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HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DEC. 17th

4-7 PM

(Be sure to be there before 5:30 for surprise)

SHARRON and JERRY

CANTARINI's

79783 JOEY CT.

LA QUINTA

“RENAISSANCE AT LA QUINTA”

50TH/JEFFERSON

GATE CODE: #8656

(Don't forget the #)

Please bring finger food.
Wine and Soda will be served.



RSVP by Dec 1, 2016

(760) 296-3512

December 2016 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President****THE SEASON OF CELEBRATIONS.....**

The season of celebrating is upon us. Thanksgiving brings us to the time when we pause to give thanks for our blessings. In addition to our families, friends, health, and much more, we can all be thankful to AAUW for the impact it is making in the world. As a member of AAUW's outstanding organization, our Branch members join forces with other Branches to make tremendous differences in the lives of women and girls!

For example, AAUW California Fund Committee Chair, Sharon Westafer, Long Beach, Stockton, reported that "Because of AAUW member fundraising efforts and direct donations, this year **\$3.7 million** dollars has been awarded to **230** Fellowship and Grant recipients in the U.S., with **34** recipients studying or directing projects in California. The money to fund fellowships and grants is from the investment income from funded Endowments. Sharon also reported that "As of the second quarter, ending June 30th, AAUW CA members and branches have donated **\$ 1,324,749.22** to AAUW Funds and the various programs it supports. She also stated that Tech Trek donations, which were originally listed under Educational Opportunities Fund, are now being administered by AAUW and are counted toward branch donations."

On Sunday, October 23, I attended the outstanding AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon in Seal Beach, California; chaired by Sharon Westafer. At this event we heard presentations from the 2016-17 AAUW Funds American Fellowships and Grants recipients. I was very excited to hear presentations from American Fellowship winners. I was particularly pleased to meet winner Andrea Milne who is studying History at UC Irvine. Andrea's Fellowship is partially funded by interest from the Palm Springs Branch/Anne Carpenter endowment. Andrea Milne is an example of a young woman who is achieving her dreams with support from AAUW.

While I was completing this letter, the elections were being concluded. Hillary Clinton did not break through the glass ceiling; however, we should celebrate her courage and leadership. In her remarks she stated "To young girls, you are valuable, powerful and deserving of every opportunity to achieve your dreams." I believe many women and girls will gain the courage to reach for the glass ceiling from Hillary's journey. "AAUW has a 135-year history as a nonpartisan organization working to advance gender equity and speaking truth to power" quoted Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP Government Relations, based in Washington, DC.

Thank you for your continuous support of AAUW and your enthusiasm. Whether you have given your time, energy, money, facilities, support or ideas to our Branch, WE APPRECIATE AND CELEBRATE YOU!

"Every time you meet a situation, though you think at the moment it is an impossibility and you go through the torture of the damned, once you have met it and lived through it you find that forever after you are freer than you were before." Eleanor Roosevelt

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Fundraising

As the year end draws closer we need to reexamine our commitment to AAUW and its many programs

If you have not yet made a contribution to Tech Trek or another program, please take a minute to review your decision. Girls around the country and right here at home rely on AAUW. Our programs enable girls to participate in activities to engage and grow. Think about what they, the young girls, would have to look forward to and how their lives might be very different without our assistance.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season with joy, love and continued relationships with your AAUW sisters.

Pat Fredericks

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.

Public Policy

WASHINGTON DC—Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. After this hyper-partisan election, AAUW intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this election year, AAUW’s nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever. “It is now, after an election, that the real work begins,” said Lisa Maatz, the vice president of government relations and advocacy. “AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a fair critic and a valued ally. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power.”

Election 2016 touched on many issues that affect women and families at every level: local, state, and federal. We still face congressional gridlock over the Paycheck Fairness Act, resulting in *more states taking matters into their own hands to work toward equal pay* for the same work irrespective of the gender of the worker. Students are still waiting for real action on college affordability and high student debt, and they expect a continued commitment to combating campus sexual assault. Working families are still looking for good jobs with paid family and medical leave and other workplace equity policies. Americans still don’t have the basic necessity of a full Supreme Court but it looks like an ongoing conservative majority filling any empty seats.

Members of AAUW worked hard to get out the women’s vote on Election Day by registering and educating voters, holding candidate forums and town halls, and writing local op-eds and letters to the editor urging women to make their voices heard. These efforts were a part of the AAUW Action Fund’s “*It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard*” campaign, which aims to turn out millennial women voters, a group that is often underrepresented at the polls. “Candidates must now work to deliver on their promises,” stressed Maatz. “Women voters expect our newly elected officials to work together on solutions. AAUW believes democracy demands work every day of the year, and hyper-partisan rhetoric only damages the chances for reasonable consensus. Women voters are watching. We’ve laid out our priorities, and we will hold each and every candidate accountable.”

