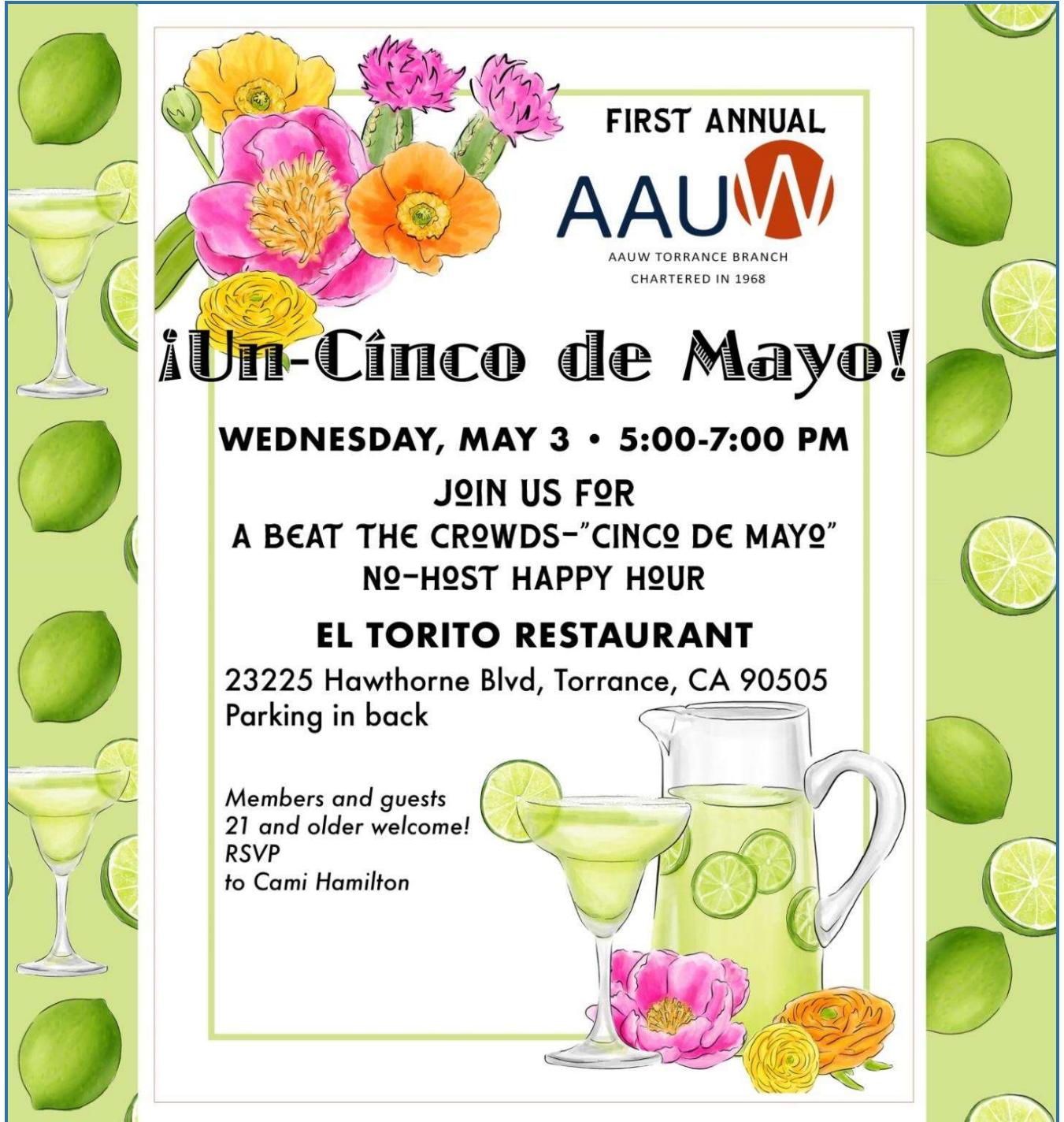
