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AAUW Palm Springs Branch 65th Anniversary Celebration Friday, January 17th, 11:30 am Smoke Tree Ranch, Palm Springs



Our program this month is an audience-participation Fashion Show celebrating our 65 years as a branch. We will be the models and since there are no dressing rooms there, please come already dressed in the styles of 1949 (our founding) or the year or decade in which you joined AAUW! You can find examples of styles by searching the internet or your local library under “fashions of 1949 or 1950’s” or look up movies or TV shows of your chosen year or decade. If you don’t have something in your closet you can look in the phone book under costumes or vintage clothing for stores. You can also find vintage clothing and accessories (belts, hats, and gloves) at consignment stores, thrift stores and estate sales. You can also use more current clothes that are reminiscent of earlier fashions or can be when you add the right accessories.



Smoke Tree Ranch today

Our celebratory luncheon will be a full buffet with meat and vegetarian fare. Cost for the buffet is \$27.00. (A glass of wine is \$8.00, payable there.)

Please bring a few interesting facts or events from your chosen time period to share with us at lunch. What was going on in politics, fashion, entertainment or sports in your chosen year? Together we can go back in time over the last 65 years.

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$27.00 PER PERSON. Make your check payable to: AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to: Vivian Penniman, 79528 Morning Glory Ct., La Quinta 92253-4846 no later than January 15th. Remember a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Name(s) _____

Telephone or email _____ number of reservations _____

January 2014 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President



The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at a time. (Richard Ceck)

As this year comes to a close, I have been thinking about all of the things our Branch has accomplished this year. The Board, Committee Chairs and their committees have done an outstanding job in providing great programs for our general meetings and interests for girls and funding. As so many things occurred each month, I felt like I had to just concentrate on the activities of the week, enjoy that moment and then continue on to the next event. As we continue into next year, perhaps Lincoln's philosophy will be helpful:

I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing it to the end. (Abraham Lincoln)

What a fun evening we had at Pat Frederick's home on December 7th. Her lovely home was completely decorated throughout which helped put everyone in the mood for a holiday celebration. I was a lucky winner of one of the wreaths that was in the drawing. It now proudly hangs on my front door (see below).

Thank you, everyone, for making this such a fun and rewarding year. I hope to see all of you at the big 65th anniversary to be held at the beautiful Smoke Tree Ranch in Palm Springs. I think it will be great fun and entertaining as we all show off the fashions from whatever era that one might have in the closet. We hope to have as many past presidents there as possible as well as Charter Member, Moya Henderson, who has been here from the beginning.

In the Annual AAUW Report for 2013, the Association President (Patricia Fae Hoe) and the AAUW Executive Director (Linda D. Hallman) stated that 2013 has been an amazing year of growth for our tried and true programs and our new endeavors. I believe our Branch has followed that path with Tech Trek, Speech Trek and Tyke Trek as well as our Book Club and Movies having interesting programs. The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Book Club and focus on our college women here in the desert are very exciting new endeavors that will be exciting to build. Hopefully, we will also extend the emphasis on "Putting the A in STEAM (science technology engineering art and math)." Thanks to all for your help in making us an organization to be proud of. Happy New Year everyone and stay safe.



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MEMBERSHIP

A New Year! 2014! New faces! And a new dynamic emerges in Palm Springs AAUW.

Many of our branch members have belonged to AAUW for years. They have seen and experienced bursts of energy, and times of quiet, even boredom. Each person joining us now presents an opportunity to stretch our branch into a unique shape. Envision PS AAUW as a malleable sphere rolling around Coachella Valley reinventing itself as each new member is added. A lump here, a bubble there, even an extrusion along one side.

Does this concept inspire you to invite someone to visit one of our meetings? Remember our “Half-year” dues of \$53.00 are in place from now to March 1. Also, mark your calendar for March 8th for our Annual Membership Tea. What a celebration it will be with lumps, stretches, bumps and bubbles!!!!

For more specific information, or to refer potential members, please contact me, Vanette Hickey at vanettehank@gmail.com or 760-200-5143.



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.

HAVE YOU READ IT?

