

# AAUW COASILINES

Palos Verdes Peninsula Branch, March/April 2025

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# **Branch Meeting**

Tuesday, March 11 at 2 pm Fireside Room at Hesse Park.

Our very own AAUW member, Rosa Kwon Easton, will be discussing her book, <u>White Mulberry</u>. As described on Amazon Prime: "Inspired by the life of Easton's grandmother, White Mulberry is a rich, deeply moving portrait of a young Korean woman in 1930s Japan who is torn between two worlds and must reclaim her true identity to provide a future for her family." Books will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Once again, bring up to three books and take home as many as you like at our Book Exchange! There will be a door prize and homemade treats! Please bring your own water bottle.

#### **March Art Tour**

Wednesday, March 26 at 10:30 am
Susan Grimshaw, PV Art Center Docent and AAUW member, will lead a private tour of the exhibition 9 x 9: Contemporary Quilts & Containers. Showcasing the innovative interpretations of traditional craft forms, the show features the work of 18 artists. Following the visit, we will lunch at Crème de la Crepe at the mall.

# **California History Field Trip**

Friday, April 4 at 1:00 pm Rancho Dominguez Adobe

AAUW members are welcome to immerse themselves in our local history by visiting the homestead of the Rancho San Pedro, the first Spanish land grant in California. We will gather for refreshments after the docent-led tour.

See page 7 for more details!

#### Why Public Policy Priorities Matter By Nancy Major, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Why do AAUW's Public Policy Priorities matter? They shape the actions that we take as an organization, socially and legally to advance gender equity.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls. Our Public Policy Priorities guide how we encourage active citizenship toward the goal of advancing our mission. There are four branches to our Public Policy Priorities: Economic Security, Equal Access to Quality Public Education, Social and Racial Justice, and Increased representation of Women in Leadership roles. Each of these priorities is further broken down into several action-oriented subcategories, such as enforcement of Title IX and passage of the ERA. Our 2023-25 priorities can be found at https://www.aauw-ca.org/public-policy-priorities-ppprevised/.

As active participants in society we can help shape the laws and society that govern us, such as healthcare, environmental policies, sex education, curriculum and book banning, housing, childcare, voting rights, immigrants' rights, sexual harassment, domestic violence, racial and LGBTQ discrimination, and Title IX enforcement. We "advocate" or promote our mission through research, education and lobbying for legislation on the international, national, state, and local levels. Over the next four years, there will be a lot of opportunities to use our legislative advocacy to push back against attempts to overturn long standing human rights and civil rights protections.

Why do our Public Policy Priorities matter? They make us the most effective advocates for our collective mission to protect and expand gender equity. At the branch and individual levels, we can take advantage of as many opportunities as possible to operationalize our Public Policy Priorities, and through this work to actively promote AAUW's mission. AAUW as an organization relies on the branches to stay informed and to keep track of where our Public Policy Priorities may fall short, to form coalitions with local allies who have similar missions, and to assign branch members to focus where we can have the most impact.

#### **AAUW Lobby Days 2025!**

The event will be held on April 8th and 9th and is a wonderful opportunity to meet with state legislative offices and advocate for AAUW California's priority bills. Meetings will be held in person at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 8th, and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 9th. All AAUW California members are encouraged to participate. A mandatory training webinar will be held on Monday, March 31st to equip you with everything you need to know for a successful meeting.

If you are interested in participating in Lobby Days, contact the LWVC public policy team at <a href="mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org">publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org</a>, or send you name to Nancy Mahr, AAUW PVP public policy chair, nlmahr@verizon.net.

#### HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate and uplift the profound impact Black Americans have had on our country.

March is National **Women's History Month**, a time to celebrate the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society and to education women on women's rights.



# March Birthdays

Judy Milestone 03/04
Rowie Wolf 03/05
Laurie Feldman 03/05
Dana Gorman 03/06
Jill Wussler 03/08
Marilou Lieman 03/17
Lynne Jones 03/23

# April Birthdays

Kaaren Lee04/02Janet MacLeod04/08Maria Ashla04/10Karen Gottlieb04/10Shirley Kay04/13Kathy Bartow04/21Nancy Bell04/21Eunice McConaughy 04/30

If we missed your birthday or a correction needs to be made, please inform Nancy Rayner at nrayner777@gmail.com.

