



AAUW TORRANCE BRANCH
CHARTERED IN 1968

Torrance Telegram

APRIL 2022

PO Box 1392, Torrance, CA 90505 | <http://torrance-ca.aauw.net> | aauwtorrance@gmail.com

Growing Pains and Gains

LAX Insider Insights with guest speaker Stephanie Sampson

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 • 10:30 - 11:30 am

Branch Meeting Before Program • 10:00 am

As Los Angeles prepares to welcome the world in the coming years with global events culminating in the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is in the midst of a \$15 billion Capital Improvement Program that is modernizing terminals and improving how passengers access one of the busiest airports in the world. The \$5.5 billion Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) is at the centerpiece of this modernization and includes an Automated People Mover train system, Consolidated Rent-A-Car facility, new areas for parking and pick-up/drop-off and the long awaited connection to regional transportation. The transformation is visible across the entire airport skyline and a reimagined LAX is on the horizon.

OPEN TO AAUW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

RSVP for Zoom link: heycamster66@gmail.com



President's Message

Hello Torrance Branch!

With the change in State and Local COVID-19 recommendations, many of our Interest Groups are starting to resume meeting in-person. We have literally gone almost two years without regular meetings in-person. Our annual installation of the 2022-2024 officers and the end of our fiscal year meeting in June is scheduled for The Depot Restaurant. The fourth dose of COVID-19 vaccines has just been FDA-approved for people over 50, which will continue to give us confidence to meet in-person. I would love to hear from every member about your feelings on returning to actual in-person meetings. Please email me at aliceaauw@gmail.com with your thoughts on this issue.

April includes the celebration of Earth Day that was established in 1970, and officially designated as April 22 in 1990. A few things to consider doing to be more Eco-friendly in honor of Earth Day:

- Go on a beach clean-up
- Plant a tree
- Buy a reusable bag
- Don't eat meat
- Don't use disposable plastics (go microbead free)
- Walk or ride a bike
- Give up chewing gum
- Shop at a local farmers market

Let's do our part to save the planet!

— Alice Matthews

Torrance Branch Leadership

Alice Matthews, President

Keri Gilbert, Finance Officer

Lydia McCarver, Secretary

Cami Hamilton & Suzanne Siney,
Program Co-VPs

Peggy Monga & Margot Sullivan, EPC

Cami Hamilton, Telegram Editor

Ann DuPuy, Webmaster

Keri Gilbert, Digital Communications

Torrance Branch Leadership, Nominees

The following members have been nominated to serve in the following branch offices. Voting can be counted by voice vote at the April Meeting on April 23 @10:00a via Zoom.

President - **Judi Gerber**

Finance Officer - **Gloria Liu**

Secretary - **Lydia McCarver**

Co-VP Membership - **Alice Matthews, Nancy Kenney**

Co-VP Program - **Ann Dupuy, Cami Hamilton**

AAUW Fund - **Indrani Chatterjee**

Additional positions not requiring vote:

Telegram Proofing and E-Communications
- **Keri Gilbert**

Public Policy - **Gloria Abernathy-Lear**

Telegram Editor - **still open**

Web Manager - **still open**

It's NOT too late for you to add your name as a candidate to the ballot. Please contact the Nominating Committee today.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee who each stepped up as leaders for the next year, Gloria Liu, Ann Dupuy, Nancy Kenney, Cami Hamilton.

AAUW Mission Statement

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

Diversity Statement

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.

Membership

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.

Women In Transition (WIT)

Wednesday, April 6 @7:00p, DePortola Park
Topic:

WOMEN AT/IN WAR

25615 Lazy Meadow Dr., Torrance

(This is a neighborhood park with no lot, access is off Crenshaw Blvd. & Rolling Hills Road. It's best to cruise Rolling Hills Road for open parking spaces!)
Please bring your own chair, food and drinks!

For future meeting questions, contact Susan at 714.402.1322



Start Smart Workshops

Elle Oliver will be presenting Start Smart three times on April 19 at Cal State University Dominguez Hills, in-person.

Our first class will be from 4:00 - 5:00 pm, the second from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and the third from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

If you would like to join Elle to help with the facilitation of these workshops (you don't have to present unless you want to), please let her know. In the past, the group has met before and carpooled over to the campus where Professor Grimshaw has a designated parking pass.

It might make for a long evening, but hopefully some of you will be there on April 19 to support the AAUW Torrance efforts.

If you are interested in participating on April 19, please contact Elle Oliver at elleoliver@hotmail.com.

Public Policy - Action Alert

by Robin Lewis, Grassroots Advocacy Manager

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Senate hearings have almost concluded this week, and then the Senate moves into a procedural phase. Our current intel is that key leaders aim to have this process finished prior to spring recess, meaning by April 7.