The “It” that I refer to is The AAUW Annual Report that we all have received recently. I laid it aside, as many of you probably have done. However, when I was looking for a topic for this Sandscripts report I picked it up and found it so inspiring that I read it cover to cover. I have never seen all of our AAUW programs laid out so clearly or so appealingly. It answers all the questions about our different funds and programs and what they accomplish. It made me very proud to be part of AAUW and inspired me to work even harder to help achieve its goals. If you haven’t read it, do yourself and our Branch a service by finding it and reading it. We all need to be reminded about what a great and diverse organization that we belong to.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting**, Tuesday, January 7th at 10:00 am at the Old Spaghetti Factory (71743 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage – corner of Rancho Las Palmas Drive near The River). 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

AAUW FUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Many thanks to the AAUW Palm Springs Branch members who generously donated to AAUW Funds in 2013.

During the short period between August, 2013 and Dec. 16, 2013, we received contributions for AAUW Funds totaling \$ 2,587.00. These funds were forwarded to the AAUW office in Washington, D C.

Our members also supported the luncheon featuring an AAUW Funds Fellowship Recipient, held at the Indian Ridge Country Club on November 10th. In addition, members made contributions to Speech Trek and Tech Trek programs.

Our main Fund Raiser this year was the Phantom Dinner where we raised \$ 2,366.00 through the generous donations of our members.

The Funds Committee members meet monthly and we are now seeking ideas for raising funds in the 2014 Fiscal year. If you have a great fund raising idea that you would like us to investigate, please let one of the committee members know about it.

Thank you again for your support of the many wonderful AAUW programs.

Elizabeth Nash, Chair AAUW- Funds Committee

Members: Gerry Johnson, Angie Love, Anne LaConde, Lori Duffy, Sue Beatty
Advisor: Elaine Levey



Great things are happening with the coming together of STEM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Math) and Tech Trek through the efforts of AAUW branches throughout the United States. There is still time to donate to the Palm Springs Branch of AAUW and help send eight seventh grade girls to Tech Trek camp at UC Irvine the summer of 2014. **Checks should be made out to: AAUW SPF, Memo: Tech Trek. Send to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262-6240.**

AAUW STEM News

AAUW is at the forefront of the effort to get more women and girls involved in STEM. Read the latest news from AAUW's national office and find more information on the AAUW website.

Tech Trek Camps Are Expanding!

Congratulations to our three new Tech Trek sites: University of Alabama, Huntsville; New Mexico State University; and Tillamook Bay Community College, Oregon. Check out the exciting new Tech Trek video and learn how your support of Tech Trek inspires future scientists, engineers, computer programmers, and more on the www.aauw.org website.

Tech Savvy!

AAUW is proud to announce our first Tech Savvy national pilot sites. Ten AAUW branches and states across the country were selected to receive an \$8,000 grant, thanks to a generous contribution from the Praxair Foundation. This national pilot program uses the AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch's highly successful model of a one-day STEM career conference for girls.

Marie Wolbach, Tech Trek Founder, Honored with Classic Woman Award

In September, *Traditional Home* magazine honored five women with the Classic Woman Award for exceptional volunteerism. One of those awardees was AAUW member and Tech Trek founder Marie Wolbach. We are proud to see Wolbach recognized, and we are truly grateful for the collaboration and support she and AAUW of California provided during the national Tech Trek expansion.

The Hour of Code Is Here

AAUW supported an unprecedented movement to encourage 10 million students (and adults) to try computer science. The Hour of Code is an opportunity to help today's students not just consume the technologies of tomorrow but also build them. Code.org provides tutorials that work on any browser, tablet, or smartphone or with no computer at all. Share the tutorials with teachers or students in your life or learn to code yourself! No prep or experience needed.

Inspire Future Engineers: Enter AAUW's Battle of the Plans

Did you know that only 13% of professional engineers are women? AAUW believes that introducing girls to engineering in grades K–12 will help change that statistic and you can help. Submit an engineering lesson plan to AAUW's second annual Battle of the Plans contest or encourage a teacher in your community to enter. Winners will receive a \$300 gift card from AAUW and will be announced on Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day (February 20, 2014). Until then, use last year's winning plan to get girls excited about engineering today!