As college-educated women, some of us may not have voted with the winning team but we are still in the arena, still working and fighting for what we believe. Someday, one of us will break that last glass ceiling. In the meanwhile, we must not allow any back-sliding on Rowe v. Wade, 1973 or Obergefell v. Hodges, 2015.

Jackie Drucker, Public Policy Chair

New Members:

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Tech Trek

Tech Trek is an AAUW science, math and technology camp for girls who are about to enter the 8th grade. Each year, for the last three years, Palm Springs branch members have raised enough money for nine (9) Valley girls to attend this amazing camp at UC Irvine. For most, the week-long summer camp is a life-changing experience. Members derive great satisfaction that their generous donations have helped create an opportunity for local girls to be inspired and encouraged to pursue STEM careers. The camp fee is \$900/girl. Parents are asked to pay \$50 and the branch raises the other \$850 per girl. Tech Trek has been a successful cornerstone program for the Palm Springs Branch for 15 years because of the generous donations of our members. Your ongoing support will **Keep Tech Trek Camp Alive!** for local, Valley girls.

Donations are applied to scholarships for TT campers selected by the Palm Springs branch and are tax deductible. However, it's important that checks be made out in this way:

Payable to: "AAUW" **Do NOT make checks out to AAUW-Palm Springs Branch**

Bottom Notation For: "Tech Trek - Palm Springs Branch"

Send your check to DeeDee Warren, the Tech Trek Treasurer, PO Box 11423, 74801 Hovley Lane E, Palm Desert 92255-1423.



Peggy Shippen, (541) 686-8619

To Help End the Pay Gap, Stop Asking New Hires for Salary Histories

Earlier this year, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker (R) signed a bipartisan pay equity bill, which prohibits employers from requiring salary history information before receiving a formal job offer.

Other states have followed suit in diminishing this harmful practice. California Governor Jerry Brown (D), signed into law a bill saying that salary history can't be the only reason to point to if a wage discrepancy exists. Legislators in Maryland, Delaware, Utah, and Nebraska also passed equal pay bills in 2016. Red, blue, and purple states are realizing that the pay gap is real and are taking steps to close it.

Read More: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/10/14/stop-salary-histories/>

Want to See Action on Women's Issues? Check Out Your Statehouse!

In 2016, AAUW members were busy at every level of government passing good laws, beating back bad ones, and laying the groundwork for more successes in 2017. Across the country, state legislatures were particularly inclined to work on economics and public finance, health, crime and law enforcement, education, and commerce. Let's take a look back at the year in statehouses across the country and find out how AAUW public policy priorities fared.

Read More: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/10/19/check-out-your-statehouse-for-action-on-womens-issues/>



Magdalena Hamilton and Tricia Doran



Martha McCool and Carole Ann Haller



Elizabeth Nash, Pam Roberts and Diane Clements



Brenda Lonsbury-Martin and Phyllis Dunn



RoseMary Barnhart and Jeanne Hirshfield



Fran Kaufman and Adele Ruxton



Micki Breitenstein, Francie Spears, Jackie Drucker



Mo Barkemeyer and Joan Read

GREAT DECISIONS

There will be no meeting in December.

Joanne Bourquin (760) 772-2832

BOOK DISCUSSION

On December 21st at 2 pm we will discuss *Private Patient* by PD James at the home of Joanne Bourquin. Call Joanne at (760) 772-2832 to RSVP.

The book for January is *The Same Sky* by Amanda Eyre Ward.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981
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OUT AND ABOUT

Sunnylands

If you plan to join the Sunnylands tour send a check for \$45.00 payable to AAUW to Angie Love -- 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert 92260 no later than November 30. Sunnylands requires full payment far in advance. No reservations will be accepted after November 30. Spouses and friends welcome

Date: January 4
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$45.00

Red Jeep Tour

We have a Date --- Wednesday, February 22
Time --- 9:00 a. m.
Cost ----\$107.00 per person

We already have enough reservations to fill two jeeps. We are taking names only at this time. Spouses and friends welcome

If you intend to join this tour let Angie Love know.

Angie Love (760) 779-5658
randalovebrds@aol.com

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch bunch will not meet in December..

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

REEL REVELERS

There will be no meeting in December.

Bayla Adelman, (760) 568-9621

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will not meet in December.

Dr. Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335

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

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◀ November		December 2016					January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3 <i>Gerry Johnson's Birthday</i>	
4	5	6 <i>Barbara Foyil's Birthday</i>	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14 <i>Carole Ann Haller's and Martha McCool's Birthdays</i>	15	16	17 4:00 Holiday Party	
18 <i>Joann Lane's Birthday</i>	19	20	21 2:00 Book Discussion	22	23	24 	
25 	26	27	28 <i>Marty McCoy's Birthday</i>	29	30 <i>Eva Dupre's and Joyce Kornbluth's Birthdays</i>	31	