



Torrance Telegram

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You Are Cordially Invited to our celebration of



Learn about Torrance Branch Tech Trek girls' experiences and meet our sponsors!

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Program 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

at

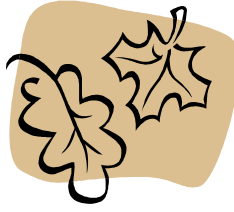
**Hull Middle School Multipurpose Room
2080 W. 231st Street, Torrance 90501**

**Doors will open at 5:30 pm
Light refreshments will be served**

**Please RSVP early to:
Margot Sullivan
margotrsullivan@aol.com**

Cookie donors! Due to Covid, we need individually wrapped cookies/treats - no peanuts! Bring to Hull no later than 5:30 pm. Contact Margot (above) to let us know what you are bringing!





President's Message

Hello Torrance Branch!

I want to thank all the members who came to our Welcome Back celebration on Sunday, September 18. We had 16 members join us in person to enjoy refreshments, to catch up with new and old friends, and to hear all about the year ahead. We have some exciting programs planned, starting with our October 17 Zoom meeting where we will hear from Nancy Mahr from LACIC who will give us a review of the propositions and issues in the November 8 election.



2022-20223 Branch Leadership

BOARD MEMBERS:

Judi Gerber, President

Gloria Liu, Finance

Lydia McCarver, Secretary

Cami Hamilton & Ann DuPuy, Program Co-VPs

Nancy Kenney & Alice Matthews, Membership Co-VPs

Additional Leadership Roles

Peggy Monga & Margot Sullivan, EPC

Keri Gilbert, Digital Communications

Indrani Chatterjee, AAUW Fund

Isabel Rodriguez, Public Policy

Gloria Liu & Alice Matthews, TTAG Advisors

AAUW Mission Statement

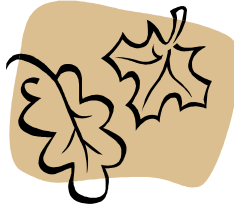
The purpose of AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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

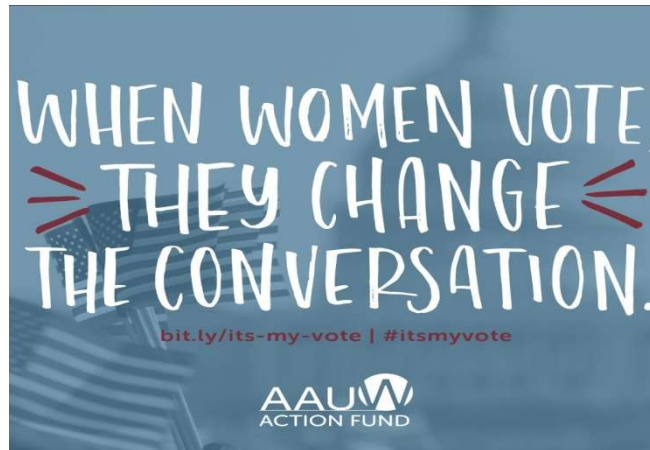
AAUW offers membership to all graduates who hold an associates or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Student affiliate status in AAUW is available for anyone now studying for a degree at a qualified institution. Until graduating with that degree, a student affiliate may participate in all AAUW activities except for holding office or voting.



October Torrance Branch Meeting

Monday, October 17 @ 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Propositions in Election 2022 - Featuring guest presenter Nancy Mahr (LACIC)



Public Policy

From Ginny Hatfield, Public Policy Committee Co-Chair

Looking for Resources on Reproductive Health Coalition Building?

1. **Want to join a coalition but don't know where to start?** Honestly, just reach out to your state Planned Parenthood. They will be able to connect you in with other vetted & trusted coalition members. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>
2. **Where do we gather accurate data & analysis?** The Guttmacher Institute is #1 in reproductive rights data & analysis, including drilling down to state-specific information. <https://www.guttmacher.org/>
3. **What about the legal battle side of things?** The Center for Reproductive Rights leads on litigation and legal analysis. They're a global group, so here's the U.S. page: <https://reproductiverights.org/our-regions/united-states/>
4. **What if our members are asking how to offer direct help with the abortion access crisis, not general advocacy?** Want to know who else is working in your direct community? Check with the National Network of Abortion Funds to see who is in your locality and check with your local fund for volunteer opportunities. The local funds might also direct you to a "practical support network," which includes simple help like driving folks to/from the airport/clinic/safe housing/etc. <https://abortionfunds.org/>
5. **Finally, the AAUW central hub for reproductive rights information:** <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/rallying-for-repro-rights/>



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Membership Alice Matthews and Nancy Kenney – Co-VP Membership

Attached is a flyer to give to any of your friends, associates or co-workers that you think might be interested in learning more about AAUW and our Branch. There is a QR code that will take them directly to our website.