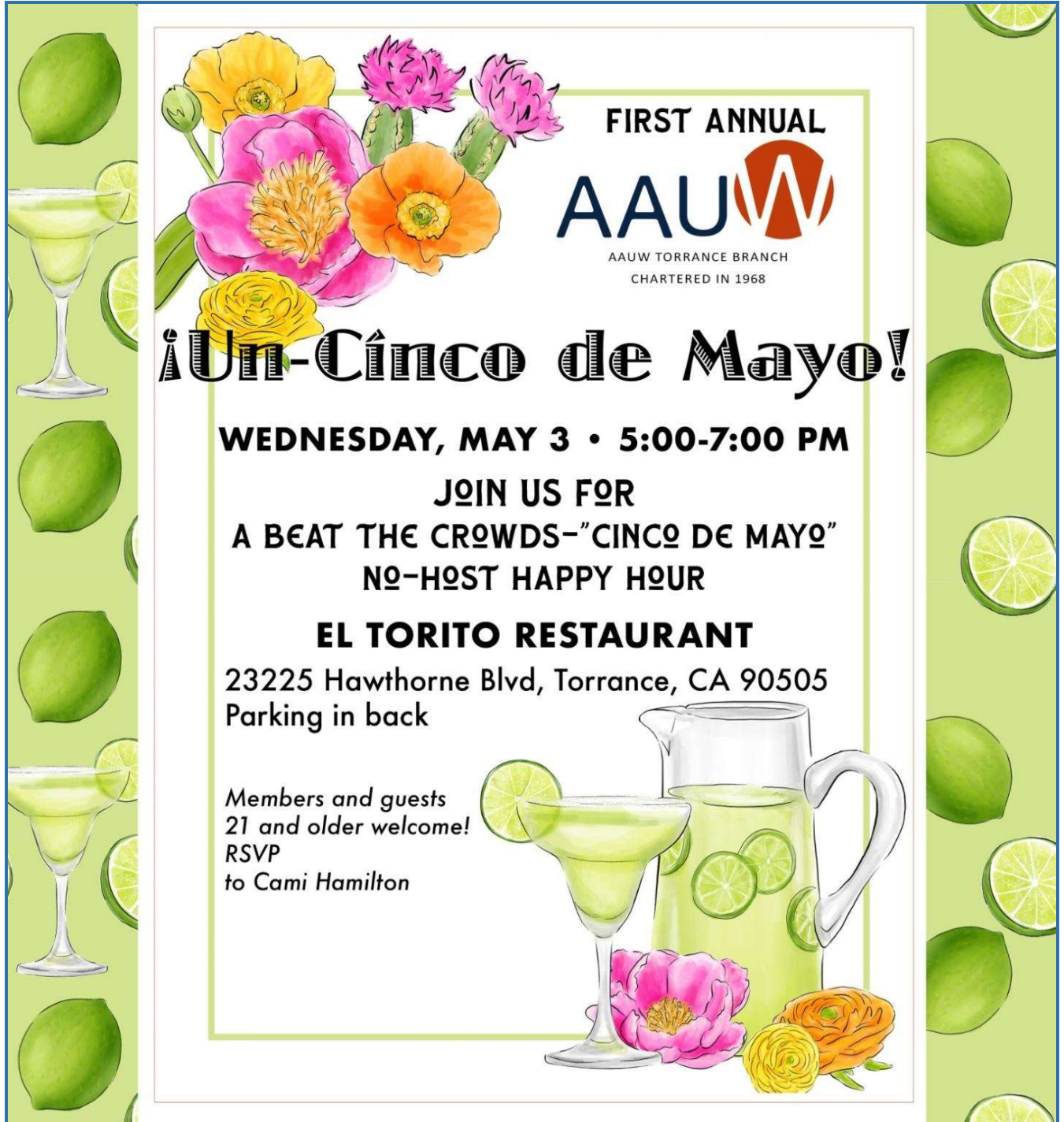


