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JAN HAWKINS, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT THE LIVING DESERT

Saturday, April 8, 2017 11:30 a.m.

The Vue Grille & Bar at the IW Club

44500 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells (760-834-4653)

NOTE: LOCATION CHANGE !!!!!!!

Before becoming a development professional, Jan Hawkins had a 20 year career in retail management, following her BA degree in Anthropology from UC Riverside. She was Campaign Co-coordinator for the successful \$457 million Desert Sands school bond. She helped develop innovative programs with teachers to improve literacy, raising funds to support the programs. She served as Vice President of Philanthropy for the National Charity League, which has 110 chapters throughout the nation. She was Director of Development for 10 years for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coachella Valley. As Development Director for The Living Desert, Jan is unveiling a \$30 million capital project comprising a new Welcome Center, lion and rhino animal exhibits and a new event center to celebrate 50 years of The Desert in 2020.

2017/2018 Branch Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Menu

Cobb Salad _____ Chicken Papaya Salad _____ Cheeseburger/Fries _____

Veggie Penne Pasta/Marinara & Seasonal Vegetables _____

Write Menu Choice on Check for \$25.00, payable to **AAUW Palm Springs**. Mail to Sharron Cantarini, 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta 92253-8156, (760) 296-3512 **no later than April 4. Charge is \$30.00 for reservations made after April 4th and walk-ins.**

Name: _____ # Reservations _____ Phone/Email _____

“TIME FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN”

April 2017 President’s Message



Elizabeth Nash, President

The above quote certainly applies to me and my time serving as your President. It’s hard to imagine that it’s been almost two years since I was elected in 2015. .

My AAUW experiences have been wonderful. It has resulted in many new friends, involvements, Educational, AAUW and fun activities. The Palm Springs Branch members are very special, high quality, caring and supportive people.

When I was unsure, you encouraged me, when I was searching for AAUW information and data, you assisted me. When I needed members to lead groups, you volunteered. When I needed someone to take responsibilities for various positions, you stepped up to the plate. When I needed to laugh, you laughed with me..... This list could go on and on, and on. There have been so many positive supportive actions from members which helped us to reach our team goals.

It’s been a wonderful two years for me and I have grown immensely from my involvements in our Branch activities. I am so proud of the progress we have made, as a team. I will outline some of our significant achievements next month in my final President’s letter.

We are fortunate to have a full incoming Board with members who have years of experience, credibility, competence, inspiration, and vision. The Team Spirit that we have formed should be institutionalized into the Branch. I truly believe we will continue to have a wonderful organization where we welcome everyone to fully participate in our activities. I appreciate the support of our longtime members who have often been mentors for me. I am thrilled with the large number of enthusiastic new members. I have recognized many leadership talents and skills possessed by our members and I believe we will see them in future leadership roles.

I sold my home in Los Angeles in Dec. 2015 and I will be here fulltime with the exception of a few days away, occasionally. You can depend on my support.

Home is where the heart is and I am home in the beautiful Desert.

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.

Palm Springs Officers

President: Elizabeth Nash..... 772-0645
President-Elect: Pat Fredericks674-4649
Program VP: Sharrell Blakeley972-4441
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Membership VP:
Sharron Cantarini 296-3512
Secretary: Joann Lane..... 360-9257
Treasurer: Gillian German714-998-2137
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DeeDee Warren..... 808-640-2619
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Sunshine::Pamela Roberts ... 347-8546
Book Group:
Roberta Young..... 734/658--9981
Great Decisions:
Joanne Bourquin..... 772-2832
Happy Hour Spirits:
Joan Cartwright..... 415-320-5335
Lunch Bunch: Phyllis Greene772-7121
Out and About: Angie Love ... 779-5658
Reel Revelers:
Bayla Adelman..... 568-9621

**Election of Officers for 2017-2018
at April meeting:**

President: Pat Fredericks
President Elect: Sharrell Blakeley
Program VP: Shelly Mitchell
AAUW Fund: Sharrell Blakeley
Membership VP: Sharron Cantarini
Secretary: Joanne Lane
Treasurer: Gillian German

Bills Presented for Voting:

HR 861 Terminate the Environmental Protection Agency
HR 610 Vouchers for Public Education
HR 899 Terminate the Department of Education
HJR 69 Repeal Rule Protecting Wildlife
HR 370 Repeal Affordable Care Act
HR 354 Defund Planned Parenthood
HR 785 National Right to Work (this one ends unions)
HR 83 Mobilizing Against Sanctuary Cities Bill
HR 147 Criminalizing Abortion (“Prenatal
Nondiscrimination Act”)
HR 808 Sanctions against Iran

Call Raul Ruiz at (202) 225-5330 and ask him not only to vote “NO” but to speak up for our rights, health and safety, and our beautiful country.

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.

Board Meeting 10:00 am Tuesday,
April 4th at Indian Ridge Clubhouse.
RSVP to Elizabeth Nash.

Membership

Hello Everyone, Our AAUW-PS branch had our first Membership Reception held at The Grill instead of in a member's home. It was a great success, the food was awesome, and the AAUW short film was inspirational and informative. We had five new members sign up with other new members considering joining soon, which at this point in time brings our total membership to 114. Please welcome Anne Berman, Barbara Dunn, Eli Gentry, Connie McReynolds and Marlene Spector. Thank you all for making this annual event a huge success.

Sharron Cantarini
Membership VP
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As we draw near to the end of our season, and look forward to summer, we need to remember our commitment to AAUW. We will be having our planning meeting in June and I need all your ideas to make next year a great one. If you want to volunteer for a committee please let me or Sharrell know. The more involved we are the more successful we will be. I am so pleased with the growth of our branch and the wonderful job that everyone has done to make our branch in the top five growth branches in California, but let's not stop there. Together we can be even more successful.

