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## AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY



**DECEMBER 19, 2015**

**Saturday: 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the Home of  
Sharron and Jerry Cantarini**

**RENAISSANCE at LA QUINTA**

**Jefferson at 50th Avenue (GATE CODE: # 1039)**

79783 Joey Court

H: 760-296-3512 C: 951-741-2150

**SPOUSES/GUESTS ENCOURAGED**

**Please bring finger food** (i.e., cheese/crackers, salami, paté, petite sandwiches, deviled eggs, sliders, cookies)

Please email host your RSVP, # of guests and your food items **no later than December 15, 2015 at:**



**[gerald8870@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gerald8870@sbcglobal.net)**

**LET'S CELEBRATE!!!!!!!**

**December 2015 President's Message****Elizabeth Nash, President*****GRATITUDE***

*“Be Thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” Oprah Winfrey*

As we move into the Holiday season, let us take time to give thanks and gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. This is a period when we celebrate with family, friends and connect with others.

This Holiday season matters because it allows us to take time to show our gratitude. The power of gratitude really matters. It has been said that gratitude has the strongest link with mental well-being and other character traits.

Scientist Robert Emmons says, “Without gratitude, life can be lonely, depressing and impoverished. Gratitude enriches human life. It elevates, energizes, inspires and transforms. People are moved, opened and humbled through expressions of gratitude.” Science shows that gratitude causes: More Energy, Higher Emotional Intelligence, More Forgiving Attitude, Less Depression, Less Anxiousness, More feelings of Being Socially Connected, Better Sleep and Fewer Headaches.

There are many ways to show gratitude, keeping a Gratitude Journal is one popular way. In your Gratitude Journal, list five things every morning or evening that you are grateful for. Sending a note or email of appreciation to a friend or loved one is also a wonderful way to show gratitude.

I believe we are all grateful for AAUW. This wonderful organization provides each of us with a unique opportunity to serve others and make positive and significant contributions to others. We are able to interact with our members who are also supporting and making positive changes in our world. As we work collectively on projects and enjoy social and educational events, we enrich our lives.

One of my favorite quotes is: “We make a living by what we get. We make a quality life by what we give.” (Author unknown)

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***

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Book Group:  
Roberta Young ..... 734/658--9981  
Great Decisions:  
Joanne Bourquin ..... 772-2832  
Reel Revelers:  
Bayla Adelman ..... 568-9621  
Out and About: (committee)

**New Members**

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**CORRECTIONS TO DIRECTORY:**

**Elizabeth Nash's email: eliznash333@aol.com**  
Delete Joan Cartwright's 760 phone number  
Gerry Sabsevitz's address is 78828 Fostoria Lane

**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.

*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.*

### AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY ACTION PRIORITIES, 2015-2017

The AAUW CA Public Policy supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, and complements the national program.

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women AAUW-CA supports:

1. Pay equity in compensation
2. Equitable access and advancement in employment, including enforcement of antidiscrimination laws.
3. Strengthening retirement benefits and programs including strengthening Social Security from privatization or reduction.
4. Programs to provide education, training, and support for success in the work force.
5. Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that improve work-life benefits.

To support a strong system of high quality public education, AAUW-CA advocates:

1. Adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students.
2. Increased support for programs that break the barriers for women and girls in science, technology, and math (STEM) fields.
3. Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women, including Title IX.
4. Oppose the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and for charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights.
5. Support and adequate funding for women and disadvantaged populations access to higher education including two-year degree programs.

To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW-CA supports:

1. Choice in determination of one's reproductive life.
2. Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including bullying,

Condensed somewhat by Jeanne Hirshfield, Public Policy Chair, 760-324-2190



From  
November  
meeting



Anne LaConde and Sharrell Blakeley; Pat Mauritzen, Joanne Bourquin, Gillian Germain and Leslee Allvin (guest); Joan Cartright and Bayla Adelman; Trish Doran and Barbara Foyil; Patty Pastrick and Marty McCoy

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:**

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL # 1: Strengthen Membership Activities**

Objective 1.3 By December, sooner if possible, the membership committee will develop and implement a “Buddy System” for new and continuing members, to improve communication and support of members.

This month we will launch the “Buddy System” as noted in the above objective. The intent of our Voluntary Buddy System is to improve communication and support for our members. This Buddy System will add another layer of connectivity between our members to enhance their enjoyment of being an AAUW Palm Springs Branch member.

Some suggested activities for Buddies are:

Communicate with your Buddy through telephone calls or emails

Attend selected events together

Show concern for your Buddy

Acknowledge special occasions being experienced by your Buddy

Other, other, other ....Activities selected by Buddies

We think this will be a fun activity. It will help us to cultivate friends both new and old. We hope that every member will participate..

I am thrilled that Marsha Riley will manage this Buddy System for our Branch. Marsha will record a list of Buddies, and provide support requested by the members to make this a successful support and social activity.

Marsha Riley can be reached at [mriley61@hotmail.com](mailto:mriley61@hotmail.com), 760-296-3991 (H) or 925-522-9799 ©

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL # 3.... Strengthen Finance for Branch Committees and Programs**

Objective 3.1 By October, the Board will review the financial status of the Branch.

