



Torrance Branch Leadership

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Volunteer Leaders Needed

Membership VP
Program VP
Branch Tech Trek Coordinator

President's Message from Keri Gilbert

Hello Torrance Branch!

We had a great turnout for the January program featuring Heal the Bay and Torrance members made a good showing! And we learned some ways that we can help the environment and protect our very valuable resource - water.

Our next program will be held on Saturday, February 29 at 9:30 am at the Zamperini Field/Torrance Airport Community Room located at 3301 Airport Drive in Torrance. Our very own Karen Peters will discuss nutrition with a focus on women and how our needs change as we age. I hope you all will plan to attend!

If you are planning to attend the State Convention in April, please let me know. We have budgeted some funds to partially reimburse members' expenses.

We are still looking for people to join our nominating committee — and for people to fill some very important positions beginning July 1, 2020. Please let me know how you can help. It is very important for the viability of our branch to get these leadership positions filled.

Have a fabulous February!

~ Keri Gilbert

Video: <https://womenyoushouldknow.net/bad-romance-womens-suffrage-lady-gaga-alice-paul-music-video-mashup/>

Please send Torrance Telegram articles by February 18 to heycamster66@gmail.com

Educational Partnership Committee (EPC)

Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

RSVP to host Kabita Kumar:

kabitarebecca@gmail.com

by Margot Sullivan

The EPC is hard at work, and Tech Trek is in full swing!

School visits to meet the nominated seventh grade girls from all 15 of our middle schools from Torrance, Redondo Beach and LAUSD have been completed. Thanks to our school buddies: Pat Arnett, Pat Carroll, Michele Croci, Ann DuPuy, Judith Hill, Kabita Kumar, Alice Matthews, Karen Peters, Suzanne Siney, and Margot Sullivan who met and spoke with all the girls and also asked last year’s campers to share their experiences with the nominees. The girls’ applications are due by February 6.

The next phase will be reading of the materials to select the girls who will be attending one of 4 camps this summer at UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego or Whittier College. The first camp begins June 21.

Dorm moms are also being recruited. If you have an interest, be sure to talk with Karen Peters, Alice Matthews, Judith Hill or Susan Negrete who will surely inspire you to sign up.

Would you like to read the application materials and help select the campers?

Please contact Peggy Monga our EPC Chair. Reading will take place from March 10 to March 20. Reading is done in teams of three with the school buddy as

Member Update

Betty Knapp is continuing her recuperation at home after a recent fall and hospitalization. She would love to hear from you, so please call her to chat or arrange a visit!



Reader Captain. It is very rewarding and enlightening. Your participation is important.

Michele Freck has been contacting potential donors to sponsor a girl or girls for camp. The cost is approximately \$1,000 per camper and partial sponsorship donations are welcome, too. The number of girls we send is dependent on the sponsorships we receive and the camp spots available. Please contact Michele at micfreck@gmail.com for more information.

We are very grateful to our sponsors whom we heard from in January including Pat Carroll, the Keck Foundation with a donation of \$5,000, the Weinan Family with a donation of \$2,000, and Saatchi and Saatchi with a donation of \$2,000. We are grateful for the support and sponsorships they all have provided.

We hope to see you on February 13 at Kabita’s!

**February Branch Meeting
Nutritional Choices as Your Life Changes
Saturday, February 29 at 9:30 - 11:30 am**

at Zamperini Field/Torrance Airport Community Room
3301 Airport Drive in Torrance

Karen Peters, AAUW Torrance member, will discuss nutrition with a focus on women and how our needs change as we age.

(Featured foods in photograph will not be served at the meeting.)

Guests Welcome!



