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**IN-PERSON
EVENT**



¡Seis de Mayo!

LA CAPILLA FAMILY RESTAURANT

FRIDAY, MAY 6 • 5:00-7:00 PM

**JOIN US FOR
A POST-"CINCO DE MAYO"
NO-HOST HAPPY HOUR.**

1332 Sartori Ave., Downtown Torrance



**Parking may be limited –
Consider carpooling.
No reservations required.**

President's Message

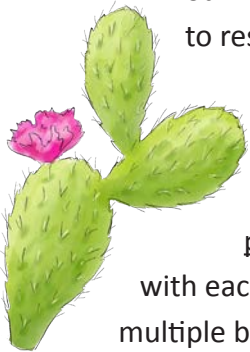
Hello Torrance Branch!

I am looking forward to seeing you in-person for Seis de Mayo.

Membership Drive has started for 2022-2023! This year the process is a little different due to the upgrade to the online process. **Note: AAUW has asked members to hold off on renewing until the system issues are resolved — no known ETA.**



You will need to go to the www.AAUW.org, click on Log In. You will be asked to click "Forgot my Password" to reset your PW. You will receive an email with a link to reset your PW. Once that is done, you will be prompted to "edit your Personal Information" — you can now enter your cell phone number, as well as add your major from your degree.



Once you do this, you can click on Membership and renew using a credit card. This is still the preferred method to renew vs. sending in a check. Branches are listed by the number associated with each location: Torrance is #0146 (\$22). Then enter CA State dues, and National. You can select multiple branches if you want to add dual memberships. Just click all that apply — you will be asked which branch is your primary branch and you can set it to Torrance.

AAUW CA 2022 Annual Event— AAUWland

Saturday, April 30 • 9:00a – 3:00p, Virtual Zoom conference

Register Today: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2022-annual-event-a-real-adventure/>

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AAUWland will feature breakout rooms run by different branches (approximately 15) on a variety of topics.

Breakout Room 5 will feature The South Bay LA TTAG (Tech Trech Alumni Group) consisting of Torrance, Beach Cities and PVP branches. Our topic is **"How to Start Your Own TTAG Group,"** with leaders, Terry Hays Horner, Denise DeVenuto, and Deborah Thomas, as facilitators, and Alice Matthews moderating the Chat. Sessions are at 10:40am and 1:40am.



→ I know the last two years have been challenging to stay involved but your continued support of the branch is appreciated more than you know, and I look forward to more "in person" activities in the future, if safety allows. *Happy Spring!*

— Alice Matthews

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.

National Conference

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) on May 22-24, 2022.

This year, AAUW invites hundreds of college women from around the country for three days of virtual leadership training, inspiration and networking, to turn a moment into a movement.

This year's keynote speaker is Nikole Hannah-Jones, Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of "The 1619 Project." Hannah-Jones is a staff writer at The New York Times Magazine and the inaugural Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at Howard University. Hannah-Jones has spent her career investigating racial inequality and injustice, and her groundbreaking work reframed American history by putting the consequences of slavery at the center of our national narrative.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/nccwsl/attend/>

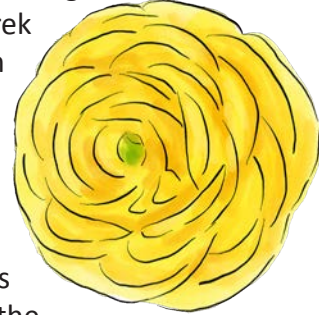
Beyond Tech Trek

STEMEd for Girls is a series of lively, informative and engaging virtual workshops that will pave the way for your success as you move through high school, into college and eventually on to your career. Designed for those who want to stand out among their peers, the program:

- Demystifies the world of STEM and shows how accessible—and exciting—these fields can be.
- Explores the different subject areas that you can choose as a college major, including biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics, and technology/computer science.
- Shows the many types of lucrative jobs and careers a STEM education can prepare you for.
- Connects you up with a STEM Ambassador who can mentor and guide you in your education and beyond.
- Works with your parent, guardian or caregiver to make sure you have all the support and encouragement you need on your pathway to STEM.

Carol Bauer Camperships

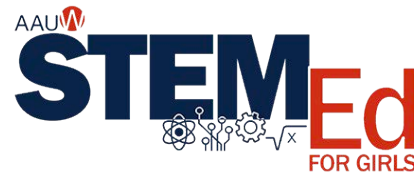
The family of the late Carol Bauer is thrilled to announce that they are sponsoring another student to attend Tech Trek this summer. Tech Trek will be in person this year, so we expect our lucky sponsee to get even more out of the experience than last year's virtual students.



Thank you again AAUW members for all your support! With the additional funds from the family, we currently have enough to sponsor one student a year for the next 10 years.