As the confirmation process nears the end of this stage, I want to connect with our group on how important it now is for us to engage in our communities to urge constituents to reach out to their senators. Our advocacy toolkit (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/toolkit-confirm-judge-jackson/>) includes helpful information on how to contact senators, talking points and sample scripts, social media guide, and a guide on writing a letter to the editor.

If you intend to write a letter to the editor (LTE), please:

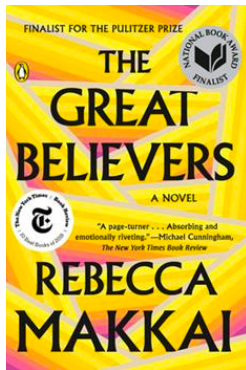
- Make the tone personal: how is Judge Jackson's confirmation personal to you? To your state/locality/community?
- Know that Kalina and I are happy to assist with an editing eye or quick look at your strategy
- Let me know if you submit to a paper
- Definitely let me know and link me if your LTE is placed!

Note from Ginny Hatfield, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee:

If you're anything like me, you might be glued to the reporting on the war in Ukraine and also switching devices to tune in to the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings for Supreme Court Associate Justice nominee, Katanji Brown Jackson.

AAUW National and AAUW CA are urging that you make your voice heard in support of KBJ's confirmation. Let's show our support for this history-making nominee.

Voting Period: April 23- May 14, 2022
YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE WWW.AAUW-CA.ORG



Diversity Book Group

Friday, April 15 @6:30p

The Great Believers, Rebecca Makkai

An artful novel about illness and mortality. The novel tells, in alternating chapters, about a group of friends, most of them gay men, in Chicago in the mid-to-late 1980s, and about a woman in 2015 who has gone to Paris in search of her estranged daughter.

RSVP to Lydia McCarver.

Film Group

Tuesday, April 12@4:00p,
Margot Sullivan's home

Capernaum (2018) a Lebanese movie directed by Nadine Labaki. A young boy named Zain (Zain Al Rafeea) stands before a judge. He asks to sue his own parents for giving him life. The turn of events that have brought him to this point take us on a journey through his poverty-stricken upbringing in Beirut where he lives with his family. Forced to live by his wits in order to survive, his life reaches a turning point when his parents make an unforgiveable deal that will see his younger sister married off. CAPERNAUM is a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit – a battle cry for the forgotten, the unwanted and the lost that offers hope in the most unexpected of places



Film selections are typically available at Torrance, Redondo, and PV libraries as well as streaming services.

Shoplifters (2018) a Japanese movie directed by Hirokazu Koreeda. A Japanese couple stuck with part-time jobs and inadequate incomes avail themselves of the fruits of shoplifting to make ends meet.



They are not alone in this behavior. The younger and the older of the household are in on the act. The unusual routine is about to change from care-free and matter-of-fact to something more dramatic, however, as the couple open their doors to a beleaguered young girl. The reasons

for the family's habit and their motivations come under the microscope. Considered by some to be one of the most powerful emotional films of the year based on Koreeda's humanist storytelling but also his expert direction of a wonderful cast. Winner of Palme d'Or at Cannes 2018

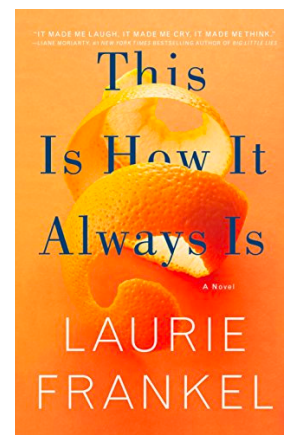
Evening (Afternoon) Literature

Tuesday, April 26 @2:00p

This Is How It Always Is, by Laurie Frankel

A novel about a family with five boys in which the youngest feels he's something entirely different — a girl. It's a story that's close to Frankel's heart because she's living it: Her own child was born a boy and now identifies as a girl. "This is how a family keeps a secret ... and how that secret ends up keeping them. This is how a family lives happily ever after ... until happily ever after becomes complicated. This is how children change ... and then change the world."

Contact Betsy Adams or Gloria Liu by April 20 if interested in attending.



Educational Partnership Committee

Thursday, April 14 @6:30p, via Zoom

by Peggy Monga

The Applications are in and Reading is beginning!

Our final count :

Casimir	5 Applications
Hull	4
Bert Lynn	5
Madrona	2
S White	5
Markham	1

I have begun sending out the materials to our Readers. Thank you to all who volunteered!:

Nancy Kenney, Billie Lee Langley, Judy Hill, Pat Arnett, Pat Carroll, Ann DuPuy, Alice Matthews, Margot Sullivan, and Karen Hassen. Extra special thanks to those who volunteered to be Reader Captains.

Final, consolidated results are due to me, Peggy Monga, on or before April 2.

We asked for 16 spots and got them! 4 each at the 2 Santa Barbara Camps and 8 at Whittier.

