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# Palm Springs Branch Sandscripts

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**February 11, 2017**

**11:30 a.m.**

**MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE**

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Andrea Milne is a twentieth century U.S. historian whose work sits at the intersection of gender, sexuality, and medicine. Her primary focus is the history of HIV/AIDS; Milne's dissertation looks at the nurses who formed the first AIDS ward in the United States. She's also written on activism performed by women interned at the Carville National Leprosarium in the 1940s 50s, and 60s. A Senior Pedagogical Fellow at UC Irvine's Center for Engaged Instruction, Milne is passionate about teaching, and mentors aspiring academics and instructors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. When she is not doing academic work, Milne works as the Research Assistant for Nate DiMeo's Peabody Award-nominated history podcast, *The Memory Palace*. She also writes for several history blogs, and maintains a personal blog on her website, [www.andreamilne.com](http://www.andreamilne.com).

## **Menu**

Seared Salmon Salad \_\_\_ Grilled Chicken Sandwich \_\_\_ Miguel's Veggie Pasta  
(broccoli/sun dried tomatoes/putanesca sauce \_\_\_

**Write Menu Choice on Check** for \$25.00, payable to **AAUW Palm Springs**, and mail it to Sharron Cantarini, 79783 Joey Ct., La Quinta 92253-8156, [760-296-3512](tel:760-296-3512) **no later than February 7. Charge is \$30.00 for reservations made after February 7<sup>th</sup> and walk-ins.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

**February 2017 President's Message****Elizabeth Nash, President****AAUW BRANCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

As our new exciting year begins, we review our accomplishments and plan for many new activities. As I reviewed our Strategic Plan, our Branch's Internal Strengths continue to be: **Educated membership, friendship, collaboration and learning opportunities: Capable and intelligent leaders: Personal relationships and enthusiasm: Dedicated members and programs supported by the organization.**

After reviewing our weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats from our SWOT analysis, we selected three Strategic Goals for the 2016-17 year. **Our Strategic Goal # 1: Strengthen membership activities and increase our total membership to 120, by June 2017.** In this area, our V P of Membership Sharron Cantarini ordered a banner, and materials to be used in advertising our AAUW Branch. An information table with AAUW materials has been set-up at each meeting. She also provides a personal contact and communication with all new members.

Our Buddy Group Chairperson, Marsha Riley, makes sure that all new members are assigned a "Buddy" to provide them with Branch information and support, as needed. Marsha also developed a comprehensive information brochure of all Branch activities, with leadership and contact information. This popular brochure is used by new members and continuing members.

Our VP of Programs, Sharrell Blakeley, consistently presents outstanding speakers who provide superior, informative and educational presentations for our members.

Thank you to Treasurer Gillian German for her outstanding work in managing our financial records for membership dues and other branch transactions.

Our Monthly Newsletter "Sandscripts," prepared by Elaine Levey, continues to be a significant and essential Branch communication tool for all new and continuing members, and our communities.

**Our strategic Goal # 2: Increase Branch Publicity- Marketing and Branding.** Among other activities, our Publicity Chair, Joanne Bourquin, has consistently worked with our local newspaper to have our Branch's events included in their public announcements. This has resulted in several individuals attending our monthly luncheon/meeting and some joining our Branch.

**Our Strategic Goal # #: Strengthen Finance for Branch committees and programs: Strengthen Finance for Branch Committees and Programs.** Our Fundraising V.P./President-Elect, Pat Fredericks, has completed a fundraising activity which raised app. \$3,000.00 for Tech Trek and other AAUW Funds. We are planning to send 9 young women to STEM camp at UC Irvine this summer. The cost of this activity is \$950.00 per young woman and funds have been raised to offset this cost. Our Tech Trek committee members, led by Peggy Shippen, are working on new Fundraising plans and marketing for Tech Trek.

This is just a brief synopsis and samples of the many positive activities in progress in our Branch. **Thanks to ALL OF OUR MEMBERS, our Branch has grown from 85 to 111 members since March, 2016.** It truly takes a strong team to support and operate the many activities and services we offer to our members. **Thank you members for proving that:**

***"TOGETHER,******EVERYONE******ACHIEVES******MORE"***

Note: Sharron Cantarini is handling reservations for the next few months; she will computerize the information which is important. I sincerely thank Norma Stempler for her dedicated service of managing our luncheon reservations in the past.