In the spirit of Carol, may you all live long and prosper.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/carol-bauer-scholarship-fund>



Gain confidence, have fun, get inspired—and join a national community of girls and women excited about the endless opportunities in STEM.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>

Torrance Branch Leadership

Alice Matthews, President

Keri Gilbert, Treasurer

Lydia McCarver, Secretary

Cami Hamilton & Suzanne Siney,
Program Co-VPs

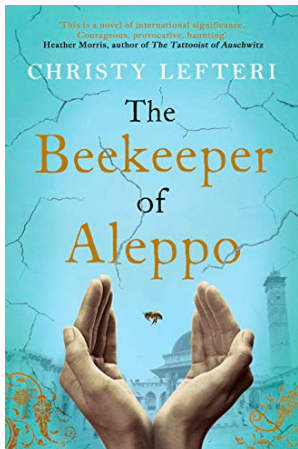
Peggy Monga & Margot Sullivan, EPC

Cami Hamilton, Telegram Editor

Ann DuPuy, Webmaster

Keri Gilbert, Digital Communications





Diversity Book Group

Friday, May 20 @6:30p, Keri Gilbert's home

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist—living a simple life, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo—until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape. But what Afra has seen is so terrible she has gone blind, and so they must embark on a perilous journey toward an uncertain future. As they travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Moving, intimate, and beautifully written, this book that reminds us that the most peaceful and ordinary lives can be utterly upended in unimaginable ways.

Film Group

Tuesday, May 10 @4:00p, Margot Sullivan's home
Watch the movies in the comfort of your home and then gather for discussion and light refreshments at our Film Group meeting. Our focus will be on movies from Ukraine this month. Everyone is welcome. These movies can be viewed on YouTube. Please join us.

RSVP to: margotsullivan@aol.com

Tini Zabutykh Predkiv (Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors); 1965, directed by Sergej Paradjanov

Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors is widely considered the best Ukrainian film ever made, and was acknowledged as such by the Oleksandr Dovzhenko National Center's top-100-Ukrainian-films poll of critics. On the surface, Paradjanov's film is a simple and timeless love story that evokes the themes in Romeo and Juliet, but it is distinguished by being set in the Carpathian Mountains along the Ukrainian-Romanian border. The film features the native culture and music of the Hutsuls, an isolated mountain tribe of shepherds (the production employed actual members of the community to perform as extras). Shadows sparked broader interest in the Carpathians as a space that affirmed Ukrainian cultural difference, from

Russians in particular. During the Kyiv premiere of the film in 1965, the Ukrainian literary critic Ivan Dziuba (who died two days before the invasion) took the stage to denounce Soviet policies of Russification. A massive riot in downtown Kyiv ensued.

Povodyr (The Guide); 2014, directed by Oles Sanin

Although many Ukrainian films made since the fall of the Soviet Union have explored the fate of Ukraine under Stalinism, none have done it quite so well as Sanin's The Guide. The film focuses on an American communist man and his son who go to the U.S.S.R. full of idealism in the 1930s and start a family with a local woman. The man and woman end up getting killed, but the son is saved by one of the blind musicians known as kobzari and becomes his guide. The kobzar is a key figure in Ukrainian folk culture, who is blind by definition and who plays a large lute-like instrument called a bandura. Many were killed in the 1930s because of their connection to pre-Soviet Ukrainian nationalism. The Guide is the first major film to explore this lost culture that once faced such heavy persecution. It is considered the best movie about Ukrainian culture that has been filmed in independent Ukraine so far.

Evening (Afternoon) Literature

Tuesday, May 24 @2:00p, Gerry Suzuki's home

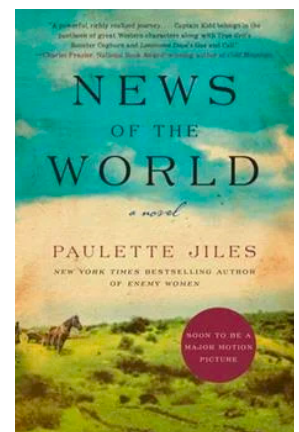
News of the World, by Paulette Jiles. 2017, 240p.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

PV: 4 books, 1 ebook, 1 CD. Torrance: 2 books. RB: 2 books, 1 CD, 1 audio.

Contact Betsy Adams or Gerry Suzuki by May 20 if interested in attending.

Coming in June: Potluck and book selection



Educational Partnership Committee

Thursday, May 12 @6:30p, via Zoom

by Peggy Monga

We got our 16 spots! 8 at Whittier June 19-25, 4 at Santa Barbara Blackwell July 10-16 and 4 at Santa Barbara Hypatia July 17-23. No word on any camp cancellations. I have been getting notifications and updates from both camp directors.

Reading materials were distributed to our readers. The Applications and Questionnaires were edited to more create concise formats, i.e. fewer pages to print. All materials were emailed to readers, no hardcopies. Thanks to all our Readers and especially to Karen Hassen who read 2 additional schools besides the 2 she already had done.