RE: Whittier —they need volunteers! All Branch members—can you help or know of someone who can?

Note: Whittier has a new dorm, all remodeled! For the 100 campers.

Whittier Tech Trek Needs Dorm Moms and One Health Aide/Nurse, and a few Professional Women working in STEM fields (Professional Women’s Night) at Whittier College for the week of June 19-25.

In order to accommodate 100 girls, we need 1 Dorm Mom per 10 girls and there is need for 3 more Dorm Moms. Think of recently retired members, younger members, college students, your relatives, teachers, neighbors, etc. Think of prospective members; Tech Trek involvement is a great idea for recruiting new members. Dorm Moms must be age 21 or older and eligible for AAUW membership. It is exceptionally rewarding!

Dorm Moms receive a small stipend, room and board and lots of joy. They are responsible for a small group of Tech Trek campers, provide emotional support, and respond to camper’s questions and concerns throughout the week. Each one will hold daily meetings with their dorm groups and keep track of their campers



‘whereabouts throughout the day, accompanying the girls to campus activities and field trips. They will help with the enforcement of camp rules and policies. Training and support are provided.

Nurse Needed! This is a paid position, but another difficult-to-fill position. Student nurses are eligible. The nurse provides basic medical support as needed and is the first line of medical support for campers. The Health Aide should be highly organized and comfortable discussing medical needs of campers, prepared for all medical issues that might arise during camp activities. She will be on call 24 hours a day for the duration of camp and be able to respond immediately to health needs. She will keep records of campers’ medical information and be familiar with any potential health issues listed in their history, and will also hold ‘clinic hours’ during the week. Applicants for this position should have extensive nurse’s training, be a senior nursing student, or a retired nurse with updated training.

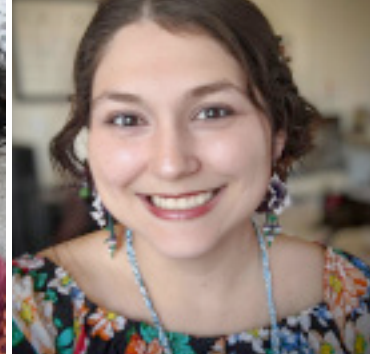
Additionally, are there any members working in the STEM fields? Or are you connected with someone working in the STEM fields? We are looking for a few more participants for Professional Women’s Night.

Links to more descriptions can be found online at: <https://techtrek-whittier.aauw.net/volunteer/>.

Questions? Want more information or want to Volunteer, please contact Tobi Balma at aauw.tobi@gmail.com and/or (562) 305-0285 — (Assistant to Camp Director Judy Pfeil.).



Branch Meeting & Monthly Program April 23



Wednesday, April 6 @7:00p
WIT Group

Tuesday, April 12 @4:00p
Film Group

Thursday, April 14 @6:30p
EPC via Zoom

April 15 –Telegram Articles Due

Friday, April 15 @6:30p
Diversity Book Group

Tuesday, April 19
Start Smart workshops, CSUDH

Saturday, April 23 @10:00a
Branch Meeting via Zoom
10:30a Program Presentation

Tuesday, April 26 @6:30p
Evening (Afternoon) Literature

Saturday, April 30
AAUW Annual Virtual Event

April Bdays

Helga Markagraf-Fowler April 6
Keri Gilbert April 29

Monthly Programs In Progress for 2021-2022

After a lengthy and fun planning meeting during the summer, the dates of proposed programs have been identified for 2021-2022 year. Care was taken to not hold meetings *only* on Saturdays, per the request of members who reserve that time for religious observance. No weekday programs will be held during standard working hours, per the schedules of our working members. The programs will be a mix of in-person (vaccinated attendance) and Zoom gatherings. ALL MEMBERS are warmly encouraged to attend and invite guests.

2021

Sun 9/19 1:00 pm Columbia Park, Welcome Back Picnic
Wed 11/10 6:30 pm Beach Cities program on Zoom
Sun 12/19 2:00 pm Holiday Party hosted by Judy Hill

2022

Sat 1/29 2:00pm Featured Speaker, Violence Policy Center
Sat 2/26 10:00 am Preserving Japanese Farming in South Bay
Sat 3/19 10:00 am Madrona Marsh Walk
with **Karen Peters**, RSVP required
Sat 4/23 10:30 am LAX Update with **Stephanie Sampson**
Fri 5/6 4:00 pm Restaurant TBA, Happy Hour, *Seis de Mayo*
Sat 6/11 9:30 am The Depot Restaurant, Installation brunch

Find Out More

<https://torrance-ca.aauw.net/calendar/> • www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy/

www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/ • www.aauw.org/resources/programs/tech-trek/



AAUW TORRANCE BRANCH
CHARTERED IN 1968

2021-2022

We Rise By Lifting Others Together