# **International Women's Day**

Saturday, March 29 at 2:00 pm

The Torrance AAUW Branch has invited us to join them in a celebration of Indian Classical Musical Performances at the Torrance Airport Meeting Room. An RSVP is required.

See page 13 for additional information.

#### 9 x 9: Contemporary Quilts & Containers

The show features 18 distinguished artists. They have taken two functional crafts, quilting and containers—making, and reimagined them as works of art. Using a multitude of techniques and materials they have transformed both these items into sophisticated creative expressions.

AAUW members can tour this exhibit as a group! Susan Grimshaw, AAUW member, will be our guide through this imaginative display. After viewing the exhibit, we can discuss it over lunch at Crème de la Crepe at the PV Mall. www.cremedelacrepe.com/rolling-hills-estates

Where: PV Art Center

5504 Crestridge Road Rancho Palos Verdes,

CA 90275 https://pvartcenter.org

When: Wednesday, March 26 at 10:30



#### Thank you

They say pictures are worth a thousand words, so thank you to our photographers who captured moments of our events—Kathy Berg, Diane Hembacher and Fran Brown.

# At the end of the rainbow...

We all know the Celtic legend... there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and to find the gold brings good luck!

Instead of chasing reflected water vapor, create good luck for others and good feelings for yourself! Rainbow Services in San Pedro provides shelter and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, empowering them to move beyond trauma, towards safety & stability. Rainbow Services accepts <a href="mailto:new-clothing">new-clothing</a>, <a href="mailto:non-perishable-food">non-perishable-food</a>, <a href="mailto:toiletries">toiletries</a>, and <a href="mailto:gift-cards">gift-cards</a> to support survivors and their children. Toiletries and socks are especially needed. <a href="mailto:You are welcome to bring your donations to the March 11 AAUW Branch Meeting. Lynne Jones will deliver the gift cards and items to Rainbow Services.">Nainbow Services</a>.

#### **AAUW and PROJECT 2025**

AAUW Public Policy Co-Directors Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko outlined in a webinar in October 2024 how the objectives of Project 2025 directly counter the Public Policy Priorities of AAUW California. With federal policy pronouncements and changes taking place at a head spinning pace since January 20, 2025, it is clear that there is a concerted effort by a number of coalitions in the federal government to make Project 2025 become reality.

#### For example:

- The Executive Order declaring that there are "only two genders, male and female".
  - The Executive Order eliminating federal funds for schools that recognize transgender identities or teach about structural racism, white privilege, and unconscious bias.
- The Executive Order directing federal agencies to look for ways to expand access to private school vouchers.
  - The Executive Order rescinding a dozen Biden-era executive actions supporting racial equity and combating discrimination against gay and transgender people.
- The Executive Order withdrawing the Unitied States from the 2015 Paris agreement which seeks to avoid the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

There are already individuals and coalitions who are pushing back in a number of ways, from direct refusal to comply, to spamming federal surveillance accounts, to direct legal challenges.

AAUW California is working on our own action-items database, which will go live this spring.

In the interim, you can take action:

• educate yourself - rewatch the AAUW Project 2025 webinar from the fall to get a sense of what Project 2025 is/does (on LWVC website).

#### **ERA**

There is no longer a path for the ERA in the 118th Congress, but AAUW's work continues in coalition. AAUW joined the League of Women Voters and more than 140 partners in a letter calling on President Biden to act for publication of the ERA.

As you may have seen, the U.S. Archivist and Deputy Archivist recently issued a statement on the ERA ratification process. Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO, responded: "We are extremely frustrated at the National Archivist's refusal to publish the ERA. Her decision to side with the Trump administration and against legal scholars and the American Bar Association is reprehensible. Dr. Shogan, publish the ERA. Women around the country have waited long enough."

AAUW will never give up on the ERA, and encourages folks to continue taking action by making our voices heard. AAUW Lobby Days 2025!

#### **AAUW COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP**

AAUW College/University Partnership (previously known as NCCWSL) provides a leadership training opportunity for college women. Our branch sponsors several students, collaborating with the school to provide money for fees, travel and per diem costs.