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

*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 gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*

*AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.*

*By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.*

**Membership Badges:** Sign up at a meeting, or contact Barbara Hawkins Villani at (760) 322-3987 to order your magnetic badge (with the new logo) for \$10 each. Badges are available within three weeks of order.

**Online book discussion with the author of  
Florynce ‘Flo’ Kennedy: The Life of a  
Black Feminist Radical**

**Date :** February 9, 2017  
**Time:** 4:30–5:30 pm.  
**Location:** Online (You just need to register.)  
**Cost:** Free  
**Author:** Sherie M. Randolph

Book for March 28: **Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World**

To register:  
<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/02/author-book-discussion-sherie-randolph/>

Board Meeting 10:00 am Tuesday,  
February 7<sup>th</sup> at Indian Ridge Clubhouse.  
RSVP to Elizabeth Nash.

## Public Policy

Last month, I urged you to write to our representatives in Washington and Sacramento and to express your opinion in our local press. I thought we might have a contest to see who among us can find the most grammatical, spelling, and/or English usage mistakes in the Desert Sun during a specific month. Let's hope none of those mistakes are in our correspondence.

I'm sure our newest senator, Kamala Harris, would love to hear from you about repeal of the ACA, commonly referred to as Obamacare, but technically known as the Affordable Care Act. Address mail to Ms. Harris at 408 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510 or telephone her office at [\(202\) 224-3553](tel:(202)224-3553). This could be the answer to stop the money draining out of the Social Security Trust Fund. Repeal the ACA, drop all those (us) old freeloaders from the exchanges where they (we) get free or subsidized health insurance benefits to supplement our Medicare and they (we) will die and stop getting social security benefits. Resolution of the problem of diminution of the Social Security Trust Fund may be an incidental benefit of repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Let's remember that Merrick Garland is still waiting for the Senate to hold confirmation hearings on his nomination (since March 16, 2016) to the Supreme Court. He now holds the record for time spent waiting for hearings to confirm or reject. Justice Thomas waited 99 days for confirmation. Justice Louis Brandeis, nominated by President Wilson on Jan. 28, 1916 and seated only 100 days later on June 5, 1916, held the record for the longest time to wait for confirmation until Judge Garland (Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia) came along. With the help of the Senate, he has set a new record. His nomination is still pending at 300 days and counting.

Jackie Drucker (760) 200-5101 [JudgeJackie@mac.com](mailto:JudgeJackie@mac.com)

### Campus Teams Use AAUW Funds to Shatter Glass Ceiling

In 2017, more than [5%](#) of Fortune 500 CEOs will be women, a record high number. Despite this progress, only 27 women CEOs in the entire country indicate how much more work needs to be done. To combat this gender leadership gap, we've awarded 11 campus teams Campus Action Project (CAP) grants to put AAUW's research into action.

Inspired by AAUW's research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, students, faculty, and staff will confront stereotypes and bias in their communities this spring. From building mentorship programs to creating large-scale networking events for women, these teams show us what #leadHERship is all about.

The 2017 CAP teams represent the spectrum of higher education institutions — the Ivy League, public universities, community colleges, historically black and tribal universities, and our first international school.





## What is Tech Trek STEM Camp & Why do we Support it?

**Tech Trek** is a STEM camp designed to develop interest, excitement and confidence for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. Activities are held on the UC Irvine campus where campers have the chance to live the life of a college student. They will experience community living - eating in the dining commons, sharing a dorm room with a roommate - all under careful staff supervision. Since 2000, Palm Springs branch has sent 117 Valley girls to AAUW Tech Trek Camp.

### How Tech Trekkers are chosen



2016 Palm Springs Tech Trek Campers

Every girl attending Tech Trek STEM Camp is on a full sponsorship and is first recommended for the program by her middle school science or math teacher. The Palm Springs TT Committee gives schools and teachers guidelines for nominating campers. Recommended girls and their parents are contacted and girls are asked to write a short essay.

The TT committee interviews prospective campers and from there will select nine campers based on the amount of sponsorship money the branch raised - \$950 per girl. Parents are asked to contribute \$50.