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¡Un-Cinco de Mayo!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 • 5:00-7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR
A BEAT THE CROWDS—"CINCO DE MAYO"
NO-HOST HAPPY HOUR

EL TORITO RESTAURANT
23225 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505
Parking in back

*Members and guests
21 and older welcome!
RSVP
to Cami Hamilton*

President's Message

Hello Torrance Branch!

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month designed to recognize the history and achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Have you ever wondered why it is celebrated in May? It's because the month of May commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

In other news, for most of us, it is time to renew our AAUW memberships. The good news is that the National AAUW online system seems to have improved considerably since last year. That means that renewing online is simple. Paying online is also easier for our overworked membership and finance teams. Check out the membership section for more information on page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

I hope to see many of you at upcoming events including "Un-Cinco de Mayo" on May 3 and our Brunch/55th Anniversary Celebration on June 10.

--Judi Gerber

Don't Miss it!

Brunch Celebrating AAUW Torrance 55th Anniversary
Saturday, June 10 @ 9:30 a.m.
Depot Restaurant, 1250 Cabrillo Avenue, Downtown Torrance



Watch your email box for reservation information!

Check us out online!

Want to keep up with branch news but can't wait for the next Telegram? Want to connect with other branch members? These social media options will help you out:

We now have an Instagram Page:  <https://www.instagram.com/aauwtorrance/>

Visit our improved Facebook Page:  <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWTorranceBranch>

Visit the Torrance Branch website: <https://torrance-ca.aauw.net/>

Membership

Alice Matthews & Nancy Kenney, Membership Co-VP's

Welcome
New
Members!

Libby Spatz, an archivist at Disney and a neighbor of Nancy Kenney, has joined our branch and has already attended a couple of our events (Diversity Book Group). Welcome Libby!

Claudia Reyes, a former Torrance member, attended the Diversity Program on Saturday, April 15 and indicated she would like to rejoin the Torrance Branch and will qualify for the

Shape the Future offer. She graduated three years ago and is now working for the LA County Department of Health issuing Grants. Welcome back Claudia!

Time for Membership Renewal!

The online renewal and new membership link now is up and running. Please look for an email with your link from Katrina Sue Breese. Check your SPAM folder if you can't find it. You will receive reminders from infosf@aauw.org to go online and renew.

Please add this email address in your Contacts to avoid the message ending up in SPAM. **The regular membership is composed of National: \$72 + State: \$20 + Torrance Branch: \$22. Total: \$114.** If you need any help, please let Alice Matthews or Nancy Kenney know and they can help you.

Membership Corner

To commemorate our 55th Anniversary, we will be donating items to the Torrance Historical Society to start an AAUW Torrance Collection there. If you have any memorabilia including photos, newsletters, brochures, news clippings, pins, etc., contact Judi Gerber to donate.

Have news to share? An event coming up? Need help, support or information? Contact Judi Gerber to have it put in the newsletter

May Birthdays

May 3 – Nancy Kenney

May 4 – Leann Roque

May 5 – Bonnie Mazziotta

May 14 – Judi Gerber

May 31 – Janice Pomerantz



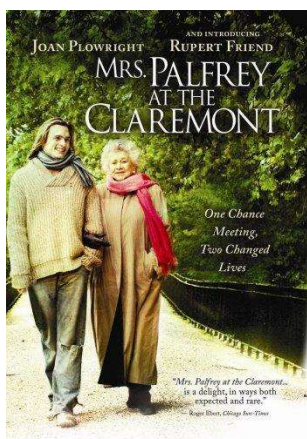
WIT (Women in Transition)

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 7 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting at Susan Negrete’s home. RSVP to Susan Negrete for address and for questions at 714-402-1322. Please respect WIT members’ agreement: Complete COVID vaccination is required for in-person events.

