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Desert Regional Medical Center

Saturday, February 14, 2015, 11:30 am

Lulu California Bistro, 200 S. Palm Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs



Please join us as we learn about the services and programs offered by the Desert Regional Medical Center. Our guest speaker, Kristin Schmidt, is the Chief Nursing Officer for the Medical Center. The Medical Center's services include Joint Replacement, Spine Care, Cancer Care, Bariatric Specialists, Diabetes Services, Physician Referral and much more.

Desert Regional Medical Center's partnership with the world-renowned academic medical center at the University of California, Riverside (UCR) will provide services and residency programs at the Palm Springs hospital campus. "The Hospital You Trust to Care for Those You Love" is the Desert Regional Medical Center's Theme.

Directions: Lulu's is on Palm Canyon Drive, just a few blocks west of Ramon.

After the meeting, you are welcome to visit the Palm Springs Art Museum. Get your free tickets from Marty McCoy at the meeting.

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$25.00. Make check payable to AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to Barbara Oliver, 78316 Moongold Road, Palm Desert, CA 92211-1331 (760-345-8498), no later than February 10, 2015.

Luncheon menu choices (circle one entrée): Chicken Caesar, Chinese Chicken Salad, or Domestic "Kobe" Burger. For dessert: Tiramisu. Includes choice of coffee, tea or fountain soft drinks. No host bar.

Name(s) _____ Telephone or email _____

Number of reservations _____ *Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.*



February 2015 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

Cocks may crow but the hen lays the eggs. (Margaret Thatcher)... You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. (C. S. Lewis)...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! HAPPY NEW YOU IN 2015!!!!

As we move into the new year, most likely you are sitting and working on your new Goals. Setting new goals is a great way to refresh and renew your life. While you are reviewing your Spiritual, Social, Emotional, Educational, Health, Financial and other goals, Elizabeth Nash and I encourage you to set a Goal for AAUW.

WE NEED YOU!!!

We need YOUR talent, skills and abilities to keep our AAUW Branch active, vibrant and exciting. At this time, our Nominating Committee is looking for NEW officers and volunteers. The 2015-16 President (Elizabeth) will be making appointments of various officers, and volunteers will be needed to assist them. Please let us know if you have an interest in participating as a volunteer to assist the officers and lead and/or support our activities.

The Nominating Committee (Joanne Bourquin, Willie Mills, and Adele Ruxton) are looking for interested candidates for 2015-2016. Please let it be known if YOU are interested in any of the following positions:

PRESIDENT-ELECT	VP MEMBERSHIP
SECRETARY	TREASURER
VP AAUW FUNDS	VP PROGRAM
Committee Members for the VP Positions	

Remember, we need you, your talents and skills to keep our Branch a high functioning organization!

We are so fortunate to have a strong AAUW Branch with members who are very, very supportive. In order to continue in this manner, we need everyone's support. Remember, Henry Ford said, *Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.*

Please join one or several of our study groups such as The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Group and Great Decisions, Book Group and Reel Revelers.

By educating women and families we are helping to keep this world safe and orderly. I am proud to be a part of AAUW and its commitment to making the world better and safer. Thank you to all of you who use your talents and skills to keep our Branch a high functioning organization!

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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- Great Decisions:
 - Joanne Bourquin 772-2832
- Reel Revelers:
 - Yvonne Michelsen 200-9661
 - Bayla Adelman 568-9621
- Travel:
 - committee

AAUW FUNDS

When I look back on our 2014 Branch Fundraising activities and results, I am so pleased that we received donations from a very large percentage of our members.

I am also very pleased to see that the Goal set by our Fundraising Committee was achieved.

Together, we donated \$4,025 to various AAUW Funds and Tech Trek. Additionally, some donors made direct contributions to Tech Trek which were not processed by the Fundraising committee.

This is a wonderful reflection of the commitment and support that our members have for our Branch.

Additionally, this reflects the importance of setting Goals, and making plans to achieve them.

It also reflects the effective Teamwork of the Fundraising Committee.

As we move into planning for 2015, I encourage each of you to set a Goal for supporting our Branch and AAUW programs in 2015.

Remember, we are a “TEAM” which stands for “Together, Everyone Achieves More.”

Please accept our sincerest appreciation for your support in 2014 and let’s have another FANTASTIC YEAR in 2015!

Elizabeth Nash, 760-772-0645, Fundraising Chair

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.

BARBARA BOXER IS NOT RETURNING TO THE SENATE IN 2016

Barbara Boxer has announced that she will not be running in the 2016 election. This creates a big challenge for the women of California. We must work to find a candidate who will, like Barbara Boxer, support women's rights and the advancement of the things that the AAUW supports. There are some good women in government here in California at the state level who may run. We would hope that we can continue to have a progressive woman filling Barbara Boxer's seat in the Senate.

Now is the time to pay attention and stay informed as to what is going on in this very important race.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting**, Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:00 am at Angie Love's home in Chaparral Country Club (on Portola between Hovley Lane and Magnesia Falls, Palm Desert. All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

TYKE TREK is happening on March 11, 2015. Time is 1-3 pm.

Vista del Monte Elementary School, Palm Springs

Third grade has 33 girl students in three classes.