This year, the conference will be held May 30-June 1 at the University of Maryland. We will continue to work with California State University Dominguez Hills to select and send our young women to the conference. This is a wonderful experience for everyone who participates.

Branch members are invited to join the committee! The process for selection involves reading brief applications, interviewing the possible candidates and making the selections of those who will attend the conference.

Please contact Libby Bergen (bergenlibby@gmail.com) if you would like more information about the program and participating on the committee.

#### ABOUT OUR INTEREST GROUPS

by Nancy Rayner

Our Branch offers a robust and wide variety of Interest Groups for members to enjoy, including Bridge, four different book clubs, Art Appreciation, Scrabble, Handicrafts, lunch groups, and several women's discussion groups. Joining an Interest Group is a great way to meet other members, make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie that frequently develops.

Most groups are open and welcome new members. Because of meeting space limitations, some are unable to accept new members at this time, but will put interested parties on a waitlist until space is available. Groups that currently welcome new members include:

Art Appreciation
Bridgettes Sub List
Cooks' Corner
Night Books
Contemporary Literature
First Friday Tea and Conversation
Coffee with Friends
Ruth Bloland Women Helping Women
Handicrafts
Fun at the Movies
Women in Transition (evening meetings)
Evening Scrabble

The Interest Group Calendar is included in each issue of Coastlines and provides meeting dates, topics, and contact information.

Some of our members are providing primary care for a family member or friend. Several have indicated an interest in participating in a 'Caring for Caregivers' group that would meet to share experiences and resources in a confidential, supportive environment. Specific focus, meeting frequency, and other details would be discussed and determined by group consensus. If you might be interested in being part of such a group, please contact Nancy Rayner at <a href="mailto:nrayner777@gmail.com">nrayner777@gmail.com</a>.

Our two lunch groups have proven to be very popular and Marilyn Brashear is interested in creating a third lunch group! If you would like to join, please contact Nancy Rayner at <a href="mayner777@gmail.com">mayner777@gmail.com</a> or Marilyn Brashear at mbrashear3399@gmail.com. All members are invited and encouraged to join and enjoy our wonderful interest groups!















#### **Tech Trek Update**

Tech Trek is now in full swing! We received 29 nominations from Wilmington Middle School and Dana Middle School. Fran Brown and Kaaren Lee visited WMS with a Tech Trek PowerPoint presentation and encouraged the nominated girls to apply. Leslie Criswell, Dana Gorman, and Kaaren Lee made a similar presentation at DMS. The girls were given approximately 3 weeks to complete the application, with a deadline of February 14<sup>th</sup>. All the families were called and told a bit about the program and were also given the contacts for any questions. Denise DeVenuto graciously spoke with the Spanish speaking families giving them an opportunity to ask questions and get information without a language barrier. A Zoom meeting was offered for essay support, as well as an opportunity to have their essay reviewed before submission.

We now have 13 great applicants for this coming camp season. The camps will be held at UC Santa Barbara, Whittier College, and the University of San Diego. The students will have their applications reviewed by the committee at a dinner to be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is when we decide which campers we will interview. There will be an interview prep session during the first week of March, where the girls will learn basic interview skills. The interviews will then be done during the first two weeks of March.



We could use a bit of financial support, as we are \$1,388 short of covering all 13 applicants. We will not know if all 13 are selected until March 12<sup>th</sup>, but often the girls that make it to the interviews are selected in the end. Checks can be made out to AAUW CA SPF, with Tech Trek in the subject line.

Please mail to: Kaaren Lee, 4036 Via Nivel, PVE, CA 90274.

Tech Trek is growing and changing over time. The needs and interests of the students are changing too. In order to remain relevant, our committee and procedures need to continually adapt to these changes. Kaaren Lee will be stepping down as the Branch Coordinator after the 2024-2025 season in order to join her soon to be retired husband. Leslie Criswell has stepped up to fill this position, but only if we can distribute the workload among some dedicated volunteers. We will be working to update roles in order to keep this valuable program thriving. We welcome involvement from all members!