The Board made the following changes in our Finances.

1. Closed our account with Chase Bank due to the minimum balances and service charges they require for non-profit accounts. Opened our account with U.S. Bank where no minimum balances, or service charges are required for non-profit accounts.
2. Combined our accounts which gave us a total of \$ 16,653.06, as of Oct. 23, 2015 ( $\$9,707.06 + 6,946.00 = 6,653.06$ ).
3. Allocated the following spending plan: Future Based Projects: \$1,512.16; Speech Trek (or another approved project) \$2,509.00, Reserves \$1,941.41, Meals for Tech Trek students and one parent \$250.00 per year, Annual printing/materials for Tech Trek and other mission-based programs and projects \$500.00, Meals for monthly Mission-Based Program Speakers \$200.00, per year, Tyke Trek ( or another approved project) \$300.00, Reserved for funding expenses for future years including AAUW Insurance/Assessments and other cost of Branch Business expenses \$2,494.49.

Totals: \$9,707.06. Remaining balance of 6,946.00.

**Fundraising:**

**Happy Holidays.** December is such a great month, as long as you don't go crazy with all the activities.

Your fundraising committee met in September and will meet again in January. In the meantime here are some things to mark on your calendar. In January we will have a white elephant sale at our monthly luncheon. Please bring your almost new items to me during the week of the luncheon. These items will be displayed along with a bid sheet. We will need your help pricing your item. If your item is BIG, please call me with the information and then bring it to the luncheon. The bid sheets will be available before the luncheon.

In February we will have an opportunity drawing. The tickets will be one for one dollar, six for five dollars and twelve for ten dollars. The prize will be a free lunch at an AAUW meeting of your choice.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to our phantom trip and for those who have not yet made your trip arrangements, you have until December 12<sup>th</sup> to do so. Send your donation to me at 75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells, 92210.

Have a great holiday!!!! Please remember those who are less fortunate than we are.

Pat Fredericks, Fundraising Chair, 760-674-4649



**Your continued support is needed to send girls to Tech Trek Camp 2016.**

**Send donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262-6240. Checks are to be made out to AAUW, not Palm Springs Branch or SPF (designation to Tech Trek can go in memo area of check).**

**Please return this form with your donation.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: AAUW**

### HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

The Happy Hour Spirits will meet on Saturday, December 5 at 5:00 pm at the LaRue Café and Wine Bar. The address is 78-015 Main Street in Old Town La Quinta (located on the corner of Main Street, behind Stuff Pizza).

Louetta "Lou" Riley is arranging our December Happy Hour event for us. Please join us, and call her to RSVP at 760-698-3575 for this outing.

Joan Cartwright is the organizer for our new Happy Hour Spirits. She can be reached at 415-320-5335 if you have additional questions about this group. This is a fun group, and we welcome you to join us. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

### REEL REVELERS

We are meeting at the home of Anne and Ken LaConde on November 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss Suffragette. Their address is 73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert. 760-862-1913.

There will be no movie discussion in December.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

### GREAT DECISIONS

Our last meeting this year for Great Decisions will be held November 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Joanne Bourquin, 43618 Salerno Ct., La Quinta, at 10 am. We will see the DVR on "Brazil in Metamorphosis" and discuss the questions on page 100.

Orders will be taken after January 1<sup>st</sup> for books for the new year. That will be the time for new members to join our discussion group, and prepare to enjoy "Great Decisions." All members of AAUW are welcome.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

### LUNCH BUNCH

Our Lunch Bunch will not meet in December. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016, and it is being arranged by Pat Fredericks. Pat can be reached at 760-674-4649 for information about the location of the next Lunch Bunch outing.

Phyllis Greene is the organizer for our new Lunch Bunch group. She can be reached at 760-772-7121 for additional questions regarding this fun group.

### BOOK GROUP

Please note a change in the meeting place from the original list!

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 2pm at the home of Gerry Johnson, 2810 Via Esquela, Palm Springs. Gerry's phone number is 760-323-4319 (home) or 760-835-1283 (cell). Gerry's email is gjohnson37@dc.rr.com.

The book for December is *The Last Kashmiri Rose* by Barbara Cleverly.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information about our Group, call Roberta Young at 734-658-9981 or e-mail her at roberta-young@juno.com.

### OUT AND ABOUT

Our next theater party will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre. The play is *A Class Act*, about Tony Award-winning lyricist Edward Kleban.

We have dinner before the play at 5:30 pm at Livreri's in the Atrium. The play starts at 7:30.

Angie Love, randalovebrds@aol.com 760-779-5658

Barbara Villani  
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December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 Board Meeting	2	3 <i>Happy Birthday Gerry Johnson</i>	4	5 5:00 Happy Hour
6 <i>Happy Birthday Barbara Foyill; 1<sup>st</sup> night of Hanukah</i>	7	8 <i>Happy Birthday Vanette Hickey</i>	9	10	11	12
13 Last night of Hanukah	14	15	16 2:00 Book Discussion	17	18 <i>Happy Birthday Joann Lane</i>	19 Holiday Party
20	21	22	23	24		26
27	28 <i>Happy Birthday Marty McCoy</i>	29	30 <i>Happy Birthday Joyce Kornbluth</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		