



Torrance Telegram

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AAUW TORRANCE BRANCH
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Wednesday, December 7, 5 - 7 p.m.

Join us for fun and food to celebrate the holiday season at our holiday party hosted by Pat Arnett

**Bring an appetizer/
dessert, or beverage to share. Please contact Nancy Kenney to RSVP and to help us get an accurate count so we can coordinate food selection**
NancyKenney365@msn.com

As part of our celebration, we will collect food for the El Camino College Warrior Food Pantry



Warrior Pantry supports El Camino college students as well as the surrounding community. The Food Drive is a collaborative effort with South Bay TTAG. For a list of items needed see TTAG listing on page 5.



President's Message

Hello Torrance Branch!

The holiday season is upon us and I want to start by thanking Pat Arnett for stepping up to host our Holiday party. It will be on December 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at her home. I also want to thank Nancy Kenney for volunteering to coordinate our menu and guest list. If you are planning to attend, please make sure to RSVP to Nancy so we know how many people to expect and to coordinate the food and to get directions if you need them.

We have a number of programs scheduled for the New Year. As of now, we are planning to have most of our programs in-person, but because Covid still seems to make things challenging, please check online for updated information and in the Torrance Telegram each month. We will not be having a Board Meeting in December and our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

There are three major cultural holidays this month: Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Whatever and however you choose to celebrate, I want to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Judi Gerber

New!



Want to keep up with branch news but can't wait for the next Telegram? Want to know what CA and National AAUW are focusing on? Check out our new & improved Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWTorranceBranch>

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

Karen Hassen & Alice Matthews, 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.



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

Good News! We were finally able to get El Camino College an invoice to continue their affiliation as a college/university (C/U) partner with AAUW. They are now a paid member until June 23, 2023! We will work with the University to encourage more students to sign up with AAUW under the free student program.

Nancy has created a one-page information sheet for new members that is now available, and a welcome letter that we will use for new and new dual members going forward. Nancy and Alice are attempting to post our "JOIN US!" with an application attached at local libraries. If you have someone interested in our branch, let Nancy or Alice know and they can provide information to them. Be sure to invite your friends to one of our upcoming meetings. National membership is one-half for those attending.

Member News

This is a new feature where we will share news and information about members. Have news to share? An event coming up? Need help, support or information? Contact Alice Matthews, Nancy Kenney or Judi Gerber to have it put in the newsletter.

Alice Matthews broke her ring finger at the Elton John Concert in San Diego.

Helga Markgraf-Fowler spent time on extended travels in Mexico.

Keri Gilbert's partner, Jim, has a new grandson so they are practicing the grandparenting thing.

Programs

Look forward to programs in 2023 –in-person at the Torrance Airport Community Room

Saturday, January 7 @ 10:00am

Music Heals Minds ~ <https://www.mhmla.org/>

Saturday, February 11 @ 10:00am

Gender Atheism

Saturday, March 18 @ 2:00-4:00 pm:

Quilting and Technology, For the Love of Sewing

Check out some quilting exhibits in Los Angeles region before March program:

Skirball Cultural Center

<https://www.skirball.org/exhibitions/fabric-nation-american-quilt-stories>

November 17, 2022–March 12, 2023

Huntington Library and Gardens

<https://huntington.org/exhibition/gees-bend-shared-legacy>

Sept. 17, 2022–Sept. 4, 2023



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Film Group

The Film Group WILL NOT meet in December.

Diversity Book Group

The Diversity Book Group WILL NOT meet in December.

Coming Friday, January 20 or 27, 2023 @6:30 p.m. Meeting Location to be determined. RSVP to Lydia McCarver lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

Afternoon Literature

Monday, December 12 Potluck Luncheon @ Noon, Meeting Location: Betsy Adams home, contact Betsy by December 10 if interested in attending at seamath@cox.net. Bring your mask. Bring a poem, if you would like. We will do a used book exchange.

Coming January 23, 2 pm, Dana Basiulis hosts for discussion of *The Lincoln Highway* by Armor Towles.

WIT

Wednesday, December 7 @ 7 – 9 p.m. WIT Annual Holiday Potluck, Meeting Location: Susan Negrete's Home.

Please respect WIT members' agreement: Complete Covid vaccination is required for all events. Please bring a dish or drinks serving 4-6 people.

AAUW Fund

Indrani Chatterjee

What kind of programs and events are **YOU** interested in for our annual fundraising event in April 2023? Here is your chance to make your voice heard. Please help us pick a program that will not only be a successful fundraiser, but will be fun to attend. Please send Indrani your input by the end of December.