### Faculty and staff

Camp Directors identify excellent, experienced teachers with superior knowledge of their subjects and a high degree of interest in working with middle school girls. AAUW member-volunteers serve as dorm moms, camp nurses and classroom aides. High school and college girls (former campers) provide assistance to teachers and other staff.

### Workshops and field trip

At each camp, girls receive an in-depth, week-long course focused on STEM core classes that they attend daily. Rotating labs are designed to explore individual specialties more deeply. Girls also take shorter math and science-related and off-campus field trips that encourage maximum learning.





If you believe it, you can achieve it.



### Tech Trek Donor Pledge

**YES!** I want to give my support to sending Coachella girls to AAUW Tech Trek STEM Camp with my yearly tax-deductible pledge:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$950 to sponsor one girl

\_\_\_\_\_ \$475 for half a sponsorship

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Make check out to “AAUW.” Notation line: “Palm Springs area campers - UC Irvine Camp” Mail checks to: DeeDee Warren TT Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert, 92255-1423.**

Having reached our goal to send nine campers to TT camp this summer, we are now on track to begin raising funds for the 2018 campers. Our goal is to raise \$8,000 by Nov 1st. Please consider making a donation. We believe in STEM careers for girls. With your help we can achieve our goal of providing Coachella Valley girls with an experience they would not otherwise enjoy.

For further info contact: Peggy Shippen, TT Chair, [shippen63@gmail.com](mailto:shippen63@gmail.com) 541-686-8619

Want to be a **Dorm Mom** or **Instructor** at the AAUW Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine? Positions open. Applications and info available. Contact Sylvia Fath, Camp Director. [Sylviamf@outlook.com](mailto:Sylviamf@outlook.com) or text message at [760 285.1721](tel:7602851721).

### Photos from January Meeting



Colleen Littell and Gail Hughes



Above: Judy Pochini



Marsha Riley and Gil German



At left: Phyllis Greene and Joann Lane with Pat Mauritzen in the background (left)



Adele Ruxton and Mo Barkemeyer

### OUT AND ABOUT

**RED JEEP TOUR** – Wednesday, February 22 from 9 to noon. A check for \$107.00 per person must be received by January 27. Details re meeting place etc. will be sent later.

### POLO GROUNDS EVENT

Join Out and About for an afternoon of Polo Matches.

Date: Sunday, March 26

Time: We will gather at 11:00 am. Matches are at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm.

Cost: \$25.00 for parking and admission which includes both matches and must be paid in advance. We will be seated together but can order lunch individually.

Send a check payable to AAUW for \$25.00 per person to Angie Love -- 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert 92260.

Questions: Call Angie at (760) 779-5658

### BOOK DISCUSSION

On February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm we will discuss *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki at the home of Anne LaConde. Call her at (760) 862-1913 to RSVP.

The book for March is *A Strangeness in My Mind* by Orhan Pamuk.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981  
[roberta-young@juno.com](mailto:roberta-young@juno.com).

### LUNCH BUNCH

On February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon we will dine on the patio of the Cheesecake Factory at the River. Come join us for great food and pleasant companions.. RSVP by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sue Beatty, (760) 346-7478 or [ssbeatty@icloud.com](mailto:ssbeatty@icloud.com).

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

### GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet at 10 am February 21<sup>st</sup> at Tricia Doran's, 44844 Oro Grande Circle, Indian Wells. RSVP to her at 760/340-0266

Joanne Bourquin, (760) 772-2832

### HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet at 5 pm on February 18<sup>th</sup> at The Cliffhouse on 111 just west of Washington. You're invited!

RSVP to Dr. Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335.

### REEL REVELERS

Our movie group will meet on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm at the home of Beth and Steve Bangert, 55385 Laurel Valley in PGA West. Call to tell Beth what you will bring to the pot luck: (760) 771-9215. The name of the movie will be emailed to you closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, (760) 568-9621

Our branch website: <http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Happy Birthday Gerry Sabsevitz	2 Happy Birthday Vivian Penniman	3	4
5	6	7 10:00 Board Meeting	8	9	1	11 11:30 General Meeting
12	13 12:00 Lunch Bunch	14 10:00 Great Decisions	15 2:00 Book Discussion	16	17	18 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits
19	20	21	22 9:00 Red Jeep Tour	23 6:00 Reel Revelers	24	25
26	27 Happy Birthday Ali Fuller- Babrowski	28				