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General Membership Meeting February 9, 2013

Social: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon: 12:00 noon
Announcements: 12:45 p.m.
Luncheon: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Desert Willow Golf Resort, 38995
Desert Willow Dr., Palm Desert-760-346-0015

Directions: Interstate 10, turn So. on Cook. Rgt. Country Club Dr. Rgt. onto Desert Willow Dr. Continue on Desert Willow Dr. Park just beyond rd.. From Hwy. 111, turn N. on Cook, lft. on Country Club, rgt. D.W.

*Asian Salad- Ginger Lemon Grass Marinated
Chicken, Jicama, Mandarin Oranges/Water
Chestnuts, Served with Asian Dressing or
Vegetarian Version of Asian Salad
Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee
Bread and Butter
Assorted Miniature Desserts*

Speaker: Teri Cortland, Psy.D.

Program: "Too Young to be 70"

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NAME _____ # RESERVATIONS _____ @\$30.00, PER PERSON
TELEPHONE/EMAIL _____ Circle entree- Asian Salad or Vegetarian

President's Thoughts....



We had a very pleasant meeting in January with a nice group attending. Of course we did lose a few people to the International Film Festival. That happens every year, unfortunately. The setting was nice, the food was excellent and the speakers were interesting. Thank you, Vera. We look forward to hearing our branch member, Dr. Teri Cortland, speak about how we feel about ourselves at our February meeting.

The new and prospective member coffee was successful in gaining us a few more members, and we were able to get better acquainted with a few women who joined last year. We will have more of these small coffees to meet and greet.

Thank you, Pam Cariker, for taking on the responsibility of Public Policy. Erwin Parent is moving to Modesto, to be with his family. But we really, really need a few more good people to join the Board. We need one more person to be on the nominating committee. This job will take a month or two and then be over. We need an AAUW Funds VP to replace Hannah Cline, who moved to Burbank in November. This person writes articles for the newsletter, and can discuss AAUW funds at branch meetings. Finally, we need a Treasurer who can keep track of our spending and do a treasurer's report for the monthly board meetings.

We did not have a Speech Trek contest this month. This event takes a lot of planning, and unfortunately I had not found a new chair for this program early enough to start the process in a timely manner. Mary Dimon has agreed to run the contest next year.

Officers

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AAUW – National

Go to the AAUW National Home page to read or download the Annual Report – very interesting especially - if the Palm Spring Branch may Partner with College of the Desert – stay tuned



AAUW – California

California Election: AAUW's positions on Propositions were, for the most part, supported by voters.

Prop 30 passed, increasing taxes to avoid education cuts. AAUW urged a No vote on Prop 32 to change the state budget process, and this was voted down. Prop 38, increasing taxes for education, not supported by AAUW, was voted down. Prop 40, upholding the work of the citizens redistricting commission, was supported by AAUW and was approved by voters.

Prop 35, Human Trafficking, on which AAUW urged careful study in part due to potential legal consequences, was approved by voters. However, the day after the election, the ACLU and other organizations filed a lawsuit, and the court concurred in blocking the implementation of unconstitutional provisions of this proposition until the matter is resolved in court.

In this first election after redistricting, voters in many districts were faced with no incumbent on ballots and even two incumbents running for the same seat. The outcome was a net loss of 3 seats previously held by women. In January, a total of 30 women (9 Senate and 21 Assembly) will be in the California legislature. However, two strong supporters of AAUW were elected to Congress, State Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod and Assembly member Julia Brownley.

With the passage of Prop 30 we can be hopeful that the California Legislature will move forward in stabilizing the budget and reinvesting in education and other public systems and services that are essential to all Californians, rebuilding the foundations of a strong economy, healthy communities, and a high quality of life.

Tech Trek 2013 UC Irvine, is off and running by solicitation packets mailed January 4th to the 16 public middle schools in the valley. Each school can nominate up to five girls. The TT committee is eager to do their tasks so that the campers' names can be submitted to state by the April 15 deadline. This year's essay question is, "Why would you like to go to Tech Trek?"

The Moonlight Madness party benefitting our eight camper-ships, held in the beautiful new home of Mary and Richard Dimon at the Springs, was not only enjoyable with competitive games and camaraderie, but profitable as well. It netted \$836 plus raffle \$180, more than enough to send one camper at \$900 each. Along with the hosts, the following party committee members are to be commended:

Brenda Lonsbury-Martin, Gail Hughes, Elaine Levey, and Lilliane Shuman for food and drink. Adele Ruxton made a basket for the raffle and provided the paper goods. Bonnie Paul and her 92260 zip code ladies put together a "chocolate, etc." basket, and Elaine Levey and Angie Love each made food baskets. Members of the book groups donated three baskets of books. It was a terrific party by capable ladies helping hope float. But we are still far short of funding our campers.