Reader Captains:

Karen Hassen

Pat Carroll

Margot Sullivan

Alice Matthews

Readers:

Ann Dupuy

Billie Lee Langley

Dawn Salvatore (Moog,
Corporate donor)

Pat Arnett

Judy Hill

Nancy Kenney



Ranking and Camp Assignments

16 girls were selected. I submitted all the girls' names and status (Selected, Alternate, Not-Selected) to the on-line system, as well as the camp/dates. Getting the camp preferences in advance was a big help, and made it easier to assign each girl to a camp. The on-line submissions were due April 15.

Overall, the on-line system is better this year. The notifications sent to me were more helpful, and I did not need to refer to a large spreadsheet to copy/paste links to resend. Also a better format of the Application/Essay was provided, which made it easier to condense an Application to fewer pages for our reading.

Now the second part begins: Each selected family has 2 forms to fill out: a Parent Agreement and a Camper Agreement. So far, the camps are requiring vaccinations or a medical exemption. There is still a question about requiring boosters. Agreements are due May 1. As if this writing, 8 of our 16 girls are "Ready for Registration."

BRANCH COORDINATOR NEEDED:

In the past, we had another person doing the liaison with the selected campers and their families and the camps.

This time everything is online. So the BC responsibilities are to follow up on any missing on-line forms, sending families any camp documents the camp directors want emailed, and reminding the families of their upcoming camp dates. Half of our girls will attend Whittier which is at the end of June. Is anybody willing to do this? Let me know—

Alice Matthews will be a Dorm Mom at Whittier and Santa Barbara Blackwell. THANK YOU ALICE!

Heads up—visitor days at SB will be on the Thursday of camp week. Members, donors are invited.

Orientation

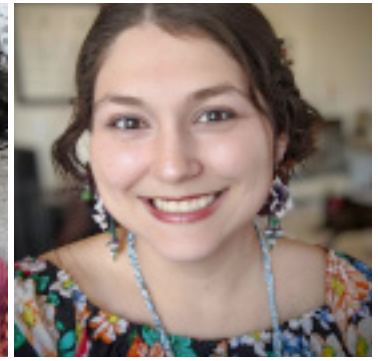
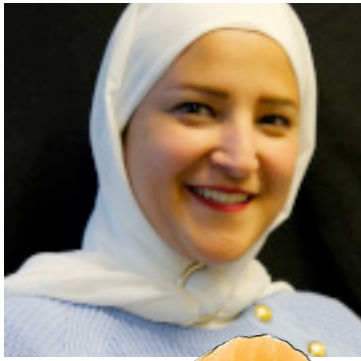
At our April EPC meeting, we decided on having Zoom Orientations. With only 16 campers, we cannot justify the cost of renting a space or using a school facility. The plan would be to have two Zoom meetings, 1 for Whittier's 8 campers and 1 for Santa Barbara's 8 campers.

The format would have the girls introduce themselves, say something unique or something we should know about them. Meet other girls going to Whittier/SB. Girls from each school are not at the same camp, usually. Then we would show slides of videos of past residential camps. Show the water bottle they would be getting. Introduce/name sponsors, explain about thank you letters. Possibly have past campers speak. Then Q&A for parents. Total not more than an hour. Water bottles and thank you notecards with instructions would be delivered at camp or to their homes.

Thanks to Michele Freck whose persistence saved EPC \$279.60, when a large donor check was "sent" thru PayPal and the money was not credited to a camp, but erroneously went to SPF. We were going to be charged these fees, but Michele got it all cleared up and we paid nothing!

Also, fyi, the Alternates and Not-Selected girls were sent this notice: "We would like to let you know about other innovative hands-on science camps for girls entering 6th–9th grades. Check out the programs at Education Unlimited, the Sally Ride Science Camps for Girls, and iD Tech. Many local museums/aquariums also have summer programs."





Monthly Programs In Progress for 2021-2022

Saturday, April 30 @9:00a-3:00p
AAUWland Virtual Event

Wednesday, May 4 @7:00p
WIT Group

Friday, May 6 @5:00p
Happy Hour Event

Tuesday, May 10 @4:00p
Film Group

Thursday, May 12 @6:30p
EPC

Friday, May 20 @6:30p
Diversity Book Group

Tuesday, May 24 @2:00p
Evening (Afternoon) Literature

Saturday, June 11 @9:30a
Installation Brunch

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 5:00 pm **La Capilla Restaurant, Happy Hour, Seis de Mayo**
Sat 6/11 9:30 am The Depot Restaurant, Installation brunch
Speaker/opera soloist from Music Heals Minds



May Bdays

May 3 - Nancy Kenney

May 14 - Judith Gerber

May 4 - LeAnn Roque

May 31 - Janice Pomerantz

May 5 - Bonnie Mazziotta

Find Out More

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