#### **Hold the Date**

#### Tour of the Historic Dominquez Rancho Adobe & Coffee Break

Our branch will head to the Dominguez Rancho Adobe on Friday, April 4 at 1pm for a docent-led tour of the fascinating world of Old California. Step back in time as we tour the historic home of the Dominquez family which once had holdings including Compton, Gardena, Carson, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estate, Rancho Palos Verdes, San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, and a part of Long Beach.

The address of the Adobe is 18127 Alameda Street, in Carson. Take the Alameda Street exit from the Artesia (91) Freeway, head south a few blocks., and turn right where the sign indicates.

Parking for the Adobe is free and is located around the rose garden. Please park in the spots marked as "Museum Parking."

After our tour we will meet for refreshments. Location to be determined.

## **January Branch Meeting**

The January Branch meeting was held on January 14 at Hesse Park. Diane Hembacher and Joanie Gale opened the meeting, welcoming new members, thanking hosts past and future, announcing upcoming events.

Nancy Rayner and Elayne Nahman gave an update on A Sense of Home. Our first household-goods drive was an enormous success, thanks to Hazel Lord, who initiated the drive, Heather White, who delivered a van -full of items, and all of the AAUW PVP members who contributed! This month, Nancy, Jane Harris, and Lynn Sakamoto visited the ASOH facility, and were very impressed with the work that is being done to support young women transitioning out of foster care. Following the site visit, the Ruth Bloland Women Helping Women group decided to form a core group to oversee the ongoing ASOH project. Elayne shared research, documenting the success of ASOH in keeping aged-out foster care individuals housed, and in transforming lives.

In an eerily prescient presentation, Don Mottinger discussed aspects of climate change, including historical overview and anticipated effects. Opening with photos of Angor Wat and other Cambodian sites, he related that in the first millennium, Cambodia was a thriving metropolis with over one million residents. In comparison, at the same time London had 50,000. The Cambodians created infrastructure including advanced water systems for agriculture and buildings. However, due to extreme weather events including prolonged drought and overwhelming rains, infrastructure failed, the civilization ended and the buildings were taken over by the jungle.

This talk was given as fires raged in Southern California, exacerbated by a lack of rain and extreme Santa Ana winds, attributed to the warming earth and ocean. Warmer water makes for stronger storms. Within decades, it is expected that the rising sea water will create havoc in many cities. It will disrupt water systems, flood airports, and more. Already, strong storm surges flood parts of Miami and San Francisco.

Looking back, Don showed photos of extreme rain events in Southern California. In the 1800s, flooding was so severe there was no dry land between Palos Verdes and San Gabriel. There have been a handful of other extreme rain events, resulting in the concrete LA River. We have a vast water management system built over past decades, consisting of dams, tunnels, and watersheds throughout California. Now much of it requires repair.

The situation is dire, Southern California and other coastal areas are high risk. Thankfully, there is awareness of the issue; measures to combat climate change and its effects are underway.

Following the presentation, we enjoyed snacks provided by Kaaren Lee and Denise DeVenuto. Leann Roque won the door prize!

The next branch meeting will be on March 11 at 2 pm at Hesse Park.



Don Mottinger spoke on Climate change



Susan Grimshaw and Heather White sample Denise DeVenuto's egg nog cake



Kathy Ford, Leann Roque and Denise DeVenuto check out the book donations



Kaaren Lee brought vegetables and dip



# AAUW Holiday Happy Hours

The Man himself arrived at the AAUW Holiday Happy Hours in his vibrant red suit, snowy white beard and a twinkle in his eye! Just days before his annual worldwide sojourn, Santa made a surprise appearance, complete with sleigh bells. He greeted guests and posed for photos before rushing back to the North Pole.

It was a delightful afternoon of good food, interesting conversations and holiday spirits, hosted at Joanie Gale's festive home. New members, old friends, and guests mingled while eating a potluck array of sweet and savory snacks. Kathy Berg won the door prize!

Spoiler alert: After greeting Santa and standing beside him in a photo, Fran Brown had no inkling who was the jolly old soul under the extra padding and fake glasses. Much to her surprise, it was her favorite (and only) son, Jeff Brown!

Many thanks to all who contributed to the holiday gathering!



