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# AAUW Palm Springs Branch Sandscripts

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## One Mission; One Fund

Judy Horan,  
AAUW FUND

*AAUW Palm Springs Branch Meeting*

**Saturday, September 9th at 11:30 AM**

Marriott Shadow Ridge  
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
(Off of Monterey between Frank Sinatra Drive and Gerald Ford Drive)

The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our speaker, Judy Horan will get us excited about the many ways our philanthropic arm, AAUW Funds, fulfills that mission all over the world! Judy has served in many branch offices, has been

Southeast District Chair, Educational Foundation Vice President in California, California Regional Director, and served 4 years on the Foundation Board, 2 years as a director and 2 years as Educational Foundation Vice President for Development. Currently Judy serves as Tri-Chair for Charting the Course, National Legacy Chair for Southern California, and National Legacy Circle Chair for California. She is a member of the California online branch.

**Menu Choices:**

- Chicken Caesar Salad
- Seared Salmon Club Sandwich with French Fries
- Vegetarian: Miguel's Pasta  
(Dessert will be Chef's Choice)

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation or send a check, \$30 if you do not have a reservation. If you make a reservation, you will be expected to pay for your meal.

**You may make a reservation by calling Sharron Cantarini at (760) 296-3512 or clicking on Sharron's email address [gerald8870@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald8870@sbcglobal.net).**

You may also send a check to Sharron at 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta, CA 92253 Please indicate your menu choice when you make a reservation.



## September 2017 President's Message



Welcome to the new year of AAUW!

I look forward to working together with you through out the year. For those who might not have seen the article I wrote for the *Desert Sun* in the Valley Voice section on AAUW I have included the article below. I look forward to seeing you in September.

**Pat Fredericks**

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

July 13, 2017

### ***Expanding Women's Opportunities in the Valley***

*Each summer, 7th grade girls from Coachella Valley schools take part in an immersion course in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) subjects at the University of California, Irvine.*

*They stay in dorms on campus for a great adventure called Tech Trek.*

*This special week is designed to encourage their interest in the study of science and also to support their academic advancement.*

*The Tech Trek program has been sponsored for years by the local branch of the American Association of University Women, a national organization. Girls who return from this special week*

describe the experience on a university campus as "exciting," "cool," and as a "life-changing experience."

This program enables these girls to see firsthand what a university campus experience is like. It also allows them to share the magic of discovery in classrooms and labs, just as an older student would. Tech Trek is just one of a number of programs and activities of the local branch of the AAUW. The national organization works to help girls and women to maximize opportunities and expand availability in education, rights and other areas.

The local branch, with over 120 members from across the valley, is one of the larger AAUW chapters in the United States.

Each month during the season AAUW holds luncheon meetings for all its members and guests, to showcase speakers on a wide range of topics. Recent speakers have included the dean of the California State University campus in Palm Desert, local writers, a representative of The Living Desert, local "weather guy" Patrick Evans, and a presentations on a range of topics and interest areas.

Other activities include regular "Great Decisions" meetings, where participants review current international affairs and issues important to the foreign policy of the country. Book discussion groups are also part of the activities open to members as well as a "Lunch Bunch" to share fellowship with others at local restaurants. A dine around group visits theaters with interested members. Guided trips for members include trips to presidential libraries, Sunnylands and any venue that might provide an interesting experience.

Membership is open to all who have a two- or four-year degree and have a wish to join a group of interested, and interesting, people. There are no required attendance regulations and the activities are affordable and accessible.

**[To View the Desert Sun Article Click Here](#)**



## September 2017 President Elect's Message

The untimely death of our esteemed AAUW President, Elizabeth Nash, was very difficult for all of us Branch Members. Elizabeth's family held a poignant and meaningful memorial service that acknowledged her plethora of professional accomplishments. The service was filled with many family members, friends and colleagues whose lives she touched. Expressions of love and admiration helped us share the grief.

An Elizabeth Nash Memorial Fund was created in her honor and the funds were allocated to the 2018 Tech Trek Campers who will attend the UC Irvine program. There were 33 donors to the memorial fund totaling \$4,505!

Elizabeth's extraordinary leadership will be with us, always!