Vote on these proposed fundraising program ideas:

Possible Outdoor Activities:

Cooking Corner/Culinary Arts – (led by a branch member with expertise)

Interested ____ Not Interested ____

Gardening Corner/ Succulent & Herb Design Art (led by a branch member with expertise)

Interested ____ Not Interested ____

Possible Indoor Events:

With a Featured Speaker(s)? Yes ____ No ____

Or, open discussion among members? Yes ____ No ____

Topics: Women's Issues ____ Social issues ____ Education ____



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With or without a Silent Auction: With a Silent Auction _____ Without a Silent Auction _____

What you would be willing to pay for a Program Fee for one of these events:
\$45 _____ \$55 _____ \$65 _____

Tech Trek Karen Hassen & Alice Matthews, Co Tech Trek Coordinators

Next meeting: Thursday, Dec 8 @ 6:30pm via Zoom, contact Alice Matthews for Zoom link.



New Tech Trek Logo! Tech Trek marks its 25th year in 2023 and the State has created a new logo. They involved campers as well as members to make this choice.

Karen and Alice had their first Tech Trek meeting on November 10 as Co-Directors of Torrance AAUW Tech Trek. It was a hybrid meeting: in person at **Kabita Kumar's** home and Alice provided a Zoom link for those that could not attend in person. They had a great discussion around the good, the bad and the ugly regarding our 2022 Celebration held on October 25 at Hull

Middle School. They hope to take the feedback received and make any necessary changes to ensure the best possible outcome at future meetings. Great news regarding the camps in 2023: There will be four on campus locations this year including UCSD, UCSB (Blackwell), UCSB (Hypatia) and Whittier as well as an online version.

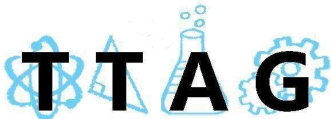
They will be reaching out to the middle schools asking for their nominations for 2023 Tech Trek Camp. Once they receive those, **THEY WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS** to be a School Buddy and/or School Reader to help narrow down the list to 2 campers per school. **Billie Lee Langley** has already volunteered to be a reader for 2023. **THEY WILL NEED MULTIPLE VOLUNTEERS.** Please let Alice or Karen know if you can help.

Tech Trek Alumnae Group (TTAG) Gloria Liu and Alice Matthews, Co-Advisors South Bay TTAG

Monthly meetings @ 9 am second Saturday of each month, next meeting Dec 10 at Kabita Kumar's home. (A Zoom option is available.)

South Bay TTAG will be participating with the Food Drive for El Camino College's Warrior Pantry over the holidays.

El Camino shuts down December 16 and students return January 9. Please start collecting items to donate and plan on dropping them off in December.



Tech Trek Alumnae Group

Warrior Panty Donation Wish List

We will accept any food donations, but the items listed here are the items that go first at the pantry:

- Oatmeal/grits/cereal • Granola Bars / breakfast bars • Mac & Cheese Cups or boxes • Cup of Noodles & Ramen Noodles • Canned Ravioli/Pasta • Snacks of any kind – (Raisins, nuts, dried fruit, chips, crackers, popcorn etc....) • Soup • Pasta Sauce • Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Spam etc....) • Fruit cups - peaches, mixed fruit etc. • Apple Sauce - Juice Pouches/Boxes (Capri-Sun/Honest – low sugar) • Pasta/Spaghetti • Rice (1 lb. bags) • Chili (Cans) • Produce / Fruits & Veggies • Canned goods of any type We also accept toiletry items • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Shampoo • Conditioner • Combs or brushes • Lotion • Powder • Men's Deodorant • Women's Deodorant • Toilet Paper • Other misc. toiletry items such as: sanitary napkins, tampons etc. Other items needed • Dish soap • Laundry soap • Diapers • Baby wipes

Alice Matthews is setting up a delivery point at the parking lot behind the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Saturday, December 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 pm or bring them to the Holiday Party on December 7. If these times are not convenient, contact Alice Matthews, Gloria Liu or Judi Gerber to make other arrangements to donate.



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Other TTAG News:

- A holiday party for the TTAG girls is planned for December 11 from 2 pm – 5 pm. The Netflix movie *Klaus* will be shared and snacks and drinks will be provided.
- CA State is working on creating TTAC (Tech Trek Alumnae Community) to provide a State TTAG option for those branches unable to create their own.
- A new logo is being voted on and will be shared in the near future.

Public Policy



GOV TREK
AAUW California

A new state program, Gov Trek, will be coming to branches in January 2023 to train and encourage 150 girls/women to get involved in public service. The goal of Gov Trek is to address the shortage of women in the halls of power by inspiring high school junior and senior girls to consider careers in public service and elected office.

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Saturday, December 10 @ 9 a.m. TTAG

Monday, December 12 @ Noon



Afternoon Literature

December Birthdays

Jann Segal – December 3
Isabel Rodriguez – December 6
Rachel Ambrose – December 10
Pat Carroll – December 14

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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