wine is okay!)

- We will collect • money for AAUW Fund,  
• new socks for Harbor UCLA Hospital,  
• and food for a local food pantry.

**Home of Keri Gilbert**

**RSVP\*** ~ [kerig9@gmail.com](mailto:kerig9@gmail.com)

*\*for chair count*

**Please join us!**

## Educational Partnership Committee (EPC)

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm

location TBA

Please RSVP to [margotrsullivan@aol.com](mailto:margotrsullivan@aol.com)

by Margot Sullivan



Tech Trek 2020 is underway. We have 28 camper reservations for Tech Trek Camps at UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and Whittier College.

If you know of a company or individuals who might like to sponsor a Tech Trek Camper in 2020, please see branch directory for directions. Past sponsors have been very proud to contribute and help make a difference.

The cost of a sponsorship is \$1000 and provides a life changing experience for an eighth-grade girl at a week of STEM camp next summer. Dorm moms are always needed, too. Perhaps, that is something that would be just right for you!

Nominations from middle school math and science teachers will be submitted by mid-December with the names of seventh grade girls whom they feel would be great candidates for Tech Trek Camp.

School buddies will visit the middle schools between January 10 and January 23. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to meet the nominated seventh grade girls at one or more of the middle schools in Torrance, Redondo Beach or Los Angeles Unified.

School buddies are needed. Training is provided which involves shadowing a current school buddy. This allows you to become familiar with the interview process which takes place at the

middle school at lunchtime. Feel free to ask any EPC member about being a school buddy if you have any questions or contact Peggy Monga at [filmgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:filmgroup@earthlink.net) if you are interested.

School buddies also help with the reading of the applications and participate in the camper selection process. School buddy packets will be picked up at the EPC meeting on January 9. Be sure to join us on December 12 to learn all about it.

As this year draws to a close we thank all of you who have helped with our Tech Trek program this year...especially the tea committee and participants who raised so much money for Tech Trek, our sponsors, dorm moms, and EPC committee members who have worked so hard and been so committed in support of Tech Trek. We are so grateful. We wish you a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a joy filled New Year.

Now we are ready to begin anew with our plans for 2020 Tech Trek. **Please join us for our EPC meeting Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm (location to be determined).**

## AAUW Fund Contribution — Matching Funds

by Gloria Liu

Advance the AAUW’s mission ~ Please donate to AAUW Fund!

All donations to “Where Most Needed” fund will enable us to:

- Win more legislative victories for fair pay.
- Equip every working woman with savvy negotiating skills.
- Preserve Title IX’s critical protections against harassment and inequality in education.
- Encourage more women to become leaders.

To encourage donations to the “Where Most Needed” fund, *AAUW national board is matching funds dollar for dollar up to \$68,800 for donations made before December 31, 2019.*

There are several ways to donate:

Make a contribution online to AAUW.org, bring your check to the holiday party or mail a check.

### Online with Matching Funds

<https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/?treatment=AAUW9110FFF&AppealCode=F20M-NA1119&emci=0375ee51-020b-ea11-828b-2818784d6d68&emdi=9583bce7-a10c-ea11-828b-2818784d6d68&ceid=933693>

**By Check** - Make check payable to “AAUW Fund.” Be sure to include your Member # (see the branch directory) and the name of the fund you want to support. I recommend “Economic Security”. If no fund is stated, it will go to “Where Needed Most.”

Bring your check to the holiday party on December 15 or mail it to Alice Matthews or Gloria Liu. Please see directory or contact glsb7891@gmail.com for our mailing address.

## Tech Trek Campership Donations

Torrance branch needs your help to support Tech Trek camperships for 2020 with donations. The money contributed for Tech Trek falls under AAUW-CA Special Project Fund (SPF).

**Donate By Check** — please make payable to “AAUW-CA-SPF” and include “Torrance branch, Tech Trek” in the memo line.

Bring check to the holiday party or mail it to: AAUW Torrance Branch, Tech Trek, PO Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505.

**AAUW California Special Projects Fund (SPF)** is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation that supports AAUW California projects (Tech Trek and Speech Trek), AAUW California branch projects, and local scholarship programs. It serves as a pass-through fund, enabling projects to collect tax-deductible donations from individuals and corporations, and from grants and endowments, without having to establish themselves as a separate non-profit entity.

### What Does AAUW California Do For Me?

You know what your branch dues provide. You know what your national dues provide. But do you know what your state dues provide?

AAUW California provides its branches and members with...

- ♣ Important and inspiring information
- ♣ Mission-based projects such as Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Financial Literacy
- ♣ Ongoing communication through a website, monthly e-newsletter to branch leaders, social media and the California Perspective publication
- ♣ A showcase for branch success stories
- ♣ Special Projects Fund, allowing tax-deductible donations to qualified projects and scholarships
- ♣ A paid professional lobbyist to track California issues that you care about
- ♣ California Action Alert emails on pending

- state legislation
- ♣ Suggested actions to make your voice heard in state government
- ♣ Support for innovative branch projects through a grant program
- ♣ Speakers and advisors in the Branch Resource Connection Program
- ♣ Fund luncheons to raise awareness of the impact of donations to AAUW Fund
- ♣ Guidance and materials from state committees
- ♣ Tips from the trenches
- ♣ State-wide biennial convention or annual meeting to foster learning and sharing with like-minded people
- ♣ Annual Leadership Development Days to educate and inspire branch leaders
- ♣ Assistance in developing and maintaining college/university partnerships
- ♣ Database of all California branches and their leaders; publication of an annual directory
- ♣ Access to a state office manager for assistance with questions on all things AAUW.

Visit [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) for details and updates.

**Tuesday, December 17  
noon**

**No December Group Meetings for:  
Film Group, Diversity Book Group**

### Evening Literature Group Holiday Season Potluck and Social Tuesday, December 17 at 12:00 pm

at the home of Betsy Adams

Share a meal, conversation, and perhaps some favorite poems.

Bring a dish for 8-10. Please bring any books you'd like to trade or donate (books not taken will be donated to a local library).

Meeting on January 28 will include **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens.

### International Advocacy Committee

Indrani Chatterjee, Chair

Visit the International Advocacy page on the AAUW California website: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/international-advocacy/>

The page has a new design with the purpose to provide you with the latest news and information on issues relating to women globally.

Inside you'll find these features and more:

- In the News- Recent articles about women around the world.
- Branch Events and Programs- Branch events related to women's involvement in global issues.
- Important Dates in History for Women- Includes "this month in history," and other featured dates.

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



## College students are welcome to join!

**April 17-19, 2020**  
**AAUW CA Convention**  
Westin San Francisco  
Airport

**Thursday, December 12**  
**EPC Meeting**

**January 2020**  
**Tri-branch Meeting**

**Sunday, December 15**  
**Holiday Potluck and donation  
collection**

**February 29, 2020**  
**Nutrition Talk with Karen  
Peters**

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**Evening Lit Group @noon**

**March 2020**  
**Women's History Month**  
**So Bay Librarians Talk**



*AAUW is 2018 United Nations Global  
Citizen Award winner*