Co-President Joanie Gale, Kay Odgers, Fran Brown and Rosa Kwon Easton



A sumptuous offering of holiday goodies



Fran Brown with Santa Claus



Kathy and Tom Berg and Carol Torelli



Martha Maimone and spouse



Shera Dolmatz-Finkel, JoAnn DeFlon, Judy Milestone, Rowie Wolf and Leann Roque



Bruce & Eileen Edelson



Kay Odgers explaining her Holiday wish list to Santa



Leslie Criswell, Eileen Bettman and Sara Deen

#### Winter Social

It was a delight to spend the afternoon with friends old and new at the annual Winter Social on February 8! Over thirty members and guests gathered at JoAnn De Flon's lovely art-filled home. Attendees brought a delicious assortment of canapes and treats, and JoAnn graciously provided the drinks, plates, cutlery, and glasses. Many thanks to everyone who contributed!



Lee Ann Farmer, hostess JoAnn DeFlon, Co-Chair Diane Hembacher and Leann Roque



Kay Odgers, Kaaren Lee and Fran Brown looking over the bounteous display of food.



Delia Gasco, Jun Li, Co-chair Joanie Gale and Judy Milestone



Dorothy Medrano, Leann Roque, Jane Harris, and Elayne Nahman



Sara Deen and Cecilia Rogers



Marilyn Brashear, Dale Richards and Susan Newman

# Bridgettes Holiday Party at Joann DeFlon's home



# Ruth Bloland Women Helping Women Recycling Project for Used Plastic Lid/Top Collection Drive

From unwanted used bottle caps ...



To a recycled bench to combat loneliness and bullying...



The Ruth Bloland Women Helping Women Group is spearheading a recycling project. The group will be collecting plastic bottle caps and lids in support of Buddy Benches.

Buddy Benches are designated seating areas usually in schools where students can sit when they feel that they need a friend to talk or play with. The program aims to promote awareness and prevention of bullying. Other students are encouraged to invite students to join in activities. The bench can also alert adults to a student's need for support.

Any plastic caps or lids are welcome, such as water bottle caps, mayonnaise jar lids, orange juice tops, the list is endless.

Lids will be collected at the March meeting on March 11 and by Nancy Rayner.

For more information, please contact Shera Dolmatz, <a href="SLDOLMATZ@gmail.com">SLDOLMATZ@gmail.com</a>

#### **Tea and Conversation**



Our members stay connected despite being on the go. Fran Brown, Lynne Jones, and Maria Ashla often join the call from the South Bay, while others dial in from new locations or while traveling. For instance, Gail Ruder called in from her new home in Santa Rosa, Denise DeVenuto joined from her visit to her grandchildren on the East Coast, and Shera Dolmatz checked in from Park City, Utah, during her vacation.

#### **INTEREST GROUP CALENDER - MARCH/APRIL 2025**

Space constraints or other factors may result in need for a waitlist for new members.

#### **ART APPRECIATION**

Leader: Nancy Rayner Nrayner777@gmail.com 1st Wednesday 2pm

March 5 – Neoclassicism & Romanticism
April 2 – From Realism to Impressionism

#### **COOKS' CORNER**

Leader: Denise DeVenuto Dendev88@gmail.com 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 12N

March 15 – Soup Recipes April 19 – Restaurant Copycat Recipes

#### **DAYTIME SCRABBLE**

Leader: Libby Bergen bergenlibby@gmail.com 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2PM

March 12 & 26 April 9 & 23



April 20

#### **EVENING SCRABBLE**

Leader: Mary Ann Donahue ma.donahue45@gmail.com 4th Tuesday 7PM

March 18 – location tbd April 22 – location tbd THIS GROUP MEETS

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#### **NIGHT BOOKS**

Leader: Rowie Wolf rowiewolf@cox.net 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7pm

March 10 – Remarkedly Bright

Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

April 14 – Frozen River by Ariel

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#### **4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY BOOK GROUP**

Leader: Fran Brown franbrown5@cox.net 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2 – 4pm

March 24 – The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb April 28 – Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

#### **CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE**

Leader: JoAnn DeFlon jjdeflon@gmail.com 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 9:30AM

March 10 – *Kantika* by Elizabeth Graver April 14 - *James* by Percival Everett THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

