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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 14th 4:00 – 7:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF BETH AND STEVE BANGERT

55385 Laurel Valley La Quinta

You (and your spouse/significant other) are invited to attend our wonderful Happy Holiday Party. Our hostess, Beth, is requesting each member bring finger food, hearty appetizers or desserts. Please review this list and choose what food you will bring. Examples would be:

SLIDERS, COCKTAIL FRANKS, SHRIMP, DEVEILED EGGS, MINI SANDWICHES, MEATBALLS, CHEESE AND CRACKERS, ETC., AND FOR DESSERT: COOKIES, BROWNIE BITES, MINI ECLAIRS OR TARTLETS.

Please bring your own beverage.

Please RSVP to Beth Bangert by email or her cell phone. She needs to leave your name at the gate. Her email address is beth@bangertfamily.com. Her cell no. is 408-505-6884. Please contact her as soon as possible.

DIRECTIONS: Take Jefferson south of 111 all the way to PGA West. Turn left at the Stadium gate, which is the second on the left side of Jefferson. Get a pass at the gate, then go straight until Pebble Beach and make the first of three right turns. Finally turn left on Laurel Valley and the fifth house on the left is 55385!

If you need a ride to the party, contact Elaine Levey at 760-360-6440.





Dec. 2014 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

If you don't care where you are going, it doesn't matter which way you go. (The Cheshire Cat)... All things are difficult before they are easy. (John Morley)... Nothing will be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome. (Samuel Johnson)

The Legal Advocacy Funds Committee had a very successful meeting at The Tolerance Center on Nov. 8th. Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped arrange this timely program. The Committee is already thinking about other ways to use this film, *The Invisible War*, as our Branch owns this film. They are already gathering ideas on how to help spread the information by showing the film in other settings. Hopefully, we can do our part in helping to educate and promote ways to eradicate this problem on campuses and elsewhere.

I am looking forward to the December meeting when we will have a festive holiday party. This is an important party for all members when we meet for fun and helps puts everyone into the holiday mood. Please be a part of this wonderful end of the year party.

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance. The world has many challenges at this time. AAUW is committed to helping make the world better and safer. The meetings for next year will address several of these issues and you won't want to miss them. Many of these tasks are difficult but not impossible to achieve. I know that many of you are and will continue to help with those issues that matter to you. Objections will be made known but through positive attempts I believe we will help the world continue forward to a better future for young and old.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Thanks to all of you dedicated members for helping to make this Branch THE GREATEST!

Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah Happy Kwanzaa Happy New Year

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.

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AAUW Fundraising

Through the program featuring “The Invisible War” held on Saturday, November 8th, we are pleased to add \$450 to the fundraising donations received this year. This award-winning, riveting film about harassment, sexual and otherwise in the military, was shown at the Tolerance Education Center in Rancho Mirage.

The fee for this event was \$15 per person and was all designated for the Legal Advocacy Fund. The Legal Advocacy Fund is used by AAUW for legal case support among other activities. This legal support is very important to assist AAUW in promoting equity for women and children.

Thank you to the following members for their donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund in November, 2014: Sue Beatty, Joanne Bourquin, new member Jean Dietrich, Faye Duffy, Barbara Foyil, Jeanne Hirshfield, Gerry Johnson, Mary Ann Kaestner, Elaine Levey, Angie Love, Wilma Mills, Elizabeth Nash, Barbara Oliver, Patty Pastrick, Adele Ruxton, Lilliane Shuman, Shirley Singleton, Elizabeth Spiro, Norma Stempler and Barbara Villani.

By increasing our fundraising records by \$450, we now have a GRAND TOTAL OF \$4,025 donated this year by our members. In 2013 our fundraising efforts resulted in donations totaling \$2,366. We have exceeded this amount by \$1,659 in 2014.

(Note: Please be advised that some members have made their donations directly to Tech Trek. These donations are not reflected in the above totals.)

Members, Thank you so much members for your continuous support!!!!

Elizabeth Nash, 760-772-0645, Program and Fundraising Chair



Program Committee members: Angie Love, Jeanne Hirshfield, and Pat Fredericks

Fundraising Committee members: Sue Beatty, Lori Duffy, Barbara Foyil, Jeanne Hirshfield, Gerry Johnson, Anne LaConde, Angie Love, Norma Stempler; Elaine Levey, Advisor

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.

PUBLIC POLICY:

The elections are over but there are still many issues involving women that need our work and support. AAUW is a recognized presence in Washington D.C. and also in our state capitol in Sacramento. However, to have AAUW register its maximum strength we must continue to let our individual voices be heard. You can help in this regard by using the AAUW Action Network, that "Two Minute Activist" that I have mentioned before. It sends you an alert by e-mail and it literally takes less than two minutes to respond and support our Public Policies.

I have also learned that you do not need to be a member of AAUW to become part of this action network. You just have to take action on those things that AAUW supports and with which you agree. This includes friends and families. It would be great if we could get some momentum going in this area here in our branch. The place to sign on is at AAUW Action Network. You will hear more about this after the holidays.



Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting**, Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am at PF Chang's in Rancho Mirage. Lunch can be ordered at 11:30. Bring water if you want it earlier. All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

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AAUW FUNDS CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

On Sunday, October 19th AAUW held its Fall Celebration Luncheon in Seal Beach. Attending this event from our branch were members Gerry Johnson, Elizabeth Nash, Elaine Levey, Lynn Ostrick, Sue Beatty and Pat Ankeny. Hundreds of members from all over the Southern California Region of AAUW attended this wonderful event.

The purpose of this meeting was to update the branch about AAUW Funds, income, expenditures, provide a progress report and announce future plans.

Sharon Westafer, Chair of AAUW-CA Funds, reported that \$521,088.16 was donated in 2013 to various AAUW Funds. She also noted that California's AAUW membership numbers constitutes 20% of the national membership.

In addition to supporting other important programs, AAUW California Funds support 25 Funds Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities, or doing projects in our communities. They are an excellent example of the wonderful use of branch and member donations.

We heard presentations from several Endowment Fellowships and Grant Recipients, and they all stated they were very grateful to AAUW for supporting their education. We noted that one of the fellowship speakers was a recipient of the Palm Springs Branch's American fellowship. We introduced ourselves to her and we are hoping to have her as a guest speaker at a meeting.

The AAUW Funds you donate supports American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, International Fellowships and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

AAUW CA President Kathleen Doty provided brief welcoming remarks and also stated that plans are being made to provide more leadership training. For example, this training will assist members in learning how to get along with difficult people, and meeting management, etc. This will be introduced at our AAUW Statewide meeting in 2015.

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Pictures from our November Meeting at the Tolerance Education Center:



Angie Love



Patty Pastrick and Lilliane Shuman



Joanne and Jack Bourquin



Adele Ruxton and Norma Stempler



Elizabeth Nash and Mary Williams



Jack and Barbara Foyil



Jeanne Hirshfield and Elisabeth Spiro

AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015 | San Diego





Tech Trek 2015 has begun!!!

We are off to a fantastic beginning with all of the donations to Tech Trek that came in through the Phantom Cruise mailing.

On Saturday, October 11th, we honored the girls who attended Tech Trek Camp 2014 and each girl relayed to us their experience at U.C. Irvine. The girls all expressed their gratitude for being selected and thanked us for sponsoring them. Listening to the girls is always a wonderful and moving time for our members as we realize that the AAUW Tech Trek experience is one to set these girls on a life's journey for educational discovery.

All donation checks for Tech Trek 2015 can be sent to:

Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262-6240

Please make your checks payable to: AAUW SPF (*Special Projects Fund*).

A huge THANK YOU to everyone helping to send our girls to Tech Trek camp at UC Irvine in 2015.

Committee Members: Adele Ruxton, Angie Love, Bonnie Paul, Chris Ellet, Gayle Cox, Joyce Cohn, Lilliane Shuman (Treasurer), Louise Kermodé, Mary Ann Kaestner, and Phyllis Greene.



Coordinator: Barbara Foyil, 760-424-8627

TYKE TREK NEEDS YOU!

Tyke Trek is a science morning for 3rd Graders at Vista del Monte Elementary School in Palm Springs. AAUW members teach and assist some fun science lessons. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bonnie Paul at 760-568-6577 or happygma13@gmail.com or Barbara Villani at 760-322-3987 or bhvillani@gmail.com. You will make some third grade girls very happy!

Thanks, Barbara and Bonnie

AAUW Funds Luncheon (*continued from page 4*) For those members who wish to make a tax-deductible donation to AAUW, please do so before December 31, 2014.

Please write your check payable to AAUW Funds and note your favorite AAUW fund in the memo section of your check. (They are listed on pages 9-12 of your AAUW directory.)

Mail your check to:

Elizabeth Nash
721 Indian Ridge Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92211-7486

I will send you a receipt. Email me at scroen@aol.com if you have any questions.

Elizabeth Nash, AAUW Funds VP

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, December 17th at 2 PM at the home of Joan Weil (78593 Bougainvillea Drive, Palm Desert, 760-360-9077). We will discuss *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro. This is a fun book to read for the holidays. The book for January is *The House of Morgan* by Ron Chernow.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information call Sue Beatty at 760-346-7478 or email her at ssbeatty@icloud.com.

REEL REVELERS

Reel Revelers will not meet in December.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621
Yvonne Michelsen, 760-200-9661

Travel Group

Join us on January 28th as we see the second play in the series at the CV Rep Theater in Rancho Mirage. The play is *HAVING OUR SAY, The Delany Sisters' First Hundred Years*, based on their autobiography. Call Angie if you are joining us for dinner before the 7:30 show.

Angie Love, 760-779-5658

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP STUDY GROUP

The Study Group will not meet in December.

Mary Ann Kaestner, 760-416-7534



Know someone who needs a little extra sunshine in their life? Call or email Elisabeth Spiro: 760-836-0478 or ebspiro@gmail.com.

Barbara Villani
1028 E. San Lorenzo Road
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
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