**Sharrell Blakeley**

**President Elect & Fundraising Chair**



## Palm Springs Branch 2017-2018 Board of Directors                      Officers

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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.*

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Great Decisions: Joanne Bourquin (760) 772-2832

Happy Hour Spirits:

Lunch Bunch: Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

Out and About: Martha McCool (760) 771-5428

Reel Revelers: Bayla Adelman (760) 568-9621



## Membership



**Welcome to our new Palm Springs Branch Members**

Michelle Newman  
Joyce Oneko  
Susan Browne Rosenberg  
Shawn Shepherd  
Judy Urrutia

**SHARRON CANTARINI**  
Membership VP



## Tech Trek

Thanks to your generous Tech Trek donations in memory of Elizabeth Nash, we'll begin the year with **all but \$500** of the money we need to send nine Valley girls to Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine next summer.



If you wish to participate in any way with the camper selection, their June orientation, the October 2018 Luncheon, the TT Alumni Club or the TT Fundraising, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at the November branch luncheon and the start of another amazing Tech Trek year.

**Peggy Shippen**  
Branch Tech Trek Coordinator



## Interest Groups

### Lunch Bunch

We will meet on the second Monday, September 14th, at noon at **Si Bon**, located at the corner of Monterey and Country Club in Palm Desert in the Albertson's shopping center.

Please respond to **Sue Beatty** so she can tell the restaurant how many are coming.

**Sue Beatty (760) 346-7478**  
**ssbeatty@icloud.com**



### Book Discussion

The book for the September 20, 2017 meeting is *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. The meeting is at 2:00 PM at the home of Mary Schambach, 120 Lake Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage. Please call Mary to RSVP: (562) 201-4749 or email her at **maryschambach@yahoo.com**. Mary will also lead the Discussion.

**Roberta Young (734) 658-9981 (cell w/ voice mail)**  
**roberta-young@juno.com**

### 2017-2018 Book Group Reading List

Date	Book	Hostess	Discussion
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9/20	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i> By: Isabel Wilkerson	Mary Schambach	Mary Schambach
10/18	<i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> By: J.D. Vance	Elaine Levey	Elaine Levey
11/15	<i>The Japanese Lover</i> By: Isabel Allende	Anne La Conde	Evelyn Cumming
12/20	<i>In the Unlikely Event</i> By: Judy Blume	Anne La Conde	Anne La Conde
1/17	<i>Desert Queen</i> By: Janet Wallach	Roberta Young	Roberta Young
2/21	<i>My Own Words</i> By: Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Beth Bangert	Beth Bangert
3/21	<i>Born a Crime</i> By: Trevor Noah	Anne La Conde	Gail Wahl
<b>4/18</b>	<b>CHOOSE BOOKS FOR 2018-2019</b>	Angie Love	Roberta Young
5/16	<i>Lab Girl</i> By: Hope Jahren	Sue Beatty	Sue Beatty

## Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 26: 10:00 AM

Tuesday, October 17: 10:00 AM

Both meetings will be held at 45190 Seeley Drive, La Quinta, which is The Palms at La Quinta.

We will meet in the movie theater for the DVD and move to the library for the discussion of the Chapter on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**Joanne Bourquin (760) 345-4802**  
[flutejeb7@gmail.com](mailto:flutejeb7@gmail.com)

## Reel Revelers

### LOOK AHEAD to OCTOBER 26:

Our movie group will meet at Fran and Bob Millers' home:

37800 Da Vall Drive, Apt. 6

Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.

We meet at 6:00 for the pot luck and the movie will be selected closer to date.

**Bayla Adelman (760) 568-9621**  
[baylaadelman@cs.com](mailto:baylaadelman@cs.com)

## Out and About

We have exciting plans for the upcoming year that are being confirmed and will have a schedule in the next newsletter.