We will organize three science enrichment groups led by our members. Students will rotate to all three topics during these active, hands on STEM programs. Science topics in the past have included Insects, Plants, Water Cycle, Slime, Bubbles, Light/Color. If you choose to lead a group you will pick your topic.

This year we are being asked to adhere to Common Core Standards.

Thanks to: Barbara Villani, Bonnie Paul, Lynn Sacher, Anne LaConde, Jeanne Hirshfield, Angie Love, Gerry Johnson, Barbara and Jack Foyil, Ronda Ostergaard, and Diane Hassett. All have signed on already.

WE NEED MORE HELP.

Choose to lead or assist in a group, be a time keeper, photographer, or.....???

Please contact Barbara (322-3987) or Bonnie (568-6577) to add your name or ask any questions.

January 8, 2015, marked the 13th anniversary of the last time the U.S. Congress and the president could agree on the nation's education priorities. In fact, because they have not been able to agree since then, the bill signed in 2002, called **No Child Left Behind**, expired eight years ago but continues to be the law of the land without changes to reflect current education priorities.

But reauthorizing the ESEA will only succeed if Congress can show support for education policies that provide equitable opportunities for all students, and, we've heard reports that the new legislation might roll back important civil rights gains by including private school vouchers and weakening current accountability measures. We also have no guarantee that new legislation would continue current programs, such as the Women's Educational Equity Act, that serve girls' special needs. AAUW has called for reauthorization of the ESEA since it expired in 2007, and we need to make sure that this new Congress is committed to ensuring strong academic principles and to closing the achievement gap for all children – objectives at the heart of ESEA. We also must insist on adequate funding for education priorities.

President Obama Announces Plan for Free Community College. President Obama announced a plan to offer free community college tuition to some students for the first two years. If every state participated in the joint federal-state program, the proposal has the potential to help an estimated 9 million students. AAUW research finds that more women than ever are relying on community colleges as a path to higher education and workforce preparation and that these colleges can help move women toward bachelor's degrees in STEM.

Pictures from our January meeting:



Gerry Johnson, Barbara Villani, Bonnie Paul with Tricia Doran, Joann Lane, Marty McCoy and Joanne Bourquin, Lynn Sacher and Sharron Cantarini, Pat Richards, Elaine Levey, Adele Ruxton, Barbara Foyil and Barbara Anderson



AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015 | San Diego



**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**



Exciting Tech Trek News!!!

In years past the Palm Springs branch sent 8 girls to Tech Trek Camp but this year due to the camp being expanded we will be sending 9 girls. We wish to make the increase in number a permanent annual occurrence. It is our hope that the branch membership will assist the Tech Trek Committee by helping to sponsor these young women.

Attending camp on a university campus helps girls, especially those whose parents may not have gone to college, to see themselves seeking higher education. The university campus experience gives girls a chance to think about the opportunities a college education can afford them. Camp field trips encourage maximum interaction and instruction in environments where STEM professionals work. Girls are immersed in a world in which they are empowered by their capabilities and encouraged to think about themselves not just as young women but also as future doctors, scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists.

The selection process for Tech Trek Camp 2015 has begun and the committee is waiting to receive the names of girls nominated by faculty from the numerous middle schools in the Coachella Valley.

Committee members: Adele Ruxton, Angie Love, Bonnie Paul, Chris Ellet, Gayle Cox, Joyce Cohn, Lilliane Shuman, Louise Kermode, Mary Ann Kaestner, and Phyllis Greene.

Branch coordinator: Barbara Foyil

Donations are needed to help us raise the funds to send our girls to Tech Trek Camp.

Send your donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Checks are to be made out to: AAUW SPF (Special Projects Fund).

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. It provides the local community with a unique opportunity to learn about issues of global importance.

The first topic of the series is "Russia and the Near Abroad." The meeting will be held on 10:30 am on February 17th at Joanne Bourquin's home.

Cost for the workbook is \$22. Send your check, payable to Joanne Bourquin, to her at 43618 Salerno Court, La Quinta, CA 92253-4971.

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 18 at 2 PM at the home of Mary Dimon (1 Harvard Court, Rancho Mirage, 760-424-8985). Jeanne Hirshfield will lead the discussion of *The Song Catcher* by Sharyn McCrumb. The book for March is *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony.

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 meet on the last Thursday of the month. The movie and home will be chosen closer to the meeting date.

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

TRAVEL GROUP

If you are planning to attend the Jan. 28th play, "Having Our Say" at the Coachella Valley Repertory Theater and want to meet for dinner at Livreri's Bella Napoli beforehand, plan to be at the restaurant no later than 5:30. We had 20 attend dinner before the last play and the restaurant needs plenty of time to take individual orders and get us out in time for the play at 7:30.

You must get your own tickets. Call 760-296-2966 to see if any are still available.

Call Angie Love at 760-779-5658 or e-mail randalovebrds@aol.com if you want to join us for dinner.



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
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3 10:00 am Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 11:30 am General Meeting
15	16	17 10:30 am Great Decisions	18 2:00 pm Book Group	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 6:00 Reel Revelers	27	28