Topic: Sharing Updates on April’s Community Action Discussions

Film Group

Meets second Tuesday of each month (NOTE: date change this month) Tuesday, May 16 @ 4 p.m. at Ann Dupuy’s home. Rachel Ambrose will be the discussion leader. Watch the movies in the comfort of your home and then gather for discussion and light refreshments at our Film Group meeting. If you plan to attend, RSVP to susanfhelm@gmail.com. The two films are:



Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont (2005). A genteel widow moves to London to start her life anew at the dowdy Claremont Hotel, which is not quite the picture of loveliness it was in the brochure. (Amazon Prime Video)

Brief Encounter (1946)

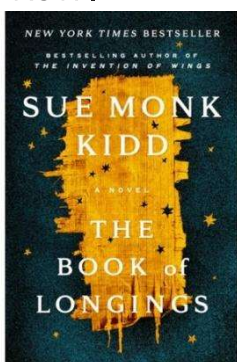
Returning home from a shopping trip to a suburban housewife Laura Jesson (Celia Johnson) happens into an acquaintance with Harvey (Trevor Howard). Their casual develops during their weekly visits into emotionally fulfilling than either expected, with the potential havoc their deepening relationship has on their those they loved. (HBO MAX)



nearby town, bored Johnson) is thrown by virtuous doctor Alec friendship soon something more and they must wrestle lives and the lives of

Diversity Book Group

Friday, May 19 @ 6:30 p.m. at Alice Matthew’s home, contact Lydia McCarver at lydiaemcbh@yahoo.com to RSVP.



Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd. In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, she is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything. Their marriage evolves with love and conflict, humor and pathos in Nazareth, where Ana makes a home with Jesus, his brothers and their mother, Mary. Ana’s pent-up longings intensify amid the turbulent resistance to Rome’s occupation of Israel, partially led by her brother, Judas. She is

sustained by her fearless aunt, Yaltha, who harbors a compelling secret. When Ana commits a brazen act that puts her in peril, she flees to Alexandria, where startling revelations and greater dangers unfold, and she finds refuge in unexpected surroundings. Ana determines her fate during a stunning convergence of events considered among the most impactful in human history.

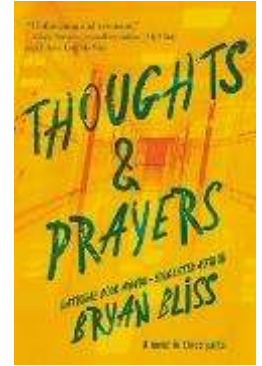
Afternoon Literature

Monday, May 22, 2023, 2 p.m., at Dana Basiulis home, Gloria will lead the discussion. Contact Betsy Adams by May 20 if interested in attending.

***Thoughts & Prayers: A Novel in Three Parts* by Bryan Bliss**

Claire, Eleanor, and Brezzen have little in common. Except for the fact that a year ago they all hid under the same staircase and heard the shots that took the lives of some of their classmates and a teacher.

Now, each one copes with the trauma as best as they can as the world around them keeps moving. *Thoughts and Prayers* is a story about gun violence, but more importantly, it is the story of what happens after the reporters leave and the news cycle moves on to the next tragedy. It is the story of three unforgettable teens who feel forgotten.



TECH TREK

Karen Hassen & Alice Matthews, Co-Directors



Tech Trek Orientation Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21** from **2:00-4:00 p.m. at JH Hull Middle School in Torrance**. The 30 girls who have been selected for Tech Trek STEM Camp this summer and their parents will be introduced and provided an overview of what to expect at the camps and an opportunity for us to address any questions they may have. **Volunteers are needed** to help with the games, thank you cards, and refreshments.

Please let Alice Matthews and Karen Hassen know if you would be willing to help out in some way.



Gloria Liu & Alice Matthews, Co-Advisors, South Bay TTAG

The South Bay TTAG Group will have a **Women in Stem Occupations on Sunday, May 21** 4:00 - 5:30 p.m on ZOOM. If interested in participating, please let Alice Matthews know and you will receive a ZOOM link to the meeting. TTAG meets by ZOOM every 2nd Saturday from 9:00-10:00 am.

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2022-2023 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
Kennedy Hayashi, Social Media Director

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.

Find Out More

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