Holiday Gift Guide for Girls: The 2013 Edition

When so many gifts marketed to girls are highly gendered and promote stereotyped images of girls, holiday shopping can be a frustrating experience. AAUW can help! Read our Holiday Gift Guide and learn about gifts that defy stereotypes and encourage girls (and boys, too) to explore a range of hobbies and careers, including science and engineering.

Photos from December 2013 Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party was held on the 7th of December. We had twenty five people attend and a good time was had by all. Angie Love brought two great games which really tested our thinking power. Bonnie Paul brought amazing gift cards as prizes for the lucky ticket holders. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you and hope that you can make it next year. A big thank you to those who were able to attend.

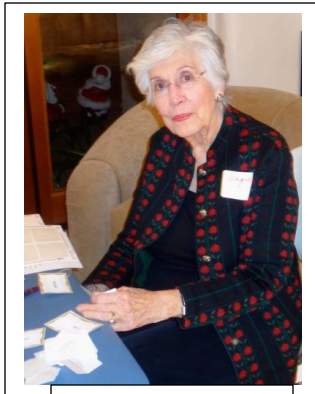
Pat Fredericks, Hostess Extraordinaire



Gerry with wreath made by Pat



Bonnie Paul



Angie Love



Ed and Tricia Doran



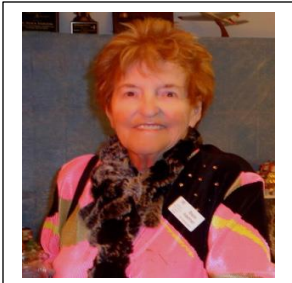
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Patty and Gene Pastrick



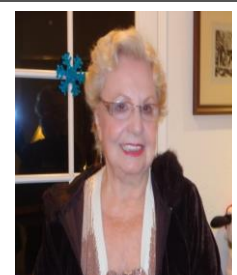
Jeanne, Joanne, Chris and Jack



Bayla Adelman

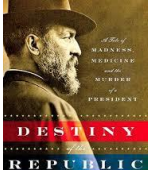


Magdalena Hamilton



AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

On Wednesday, January 15th at 2:00 PM, the afternoon book group is meeting at the home of Faye Duffy to discuss *Destiny of the Republic* by Candace Millard. Please contact Faye at 760-340-7966 or email her at wduffy@dc.rr.com if you plan to attend. The book for February 19th is *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.



Sue Beatty, 760-346-7478

REEL REVELERS

Our movie group will meet twice in January. On January 2nd we shall discuss *Philomena* at the home of Joanne and Jack Bourquin, 43618 Salerno Court, La Quinta, 760-772-2832. On January 30th we will meet at Sandy Levander's home (72964 Sky Ward Way, Palm Desert, 760-647-9282). That movie will be decided closer to that date.



Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Study Group

meets the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting on January 21st will be held at Mary Ann Kaestner's home at 10 am. Call 760-416-7534 for directions. Read the last 3 chapters (9 – 12). On Tuesday Feb 18th at 10 the group will meet at Joanne Bourquin's to watch a movie about Eleanor.

Informal Gathering for a film and happy hour.

Every Friday afternoon a group of nice people, some AAUW, some not, view a film of their choice at the Camelot Theatre in Palm Springs, then gather in the Café for Happy Hour, dinner and good conversation. **No RSVP necessary.** Just show up. Schedule is in the paper or www.camelottheatres.com. Come alone or bring somebody. Details: Barbara Maccarillo, 760-318-0625

There will be a **Tech Trek** committee meeting on January 16, 2014, the time and place to be announced. Until then continue to introduce Tech Trek to possible donors. If brochures are needed along with any other information contact Barbara Foyil (760-424-8627) or Lilliane Shuman (760-323-2170).



January 2, 2014	Reel Revelers, La Quinta
January 7	Board Meeting
January 15	Afternoon Book Group, Palm Desert
January 16	Tech Trek Committee Meeting
January 17	Branch 65th Anniversary Celebration, PS
January 21	Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group, PS
January 30	Reel Revelers, Palm Desert
February 8	Speech Trek Competition, Palm Desert
February 18	Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group, La Quinta
February 19	Afternoon Book Group, Palm Desert
March 8	Membership Tea, Palm Desert
April 12	College/University Panel, Annual Meeting
May 10	Installation of Officers



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