American Association of University Women (AAUW)
 Since 1881, the American Association of University Women has advanced gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Make a Difference in Women's Lives

JOIN US!

EQUITY FOR WOMEN

- Join up to participate in monthly educational and social meetings
- advocacy activities
- fundraising events
- networking and leadership opportunities,
- interest groups of all types.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

Membership is only \$109/yr
 Join thru our website
<https://torrance-ca.aauw.net/>
 or
 Click on the QR Code

For more information or to attend an event contact:
aliceaauw@gmail.com or
nancykenney365@msn.com

SCAN ME

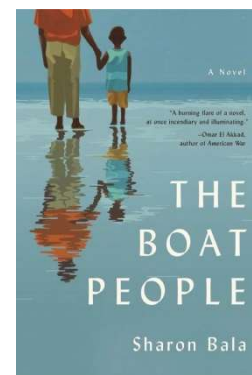
Please take time to look at our website and let Alice know if there is any information that you would like added. Membership recruitment is **EVERYONE'S** job. We need help to create a Welcome Packet for new members. If interested in helping, please contact Alice Matthews or Nancy Kenney. We would love the help!



Diversity Book Group

Friday, October 21 @6:30 p.m. Meeting Location: Keri Gilbert's Home, outdoors. RSVP to Lydia McCarver lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com

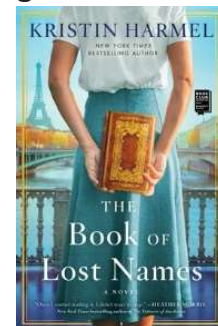
The Boat People by Sharon Bala is an extraordinary novel about a group of refugees who survive a perilous ocean voyage only to face the threat of deportation amid accusations of terrorism. When a rusty cargo ship carrying Mahindan and five hundred fellow refugees from Sri Lanka's bloody civil war reaches Vancouver's shores, the young father thinks he and his six-year-old son can finally start a new life. Instead, the group is thrown into a detention processing center, with government officials and news headlines speculating that among the "boat people" are members of a separatist militant organization responsible for countless suicide attacks--and that these terrorists now pose a threat to Canada's national security.



Afternoon Literature

Meets fourth Monday of each month, Monday, October 24 (Diwali) @ 2:00 p.m. Meeting Location: Betsy Adams' Home, contact Betsy Adams for location at seamath@cox.net.

Gerry Suzuki will lead the discussion of *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Hamel. All members are invited. You are welcome even if you haven't read the book as long as you don't mind the end being spoiled for you. Refreshments will be served so please RSVP to Betsy by October 23 if possible.



WIT (Women in Transition)

Wednesday, October 12 @7:00-8:30 pm, Meeting Location: Susan Negrete's Home
Women in Transition (WIT) Discussion Interest Group meets monthly, the first Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30PM (in-person or via Zoom, *based on member comfort-level feedback*).

October Topic: Addressing Critical Race Theory (CRT)

RSVP to Susan Negrete 714.402.1322 and for directions/questions.

Start Smart

Elle Oliver will be facilitating the Start Smart workshop for students at CSUDH as part of Michael Grimshaw's Ei Speaker series on Tuesday, October 25. We will offer the workshop in 3 sessions, 4:00-5:00, 5:30-6:30 and 7:00-8:00 pm. Elle requests volunteers from Torrance AAUW to join her and help students participate in the exercises. Please let Elle know so she can arrange carpooling. Call Elle with questions: 310-567-5018.

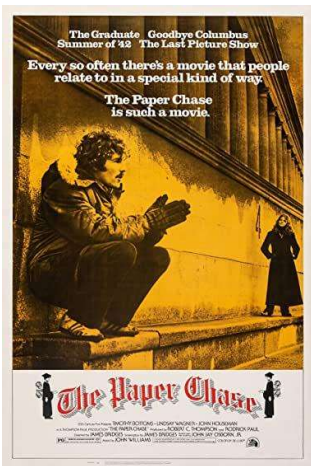


Film Group

Meets second Tuesday of each month, Tuesday, October 11 @4:00 p.m.

Watch the movies in the comfort of your home and then gather for discussion and light refreshments at our Film Group meeting.

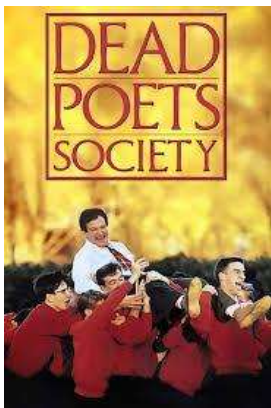
Location: Margot Sullivan's home. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Susanfhelm@gmail.com



The Paper Chase is a 1973 American [comedy-drama](#) film.

As a first-year law student at Harvard, James Hart (Timothy Bottoms) knows he's got his work cut out for him. But things get harder than he anticipated when he runs afoul of the school's dreaded contracts professor, Charles W. Kingsfield Jr. (John Houseman). Wry and imposing, Kingsfield drives many of the lesser students to drop out, but James endures and, as if begging for more trouble, begins dating the professor's daughter, Susan (Lindsay Wagner).