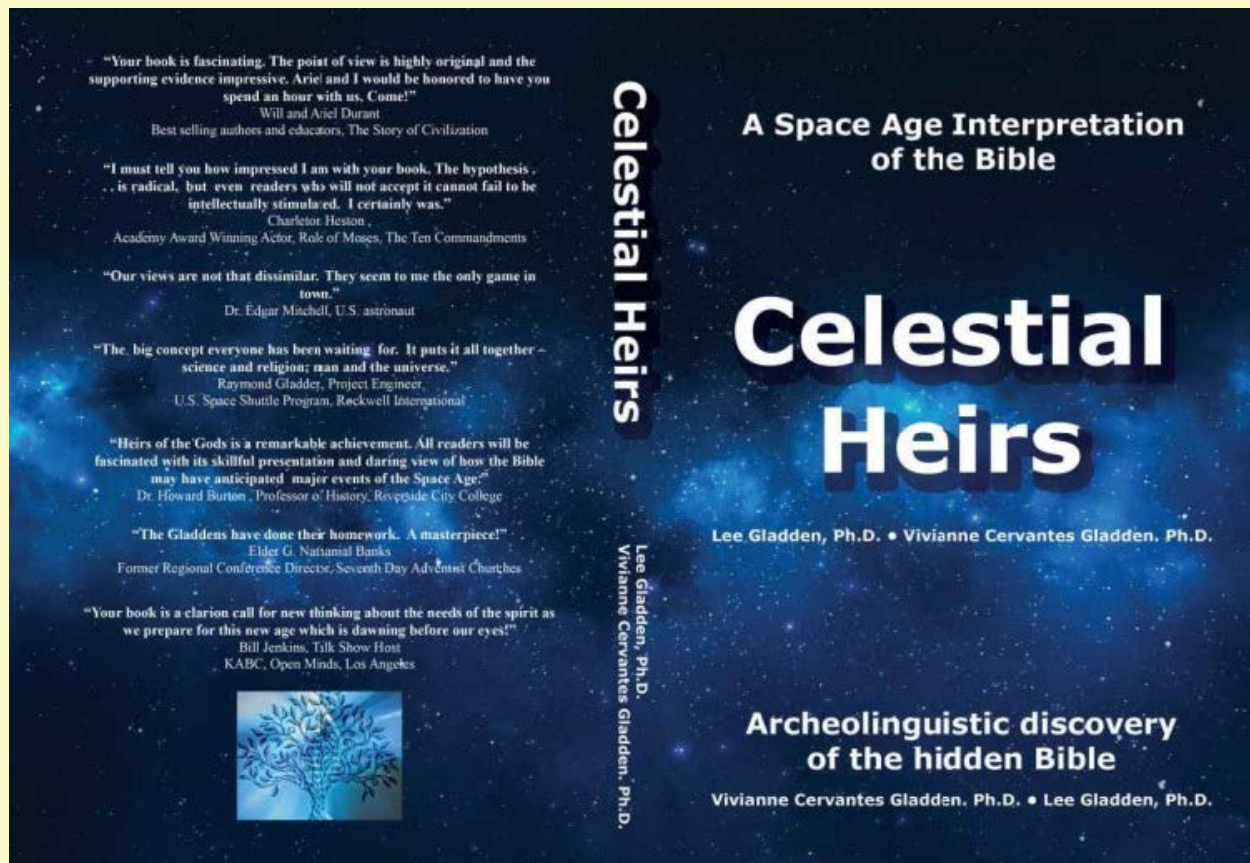
Looking forward to a fun year!

**Martha McCool (760) 771-5428**  
[marthamaemccool@gmail.com](mailto:marthamaemccool@gmail.com)

# AAUW Palm Springs Branch Members in the News

*Celestial Heirs challenges orthodox religious and scientific thinking of the past with a bold, revolutionary reinterpretation of the Bible in light of the extraterrestrial hypothesis. It reconciles ancient antagonisms between science and religion and reaffirms the Bible's promise of a dazzling future for humanity and planet Earth.*

Vivianne Cervantes Gladden (AAUW Palm Springs Branch) and Lee Gladden, now in the tenth decade of life, have for over half a century, taught and practiced in the field of health and aging. Lee Gladden, Ph.D. is Professor Emeritus in philosophy and psychology and a researcher in Parapsychology. Vivianne Cervantes Gladden, Ph.D., a former international model and actress has earned degrees in health science and biblical studies and is ordained to the ministry. The Gladdens have lived and practiced in Southern California.



[Purchase The Book Here](#)



## September Birthdays

SteveEllet	8
WillieMills	15
FrancieSpears	19



# September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The birthstone for September is the sapphire The birth flower for September is the morning glory September's two zodiac signs <u>Virgo</u> (August 23-September 22) and <u>Libra</u> (September 23-October 22)					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Steve Ellet	9 2:00 General Meeting
10	11	12	13	14 12:00 Lunch Bunch	15 Happy Birthday Willie Mills	16
17	18	19 Happy Birthday Francie Spears	20 2:00 pm BOOK DISCUSSION	21	22	23
24	25	26 Happy Birthday DeeDee Warren 10:00 AM Great Decisions	27	28	29	30



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