Pat Fredericks, President-Elect, (760) 674-4649



Tech Trek Contribution List

August 1, 2016 through March 17, 2017

Honorary Donors - \$500+

Beth Bangert
Louise Kermode
Elizabeth Nash
Adele Ruxton

Donors - \$200 - \$499

Pat Fredericks
Lynn Ostrick
Bonnie Paul
Mary Davey Schambach
Francie Spears
Barbara Hawkins Villani

Donors - Up to \$199

Bayla Adelman	Maryanne Hoppe
Carrie Dao Allan	Gail Hughes
Iris Anderson	Gerry Johnson
Pat Ankeny	Mary Ann Kaestner
Mo Barkemeyer	Brenda Lonsbury-Martin
Rosemary Barnhart	Martha McCool
Barbara Battino	Patricia Pastrick
Sharrell Blakeley	Bonnie Paul
Peg Cook	Judy Pochini
Phyllis Dunn	Marsha Riley
Ali Fuller-Babrowski	Pamela Roberts
Gillian German	Peggy Shippen
Beverly Gersten	Norma Stempler
Phyllis Greene	Mary Held-Switt
Jeanne Hirshfield	DeeDee Warren

**If you've made a donation and your name does not appear,
please call DeeDee at (808) 640-2619.**

Buddy Group Report

This was the first year that our branch had a Buddy Group. The response from new members has been very positive and several said that it really did make a difference in the level of engagement that they had with the group. Because new members felt welcomed, they were eager to get involved and participate in making our Branch successful. Several new members have already taken on leadership roles. Feeling a part of the group and having someone who you can connect with makes the journey so much more enjoyable.

Thank you to all of the members who signed up to be Buddies. Because of you, this program is a success.

Bayla Adelman
Beth Bangert
Jackie Drucker
Phyllis Dunn
Chris Ellet
Pat Fredericks
Gillian German
Phyllis Greene
Maryanne Hoppe

Gerry Johnson
Elaine Levey
Angie Love
Wilma Mills
Elizabeth Nash
Marsha Riley
Mary Davey Schambach
Francie Spears
Norma Stempler

POLICY FOR CHECK HANDLING FOR PALM SPRINGS AAUW MEMBERS' DONATIONS

“INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REGULATIONS PROHIBIT OUR ORGANIZATION FROM ACCEPTING A CHECK WRITTEN BY ONE PERSON FOR ANOTHER PERSON'S DONATION.”

THIS POLICY COVERS **DONATIONS ONLY**. IT DOES NOT APPLY TO OUR INTERNAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS LUNCHEONS AND FEES COLLECTED TO COVER EXPENSES FOR INTERNAL BRANCH GROUP ACTIVITIES.

This policy was adopted to ensure that **ALL DONATIONS** are processed timely and are tax deductible. This means that members can no longer write DONATION checks payable to our Funds person or to our Branch account (AAUW-Palm Springs) for Tech Trek and AAUW Fund donations.

All checks written incorrectly will be returned immediately to the maker to rewrite.

Policy Adopted by the AAUW Palm Springs Branch Board on March 7, 2017. Effective immediately.

Elizabeth Nash, President

UC Irvine will be holding an AAUW Tech Trek open house on Wednesday, July 12th. The time has not been scheduled yet; most likely around 11 a.m. An invitation goes out to the branches in June. Peggy will make sure our branch members are notified. Last year 38 AAUW members and guests attended.

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet at 4 pm on April 15th at Bellatrix in the Classic Club on Varner just east of Cook Street. RSVP to Barbara Battino at (760) 345-3999 or abattino@yahoo.com.

Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335

BOOK DISCUSSION

On April 19th at 2:00 pm we will meet at Gerry Johnson's home, 2810 Via Esquela, Palm Springs, to choose the books for next year. Books selected must have been read by the person recommending it. Call Gerry at (760) 323-4319 to RSVP.

In May we will discuss *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Sprout.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981
r-license@juno.com.

LUNCH BUNCH

At noon on April 10th we dine at Desert Willow, north of Country Club one block west of Cook Street. RSVP by April 6th to Louise Kermode, (760) 776-0064.

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121



Photos from Lunch Bunch at 849 restaurant, March 13th

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet at 10 am, April 18th at the home of Sharrell Blakeley, 49505 Marne Court, La Quinta.. Call 760-972-4441 to RSVP and for the gate code. We will discuss chapter 4 on Saudi Arabia in Transition after viewing the video and answering the questions on page 64.

Joanne Bourquin, (760) 772-2832

REEL REVELERS

Our movie group will meet on April 27th at 6 pm at the home of Chris and Steve Ellet, 23 Lucerne Drive, Palm Desert. Call Chris with what you will bring to the pot luck: (281) 639-8322. The name of the movie will be emailed to you closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, (760) 568-9621

OUT AND ABOUT

There are no events in April. However, the Coachella Valley Rep Theater play comes up early in May (May 3) so be sure to let Angie know if you want a dinner reservation.

Angie Love, (760) 779-5658

Barbara Villani
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 4th Deadline for Reservations for General Meeting						1
2	3	4 10:00 Board Meeting;	5	6	7	8 11:30 General Meeting
9 <i>Happy Birthday Elaine Levey</i>	10 12:00 Lunch Bunch Passover (in evening)	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Birthday Barbara Dunn</i>	15 4:00 Happy Hour Spirits
16 Easter	17	18 10:00 Great Decisions	19 2:00 Book Discussion	20 <i>Happy Birthday Beverly Cole</i>	21 Good Friday	22 AAUW CA Convention
23 <i>Happy Birthday Patty Pastrick and Bev Gersten</i>	24	25	26 <i>Happy Birthday Yvonne Michelsen</i>	27 6:00 Reel Revelers	28	29