#### **ECLECTIC READERS**

Leader: Jan Cofer jancofer@gmail.com 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2pm

March 20 – *The Bird Hotel* by Joyce Maynard April 17 – *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

#### **WOMEN IN TRANSITION**

Leader: Susan Negrete

(310) 377 - 0642

**PV Liaison: Rowie Wolf** 

(310)373-5970 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7PM

March 5 – Anniversary Dinner Celebration

April 2 – Topic tbd

# FIRST FRIDAY TEA &

CONVERSATION
Leader: Helen Vakil
helenvakil@yahoo.com
1st Friday 2 – 4pm

March 7 – A significant event that changed you as a person April 4 – Social Media – are they giving correct information? THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND

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March 17

#### **COFFEE WITH FRIENDS**

Leaders: Fran Brown – franbrown5@cox.net

Leann Roque – leannr@cox.net Each Wednesday 10am

Contact Fran Brown or Leann Roque for ZOOM link

#### **BRIDGETTES**

Leader: Dale Richards dalerichards@gmail.com 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1PM

March 18 – at Ginny Whitaker's home April 15 – at Dale Richards' home

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## RUTH BLOLAND WOMEN HELPING

WOMEN
Co-Leader: Jane Harris
harrisjane630@gmail.com
Co-Leader: Nancy Rayner
nrayner777@gmail.com

1st Thursday 2PM

March 6 April 3

THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

#### **HANDICRAFTS**

Leader: Joanie Gale joaniekgale@gmail.com 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3PM-5PM

March 8 – location tbd
April 12 – Date & Location tbd
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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

#### **FUN AT THE MOVIES**

Leader: Myrna Plost mplost@verizon.net 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2PM

March 27 – Movie tbd April 24 – Movie tbd

THIS GROUP IS OPEN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



March 8

#### READERS THEATER

Leader: Cecilia Rogers fafnyr@mac.com (310)293-7071

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:00PM

March 10 April 14

ASPIRING THESPIANS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME! NO ACTING
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED &
DINNER IS ENJOYED BEFORE MTGS.

#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Leader: Nancy Rayner Nrayner777@gmail.com 1st Tuesday 1PM

March 4 – El Pollo Inka

April 1 – Lotus Restaurant – R.B.

### WOMEN EATING LUNCH LEISURELY

(WELLL)

Leader: Joanie Gale <u>joaniekgale@gmail.com</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1PM

March 19 – restaurant tbd April 16 – restaurant tbd

#### **Readers Theater**

Readers Theater will not meet in March. There will be a theater field trip in the spring.

Our next meeting will be Monday April 14 at 6pm. Please e-mail Cecilia at fafnyr@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Experience is not necessary to be a part of Readers Theater.



# AAUW Torrance Branch Celebrates International Women's Day

Indian Classical Musical Performances
Adaptation from Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore
Chandalika – Chitrangada - Pujarini
Rights - Equality - Empowerment



#### Debapriya Bhattacharya, BA, AA

Debapriya and her group will perform Indian classical dances to celebrate International Women's Day.

Debapriya trained in Kathak classical dance and Rabindranath Tagore-style dance at Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India.

Debapriya is employed by the Torrance Unified School District Special Education Department. Her daughter, Simran, was a Torrance branch Tech Trek camper in 2018.

# Saturday March 29, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Torrance Airport Meeting Room 3301 Airport Drive, Torrance, CA 90505 RSVP Required

aauwtorrance@gmail.com

Light refreshments will be served.

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**AAUW's Mission** is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

# **BRANCH CALENDAR** March/April 2025

March 11, Tuesday 2-4pm March 26, Wednesday 10:30am March 29, Saturday 2:00pm

April 04, Friday 1:00pm

Branch Meeting-Hesse Park PV Art Center, art tour AAUW Torrance Branch celebrates International Women's Day, RSVP required California History Field Trip, Rancho Domingo Adobe

**Council Co-Chairs:** Joanie Gale and Diane Hembacher

Treasurer: Dale Richards and Leann Roque

**Membership Chairs**:

Lee Ann Farmer and JoAnn DeFlon

**AAUW Mission Statement** 

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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