This will be our sixth year planning to send eight girls and our 16th year of Tech Trek participation, starting with two girls at Stanford. Make your checks payable to AAUW CA SPF (standing for Special Projects Funds), Tech Trek in the memo line. Mail contributions to Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262-6240.

Suzanne McBride
Tech Trek Coordinator

TECH TREK 100 CLUB

Join the **Tech Trek 100 Club** to build up our Tech Trek funds. Many of us want to donate to Tech Trek. Here's a new and easy way to do it. You may donate the whole 100 yourself, or you may ask your friends to help with donations that altogether will equal \$100: 2@\$50, 4@\$25, 5@\$20. As an individual or a group, Palm Springs AAUW will keep track of the monies and give credit to the people who join the **TT 100 Club**. Often, people hold fund raising events that take a lot of planning, effort, and time. With the **TT 100 Club** all you have to do is write one check, or get together with a group to make the \$100.

Recent AAUW Study

AAUW recently awarded \$41,925 in grants to nine campus projects that will implement the recommendations outlined in the new AAUW research report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation*. Each year, the AAUW Campus Action Project (CAP) grant program gives money to teams of faculty and students to create community-based solutions to some of the far-reaching problems examined in AAUW research.

Graduating to a Pay Gap shows that millennial women who are just one year out of college are paid on average 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers. The report also found that twenty percent of women working full time a year after graduation are devoting more than 15% of their earnings to paying back college loans — considerably more than is manageable for a typical graduate.

“*Graduating to a Pay Gap* makes it clear that, much to their disadvantage, women are paid less than men as soon as they graduate and enter the workforce,” said Kate C. Farrar, AAUW director of leadership programs. “Fortunately, our 2012–13 grantees won’t waste any time in tackling this problem head-on across campuses and communities.”

The 2012–13 CAP grant recipients are California State University, Northridge; Ithaca College, New York; Kansas City Kansas Community College; Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts; South Dakota State University; Towson University, Maryland; University of Arizona; University of Hawaii, Manoa and Windward Community College, Hawaii; and Wright State University, Ohio.

For more information on Campus Action Projects and for details on this year’s teams, visit

SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIPS

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year: 2013-2014. Candidates must live or be attending a university or college within a 100-mile distance of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study for June 2014. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2013.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee Fund information on the AAUW San Francisco website at: <http://www.aauwsf.org>

Pat Camarena (Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair) at: tappat157@aol.com



MEMBERSHIP: On January 20, a tea for prospective members and newest members was held at the home of Elaine Levey. A smaller venue and number attending provided an opportunity to get to know one another. In addition to refreshments, there was an orientation to AAUW.

Welcome new member:
add to your directory

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MA Calif. State University, Reading, Language



Interest Groups.....

please join us for film, reading or world

Reel Revelers



Planning is ongoing in February. Please phone Suzanne McBride for information. 760-779-0721.

Evening Book Club*

Where: Mary Dimon
1 Harvard Ct.
Rancho Mirage
Phone: 760-424-8985
mgdimon@outlook.com

When: February 13, 2013

Book for Discussion: *Swamplandia*,
Karen Russell

**Meets in afternoon during PST*

*Directions: Drive S, on Washington St. from Hwy 111 to Calle Tampico (Ralph's Shopping) Turn rgt. at Calle Tampico, drive one block to Seasons Way, turn rgt. Then right at first driveway...CODE #0099... drive half block...turn lft. at Rainbow Court. You will see the club house.

2013 Topics: Egypt, NATO, Myanmar/SE Asia, Humanitarian Intervention, Iran, China in Africa, Threat Assessment



Afternoon Book Club

Where: Shirley Singleton
69751 Camino Pacifica St.
Rancho Mirage
Phone: 760-202-6022

When: February 20, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Book for Discussion: *The Infidel*,
Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Please contact Shirley if you wish to attend.

All AAUW members



Great Decisions Discussion Group*

February 18---6:00 p.m.

Where: Bev Anderson-Clubhouse
50915 Rainbow Court
La Quinta

R.S.V.P.- Bev Anderson 760-771-0838
Dolly Schulz 760-328-1938

TOPIC: EGYPT

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Saturday, March 16 Fundraising Recital
to benefit

Speech Trek

Time: 2:00 p.m.
Where: Joanne and Jack Bourquin's

The Yaghoubians:

- Noah, 22** Two time winner of the McCallum Open Call and many other awards.
Esther, 18 Winner of the McCallum Open Call Redlands Scholarship Recipient
Hannah, 15 Steinway Society Award Winner

These talented siblings will perform on the piano, cello and violin. [Look for a flyer in the mail next month.](#) Questions: [Angie Love 760-779-5658.](#)

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