Dead Poets Society (1989) A new English teacher, John Keating (Robin Williams), is introduced to an all-boys preparatory school that is known for its ancient traditions and high standards. He uses unorthodox methods to reach out to his students, who face enormous pressures from their parents and the school. With Keating's help, students Neil Perry (Robert Sean Leonard), Todd Anderson (Ethan Hawke) and others learn to break out of their shells, pursue their dreams and seize the day.





Educational Partnership Committee Peggy Monga, EPC Chair & Branch Coordinator

Monday, October 10 @6:30 p.m. via Zoom (Note: meeting on a different day)

Tech Trek 2022 October Celebration Tuesday, October 25 @ 6:30 p.m. Hull Middle School

Multipurpose room. The room will be open for setup by 5:30. We are asking **members to help us supply modest refreshments**, but due to Covid, we need individually wrapped snacks or cookies. We will also have water. We will have about half the number of campers, families and educators as previously. **ALL BRANCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED!**



Hurray! Two of our members have stepped up to be Co-Chairs of EPC Tech Trek! **Alice Matthews and Karen Hassen** have volunteered to take on the responsibilities beginning November 2022. Alice has been a regular EPC member and Dorm Mom for several years at our Tech Trek residential camps. She was also a coach during the Virtual Robotics camp in 2021. Karen Hassen is a long-time member of EPC and is very familiar with many of our tasks, having participated in so many ways. Both volunteers have the skills and willingness needed to do this job!

Karen is working with several members (Margot Sullivan, Alice Matthews, Pat Arnett, Elle Oliver and Michele Freck) to read thank you notes and Camp Activities reports sent in by the campers, to select a topic, inform the girls of their topic and guide them in creating a short two minute speech for the Celebration. We are keeping it simple, with only brief PowerPoint presentations by the girls. For each speaker we will have a screen with her name, school, topic and sponsor, courtesy of Karen Hassen.

Flyers will be made up for the campers and families; educators and sponsors; and Branch invitation. Gloria Liu is working on printing up the certificates from AAUW Torrance which will be put into folders and given to the campers attending the Celebration

Thanks to Margot Sullivan who contacted the schools to confirm/get principals and teachers and their emails. These updated lists were used for the SAVE THE DATE emails to the educators about the Celebration and to the two Redondo Beach middle schools as an invitation to catch up with Tech Trek and be ready for TT2023.

Further activities: creation of nametags for all attendees—Michele; checking on sponsor signs for our photos; Karen will ask a friend to take the photos; Peggy will update the Memories page showing the



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speakers, topics and all campers for 2022 distributed to everyone attending, plus the agenda for those participating in the program. As you can see, it's all hands on deck!

We want to thank Peggy, Alice and Margot for going to Bert Lynn to see their facilities as a possible venue for our Celebration. As it turned out, they do not have convenient parking, so we decided to go with Hull.

From our President:

Peggy Monga is stepping down as EPC Chair and Branch Tech Trek Coordinator effective October 31, 2022. We want to take this opportunity to recognize Peggy for her dedication to running EPC and Tech Trek for these past 18 years (from 2004 to 2022). Peggy, we cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication!

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) Gloria Liu & Alice Matthews

Saturday, October 8th @ 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

The TTAG Tour of the West Basin Water Plant in El Segundo was a fun and informative event. The thirteen girls that attended were given a hands-on project to filter water using all of the items given to them: rocks, sponge, funnel, a turkey baster, and different pieces of cloth with varying thickness. Lesson learned: creating recycled water is no easy task and the yield is very low. We then did a walking tour of the facility. This facility recycles 40 million gallons of 250 gallons of wastewater that the Hyperion plant generates. The rest goes into the ocean! The El Segundo plant creates recycled water that is then bought for use by many of the local businesses. . If you are interested in getting involved with TTAG girls and events, please contact Alice Matthews or Gloria Liu.





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October Calendar

Thursday, October 6, Board Meeting @ 7 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, October 10 @ 6:30 p.m. Zoom, EPC

Tuesday, October 11 @ 4:00 p.m. Film Group

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Monday, October 17 @ 7:00 p.m. Ballot Review with Nancy Mahr via Zoom

Friday, October 21 @ 6:30 p.m. Diversity Literature

Monday, October 24 @ 2 p.m. Afternoon Literature

Monthly Programs in Progress for 2022-2023

Thurs. 11/8/22 - 2 p.m. PVP Branch Understanding Dobbs v Women's Health & Its Aftermath

Weds. 12/07/22- 5 p.m. Holiday Party hosted by Pat Arnett

Sat. 01/07/2023 – 10 a.m. Music Heals Minds

October Birthdays



Karen Peters October 9

Nancy Brock - October 10

Susan Helm– October 15

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/

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