“ To understand the living present, and the promise of the future, it is necessary to remember the past. ”

— Rachel Carson

LACIC IS THROWING A TEA PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Sunday, March 8, 2020 (International Women's Day)

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

LACIC Centennial Tea

at Women's City Club of Pasadena

160 N Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

(free parking is accessed off Madison)

www.womenscityclubofpasadena.com



We're celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment – constitutionally guaranteeing women the right to vote – and inviting you to join us! If possible, come dressed in appropriate suffragist costume, but by all means do wear a hat. **Nan Johnson**, the woman who lead the charge for producing the Rose Parade's suffragist float, "Years of Hope, Years of Courage," will be our guest speaker. Reservations for the High Tea are on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$30 per person and checks should be made payable to: "LACIC." Please send c/o Ginny Hatfield, 11579 Hesby Street, Valley Village, CA 91601. RSVP requested by March 4.

An opportunity drawing will be held for a "Suffrage Now!" quilt. The 41" x 49" quilt by San Fernando Valley Branch member Jan Livingston honors 12 women whose sacrifices helped gain women's suffrage. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. Proceeds will help provide scholarships for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) students. The drawing will be at the Los Angeles County Interbranch Council Centennial Tea on March 8 at the Women's City Club of Pasadena. Contact Jan Livingston at 818-439-0831 or janlivingston@mac.com to purchase tickets.



**Wednesday, February 5
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

WIT (Women In Transition) Group

**Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm
at a private residence**

What are we watching? Sharing the Best & Worst Shows/Films

RSVP by noon on Tuesday, February 4
susimone@aol.com or 310-377-0642

WIT Group is the first AAUW interbranch interest group formed in the South Bay. AAUW members from Torrance, PVP & Beach Cities branches meet the first Wednesday of each month to discuss topics important to all women. Organizer: Susan Negrete

**Friday, February 21
6:30 pm**

The Diversity Book Group

**Friday, February 21 at 6:30 pm
at the home of Jann Segal**

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngazi Adichie (2013)

In *Americanah*, a young Nigerian woman, Ifemelu, moves to the United States for school, leaving behind her boyfriend, Obinze, and her family. It's a story of relocation, far-flung love and life as an alien, spread across three continents. It's also about the lonely but privileged perspective a stranger gains by entering a new culture.

**Tuesday, February 25
* new * 7:00 pm**

Evening Literature Group

**Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm *new time*
at the home of Gerry Suzuki**

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

This 1847 classic tells the famous (or infamous) story of Cathy and Heathcliff. Need we say more (or is that moor)?

In March, **The Library Book**, by Susan Orleans, is about the fire and reconstruction of the Los Angeles Public Library.

**Thursday, February 27
7:00 pm**

Film Group

**Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 pm
at the home of Rachel Ambrose**

RSVP: rambrose@rocketmail.com or 310-373-5620

Join us for light refreshments and conversation. Everyone's a critic!

THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (2010)(2012)
(Rated G) When a tiny "borrower" named Arrietty makes friends with a young boy many times her size, she must also shield her family from his towering elders.

But trouble brews when a curious maid starts asking questions. Directed by Hiromasa Yonebayashi, from Studio Ghibli, famed Japanese anime studio. Metacritic 80. "Arrietty brings...magic to the mundane, elevating the ordinary confines of everyday life into sumptuous surprises"—Time. Available at Redondo and Torrance libraries and DVD Netflix.

WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE (2014)(2015)(Rated PG for thematic elements and smoking) A lonely city girl with chronic asthma, Anna Sasaki is sent to spend the summer with relatives in a seaside town where the air is clean. Before long, Anna makes friends with a mysterious girl living in a deserted villa -- but is she real or a dream? Nominated for Best Animated Feature Film Oscar. Metacritic 72. "At its most beautiful, Yonebayashi's picture is about the magic of female friendship at its purest."— Village Voice, Sherilyn Connelly. Available at Torrance and Redondo libraries and DVD Netflix.

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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.

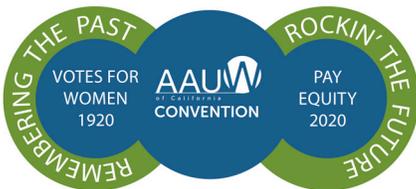
Mission Statement

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AAUW CA Convention, April 17-19

Remembering the Past...Rockin' the Future!



Remember...
Hotel registration deadline is March 20
Convention registration deadline is April 10



AAUW is 2018 United Nations Global Citizen Award winner

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